



Club Newsletter

April 2023



Monster Seafood and Easter Egg Raffle

Wednesday 5th April

Tickets on sale 5:30pm

Drawn 7pm



ANZAC DAY · 25 APRIL

Lest We Forget

Service at Valentine Bowling Club - 12 noon

President Rob's Message

Happy Easter everyone. April is hopefully going to be a big month for us with Easter and Anzac day as well as planning for Mother's Day.

We are conducting a Monster Seafood raffle on Wednesday 5 April 2023 with \$2500 worth of prizes. Tickets will go on sale at 5.30pm and the raffle will be drawn at 7.00pm. While this is occurring judging will occur for the Easter Colouring Competition with winners to be announced. Remember you must be present on the night to claim your colouring prize.

We will be open for business over the Easter Weekend including Good Friday. Hope to see you all at the Club enjoying our facilities during Easter.

Planning is also underway for our ANZAC Day ceremony which will commence at 12 noon. Please bring your family and friends to the ceremony as we seek to keep the ANZAC tradition and spirit alive and remember and thank those who gave so much so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Plans are underway for 2UP after the ANZAC Ceremony at 2.00pm.

Mothers Day on 14 May is also approaching quickly. Lunch particularly and dinner are always very popular, so start thinking about booking a table for your Mum and family to ensure you don't miss out.

Rob Gray, President.

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Lakers Low-Down

Welcome to some **new members** of the Men's Club – Michael Keown from the UK and Rob Butler who has joined us as a Full Bowling Member from Warners Bay. Welcome gents.

Open Gender Pennant starts 1st April for our No 1's with a home game followed on Sunday morning at Cardiff from 10am. Our 5, 6 and 7 grades have now completed Round 5 and at the halfway mark, we see the 6's and 7's on top of their Sections. Keep it going team Valentine.

Club Challenge is now down to the final round to play Wednesday 5th April. Still in contention for Finals spots are Division 1 and Division 4-1's. Both sides require strong showings in the final round to ensure progression to the finals. A great overall result with the format of play enjoyed by many members.

Zone Singles has now reached the Quarter Final stages. Matches are set to play again on 16th April 2023. Terry Barnett and Ross Lawrence both had great wins to progress through and may meet in

the Semis if both victorious. Matches for the Seniors are being hosted by Valentine. Col Screen has also been playing well with some fabulous play. Col will represent the club in the Reserve Singles being played at Soldiers Point. Best of luck and bowling guys.

Zone Under 25's Pairs saw Andrew Hanlon representing the club with his pairs partner Chris Kent being defeated narrowly 15-20 in the Final at Easy Maitland. Valentine has put in for the under 25 Triples series, so keep an eye out for confirmation during May 2023.

2022-23 Club Major Singles Semi Finals saw Ian Macrae vs Mark King. Mark winning his way through to the final with a 25-20 win. Ross Levido and Geoff Armstrong dueled it out in the other Semi with Geoff the victor 25-19 in a high-quality match as well. The Final will be played at 1pm, Friday 31st March 2023.

St Patrick's Day bowls evening was on Friday 17th March 2023 from 5pm - 7pm. Fancy dress was well
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Lakers Low-Down continued

received with nearly 60 players taking to the green. Belle Property were represented by numerous staff including Anthony Di Nardo. There were also others who were not bowlers, and they all had a great time.

Reminder that **Annual Fees** will be due by 30th April 2023.

Wishing everyone the best of luck and bowling ahead.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "Valentine Men's Bowlers"

See you out on the green.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

P.S.

2022-23 Men's Major Singles Final was contested on Friday 31st March between Geoff Armstrong and Mark King. Neither of whom had won this title in the past.

Wow. What a cracking final. Both players had their line and length from the first bowls. Many a head with most bowls within 2 feet. Fabulous sunny and still conditions

Geoff was out to a 13-1 lead early. Mark fought back with some multiples which got him to within 6 at 21-15.

Geoff steadied to run out our Men's Major Singles. Champion 25-15.

Congratulations to both players.

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Women's Bowls News

At the Lake Macquarie Citizen of the year Awards, our Life Member, Past President and hard working Committee member, Gwen Gould received a Highly Commended Award in the Senior of the year category. Gwen also was involved in the running of the Lakeside Netball for many years. Congratulations a well deserved recognition.

On Friday the 17th March VBC held a St Patrick's Day fancy dress and bowls evening. Prizes and bowls with an Irish twist were enjoyed with Geoff Armstrong and Kim winning best dressed. Bob Gray sang Irish Eyes are smiling and a visiting lady also sang some Irish songs. A fun night was had by all. Thank you Peter and Heather Lynn for organising a special night.

The semi Final of the Past President's Consistently will be played on the 30th March. This will be

hotly contested between Maggie Johnston v's Jenny Baldwin, and Sue Armstrong v's Trixie Stauble.

Our ladies are enjoying the Open Gender Pennants Competition with the men with some good wins. We look forward to hearing great news from Anna Harris, Sue Armstrong, Maggie Johnston, Trixie Stauble, Alina Moklosi, Jenny Baldwin, Denise Miller, Barbara Bell and Wendy Morrin as this is their first Open Gender Competition.

For our Members who are travelling overseas we wish a safe return and members on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery. It was great to see Bev Woolfenden back playing after her knee replacement 5 weeks ago.

Good bowling to all and look forward to seeing you on the green.

Irene Robinson acting CO.

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Valentine Lions Club

Time is certainly getting away only 2 more months before we have our changeover.

The highlight of the month was our dinner meeting which was our xmas raffle sponsors night. A well attended meeting and the invited sponsors enjoyed the night and we may get an additional member or 2 from the night. Our tail twisters never cease to amaze me with what the 2 M's come up with to make us laugh and have a great time. The auction of the donated earrings raised \$500 with some earnest bidding by our raffle sponsors.

Our Thursday meat raffle has earned us great income over summer. Our raffle night is a great interaction a few hours to talk with your fellow members and also interact with VBC members and guests.

Care must be taken with the new POS tablet for the raffle as Petra found out by having her thumb in the wrong spot and selling 2200 tickets instead of \$5 worth. Not to be outdone but Andrew did a similar thing by selling 44 x \$5 as well.

Thankfully this can be reversed easily. But please don't touch the keypad on the left only use the blue buttons on the top right.

A big thankyou to Nev Lambert for getting the brakes on the trailer fixed and the cleaning and painting of the inside of the trailer. It even got a bath and exterior polish. Great work Nev.

Anzac Day is fast approaching John H and his committee has it well under control and the posters and programme has now been printed.

A huge thankyou to The Lady Bowlers for their \$200 donation to us. This money is going to our local community including Valentine Public School, Survivor's R Us, Mirabel, and Cerebral palsy association.

This month our social meeting is at Windale Gateshead Bowling club (blue shirts). A guest speaker is booked for our dinner meeting

A reminder that our Mothers Day BBQ at Stanley House is on again.

Valentine Lions are looking for

Valentine Lions Club continued . . .

new members if you can pay it forward and give some time back to your community and have some fun as well we would love to talk to you. Please like and follow us on FaceBook.
Pres Pete



Our library cupboard which is near our snooker table is available for all our members to enjoy, so please continue to make use of this great facility.

Finance Director's Report

The Club continues to show improvements in its results, with the YTD operating profit at 28/02/23 being \$242K.

Whilst Mar 23 results are not yet finalized, we expect an operating profit. In which case we expect a Year End operating profit in excess of \$280K, a great turnaround from last year's loss of \$110K.

At the moment our bank loan is \$275K and we aim reduce this \$250K by the April year end.

Whilst the State election result

probably means that major reforms to our Poker Machine Operation are likely to be deferred, the current economic climate of high inflation and interest rates continues to be of concern.

Your Board and Club management continue to be focused on how we can improve the Club's trading results.

Regards

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Joking Around

Teacher: Why are you late?

Student: Class started before I got here.

Teacher: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

Student: Me!

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Student: No sir. It's the same dog.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking

when people are no longer interested?

Student: A teacher.

Teacher: Glenn how do you spell 'crocodile'?

Student: KROKODIAL

Teacher: No that's wrong.

Student: maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Now Simon, tell me do you say prayers before eating?

Simon: No sir, I don't have to, My mum is a good cook.

Snooker Club News

Our Annual General Meeting held on 19th March, 2023 was most successful with 50 members in attendance. The present officers and committee were re-appointed as no other nominations were received. Minutes of the meeting have been circulated to all members. Membership fees of \$10.00 are now due and payable.

The list for names to be put down

to play in the 2023 Club Championship is on the noticeboard and names must be received by 5th April, 2023 if any members wish to play.

We will not be holding our raffle this Wednesday 5th April, 2023, as the Bowling Club is holding its Easter Seafood Raffle.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

Did You Know ...

- Each purchase of coffee is registered on your membership card and after buying 10 cups your 11th cup will be FREE
- You can put cash onto your membership card and use it like a Debit card at the bar and bistro. This saves time at the bar, and also saves getting a pocket full of coins. And you ensure you get the membership discount on your purchases too!



Roll Up Times on our Greens

Monday	12 Noon
Tuesday	1 pm after Ladies
Wednesday	4:30 pm
Thursday	1 pm after Ladies
Friday	1 pm
Saturday	10 - 11 am Skills
Sunday	10 am



East West in the mornings and North South in afternoons.

Saturday skills lessons are available to all bowlers.

Come along and improve your bowling.



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barbara.bell1@optusnet.com.au

Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Happy Hour 5:00pm til 6:00 pm

Tuesday : **Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti**

Trivia on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm. Come and join the fun.

Wednesday : **Men's Gala Mufti 9:30 am start and 1:00 pm start.**

Men's raffle 1pm

Happy Hour 5:00 pm til 6:00 pm.

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Snooker Club Raffle sales from 6:00 pm drawn at 7:00 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday : **Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

5:00 pm Twilight Bowls - mixed, mufti, during daylight saving.

Valentine Lions Club raffle tickets on sale 5:30 pm. Drawn at 7:00 pm.

Friday : **Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:30 am Men's raffle 1 pm**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Raffle tickets for our Social Golf and Fishing Clubs on alternate Fridays go on sale from 6:00 pm.

Membership draw is between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Saturday : **Men's Gala 1:00 pm start. Uniform Men's raffle 5pm**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm

Sunday : Meat raffle tickets on sale from 5:00 pm drawn at 6:00 pm

Membership draw is after the raffle

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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