Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

May 2023

President Rob's Message

Thanks to everyone who made ANZAC Day such a great day at the Club. Those who set up everything for the Ceremony, our Master of Ceremonies, the Catafalque Party from the 211th Adamstown Army Cadets, the singers and bugler, the wonderful ladies serving the stew, our glass and plate collectors and our amazing Bar and Bistro staff who were able to keep our patrons happy. Special thanks also to the Fishing Club volunteers who conducted our 2UP in such a professional manner and who raised donations for Legacy totalling $925.00.

Mothers Day will be the next big event at the Club with bookings already being taken. The Club will be open for breakfast from 8.30am to 10am, then there will be two lunch sittings. One from 11.00 till 1.15 and the second sitting from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Dinner will also be available at the usual time. Don't forget to spoil your Mum and book early so you don't miss out as its usually a big day.

The Men's Bowlers Wrong Bias Box was recently cleared and $264.00 received. This was matched by the Club resulting in a donation of $528.00 being made to the Newcastle Parkinson's Support Group who were most appreciative. Keep up the good work guys its good to know your horror of bowling a wrong bias does so much good for others.

I went to the Valentine Social Bowlers presentation night recently which was well attended and enjoyed by all. There appears to be a burglar in the group by the name of Richard, last name withheld for his protection, who craftily burgled his way to winning most of the major trophies. I'm sure the handicapper will be watching him this year. It was also amusing to watch the winner of a Bradman Trophy not being able understand how he so successfully won it.

Rob Gray President.

Lakers Low-Down

Welcome to our **new members,** Ron Burrows who has been playing galas here for a while and now joined us as a Full Bowling member from Warners Bay. Also, Bryan Cameron has joined us as a Full Member from Wallsend Diggers. Welcome Ron and Bryan.

Open Gender Pennant Round 10 concludes this weekend for the 5's, 6's and 7's. Both the Grade 6 and Grade 7 teams have a good shot at making the Final playoffs. Both teams need to win this week to ensure they make it. Grade 6 will playoff in Nelson Bay and Grade 7 will be hosted by ourselves here at Valentine. Grade 1 had their initial win last weekend against Windale in Round 6. Keep it going team Valentine.

Grade 1 have a Night match starting at 6pm on Friday 12th May 2023 against Nelson Bay. Come along and support our side. There will be some of the best bowlers from NSW and QLD playing.

Club Challenge Finals were tough for our teams participating. Grade 1 going down in the Semi Final to a strong Raymond Terrace outfit. Our 4-1's were also defeated in their Finals appearance. A great overall result with the format of play enjoyed by many members.

Zone Singles Terry Barnett has WON the 2022-23 Zone 2 Senior Singles by defeating Sam Laguzza (Charlestown) 25-24 in an absolute thriller as he came back from being down at one stage 22 – 12. Well done and Congratulations Terry. All the best in the State Champion of Champions in July.

Zone Under 25's Triples are being hosted by Valentine. Matches will commence on Tuesday evening from 6pm. First round will be played 9th May 2023 and run for 3 weeks. Come on down and see some of the best young talent in our Zone.

2022-23 Club Major Singles - Geoff Armstrong is our 2022-23 Major Singles Champion after defeating Mark King in a master class display of draw bowls. Geoff played solid bowls throughout the match running away with the final win 25 – 15. He will now represent in the Champion of Champion Club Singles State titles to be played early June 2023. Best of bowling Geoff.

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

Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

Late News.

Congratulations to Grades 6 and 7 Open Gender Pennant teams on successfully winning their sections on Saturday 6th May.

Playoffs will be held on the weekend 20/21 May.

Good bowling to both grades.

Women's Bowls News

The final of the Past Presidents' Consistency played between Trixie Stauble and Jenny Baldwin was a wonderful game, which entertained a large number of people. Trixie prevailed in the end, after the scores were even at 75 and 100. Four of our Past Presidents, Velma McArthur, Joyce Sullivan, Merle Armstrong and Gwen Gould, were there to present the prizes.

We held a birthday celebration lunch for Paulette Bignell, Barbara Bennett, Del Copeland and Flo Smith, who are turning 80, and Merle Armstrong and Velma McArthur who are turning 95. They were presented with flowers, and we all enjoyed delicious cup cakes made by Jill Gillies and Heather Lynn.

The Minor Singles are underway, and we look forward to watching some great bowling in the semi finals between Bernice Wilkins and Alina Miklosi and Lorraine Davies and Jenny Elks.

Regards,

Donna Owen

Finance Director's Report

I am delighted to report that a better than expected April result meant that the preliminary year end operating result is just over $300k compared to last year's lost of $110 a turnaround of over $400k.

The current net loss for the year is showing just over $60k compared with a loss of $477k, which included government grants of $182k compared to zero for this year.

These figures are subject to review by the Finance Committee and the External Auditors Our current bank loan is $250K compared to last year's $340k.

Regards

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Mothers Day 14th May

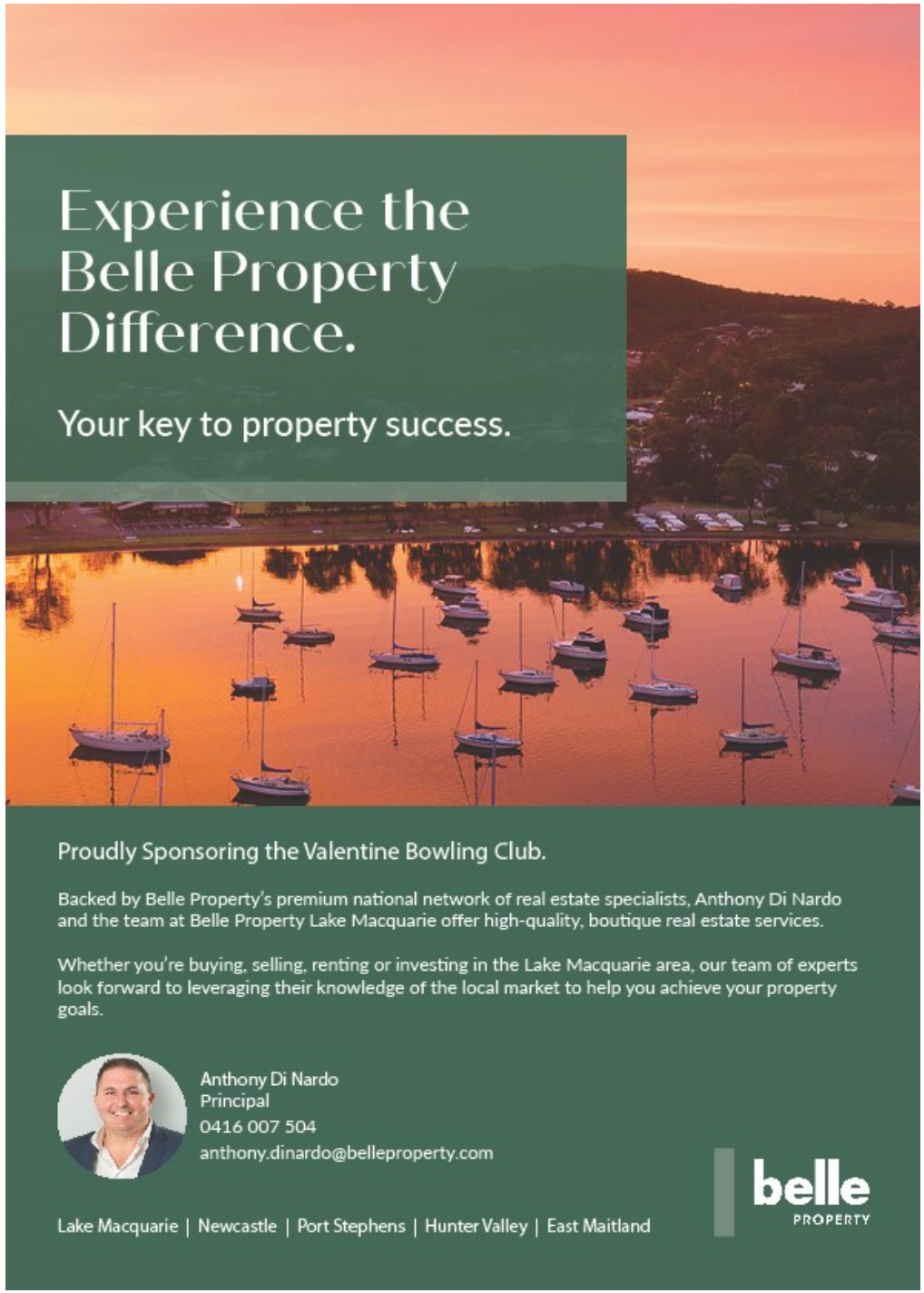
Valentine Bowling Club Bistro

Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Bookings necessary

Umpire's Update

There has been a significant change to the penalties for stopping a bowl, whether or not it is going into the ditch, or lifting a bowl to allow a bowl at rest to allow their bowl to continue on it's original course. This has always been against the laws of the game of bowls, however the penalty for doing so as from the 1st of July will be the forfeiture of the game. Common sense dictates that if opposing skippers can agree before a game starts, that a bowl which is going to go in ditch and is likely to hit a live bowl or the Jack in the ditch that bowl could be stopped. The only other time you can stop a bowl is if it coming from an adjoining rink and likely to disturb a bowl on your rink.



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Valentine Lions Club News

Time is coming to a close for me being President of our fantastic Lions Club, but the activities certainly don't diminish.

This month started at Gateshead Windale Bowlo for our social night with 15 attending. A fun night with lots of banter and a goodbye to Paul Jones for his annual sail north.

The dinner meeting had a good attendance with 28 attendees. An inspiring talk was given by Dr Johnathon Young Orthopaedic Surgeon who had everyone's attention for his talk and power point presentation. Jonathon also brought along a few "toys" for our members to look and play with. The 2 Marg's didn't disappoint, except for our wealth, in another fantastic and funny tail twisting session.

The main event this month was our biggest Anzac Day ever. The estimate is plus of 1800 of our community attended, with a very large number of blue shirts as well. Great feed back from the community via our Facebook page and comments made to me, John and many other Lions. A very big thank you to incoming President John and his Anzac Day committee who moved mountains to make the day very special and to every Lion that rolled up the sleeves and got all the jobs done. A very big thank you everyone

Upcoming in May we have our social gathering at Belmont 16s on Wednesday night 6 for 6.30. The Autumn fair at Speers Point Park on Saturday the 6th. We will be promoting Lions at a Rotary run event and selling Christmas cakes and puddings. Mother's Day the 14th we will be at Stanley House at Fullerton Cove for their annual Mother's Day Fair.

Lots happening at SRU with the BBQ cooking and dignity bags.

Our weekly meat raffle is going well despite the odd hiccup with the tablet.

The disbursement of the Valentine Women's Bowling cub donation has happened, and we thank the ladies for their $2000 donation. The board decided to match the

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$1000 given to Valentine Public School with another $1000 giving a total of $2000 to the kids in need at the school for a special fund the school has to help the students in desperate need.

Great work Valentine Lions on another great month and the upcoming month of May.

Pres Pete

Snooker Club News

The 2023 Snooker Competition has commenced and the draw is on the Noticeboard. Members who are playing, please ensure they have checked the draw and to organise their games as soon as possible.

Those members who haven't re-joined the Snooker Club and wish to do so, can still pay their fee of $10.00 to any of the committee. It is worthwhile re-joining as we plan to have a few social events during the year. Also, if you wish to play in the competition later in the year, you need to be a fully paid-up member.

Our Wednesday night meat raffles have 12 prizes which are drawn promptly at 7.00 pm, with tickets on sale from 6.00 p.m. So come on down and try your luck and support the Snooker Club.

Helen Hickey Secretary

Fishing Club News

The following are the results from our April outing as well as some updates to some of our other competition categories.

April Outing:

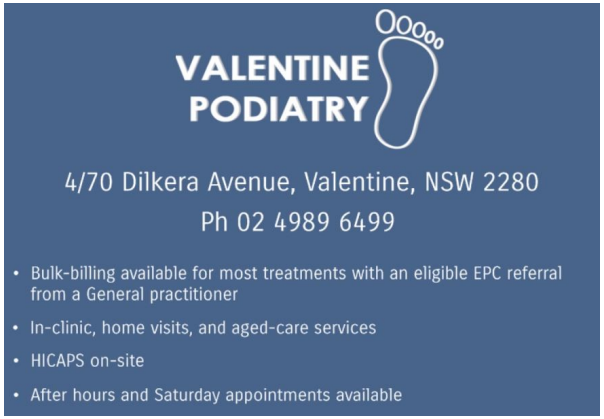
1st Steve Neaves	32pts
2nd Mark Neumann	25pts
3rd Neil Cooley	15pts

Unfortunately no juniors or sub-juniors weighed in. This is often the case when the outing falls in the school holidays and particularly Easter.

There are some notable entries from our juniors to our Top 5 Comp though with Kai Dinning weighing in a healthy 1.27kg Tailor from the Lake and Ted Mawson weighing in a nice Jewfish also caught in the Lake.

Finally, special mention goes out to Steve Neaves for catching and releasing a 81.5cm (3.893kg) flathead. This puts Steve in a good position for our Largest Flathead Catch and Release Comp.

Mark Bradley VBCFC Secretary



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.

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 along with your winnings (if you are a bowler) 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.

Email your buy, sell, swap, recipe, joke or other information for the next Newsletter to:
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.
4:00 pm Twilight Bowls - mixed, mufti,
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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