



Club Newsletter

December 2022



Christmas Ham raffle

Wednesday 14th
December

Tickets on sale 5:00pm

Draw commences at
6:00pm

Also hams on 11th and
18th



President Rob's Message

Festive season is now upon us and I would like to wish all members, visitors and sponsors a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your support in what has been a difficult year. We are slowly turning the corner but with your continued patronage will eventually return to our pre covid results. I would also like to again recognise the staff and their efforts this year and wish them all the very best for the Festive Season.

Monster Ham Raffle is on Wednesday 14 December 2022 when we will have \$2500 worth of Hams to win. Tickets will go on sale at 5.00pm with the draw at 6.00pm. We will also have more Hams at our raffles on 11 and 18 December. Come down buy some tickets and enjoy a beverage and or meal at your Club, who knows you might win a prize.

Hours of operation Xmas / New

Year.

Xmas Eve 11.00am to 6.00pm – Bistro will be closed in the evening.

Xmas Day Closed

Boxing Day 11.00am to 9.00pm

New Years Eve 11.00am to 10.00pm

New Years Day 11.00am to 9.00pm.

Congratulations to our Lady Bowlers

During the week 14 to 20 November 2022 our Ladies staged two major events, the Unfurling of the Grade 2 Pennant our Ladies won and also the Hosting with Marks Point Club the State Finals of the 4 Grade Ladies State Pennant. Both these events were carried out very professionally and thanks must go to Lorraine Davies, Peter Lynn and Gwen Gould and their great team of volunteers that also included

President Rob's Message continued . . .

members from the Men's Club who presented our Club as being most efficient and a venue worth considering for future major events.

Merry Christmas everyone and let's hope 2023 is a great one for all of us.

Rob Gray, President

Lakers Low-Down

Pete is on annual leave until later this month.

He sent this message:

I hope everyone has a fulfilled festive season and best wishes for the New Year.



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Women's Bowls News

The Unfurling Day for our Grade 2 Blue pennants team was held in magnificent weather. It was a wonderful day for everyone. The team was piped onto the green by Peter Campbell with the runners up from Redhead. A short game of bowls ensued, before the ladies retired to the function room, where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and were formally acknowledged by the LMDWBA President Gaye Brown.

The Super 10s Carnival was a great success, thanks to our wonderful catering and social committees. Although we had teams from Belmont, Boolaroo, Kotara and Charlestown, the winning teams all came from Valentine. The winners were Sue Armstrong, Donna Owen, Fran Ellis and Heather Lynn. The runners up were Glenda Morgan, Judy Foley and Jenny Liddle. Third place went to Julie Scott and Wendy Lesniak. The consolation went to Anna Harris, Di McCarthy, Kris Lockett and Del Copeland. The spider winners were Val Robson, Jenny Elks, Sue Armstrong and Kay Evans.

The Club Pairs was won by Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin, who defeated Donna Owen and Fran Ellis.

The Club Major Singles was won by Denise Miller, who defeated Jenny Baldwin. Congratulations to all these ladies, who played great bowls.

The Playoffs for the State Grade 4 Pennants was held over three successful days at Valentine and Marks Point. The semi finals and finals were held in very windy conditions, and the ladies played with great skill, despite the howling wind. Austral defeated Bourke in the final. Many of our ladies volunteered to work in various roles, and we received very positive feedback from our visitors. Congratulations to the committee members who organised the event.

The Edith Galt Competition for players under 5 years was held recently, with 8 ladies playing great bowls. The winner was Noelene Wilson, and the runner up was Vicki Elbourne. Congratulations to

Women's Bowls News continued . . .

both ladies, who are a credit to our club.

Our year will wind up after our last bowling day, where the ladies will dress up in Xmas attire. The

Christmas lunch will be held on 13th December, and some of our ladies will be presented with special awards.

Donna Owen

Umpires Report

As we are seeing more bowlers using Bowlers Arms it should be noted " That when a player commences using an approved bowlers arm in a game the player MUST use it for the remainder of that game.

This does not apply to rolling the Jack which can be rolled either by hand or by bowlers arm.

It should be noted that in a specific Bowlers Arm Competition both the Jack and the bowl must be delivered by the bowlers arm.

Did You Know ...

- Each purchase of coffee is registered on your membership card and after buying 10 cups your 11th cup will be FREE
- **Membership Discounts** 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.

Snooker Club News



The Spring Social Snooker Competition has completed and congratulations to the winner – Grant Garside. Well done Grant, being the winner also of our 2022 Snooker Competition!

Our Christmas Party/Presentation function to be held Sunday 11th December has been finalised and we have had a good response for attendance. Should be a good afternoon.

Our usual Wednesday night raffle will not be held on Wednesday 14th December, owing to the Bowling Club holding their monster ham raffle. We will however

continue the following Wednesday night as usual, so come on down to support the Snooker Club and try your luck.

We will be holding a Barefoot Bowls day and barbecue on Sunday 8th January, 2023. An email will be sent out to members outlining details etc.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Snooker Committee, to wish all of our members and their families, a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Helen Hickey Secretary.

Valentine Lions Club News

Now I'm sure that November happened, but its more a blur than notable, let me think what we got up to!

Ahh Lap The Map driven by our amazing Local Hero Dawn a fantastic achievement with every Saturday at Allambie Park and the big day on Sunday 13th. Our club, in written ks not the survey monkey ks, our total was over 48,000km. We are still waiting on the Survey Monkey results. A great collaboration by our members. Plus community involvement for Diabetes awareness.

Ticket sales have started for our annual Christmas Raffle. Slower selling than normal start at VBC but can only hope that improves. A big thank you to Stuart Lowden for gathering most of the prizes with assistance from many members. A total of donated raffle prizes of over \$8400 is an amazing achievement.

Our Xmas cakes are selling like hot cakes or is that Xmas cakes, we have officially run out with another

large order being eagerly awaited (its on the truck now). The sales so far this year has exceeded last years sales.

The dinner meeting was an interesting night with our guest speaker Sajal from Survivors R Us gave a very informative and distressing talk on his work in his home in Nepal and how he with others are changing the local community for the better there.

That brings us to December what's coming up, Santa is very busy, with SRU days, our dinner meeting, leaping (well carefully stepping) off Ron and Denise's sons boat to the awaiting kids at Bennet Park on Xmas eve. 2 x BBQs, one for the Rainbow foundation at Valentine Heated pool, we did this pre COVID. Carols in Thomas Haldon Park at Croudace Bay on the 18th another quick BBQ from 4.30 setup till pack up at 7.30pm. We also have Xmas present wrapping at Westfield Kotara.

Pres Pete

Fishing Club News

Our annual presentation day was held in early November and was a great success with over 50 members and partners attending.

This was followed by our Glen-

bawn Dam outing the following weekend. Fishing was tough, but a great weekend was had by all.

Mark Bradley

Finance Director's Report

I am delighted to report that November 2022, whilst still not finalized, is the best monthly trading for the Club, since Covid hit.

All areas of revenue achieved almost pre covid levels, with the result that the Club will have achieved a Net profit for the month, after depreciation.

Although the accounts are not yet finalized, we appear to have made an operating profit of \$58K and a net profit of \$64K.

The net profit includes a once off

sponsorship of \$44K from our main drink supplier, Lions. This will be used to improve our point of sales structure.

November was also helped by a number of external Bowls events held at the Club, in particular the Ladies Zone Finals.

I would like to wish all our members, visitors and most importantly our hard-working staff a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director



Email your buy, sell, swap, recipe, joke or other information for the next Newsletter to:
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Joking Around

* I once dated a girl with a twin and people always asked me how I could tell them apart.....

It was simple, Alison painted her nails red, and Bob had a beard.

* I went to an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Anonymous my ass. I knew everyone there!!

* I just asked myself if I'm crazy, and we all said 'No'.

* Don't worry about 'getting old'. Worry about 'thinking old'.

* You can do a hundred things right and someone will always

point out the ONE thing you did wrong.

* Due to Covid, my 'going out' clothes have missed me so much. I put them on and they hugged me so tightly I could barely breathe.

* I took my 8 year old daughter to the office on 'take your kid to work day'. But when we walked into the office she started to cry. As concerned staff gathered around I asked her what was wrong and she said: "Daddy, where are all the clowns you said you worked with?"

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 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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