



Club Newsletter

July 2022

The Board, Staff, and bowling members wish the ladies 6 pennant sides good luck over the next few weeks.

Bring home a flag.



President Ted's Report

The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday 28 August 2022 at 10.00am in the function room.

A reminder that this is an election year so I encourage members to give consideration to stand as a board member so you can contribute to the continued success of our facility.

The nomination sheet for Board Positions will be on display from 11 July 2022 until the 29 July 2022.

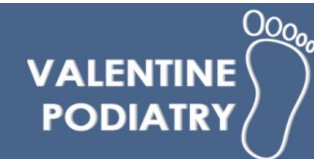
Murray Bennett and Eric Roach who are the returning officers will be in attendance from 1 August 2022 until 20 August 2022



attending to voting requirements.

A schedule of voting times and dates will be placed on the noticeboard.

Cheers,
Ted



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Lakers Low-Down

The new Bowling year (2022/23) officially kicks off 1st July. The bowls calendar is very congested where weather and luck are needed to be on our side in order to complete the schedule ahead. With just 52 weekends a year, less 14 weeks of Pennants, Xmas / New year, Easter and other LWE's we will have minimal time left to include 11 Club Championship Events, 3 Meat Gala days, 3 big sponsored Tournaments, Mixed Gala days and other weekends full of Zone Events. It will be imperative that we all work together and get through.

On a brighter note, our new shirts have arrived and mostly distributed to members. From many reports, they are light and comfortable. Those members who have not received theirs, please see me in the office. Extra shirts are also available at cost price to the club.

Men's Major Pairs commenced late June with several games played early. Club Fours are also due to commence from Saturday 2nd July 2022. Nominations are also open for Mixed Fours, Handicap Pairs, Mi-

nor Singles, Veteran Singles, Mixed Pairs and Veteran Pairs.

Neville Beeton and myself will be attending a Coaching Clinic at Charlestown Bowling Club on 2nd and 3rd July 2022. Will be great to have 2 newly accredited coaches to assist those bowlers who may need assistance as well as new players keen to take up the sport.

Welcome to new full bowling member Ian Bulmer. Ian has been a member of the club for some time and now has decided to enjoy taking up bowls. Bob Todd and Mick Crockett, previously associate members, have also become full bowling members this month. Welcome guys.

Reminder that the Men's AGM is on Saturday 23rd July 2022 at 10am. If there is anyone wanting to put their hand up to join the Bowls Committee or the Selector Committee, please do so by nominating on the notice board. Please see me if you have any questions.

See you on the green.

Peter Lynn Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

VWBC held our Annual General Meeting and Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council, on the 21st June, 2022

The following positions were filled..

President Lorraine Davies, Secretary Glennis Newton, Treasurer Anna Harris, Patron Carole Thomas, Delegate Noelene Wilson, Match Jenny Brauer, Jan Minter, Paulette Bignell, Dianne McCarthy, Sue Semple. Selection Julie Scott, Jenny Baldwin, Sue Armstrong, Maxine Dunning, Vicki Fletcher. Social Committee Collene Doherty, Sophie McPherson, Cheryn Derrick, Wendy Morrin, Jenny Finch, Catering Committee, Jill Gillies, Sharon Parsons, Judy Percival, Ruth Campey, Cheryl Lawson.

VWBC held our Mater Oncology day on the 27th June with 2 full greens of Visitors and players from VWBC. This was a cold and windy day with no rain. Winners from Belmont M Simpson, D Stockwell, J

Sharpe, C Woodhouse, runner up G Macrae, C Hodge, P Bignell, J Baldwin, Valentine, 3rd S Semple, G Morgan, J Minter, R Campey Valentine, cons C Bowe, K Palmer, J Law, E Gearing, Kotara. Spider winners from Valentine V Fletcher, D McCarthy, M Davis and Kotara E Gerring. A great day was enjoyed especially by tombala , raffle winners and 100 club.

Our 6 teams are looking forward to playing pennants this year with coaching every Thursday, and endeavouring to bring home flags. With our new club shirts courtesy of Belle Property we will impress.

Social Club Mixed Galas are enjoyed on Sunday once a month.

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.

Finance Director's Report

Our final audited result for Year End April 2022 was loss of \$476.8K, whilst our operating loss, (i.e., before depreciation, interest and Government Grants) was \$110KA

Obviously, the Covid crisis badly affected our results, with revenue in all areas being less than 70 % of pre covid levels.

The poor results have continued during May and June, with May recording an operating loss of \$30K and a net loss of \$68K.

Our revenue in all areas is still well below pre covid levels, whilst our gross margins, particularly in the Bistro have been considerably below our normal levels.

Your Club's management and the Board are working hard to address these issues and we anticipate better results in the months ahead.

At this stage we have not had to borrow any more from the Bank with our outstanding loan still at only \$340K.

Colin Taylor

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!

A scenic photograph of several sailboats on the water of Lake Macquarie during a sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the water reflects the colors. The sailboats are scattered across the frame, some closer to the foreground and others further away.

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Belmont 16s Photography Club Relocation to VBC

Due to renovations taking place over the next two years the Belmont 16s Photographic Club has had to find a new home and Valentine Bowling Club have made us very welcome for which we thank them!

We currently meet in the upstairs room at VBC on the second Wednesday evening of each month starting at 7 pm and we try to finish by 10 pm at the latest. Normally quite a few of the Photo Club members have dinner in the Bistro before the Photo club meeting. Typically we are getting about 30 members at each meeting - slightly down on the numbers we used to get at the B-16s pre covid but I think most clubs are in a similar position.

So far we have held three meetings at VBC which have gone very well and the general feeling amongst Photo club members is that it is a very good venue and meets our needs perfectly.

There is no charge to attend the meeting and we welcome visitors. If people then wish to join the photography club there is a small fee. The agenda is usually a mix of some tutorials in some aspect of Photography and a photography competition where members' prints

are judged and scored by a visiting judge. These along with digital competitions (images judged online on the club's website) form the basis of the club championships in a variety of different categories and levels.

We have three Grades B (starter), A and Advanced.

Competition categories are Open Colour (every Month) and Nature and Mono alternating on a monthly basis. As well we also have different set subject competitions each month. The set subjects for the rest of this year are:

- July - Phototravel
- August - Flat Lay Photography
- September - Street Photography
- October - Minimalist Photography.

You don't need expensive camera gear to take part, an iPhone shot won an honours award in one of our recent competitions in A Grade.

So if you have or think you may have an interest in photography please feel free to come along and take advantage of the opportunity which the Photo Club being at VBC presents.

Valentine Lions Club News

Winter is here with a vengeance with cold mornings and nights being received as the norm. Valentine Lions is continuing to make huge strides in assisting the community with the not for profit organisation, Survivors R Us being our main beneficiary. This fiscal year, we have made over 800 dignity packs plus back packs and food hampers that have been distributed to those in need through this organisation.

Our club culinary team also provide a cooked BBQ breakfast every Monday and second Thursday at the Survivors R Us premises at Cardiff, that is served to all comers who are in need of a hearty breakfast meal.

During the month, we conducted our annual board changeover night, coinciding with a visit by the Lions District Governor, who presented our club with The Top

Service Club Project Award. The Valentine Lions won this award over 1,300 other clubs in Australia. This award now competes with the Top Service Project in our region that includes New Zealand, and the South Pacific Islands.

The changeover dinner night was held in the VBC function room and there were great reports on the new menu from Jessies Restaurant.

The Lions Thursday night raffle is a very important fund raiser for our club and supports the VBC as well. Despite the cold weather, raffle sales are going well and we love seeing the VBC members that come along to support us. Our members in blue shirts, are always up for a chat and would love you becoming a member of our friendly local group and help to support the community and enjoy a good time!

Until next month, keep warm!

VBC Golf Club News

Social golf club's last game scheduled for Merewether was cancelled due to weather.

Our next game is Shortland on 10th July, 2 man ambrose.

Members can contact our new game co-ordinator Dan Russell.

organiser.vsgc@gmail.com

or nominate on the sheet at the club.

Regards

Darren Grainger

Snooker Club News

The final of the Doubles Snooker Competition was played last Sunday and the winners were Andrew Jones and John Rolland – congratulations, well done!

It was a good game which went to 3 frames, and the runners up, Darren O'Halloran and Greg Page, put up a good challenge.

The Singles Final will be played between Paul Birt and Grant Gar-

side. The date for this game has not been set as yet.

Our Wednesday night meat raffles will be back on again this week. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible, to come on down to support the Snooker Club and buy raffle tickets.

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.

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

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 12.30 pm start.

Men's raffle 1pm

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 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

Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

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