Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

# Club Newsletter

June 2023

## President Rob's Message

Hi everyone, congratulations to our 6 and 7 grade sides for making the Open Gender Pennants Finals Series. While the teams were unsuccessful in winning their way to the Final in their respective grades, they were great competitors and ambassadors for our Club. You should all be very proud of your achievements.

Thanks also to the volunteers and staff who assisted in making the 7 Grade Finals , hosted by Valentine Bowling Club, such a successful all weekend event. We could not host these events without your selfless contribution.

Preliminary planning is underway for a **Christmas in July** function on a Monday evening to be determined. We are investigating having Christmas style meals, Carol singers and possibly even a visit by Santa. Keep your eye out on Facebook and other advertising in the coming weeks for what we expect to be a wonderful evening.

Thanks also to the members who have continued taking their empty glasses to the bar to enable staff more available time to serve beverages. I know the staff are most appreciative for your assistance.

Rob Gray.


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## Lakers Low-Down

Welcome to **New Bowling Members.** Michael Sarginson, Graham Leeson, Bruce King, Gil Richardson, Adrian Elbourne and Wayne "Tarz" Gardner. Welcome to you all.

**Open Gender Pennant -** Grade 6 travelled away to Nelson Bay for their Finals series. Unfortunately, they were defeated in 2 of their 3 matches and failed to make the Final. Grade 7 were also in the Final series playing home at Valentine. With just the 1 loss to Teralba, the team just missed out on making the final with 3 sides having won 2 matches each in their section. It came down to rink wins. The side just missed out by a narrow 1.5 points. A fabulous effort for both sides to make the finals. Let's go one better next year.

**Zone Under 25's Triples** – Hosted by Valentine over the previous 3 Tuesday nights. Congratulations to Andrew Hanlon and his team who were crowned the Champions for 2022-23. Congratulations Andrew. Keep up the winning ways now in the Open Events.

**2022-23 State Champion of Champions** – Mark King and Paul Birt were up first in the Pairs on 1st June 2023. They were playing at St Johns Park against teams from Parkes, Port City and Kiama. Mark and Paul started off well winning their first match but found it hard going for the next 2 matches eventually running 3rd in the section. Geoff Armstrong will play on Monday June 5th at Mount Lewis in a section against players from South Cronulla and Umina Beach. Best of luck to our representatives and good bowling.

**New Club Shirts** – are now available at $35 each thanks to a discount afforded and supported by Hi-Vis Group. Please see me if you are interested in picking one up.

**2023-24 Bowls Calendar** has been drafted and will be summarized and posted on the notice board shortly.

Our stock of **Club Caps** is almost depleted. New caps have been ordered however, with a price increase, will see their cost jump up to $20 each. I still have a few left

## Lakers Low-Down continued . .

at the old price of $11.

**Presentation Day** will again be a morning affair from 10am on 15th July 2023. A BBQ lunch will be planned, and a fun game of bowls conducted during the afternoon.

The **Bowls AGM** will be run the following week from 10am on Saturday 22nd July 2023.

Please put these dates and times in your calendar.

I'll be on annual leave from 10th June until 23rd June 2023. Please see a committee member should anyone need some further assistance.

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***

## Women's Bowls News

Not much to report.

The final of the Minor Singles was held in magnificent weather, watched by a large crowd of members. Alina Miklosi got off to a flying start, but President Lorraine Davies narrowed the margin, and the game was then a tightly contested one. Alina prevailed in the end, and Vice President Glenda Morgan presented the ladies with their prize money.

Eighteen of our ladies had an enjoyable time contesting the Soldiers Point Blue Water Carnival recently. Trixie Stauble was the only lady to win any of the prize money.

Glenda Morgan presented Sue Armstrong, Trixie Stauble and Maggie Johnston with their Lake Macquarie shirts to play against Newcastle in the Friendship Day held at Belmont recently. Unfortunately the hailstorm not only stopped play, but damaged their cars.

Barbara Bell, Sue Armstrong, Denise Miller and Jenny Baldwin reached the playoffs in the Open Gender Pennants. They played very well, and we are proud of their efforts.

Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin are contesting the State Pairs in Sydney, and we wish them good luck.

We will be holding our annual Oncology Day Carnival on the 26th June, and our ladies are looking forward to hosting this event.

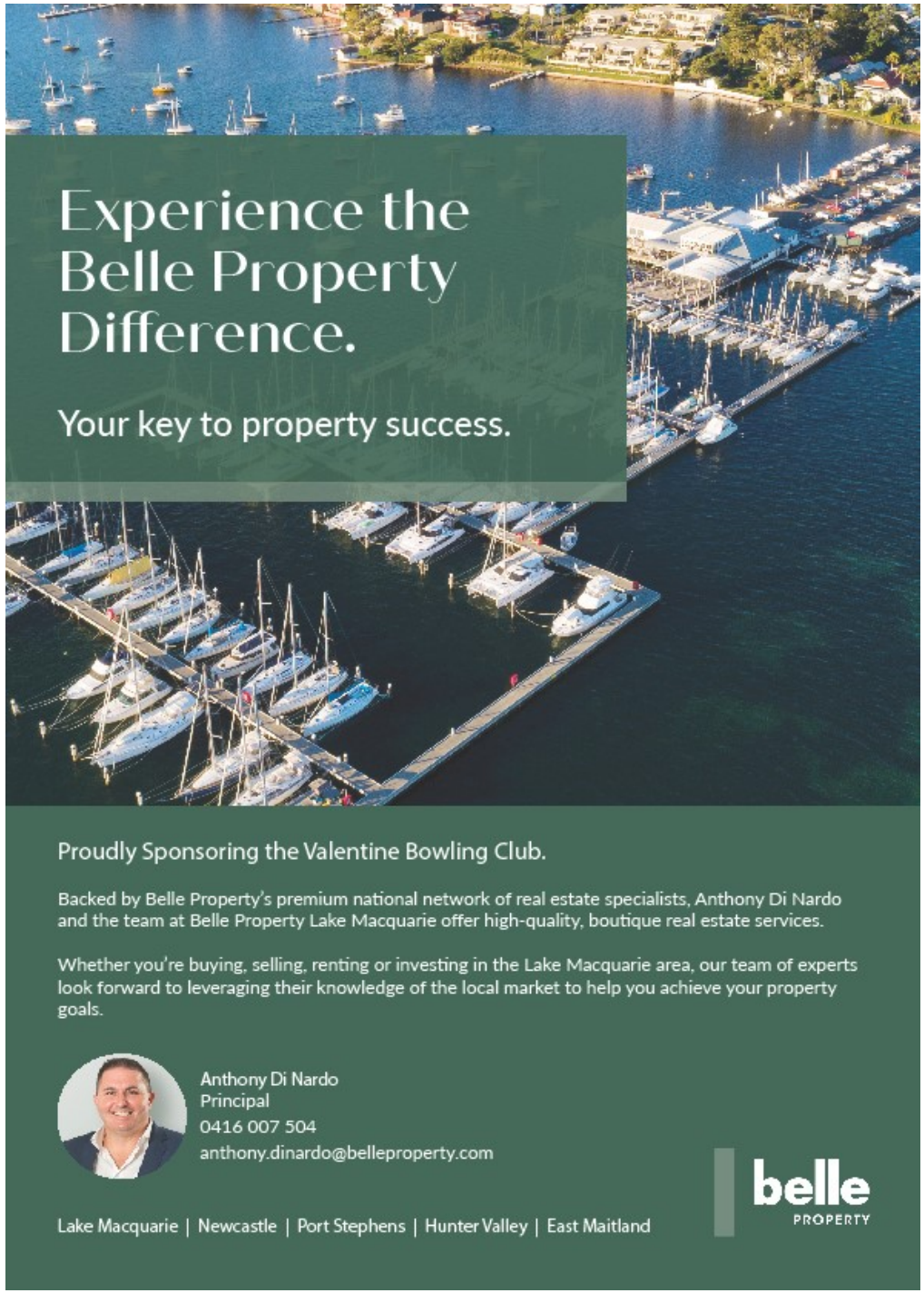
Regards,

Donna

## Finance Director's Report

During May we reduced the NAB loan by $10k to $240k.
Unfortunately the cold May weather has resulted in reduced trading across the Club.

At this stage it appears the best we can hope for is either a small or break even operating profit for May.
Colin Taylor
Finance Director

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# Valentine Lions Club News

My final report as President of our fantastic Lions Club as we will be in USA and Canada at the end of June so our Incoming President John will have to give you the next report.

It seems every month goes so fast (age?) and our amazing Lions Club achieves so much in a short period of time. The SRU BBQ breakfasts are still being cooked every Monday and second Thursday by the A Team and the not so B team. The dignity bags are still being made and assembled by overlocker extraordinaire Stu ably assisted by his wife Lion Deb. Shopping and bag filling by VP Dawn and her team of merry helpers. The dollar amount our club has given to SRU in the last 11 months is way more than I thought we would assist. More in my Changeover night speech, you will have to attend to get the details.

Sadly we lost a great man during the month Les Anderson passed leaving his great wife and Lion Marylin. There were 24 members and partners at his wake last Wednesday at LMYC, fitting that it was a fantastic day weather wise looking across the lake. Lots of Blue shirts showing our support. It was also great to see Les's Blue shirt and badge hanging with the memorabilia.

An interesting day, at the Club Development Day at Raymond Terrace. I was delivered Our Club Excellence award.. The patch will go onto our banner in the near future. I got to give a short talk on our ANZI winning project and talked about SRU and why we are off to Boston

Coming up, Thursday 1 June BBQ at Lake Macquarie Art Gallery at Boolaroo catering for about 500. All costs and a $500 donation by LMCC for us. 3 June at 8.00 at SRU a working bee having a great time smashing furniture and packing it in a skip, plus gardening and planting. Would love to see all Lions and their partners there.

The month of June is turned upside down as the calendar shows. The board meeting has been moved to the 7th. Change Over is the 13th a

## Valentine Lions Club News continued . . .

TUESDAY dress is smart casual. Any suit coats or ties will cop a $10 fine each. The Smarties will be on the prowl, no cash no problem we have EFTPOS.

Pres Pete

## 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

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| 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.

## Familiar Faces

Doug was born on 14th September 1934 at New Lambton. It was a premature home birth and his weight was only one pound. His mother was not well after the birth so his grandmother put him in a shoe box and packed him in cotton wool. Doug was raised by his mother Lynne and his stepfather George Jennings. He had a sister Janice who passed away in 2022.

Doug started school at New Lambton Public School which was turned into the Air Force Barracks so he was transferred to Adamstown Public School. His high school years were at Central Junior Tech where he achieved the Intermediate Certificate and left school at age 15.

His working career started as an apprentice Fitter and Turner at Gonninans where he stayed for 10 years and then went to John Darling Colliery at Belmont for 28 years and then transferred to Teralba. Doug was qualified as a Marine Engineer but worked as a Fitter and Turner until his retirement in 1994.

Doug married Maisie Cobbin on the 4th April 1959 at Belmont Baptist Church. Maisie's family were one of Belmont's original settlers. They built a home at Belmont North and after having a family they needed a bigger home so they moved to Valentine.

## Familiar Faces continued ...

Doug and Maisie had a daughter Lyndall in 1964 followed by twin girls who were born premature and did not survive. They then adopted Helen in 1967 and Jenny in 1970 and all live in the Newcastle area. They have 6 grandchildren, 4 boys and 2 girls.

Doug was a competent golfer and won the handicapped singles at Belmont. He also won the handicapped pairs with Billy Stevens.

In 2001 Doug had a stroke and couldn't play golf any more so started playing bowls at Valentine Bowling Club in 2002. Prior to this he played at Belmont and Belmont Macquarie where he was a 1 grade player.

At Valentine his achievements have been:

Handicapped pairs winner with George Gemmel

Veteran pairs winner on 4 occasions with Ken Batterham, Terry O'Halloran and twice with Terry Jones

Club triples winner with Jack Littlewood and John Jennings

Doug was a coach for many years and he coached the Valentine ladies grade 5 in 2012 which won the pennant.

For quite a few years Doug was a volunteer for Technical Aids for the Disabled and they made or modified aids that couldn't be purchased.

Another great achiever of Valentine Bowling Club.

Ted Elks

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.

## 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.

Twilight Bowls - Will recommence in October

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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