Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

October 2022

Harley and Sidecar - Farewell to Ted, Peter and Steve

President Rob's Message

Melbourne Cup Day.

Tickets are now on sale at the Bar for our Melbourne Cup Day Lunch. Tickets are $80.00 per person which includes a 3 course Lunch, Champagne on arrival, Music, best Dressed female and male. There will also be sweeps available. So book your table for the function.

Additionally on Melbourne Cup Day tables may be booked with a charcuterie board purchase at $25.00 per head (minimum 4 ppl).

Should be a great day so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Jessie's Bistro.

Following the success of our Father's Day Lunch and Dinner, Chef Colin has been working on a new Menu which we will launch in early November. I think members will be pleasantly surprised about what Jessie's will be offering, a substantial change up from our existing menu.

Also don't forget Snitty Monday, Barra Tuesday and Steak Wednesday's that provide a meal and a drink for $18.00. These are proving to be very popular with members and guests.

Lake Mac Ferry.

You may have seen recent publicity announcing that the Lake Mac Ferry will now stop at Valentine Wharf on Wednesday's, Saturday's and Sunday's. This will allow another avenue to attract patrons to our Club but also give members and visitors locally the opportunity to travel around the Lake in a comfortable atmosphere. Details are on our Facebook and Website.

Spring and Summer

As the warmer months are now here don't miss out on the opportunity to have a nice lunch or dinner or just drinks at the Club taking in our great views and enjoying the company of friends.

Rob Gray, President.

Lakers Low-Down

Single Gender Pennants are almost over with Grade 4.1 the only side still in with a chance of making the playoffs. In a rain delayed completion, they are currently behind 30-18 shots after 25 ends. The match resumes Saturday 8th October 2022 at 1pm.

The **Mixed Fours** final has been delayed until after 6th November 2022. The finalists are Cheryn Derrick, Gary Morgan, Glenda Morgan and John Derrick who will take on Noelene Wilson, Kel Wilson, Wendy Lesniak and Craig Godbee.

Handicap Pairs round robin was completed and now down to the final 8 to playoff in the knockout stages. This will commence from Thursday 13th October 2022.

Valentine Lakers Over 70's Triples was played on Monday 26th September 2022. We had numerous teams from many clubs in the Zone. A special thanks to 3 Valentine ladies teams who completed a full field of players who enjoyed a fun day on the green. Winners of the event were Mick Wilks, Frank Botham and Sam Laguzza (Composite) with **3 Wins plus 25**. Best of the local Valentine players were in 3rd spot – Brian Watson, Bob Hathaway and Rob Walker **3W+14**. A special mention to our 5th place getters – Jenny Baldwin, Sue Armstrong and Carol McCrohon also with **3 wins plus 12**. A fun day was had by all.

Veteran Singles are now down to the Semi Final stage. Neville Beeton will take on Richard McPherson with Terry Anderson taking on Ken Walton in the other semi final, scheduled to be played on Thursday 6th October 2022.

Mixed Pairs are into the 2nd round to be played on or before Sunday 9th October 2022.

Veteran Pairs entries have also closed with the first round to be played Tuesday 11th October 2022.

There will be a slight interruption to our scheduling due to the **Northhaven** carnival running from

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Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

Saturday 15th – 22nd. Best of luck and fun to those having some well earned time off.

With the **Zone Mixed Pairs** being held at Valentine on 5th and 6th November and the **Ladies State No 4 Pennant Finals** being conducted also at Valentine on November 18-20th, followed by our **David Lloyd sponsored Mixed Fours Tournament** on 27th November, we are in for a busy time ahead. Note that there will not be galas on the corresponding Fridays and Saturdays.

Zone Senior Pairs sectionals were played here at Valentine through to the quarter finals with Geoff Armstrong and Peter Lynn earning a place in the Zone semi finals against Clay Parker and Rohan Brassey. Unfortunately, we were just short going down to the eventual Final winners by 18-14.

Zone Triples entries close on October 7th with first rounds set for October 29th. Good luck to Valentine players entering.

Peter Steel and myself had the pleasure of hosting and coaching students from **Warners Bay High School**. They are entered into a School Challenge competition starting in 2 weeks. Great potential was shown by the students who enjoyed an afternoon on the green.

Valentine Public School will commence their school sport this term with us on Friday afternoons from 12pm until 1pm. Expect to see them start on 14th October with the last day expected on 16th December 2022. This may affect the Friday AM galas only to a small extent.

See you out on the green.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

Congratulations to our Grade Two Valentine Blue consisting of J. Baldwin, P. Bignell, C. Hodge, G. Macrae,

V. Fletcher, L. Davies, M. Dunning and C. Derrick who played in the Regional Final at Redhead. They played very well, but unfortunately went down to a strong team from Avoca. We are very proud of them all! Charlestown Grade 1 and Belmont Grade 4 were winners on the day, and will now contest the State Pennants Playoffs.

Valentine Bowling Club hosted the Over 70s Triples Carnival last month, and the weather was perfect for the bowlers. VWBC entered three ladies' teams who enjoyed playing against the gentlemen. Carol McCrohon, Sue Armstrong and Jenny Baldwin came 5th with three wins and a margin of twelve. Well done ladies!

Sue Armstrong, Vicki Fletcher, Maggie Johnston and Sharon Gilmore were part of the Lake Macquarie District team which defeated Central Coast 138 to 99. This was an impressive result for our ladies.

Our Club Pairs Competition is nearing completion, and the final will be played at the end of this month. Good luck to the finalists Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin who will play Donna Owen and Fran Ellis. Our Mixed Pairs competition is still running.

The Roast for departing board members Ted Elks and Peter Howell and greenkeeper Steve Britt was well attended by our Valentine ladies. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and were thoroughly entertained by many of the Valentine members.

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Finance Director's Report

I am pleased to report that The Club appears to have turned the corner with its trading results.

Whilst we still below pre covid revenue levels we achieved an operating profit in August resulting in our YTD operating profit being $28K.

Operating profit is before depreciation and interest charges and roughly equals our cash profit position.

Your Board and management are confident this trend will continue.

Our sales in the Bistro have improved significantly under the guidance of our new head chef Colin.

We are still not making a net profit, with the YTD loss being $125K, but because a large part of our depreciation relates to expenditure we will not have to replace, the Club is in a good position financially.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

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Valentine Lions Club News

With Christmas approaching our cake and raffle committee have been working overtime planning our next 3 months. Raffle prizes this year will be in a first choice basis as we did last year with 4 prizes on offer. Total raffle value is $7400 in donated goods and services. Ticket cost will be $2 each. Raffle tickets and Lions Christmas cakes and Puddings will be on sale at the club from 17th November.

The monthly dinner meeting was low on numbers, as many were away in Cairns, the Guest Speaker was Jackson Fitzpatrick from Mirabel.

A big month of operations with hips x 2 and cataracts x 2 everyone is recovering well and will be seeing the world better and running around soon.

The news of the month, on the 13th Dawn, Marisa, Neville and myself went to Westfield Kotara for the Local Heroes award presentation. Dawn was a very worthy runner up and our club has received $5000 which will go to buying products for dignity bags, art supplies and school back packs. We also were awarded a $2000 grant from Windale Gateshead Bowling Club which will go towards more Dignity Packs.

The huge news is that at the Lions ANZI Conference in Cairns on Sunday 25th. Our club won the Regional Zone 7 award for Top Service Project for the year. Now onto Montréal for the International Convention. Great photos of Dawn accepting the award with the back up support team of Neville, Petra and our newest member Sue available to see on our Facebook page.

The annual District Governor's visit on 12/10, this night is wear a hat night. The more outrageous the better. The Lions 75th anniversary will be held in Allambie Park on the 15th with a free BBQ so please lets get everyone in the community involved. We are catering at Bunnings at Bennett's Green on 23rd Yet another busy month for Valentine Lions.

If you're on Facebook please like and follow our page also get your friends and family to also like and follow.

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!

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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.

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.

Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

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

Tuesday : Ladies Gala 9:30 am
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
Membership draw is between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Thursday : Ladies Gala 9:30 am
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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