

## **MINIMUM BIAS**

### **Tony Colwell**

Grand finals in all divisions were completed on Saturday with Morwell Club hanging on to beat Drouin in Division 1 played at Moe.

Scores were close all day and the result was in doubt until the very last end with the Club winning 85/82 to gain back-to-back division 1 pennant wins.

For the winners Paul Twyerould won 24/21 over Andrew Wahl, Ian Kirkup beat Ian Smethurst 18/16 and Michael Yacoub won 22/20 over Phil Schofield. Drouin's winner was club president, John Leighton, who beat Phil Wynd 25/21.

In division 2 at Yallourn, Morwell got away to a flying start to set up an early lead. Neerim gathered them in to equalize after about six ends and from thereon it was a see sawing game with neither able to gain a vital break. At 98 ends Neerim led by one but Maurice Gardiner got one shot in a tight head to level the scores.

The final end was in progress and Morwell held shot. Skip Darrell White drew the absolute shot and then didn't have to play his last bowl as Greg King failed to convert and the pennant was Morwell's by two shots.

Morwell's winners were Maurice Gardiner who beat Shane Hogan 25/19 and Don Fuller who had a huge win 33/12 over Angus McGillivray. Neerim's winners were Peter Brooks who beat Tony Stewart 33/22 and Greg King who won 31/17 over Darrell White.

In division 3, played at Traralgon, Yinnar finally broke through for a long awaited pennant win. They won 102/95 over Yallourn in a very tight game. The small Yinnar club returned to form in the finals to record two wins over Yallourn who had thumped them late in the home and away season.

Division 4 played at Trafalgar saw Yallourn repeat its semi final win over Moe. No extra ends were needed this time around as in the semi, as they coasted to a big 98/75 win

The Yallourn players were jubilant with their win and were certainly celebrating back in the clubhouse after the game.

RSL was successful in division 5 beating Yallourn 68/56 at Traralgon.

Division 6 was played at Yallourn and in a tightly contested affair Yinnar beat Morwell 71/66 to make it a double for the Yinnar club.

In division 7 at Moe, Drouin held the club flag high to notch a 55/43 victory over Morwell.