Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

February 2022

President Ted's Report

- As most of you would be aware the official opening of our new green took place on Friday 28 January 2022 with Pat Conroy, Yasmin Catley, Kay Frazer and various sponsors in attendance. Feedback received indicates a great evening so thank you to all involved.

- Now that we have two synthetic greens the board have agreed to purchase a Super Sopper which will be of great assistance drying wet surfaces.

- With regard to COVID19 it is the intention to maintain our decision that only double vaccinated patrons can enter our facility.

- The Bistro will be opening on Tuesday's effective from 8 February 2022 with Trivia recommencing from that date. There is a new menu in place with positive feedback received from patrons.

- As previously advised we are in the process of ordering new shirts with one being provided cost free to full bowling members. Peter Lynn has sample sizes so it will be necessary to see him as well as advising him short or long sleeves. These will not be available until mid year.

- Subject to the availability off staff the bus will recommence its Saturday run from 5 February 2022.

- The majority of our bar type stools have been recovered and this has been done at Cessnock Correctional Centre at a very competitive price.

Cheers,

Ted

Lakers Low-Down

Happy New Year. Welcome to 2022.

We now have 2 greens in operation after our "Opening of the New Green" Event on Friday 28th January. The event was attended by approximately 90 people including local dignitaries, special guests and sponsors.

A big THANKYOU must go to all those who gave up their time to ensure the night went smoothly.

Completion of 2021 Club Championships saw Bruce Boyle & Peter Steel winning the Veteran Pairs Final over Ian Macrae and Bruce Williams. This win culminated in Peter Steel also accumulating enough points to be crowned 2021 Veteran Bowler of the Year. Congratulations to Peter Steel for a great consistent year.

Three Threes have been well supported and Valentine have 1 x Grade 1 side entered and 3 x Grade 3 sides entered. The draw is now out and on the notice board. A trial is planned for 9th February with the competition due to commence 23rd February 2022.

We have a "Bring a (non-bowling) Partner" 2-Bowl Pairs introduction day to bowls planned. This will be played on Sunday 13th February, commencing at 9am. This is open to both Male and Female Bowls members.

A Men's 3-Bowl Pairs event is also planned for Monday 21st February 2022. 3 games of 12 ends each from 1pm.

Please put your names down for these events on the lists located on the Men's Bowls Board.

A new Club Championship Event has been approved to replace the Minor/Major Pairs. This will now be a Handicap Pairs Event. Handicaps have been calculated for all eligible male bowlers. Keep an eye on the notice board for a small intro event planned for Sunday 6th March 2022.

Our Club Championships for 2022/23 will commence with the Major Pairs being played first from

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26th June 2022. Our Bowls Calendar has now been completed for the next 18 months. An abridged version can be located on the notice board. Please see me if you would like a copy.

Don't forget to check out and join our Facebook Page "Valentine Men's Bowlers".

See you on the green.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

VWBC commenced 2022 with a fun Gala, BBQ and Presentation Day on the 11th January. This was a fun day and replaced our Christmas Gala, which was cancelled due to COVID 19. Our Committee put on a great day and it was joyous to see so many bowlers enjoying the day.

Life member Merle Armstrong, and Past President Gwen Gould, nominated Annelise Harris to the position of Life Member of VBC. Anna joined the Club in 2009 where she was recruited as a member of the Catering Committee. In 2010 Anna was elected on the Management Committee as Treasurer, a position as an Executive she has held for 11 years.

Anna's work ethics and proficiency in controlling the financial operation of VWBC is beyond reproach. Her loyalty to the Club and fellow members and always being available for enquiries and answers is well defined. Anna has been a National Official (Umpire) for many years and officiates at LMDWBA District, ladies and Men's Championships and Pennants during the bowling week and weekends.

An extremely competent and competitive bowler, and skip. Anna has many successes to her name. Anna has always been and without doubt, will always be an exceptional member/volunteer of Valentine Women's Bowling Club.

At the Presentation Day Flowers were presented to President Lorraine Davies for her leadership

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through the difficult time of Covid 19. Life Member and Vice President Gwen Gould also received flowers, as she has stepped down as delegate and Vice President after 22 years on the Executive Committee. Maggie Johnston was presented with the Bowler of the Year Trophy and Most Improved Bowler of the year 2020-1 Cheryn Derrick, received her trophy on her return from holidays.

VBC Social Club held a Christmas fun day bowling and a BBQ on the 12/12/21 a great day was had by all.

The Edith Galt Encouragement Day was held on the 2/12/21 for bowlers 5 years and under. Congratulations to winner Bernice Wilkins and runner up Fran Ellis.

A large number of VWBC ladies celebrated 4 of our ladies reaching 90 during 2021 on the 30th November. Happy 90th birthday Nancy Childs, Joyce Sullivan. Gwen Eagle and Betty Simpson.

VBC celebrated the opening of our new synthetic green on the 28/1/22. Members and visitors enjoyed a BBQ and twilight bowls. Thank you to the Board of Directors and Peter Lynn , and we are looking forward to playing on the green.

Let us hope this year will improve and we will be able to play our great game of bowls. For all who are not well we wish a speedy recovery and look forward to catching up on the green.

GO VALENTINE !!!

Irene Robinson Communication Officer.

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.

Bowls Umpire Report

We would like to see more bowlers become umpires (especially men) to assist with the running of our Club Championships and Pennant games. To become an umpire it requires the applicant to be familiar with the contents of the Law Book, then sit for a theory test followed by a practical test using the umpires equipment. If anyone is interested please see Peter Steel, George Simpson or any of our lady umpires.

George

Finance Director's Report

Since my last newsletter report Covid-19 has had a major effect on our trading. Not only with people being scared to go out, but staff shortages which have prevented us operating normally.

December was one of our worst monthly trading results causing our YTD Net lost to now be $180K.

The Club's Operating profit, i.e., before depreciation, interest, and grants is now a loss of $60K.

January results will also be losses. This means that with three months left to our year end it highly likely we will make both a net and operating loss.

On a positive note, we have not yet had to borrow more from the Bank, with our loan currently being $140K with the ability to draw down another $550K.

It was great to be at the opening of our new synthetic green which we hope will encourage more use of the bowling greens.

It is anticipated that once the peak of the current Covid outbreak is reached the Club's results will begin to improve.

Regards

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

VBC Fishing Club News

Our October outing was held on the weekend of 8, 9 & 10th.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	David Birt	29pts
2nd	Neil Cooley	21pts
Junior:	Oliver Mould	18pts
3rd	Danny Ratcliffe	19pts

Our Presentation Day was put on hold due to COVID restrictions and we are still in the process of organising a basic get together at the Club to round out Season 20/21.

Our annual Glenbawn Dam outing was held on the weekend of 12, 13 & 14th. Conditions were tough as we experienced one of the windiest weekends on record. This was reflected in the number of fish caught with only bass filling the top ten. The other three top ten species amounted to a total of only 8 fish. That said the turn out was still good with some healthy competition between our juniors and sub juniors.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	Darren Riles	28pts
2nd	David Birt	22pts
Junior:	Kai Denning	6pts
3rd	Steve Neaves	19pts
Sub-Junior:	Stella Torrance	10pts

Our extra November outing was held on the weekend of the 26, 27 & 28th. The weekend was another blow out with only Mark Neumann fishing on the Sunday morning. Well done Mark.

Our December outing was held on the weekend of the 10, 11 & 12th.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	David Birt	31pts
2nd	Dave McMorrow	25pts
Junior:	Jayden Ratcliffe	6pts
3rd	Neil Cooley	4pts
Sub-Junior:	Noah Birt	10pts

Our January outing was held on the weekend of 14, 15 & 16th. There were a good mix of fish with our newest Sub-Junior Noah Birt coming home with the goods for two outings on the trot. The Dynasty continues! Jayden Ratcliffe has joined the Junior ranks this season and is already giving the older boys a run for their money! Great to see since these anglers are the future of our Club.

VBC Fishing Club News continued

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	David Birt	19pts
2nd	Dave McMorrow	16pts
Junior:	Jayden Ratcliffe	21pts
2rd	Neil Cooley	16pts
Sub-junior:	Noah Birt	15pts

Our February outing will be held on the weekend of 11, 12 & 13th.

The fishing year runs from 1/10/2021 to 30/9/2022 with memberships now due. We are always chasing new members and any interested people can contact either Darren Riles ph 0439241061, Mark Bradley ph 0414555693, or David Birt ph 0427228438 if they need information on how to sign up and go about participating.

The Fishing Club also has a closed Facebook page. To see what's happening in the Club and what catches members are getting you can go to: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2033190670245312/

Yours

Mark Bradley

VBCFC Secretary

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Valentine Lions Club News

This year is starting off in a similar fashion to last year with our world and local communities continuing to be well and truly 'governed' by the Covid pandemic, with its contagious viruses continuing to impact with people/families, businesses and our general way of 'normal' life.

Our community Lions club, being a part of a worldwide voluntary organisation, can still operate as a small group without too much financial or ongoing disruption. Adapting to change, however, businesses such as our VBC, have found the last two years and in particular of more recent times, very difficult, to operate as a viable concern for its members and patrons.

In saying this, we again as a Lions Club who relies on the generosity of the Club's Board to utilise the VBC premises in helping to conduct our meetings/gatherings and raise funds that we rely on so much to do our charity work, simply wish the club management a speedy and successful recovery, operating fully as the magic community facility that it is.

Australia Day was again held in Allambee Park on a very nice cloudy morning with no wind. The Australian Flag was raised at 9.00 am followed by the playing/singing of the National Anthem. Lions President Peter, welcomed all to the event and to join in and enjoy a complementary breakfast. Our catering team again cooked up great batches of bacon, egg's and of course, sausages and onions to munch on between slices of bread and sauce of choosing. Tea and coffee were also complementary and our cordial drink lady, Anna, had her great cold orange and lime drinks for the kids (and not so small people) who needed a cold quenching drink.

Although the community visitor numbers were low this year (,,,,,Covid again), the atmosphere was happy and joyful, with the mandatory game of cricket being held for all the children and 'aspiring' older kids on a very 'suspect' soft wicket. The grounds person definitely wanted to favour the slow spin bowlers!

Mr Music, Mick Kinsella, was again producing great Australian music from his fantastic collection – many thanks again Mick for your continued support to our club.

The Lions Thursday night raffles are well and truly back up and running and, again due to Covid rules, we

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are currently selling tickets from our table set up in front of the meat tray refrigerated display. Buy some tickets and have a chance to win some great meat trays.

That's all for this month folks – stay safe! - the silver grey fox

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

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.
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Joking Around

A man bought a world map, gave his wife a dart and said,

"Throw this. Wherever it lands, I'm taking you there when this pandemic ends."

Turns out, they'll be spending two weeks behind the fridge.

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Notice From The Association of Psychiatrists

Dear Citizens, During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets.

Kindly contact us only if they reply!

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Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Euchre Club meets 6:00pm $2 entry. New members welcome

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.

Happy Hour 4:00 pm til 5:30 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

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

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

Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

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