Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

August 2022

VALENTINE BOWLING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST

10 am

In the Function Room

President Ted's Report

- A new Head Chef Colin Green has been employed and commenced duties with us on 26 July 2022. Please make him feel welcome.
- It is the intention to reopen the Bistro on Mondays for lunch and dinner. At this stage it is envisaged that this will take place on 15 August 2022 with meal themes to be introduced.
- There are alterations to be made to happy hour which will be Mondays and Wednesdays 5.00pm until 6.00pm.
- Nominations for the Board closed on Friday 29 July 2022. There have been nine nominations received and only one for both President and Vice President so an election will not be required. Congratulations to the successful nominees.
- Several changes have been made to our Website which is now presented in a far more professional manner. Please take time to view this site and if any issues contact the Club.

Cheers,

Ted

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Lakers Low-Down

It's been a great and busy start to the season so far for many Bowlers.

Fours Championships are down to the Final where Bruce Boyle, Wayne Atherton, Nev Beeton and Geoff Armstrong will take on Ian Nickalls, Ian Macrae, Terry Barnett and Ross Lawrence. Match will be played Saturday 6th August 2022.

Major Pairs are at the Semi Final stages. Semi 1 will see Bruce Boyle and Ian Nickalls do battle with Mark King and Paul Birt. The other Semi Final sees Geoff Armstrong and Pete Lynn take on Terry Jones and Carl Filby.

It was my first opportunity to represent **Zone 2** and our Club in the Rod Robards Shield clash with Zone 6 at East Cessnock on Friday 22nd July. Was an honor to be selected and play on a rink skipped by Charlestown's Eric Ryan. Zone 2 retaining the shield for the 6th time in a row.

The **Mattara Carnival** is just winding up as I type this report. Valentine had over 30 players enter covering several different events. Those that performed well were – Pete Lynn in the Open Singles making it to the Semi Final, Kell Wilson making it to the final 16 in the Reserve Singles. Kel and Noelene Wilson also going well in the Mixed Pairs event making it to the final 16.

Our immediate attention now turns to the **Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs** which will be played on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th August 2022. This event has attracted some of the best players within our Zone boasting several State representatives as well. Players will play a series of 6 matches each of 14 ends to decide the winners. Please come along and see some great games ahead.

Single Gender Pennants start Saturday 13th August. We are looking forward to seeing how our teams perform over the following 6 weeks.

The **Mixed Fours** and **Handicap Pairs** have also been drawn with initial rounds to commence in the next week. Please see the notice

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Women's Bowls News

Our Pennants teams are enjoying the Competition and playing extremely well. With only 3 games and a few washed out games to be played. Grade 3 Pink Di McCarthy, Donna Owen, Judy Percival, and Irene Robinson achieved an 8 pin on the 26/7/22 against Windale Gateshead.

Jenny Baldwin has joined the LMDWBA on the selection committee. Well done Jenny, VWBC are very happy to have your representation on such a prestigious committee and we are sure you will do an excellent job.

Mattara is well underway with Noelene and Kel Wilson advancing to the final 16 in the mixed pairs. A mighty effort with such a strong competition.

Valentine will be hosting the LMDWBA Pennants Unfurling on the 21st August. This will follow the Grade 3 pennant playoff final. We are looking forward to welcoming all Grades who will receive their flag and the runner ups.

Good bowling in the last 3 games to our pennant teams.

For all who are not well we wish a speedy recovery and look forward to catching up on the green.

GO VALENTINE ,!!!

Irene Robinson,

Communications Officer.

Snooker Club News

Congratulations to the winner of the Singles Final - Grant Garside. It was an exciting match, which ended in a black ball game in the third frame. So well done to the runner up - Paul Birt.

We will start a new competition in the Spring. An email will be sent out to members shortly outlining dates for the commencement and when names need to be lodged for those wanting to enter.

The committee would like to acknowledge and thank those members who volunteered to go on our new roster to help out with our raffle on Wednesday nights. 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.

Finance Director's Report

Unfortunately, the Club is still struggling to make an operating profit yet alone a net profit. Covid, the poor weather and the current economic climate have combined to cause our revenue areas to be below our normal levels.

Whilst our gross margins, particularly in the Bistro have been considerably below our normal levels.

However, June's result of a small operating loss is our second-best monthly result in 6 months.

I would like to thank Dave McQuire for the work he has done since the surprise resignation of our Administration Officer. This effectively happen the day before I left for Bowen, and without Dave we would have really struggled in the Administration area.

I would also like to thank our retiring President Ted and Peter Howell who have decided not to run again for their effects during their time on the Board. They have both worked hard to make the Club successful, and the great Club it is.

Your Club's management and the Board are working hard to address the poor results 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. Our interest rate as increased by 2% on the latest bill rollover.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

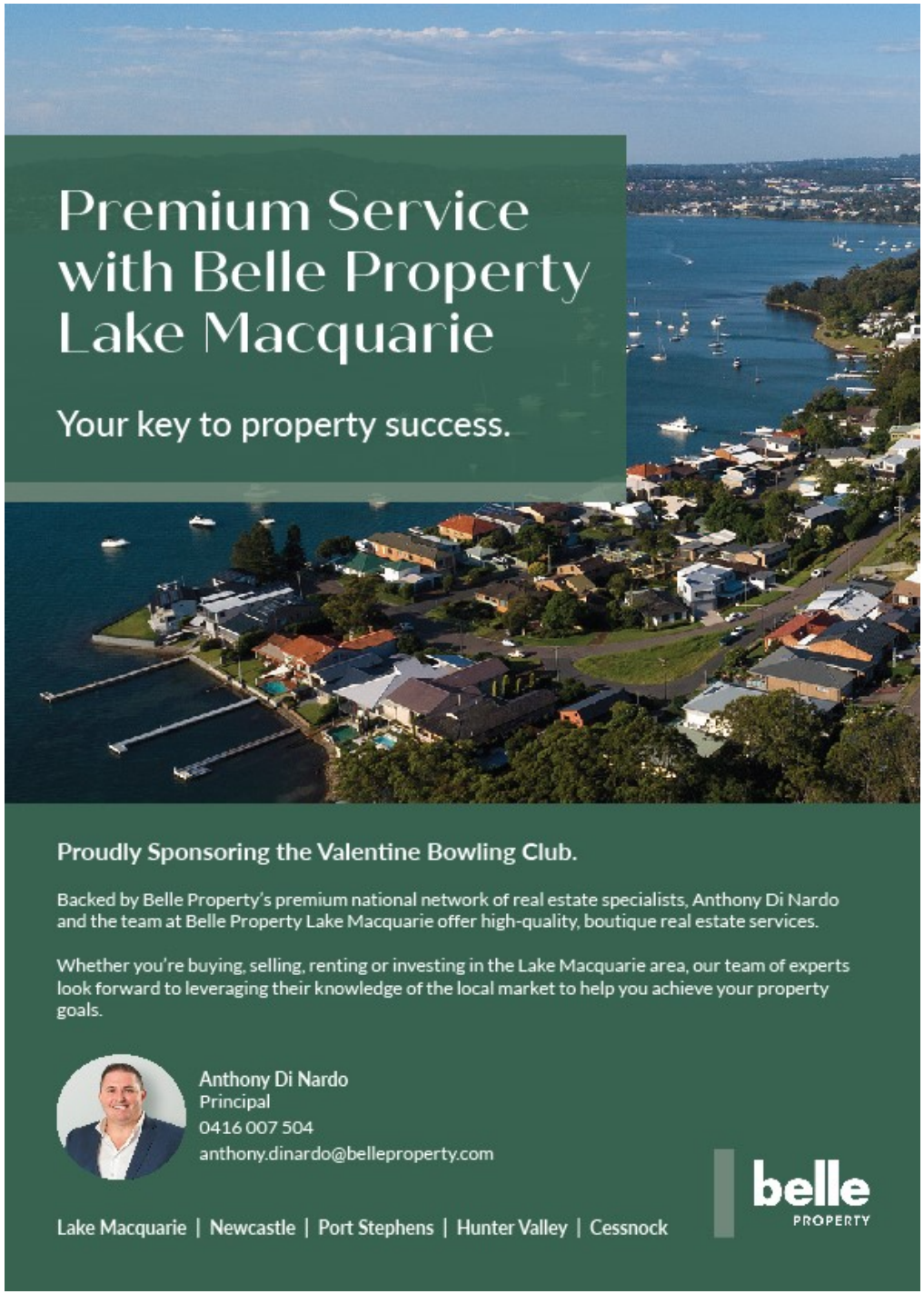
board for further details.

The Men's Bowls AGM was on 23rd July. Welcoming Peter Johnston and Bill Lyon to the Committee. Also welcoming Carl Filby, Nev Beeton and Andrew Hanlon to the Selection Committee.

See you out on the green.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator



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ART EXHIBITION AT THE WETLANDS

An art exhibition entitled "The Nature of Things" is at the Shortland Wetlands for the month of August

The exhibition features Artists

John Earle, Jenny Elks, Gay Cheshire, Kate Belton, Susan Eve and Bronwen Tyler

Valentine Lions Club News

What a month and August is only going to be just as busy.

2 very successful BBQs at Bunnings Boolaroo/ Glendale with a record nett earn.

A good dinner meeting was well attended as was the social night. The next social night is at Swansea RSL on the 3rd.

Back in February I nominated one of our members for the **Westfield Kotara Local Heroes Award**. I am very pleased to announce that our application made it to the final 3. The award is given to the organisation that gets the most votes for their Local Hero and I'm very proud to announce that our nominated member for **Westfield Kotara Local Hero** is **Dawn Lambert**.

Details on how to vote is on our Facebook page. I'm asking all members to pass on how to vote to EVERY family member and friend acquaintance and ask them to vote. Note voting closes 22 August and the winner is announced in early September

The winning organisation gets $20,000 the 2 runners up get $5,000 each. We will also have a stand at Westfield Kotara on Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th between the hours of 10 and 2.

Our next dinner meeting we have a guest speaker talking to us about the Bush Rangers of Lake Macquarie from the past.

See you at our Thursday night meat raffle. Please Vote for Dawn and get as many people you know to also vote details to follow very shortly.

Pres Pete

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.

Email your buy, sell, swap, recipe, joke or other information for the next Newsletter to:
barbara.bell1@optusnet.com.au

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.

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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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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