

2016 Winter Pennant Summary

Around 30 club members participated in this year's Inner City Winter Pennant with notably better success than last year. We again entered 3 sides, with stronger participation among our top players and an improved standard of bowling among our seconds. Sides 1 and 3 were again entered into divisions 1 and 5 respectively. Side 2, however, was boldly promoted into division 3 - a move argued for on the basis of improved playing standards and fully justified by subsequent results. The weather was mostly pleasant (though June 4 matches were washed out) and friendly yet competitive bowling was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to all those who bowled in round 7 on June 11 when all three APBC sides won. As you can imagine there were joyful scenes in the clubhouse afterwards. Congratulations also to all those who participated in our second side, which performed well enough to make the finals, although they succumbed to a strong Camberwell Central side in the semi.

APBC Side 1 Results

Our top side won 3 of 7 matches. They had a couple of strong wins but also a couple of heavy losses. By the end they had gained 53pts and finished in 6th place. None of the top four sides dominated so 77pts was the number to beat for a finals spot. Congratulations to Middle Park who won the final in this division.

APBC Side 2 Results

Our second side also won 3 out of 7 matches. Two wins netted 16pts each but more importantly a total of 14pts were picked up during the losses. At the end they had secured 60pts and finished in 4th spot to book a finals berth. Their league position benefited from the fact that Camberwell Central dominated league play, hence the standard to beat for a finals slot was only 56pts. Of course it was Camberwell Central who were our opponents in the semi-final and despite being on neutral ground and putting up a close fight in three games our side could not prevail. Nevertheless this continues a very encouraging season / off-season for our second side bowlers. Ironically, congratulations go to Brunswick who ended up defeating Camberwell to take the honours in this division.

APBC Side 3 Results

Our third side won 2 of 7 matches and picked up a respectable 16pts during losses. They finished in 6th place with 47pts. Congratulations to MCC Kew who dominated league play and won this divisional final.

Final Standings

Division 1

Rank	Club	Pts
1	Richmond Un	88
2=	Middle Pk	82
2=	St Kilda	82
4	MCC	77
5	City of Melb	56
6	Albert Pk	53
7	Melbourne	40
8	Caulfield PA	26

Division 3

Rank	Club	Pts
1	Cambrwll Cn	100
2	Brunswick	74
3	Caulfield PA	63
4	Albert Pk	60
5	St Kilda	56
6	Flem-Kens	55
7	Fitzroy Vic	52
8	MCC	44

Division 5

Rank	Club	Pts
1	MCC Kew	113
2	Middle Pk	83
3	Richmond Un	76
4=	City of Melb	74
4=	St Kilda	50
6	Albert Pk	47
7	Brunswick	31
8	Caulfield PA	30