



Club Newsletter

November 2022



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President Rob's Message

This month's message is all about our amazing staff.

Our Staff.

Over the last two years during Covid and more recently as recruitment in the hospitality industry has become increasingly difficult our staff have risen to the occasion and have demonstrated a strong work ethic and outstanding commitment to keeping the Club open and functioning. The Board are most thankful that we have such amazing staff who have exceeded expectations in performing their work. I believe most members also appreciate the work done by our staff in this difficult time and while we get the occasional whingers I'm sure they are in the minority.

To recognise the terrific effort by Staff the Club, is going to host a staff Christmas BBQ Party on Monday 5 December 2022 at 6.00pm. To ensure all staff can attend the Club will close at 6.00pm on that day. I know this small inconvenience will be supported by members in recognition of a job well done.

What can you do to assist our Staff.

Do you prefer to have your beverages served quickly or wait longer while staff pick up glasses. I know what I would prefer. You can assist staff by returning your empty

glasses to the Bar when buying new drinks or when leaving the Club particularly in busy times. Some members are already returning glasses and I know the staff appreciate your assistance, one member in particular is leading by example returning other people's glasses as well as his own. He knows who I'm referring to, so I won't embarrass him but the staff are grateful for his assistance.

Do you know anyone with Hospitality experience who may be looking for work?

Another way you can assist our staff is by directing people you know who may be looking for work whether full or part time to contact Bar Manager Aaron Parsons, Head Chef Colin Green or CEO Geoff Cairns. We are constantly on the lookout for more staff to share the load with our existing staff. Who knows with inflation and rising mortgage interest rates, friends, relatives or acquaintances may be interested in casual work to help them make ends meet.

Finally thanks again to our wonderful staff and thanks also to you the members for your patience and understanding in this trying time.

Rob Gray, President.

Lakers Low-Down

Single Gender Pennants – Congratulations to the 4.1's for making the finals. A well fought washed-out match to come from behind against Swansea to progress. Unfortunately, they came up against a very strong Hamilton North side in the quarter finals and were knocked out. Great effort from the guys. Well done.

The **Mixed Fours** final remains 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 is now down to the Final. Ross Morris and John Roberts (+24) will take on John Bullcock and Mark King (+19). The final will be delayed until JB returns from a break. Possibly played early January 2023.

Veteran Singles Final was between Neville Beeton and Ken Walton. Nev prevailed 21-11 and is this year's Champion. Well done to both players.

Mixed Pairs are also into the Final

stage. Barbara Bell and Bob Hathaway will take on Jenny Baldwin and Andrew Hanlon. The final has been delayed for several weeks. A date will be advised soon for play.

Veteran Pairs are now at the semi final stages. Bruce Boyle and Peter Steel take on Doug Bear and Terry Jones. Bill Lyon and Eric Roach take on Wayne Atherton and Rob Walker in the other semi. Match is set to play Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 1pm.

Reminder that **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 2022 Note that there will not be galas on the corresponding Fridays and Saturdays.

Zone Senior Triples commenced the last weekend in October. Our club was represented by 2 sides. The trio of Mark King, Geoff Armstrong and Paul Birt were successful in making it to the Semi Finals

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where they were pipped at the post by a very strong Charlestown outfit. Well done guys having knocked off some good sides on the way through.

Results from the **Warners Bay High School** team who were here last month were fabulous. The team made the semi finals of their high School Challenge event and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Their teacher was appreciative of Valentine Bowling Club for all the assistance and has indicated the school will put in for a term of lawn bowls at Valentine next year. We look forward to them contacting us again soon.

Valentine Public School commenced their school sport on Fridays at 12pm. There have been almost 40 students running around the greens having a great time. It's great to see and the feedback from the teachers is very positive.

2022-23 Men's Minor Singles Championship has been drawn with first round matches due to commence Sunday, 13th November.

A large contingent of men and

women from Valentine arrived on **North Haven** for a week of bowls and fun. From all reports it was an awesome week away with Valentine teams featuring strongly in the events held. Wishing Murray Bennett a speedy recovery from a nasty fall breaking several bones in his leg and foot.

We have 2 fresh recruits about to embark on the **Umpire Course**. Thanks go to Ian Skellington and Steve Thornton for putting their hands up for a very important job.

Kel and Noelene Wilson and their crew have had great success with the **U3A group** learning about Lawn Bowls. This group will be found on the greens generally Monday mornings over the next few weeks. Make them feel welcome as several of the group have indicated a great interest and will join our club. A great initiative.

Don't forget the **2022-23 Saturday Pennants** and **Midweek Competition (Club Challenge)** are back next year from February. Sheets for nominations are on the board. Please put your names down if able

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to play.

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

Our Valentine team of Nancy Childs, Wendy Morrin, Gwyn Garrett and Carol McCrohon were the winners

of the Lake Macquarie Summer Carnival which was held over two days at Belmont. Congratulations on this achievement, as there were many strong teams playing.

Our Grade 2 Blue Pennants team consisting of Jenny Baldwin, Paulette Bignell, Colleen Hodge, Gae Macrae, Vicki Fletcher, Lorraine Davies, Maxine Dunning and Cheryn Derrick was successful in winning a flag. The Unfurling Day for this team will be held on the 15th November, and an exciting day has been organised by our hard - working committee.

Our Major Singles competition has

reached the semi- finals stage, and there have been lots of close games played.

The final of the Club Pairs between Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin and Donna Owen and Fran Ellis has been deferred.

The Super 10s Day will be held on the 7th November, and the ladies are looking forward to playing with some of our best bowlers.

The State Finals of the Grade 4 Pennants will be held at Valentine over several days commencing on 17th November. Many of our ladies have volunteered to help out on these days. It should be a great time for our club, and we look forward to welcoming hundreds of visitors to the area.

Regards,

Donna Owen

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Finance Director's Report

The Club made it's forecast operating profit in September, which was almost break-even. After depreciation we incurred a net loss.

We are confident that with the warmer months now coming that we will make operating profits until the year end in April 2023.

Our bank, the NAB, has agreed to extend our loan on the existing terms and this stability will help your board and management plan the future.

Colin Taylor
Finance Director

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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Valentine Lions Club News

Our members never cease to amaze me as to what we can achieve collectively for our community and for ourselves in the enjoyment we have when together as a group.

The visit by our DG Denise Bruce with her husband Alex and Keiren our Zone Chair. A fun night with great attendance by our members and even Dandy Lion made an appearance. Our club was well received by Denise and she commended us on our fun and the amazing work we do. I was very proud to be presented with Denise's banner and pin on behalf of the club. Dawn, Petra, Sue and Neville L also presented the club with the ANZI trophy we won in Cairns.

We celebrated 75 years of Lions in Australia at Allambee Park by providing a free BBQ for the community and a great photo of us members marking out a 75 for an aerial shot from a drone. This was made possible by Barry McLean. Barry has been very helpful in Lap The Map and doing our Test and Tag for our electrical equipment and big thankyou to him and his

wife Linda.

Lap The Map is underway started on the Community Day with the kms ticking over quickly until the 13th of November for our big day at Croudace Bay and Eleebana Park. Every Saturday till then we are at Allambee Park for the times check our Facebook Page. Keep recording those exercises kms and upload them to Survey Monkey via the QR code. Come down and Lap the Park with our Lions Club members.

Last Sunday we had a Bunnings BBQ at Bennetts Green with good attendance from our members. We didn't sell as many snag sangers as we would have liked but still a nett profit of over \$1500 with cake and raffle sales on top of that amount.

We will start our raffle and cakes stand at VBC on 17th of November and the display will go up on the same day under the large TV.

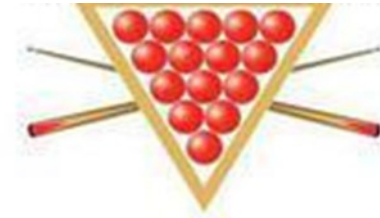
Last Wednesday we had our social dinner at Windale Gateshead Bowling club as a thankyou to that club giving us a \$2000 grant for dignity bags for SRU. A good night by all with lots of banter.

Remembrance Day will be

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honoured with a short service at 11 am on the 11th of November at our memorial in Allambee Park. Please assemble from 10.45.
Pres Pete

Snooker Club News



The Spring social Snooker Competition is nearing completion, so good luck to those people who are still in it.

We have booked our Christmas Party/Presentation function to be held upstairs in the function room, for Sunday 11th December, 2022, commencing at 12.00 noon. Details of costs etc. will be sent out to members as soon as we have all

the information.

Our usual Wednesday night raffle was not held on Wednesday 2nd November, owing to the Valentine School Disco being held. We will however continue the following Wednesday night as usual, so come on down to support the Snooker Club and try your luck.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

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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.

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

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