Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

September 2022

President's Message

I would like to thank the magnificent 8 Board Members nominating to help guide the Club through the next two years back to a prosperous future. I don't think you realise how much work goes on behind the scenes to keep the Club Functioning.

Have you bought your tickets yet for the Ted and Pete Dinner to be held on Monday, 19 September 2022 in the Function Room, details are on the Bowlers Facebook pages and Club Noticeboard. It's a Monday night and no one has much on, on a Monday evening so expect you'll all be there.

Snitzel Mondays, snitty and a schooner for $18.00, shortly to be joined by Barramundi Tuesday. With our new Head Chef, Col on Board, we are starting to see changes to Bistro operations and offerings.

Planning has started for Melbourne Cup Day which we are looking at holding in the Function Room this year. Start getting your friends together towards booking a table or two with the Cup on the big Projector Screen, just like being at Flemington. Guys get out your glad rags and ladies your frocks and fascinators for what will be a great day.

Rob Gray

President

Lakers Low-Down

It's been a busy few weeks since I last reported in.

Fours Championships were won by Bruce Boyle, Al Dudley (sub for Wayne Atherton), Nev Beeton and Geoff Armstrong who defeated Ian Nickalls, Ian Macrae, Terry Barnett and Ross Lawrence **23-15**

Major Pairs was a gripping encounter with Mark King and Paul Birt defeating Geoff Armstrong and Pete Lynn after going into the last end 18 all. An umpire's measure was called to decide the victors. Mark and Paul winning **19-18** and will represent the Club in the Champion of Champions to be played next year.

The **Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs,** sponsored by Belle Property, was played on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th August 2022. The event was played in reasonable weather with Tuesday marred by some persistent rain. After 6 rounds, Winners were Pete Lynn and Phil Westcott on 6W+56 shots. Second were Matt Johnstone and Warren Shipley on 6W+42. Third was Matt Baus and Lee Schraner 5W+68. Other Valentine members doing well were Neville Hardes and Bill Ahoy taking 6th place on 4W+29.

Single Gender Pennants are at the 5th round stage. Still in with a chance of winning their sections are our Grade 4.1 and Grade 4.2 sides. We wish them well in the next couple of rounds leading into the finals.

The **Mixed Fours** are down to the Semi Final stages. Currently on hold due to **Ian Macrae** away on Representative duty with the **NSW Woomeras over in WA.** Ian has been going well with the NSW side taking numerous wins. The series winds up on 9th September 2022.

Handicap Pairs need to have several matches completed. These should be done in next 2 weeks and we will then have our 8 quarter finalists to play on further in knockout.

Valentine Lakers Super 12's was a fabulous couple of bowls days recently. 66 players enjoyed good spring weather. After 5 rounds, Winners were Scott Ellis, Rob Gray and Neville Hardes **5W+34**. 2nd were Scott McKinnon, Matthew Riding and Scott Thoroughgood **4W+41**. Third was Geoff Bullock, John Bullock and Mick Kedwell **4W+14**. Other Valentine placegetters were Barry Lockett, Winston Stokes and Geoff Armstrong in 5th place with **3 1/2W+38.**

Lakers News continued . . .

We now look forward to the **Valentine Lakers over 70's Triples** playing on Monday 26th September. There are still spots available. Please enter your team.

Zone Pairs commence Sunday 11th September with the Senior competition being drawn at our club. **Zone Triples** entries now available on the notice board.

See you out on the green.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

Our club hosted the Play Off for 3rd Division and the Presentation of Pennants. The day was very enjoyable, and our Social and Catering Committees worked tirelessly to make the day a successful one. After watching a tightly contested play off between Belmont and the winning Edgeworth team, the winners and runners up were presented with their flags.

Our Grade 2 team consisting of Vicki Fletcher, Gae Macrae, Colleen Hodge, Lorraine Davies, Paulette Bignell, Maxine Dunning, Cheryn Derrick and Jenny Baldwin won a flag.

Our Grade 1 team consisting of Carol McCrohon, Maggie Johnston, Sharon Gilmore, Sue Armstrong, Anna Harris, Nancy Childs, Jan Aurisch and Gwyn Garrett received the runners up flag. Congratulations to these ladies who represented our club in such a wonderful way.

Our Grade 3 side of Dianne McCarthy, Donna Owen, Judy Percival and Irene Robinson were successful in obtaining an 8 pin in their game against Windale at Valentine. They were the only team to do so in the Lake Macquarie District this Pennants season.

Congratulations to Anna Harris and Sue Armstrong on reaching the final of the Seniors' District Pairs. They put up an almighty fight and lost the closely contested game 16 to 13. Well done ladies, we are very proud of your effort. There was a contingent of Valentine ladies supporting them, and they all enjoyed watching the game.

Heather Lynn has been elected Vice President of our club, and we congratulate her on holding this responsible position. We wish her well, and know that she will represent our ladies in a professional manner. Congratulations also to Glennis Newton and Jenny Baldwin, who have been elected to serve on the board. It's great to see three of our ladies willing to work in these responsible roles.

Glenda Morgan has been elected as Vice President of LMDBA. We are very proud of her and know that she will be a great asset to the association. Jenny Baldwin has been elected as a selector for LMDBA. Her input will be invaluable, and we are very proud of her. Congratulations girls!

Women's Bowls News continued...

Our Spring Fair was a wonderful day, held in magnificent weather. The winners were the Raymond Terrace team of M. Moorhouse, M. Judge, D. Fulton and G. Lewis. Second Place went to the Valentine team of C. McCrohon, J. Gillies, N. Childs and B. Seery. Third place went to M. Johnston, P. Bignell, I. Robinson and J. Baldwin. The Consolation went to J. White, M. Bates, G. Newton and Y. Wong. The spider winners were Denise Barnett, Jenny Elks, Sandra Blow and Maggie Johnston.

Donna Owen

Umpire's Report

It has come to our attention that there are times when a player or team that is not in possession of the mat is annoying or distracting the player whose bowl is being delivered.

Possession of the mat belongs to the player or team whose bowl is to be played. Players at the mat end of the rink who are not delivering a bowl must stand at least 1 metre behind the mat and do not talk or in anyway distract the bowler in possession of the mat.

In relation to a neighbouring rink a player must not go into a rink where play is in progress.

From Our Coaches

How lucky are we at Valentine Bowling Club. We have a number of people who are willing to teach and coach bowlers so we can all play and better our game.

Added to this we have a Bowls Shed which has a number of new sets of Henselite XG bowls in all sizes ranging from 00 to 3 and some newer bowls in size 4. There is also a range of bowling arms from small to large. These are for use by men and women and children who are interested in bowls.

If you know someone who is considering playing our wonderful game or if you are thinking of going up or down a size in a bowl you are welcome to try these bowls. If you want to change bowls and want to try the Henselite XG you are welcome to use them in a gala. The bowls should be returned to the shed at the end of the game — they cannot leave our premises.

If you are dropping your bowl due to injury please don't give the game away. We need all our bowlers. We have bowling arms that you can learn with and coaches who use the arms themselves and are willing to teach you.

We are also looking for another lady coach. If any of our lady bowlers have some free time and would like to help. It is good to have men and women in coaching and teaching bowls so we are recognised as a welcoming, competitive and progressive club.

Our coaches are:

Doug Bear,

Peter Lynn

Terry Barnett

Vicki Fletcher

And our bowling arm coaches are:

Darby Davis

Nev Beeton

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.

Valentine Lions Club News

The months roll by seeming quickly, its either age or just so much to do especially with our fantastic Lions Club.

Dawn Lambert's nomination for Westfield's Local Heroes award. The 45 years Dawn has dedicated to the community and our Club must be commended and when I originally saw this opportunity to endorse this award there was only one choice, Dawn was awarded a runner up and received a $5000 cheque for Our Lions Club.

The big weekend at Westfield Kotara was well attended promoting Valentine Lions and Diabetes and we even had the appearance of Dandy Lion. Westfield staff were more than accommodating and very friendly. A big thank you to our "Dandy Lions" Nev Lambert and Margo for sweating it out in the suit and giving great joy to lots of people.

The work at SRU continues lots of dignity bags have been made and packed. These are distributed by SRU and are well received by the community that are in desperate need for assistance. The BBQs are appreciated as I have had people in our community that thank me directly for what Valentine Lions do for SRU. The BBQers do a great job.

The dinner meeting was great. Our Guest speaker Greg Powell was very informative and I'm sure could have talked for hours about The Bush Rangers of Lake Macquarie. I got the honour of inducting Sue Thomas as our newest member.

We have 4 Lions travelling to Cairns for the ANZI Conference to hopefully receive the Region Service project award as we won the nationally award in Melbourne earlier in the year. We have a 1 in 4 chance of getting this award.

Have a great month Pres Pete

Snooker Club News

The Spring social Snooker Competition draw has been done and those members who entered, please check the noticeboard to see who you will be playing.

The weekend up at Forster for the social round robin games against Club Forster was a great success. Even though our team didn't win, they put up a good fight – so well done boys.

Also a big thank you to Carey Fraser for organising and liaising with Club Forster, which was very much appreciated.

Don't forget that we have our raffle on Wednesday nights, so come on down to support the Snooker Club and buy raffle tickets.

Helen Hickey Secretary.

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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.
Come along and improve your bowling.

Golf Club News . . .

Last Golf Club game was round one of the club championship held on 14th August at Muree with 63 starters.

Congratulations to Nick Korotkich, Allan Howard and Darren Long-worth with best scores in their re-spective grades.

Next Game is round two of the championship at Kurri Kurri on 25th September.

Members can contact game co-ordinator Dan Russell.

organiser.vsgc@gmail.com or nominate on the sheet at the club.

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 12:30 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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