



Club Newsletter

July 2023



Good bowling to Terry in the **Zone State Champion of Champions**
20th July

President Rob's Message

Merry Christmas everyone, only 27 more days until Christmas. That is Christmas in July at VBC. We have arranged an evening of celebrations featuring a special visit by Santa, a Mega Secret Santa Raffle with \$2500 in prizes, Rathmines Wangi Singers presenting Christmas Songs and Carols, a colouring competition with prizes and a special Christmas 2 course meal.

The event is being held on Thursday 27 July 2023 in the main club at a cost of \$29.00 per head featuring a 2 course meal with Roast Pork or Chicken and roast vegies and a choice of Plum Pudding or Sticky Date Pudding. Bookings are being taken at the Bar. Children on the night will get to see Santa who may have some sweets for them and parents will have access to the normal Bistro kids menu.

Those members and guests who don't wish to partake in the festivities are welcome to attend the raffle and the regular menu will be available from the Bistro.

Stay tuned to the Club's Facebook for more information leading up to the event and photos of the secret Santa raffle prizes before they are wrapped.

Look forward to seeing you all there celebrating Christmas in July.

Welcome to new staff. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Functions Coordinator Eleanor Hoy who has recently commenced with us. Eleanor comes to us with experience running Functions in a 7 Star Hotel on the Gold Coast and functions at Star City Broadbeach. Eleanor has some new ideas for functions and use of the Function Room and we wish her well.

Our previous Functions Coordinator, Janet Aberasturi, won't be lost to us, however, as she decided she would like to take on the Administration Officers role in the office. Thankyou Janet for all your good work in Functions and your future role supporting Geoff in Admin.

Finally please note that the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 27 August 2023. Planning is occurring for the meeting and we'd like as many members as possible to attend. Further details will be published on our Facebook pages and on noticeboards around the Club.

Rob Gray, President.

Lakers Low-Down

Presentation Day – a reminder from **10am on 15th July 2023**. A BBQ lunch will be planned, and a fun game of bowls conducted during the afternoon from 12.30pm. The bowls will be open to both men and women. A list is on the men's noticeboard to show your interest in attending.

The **Men's Bowls AGM** will be run the following week from **10am on Saturday 22nd July 2023**. *Remember*, this is an election year and nominations for Bowls Committee and Selectors are also sought. Please register your interest by completing the sheet on the notice board. A BBQ lunch will again be organized with social bowls in the afternoon from 12.30pm.

2022-23 Zone State Champion of Champions – Our own Terry Barnett will represent Zone 2 and Valentine as he vies for the State Title in Sydney from Thursday 20th July 2023. Wishing Terry, the best of bowling ahead.

New Club Shirts – are selling well and are still available for \$35 each thanks to the support of our spon-

sor Hi-Vis Group. Please see me if you are interested in purchasing one.

Club Hoodies are also in stock. If you would like to purchase one, please see me.

Pennant Shirts – I have now received some long sleeve options. If you'd like to try one on, please also let me know.

With daylight savings now finished and the evenings getting cooler, the **twilight bowls** on Thursdays have now ended. Some great attendances and I'm sure everyone will be looking forward to this great social night continuing again come October 2023. Thank you to the Mixed Bowls Committee for their ongoing support for keeping this going.

Recently George Simpson, Peter Steel and Allan Robinson were re-accredited with their **Umpire Certificates** for a further term. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

With the new Bowls year starting 1/7/2023, the **Zone** has tabled the **Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours**

Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

events in Open, Seniors and Reserve formats. If you are interested in playing, please see the sheets on the notice board and put your names down. Valentine will again be hosting the Zone Senior Singles and Pairs when on. This will affect our social Saturdays for a brief period.

Our **Club Championship** events will also commence in late July with the **Men's Fours** being played first. Nomination sheets are on the notice board for both this and the **Men's Major Singles**. Further events will be added to the noticeboard when there is more room!

The Zone is also considering a **mid-week competition** to be played from the last Wednesday in August. Format is being discussed which will either be Club Challenge format or Three Threes. Possibly over 6 or 7 weeks only. Watch this space and look out for the nomination form to be on the noticeboard in due course.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "Valentine Men's Bowlers"

See you out on the green.

Pete Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

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Women's Bowls News

Our AGM was held on the 20th June, with 61 members in attendance. The following officers were installed:

President: Glenda Morgan

Vice Presidents: Irene Robinson and Collene Doherty

Hon. Secretary: Glennis Newton

Hon. Treasurer: Anna Harris

Delegate: Noelene Wilson

Match Committee: Paulette Bignell, Dianne McCarthy, Cheryn Derrick, Wendy Morrin and Jan Minter

Selection Committee: Jennifer Baldwin, Susan Armstrong, Julie Scott, Maxine Dunning and Vicki Fletcher

Social Committee: Rita Salafia, Christine Mitchell, Bernie Leishman, Sharon Parsons and Ruth Campey

Catering Committee: Sophie McPherson, Wendy Lesniak, Denise

Barnett, Shirley Mander and Cheryl Lawson

Our new president Glenda thanked our outgoing president Lorraine Davies for her work over the last three years, and presented her with flowers.

Our Annual Mater Oncology Day Gala was held on the 26th June, and it was a great success, despite the cool and windy conditions. Our hard working Social and Catering Committee workers made sure that the day was an enjoyable one. There were many teams from visiting clubs, but all three winning teams were from Valentine.

1st Place: Maggie Johnston, Paulette Bignell, Margaret Hobson and Jenny Baldwin
2nd Place: Glenda Morgan, Bernice Wilkins, Alina Miklosi and Jenny Elks
3rd Place: Anna Harris, Jan Aurisch, Di McCarthy and Sue Armstrong

Regards, Donna



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Valentine Lions Club News

The warmest of greetings to all the members of the club from President John & wife Chrissie. One of my first pleasant duties is this article to your monthly club newsletter and I want you all to know how proud I am to be the President of the Valentine Lions Club in its 50th year of formation.

As I write these words our Immediate Past President is in the USA for the International Lions Convention in Boston taking place on 7th-11th July.

As many of you know Peter and his wife Marisa are representing Valentine Lion Club because we have been nominated for the No 1 club community project award, we have made the last eight of Lions clubs from all around the world.

You can see why I feel so honoured to be the President of a service club that has put our community on the world stage when it comes to helping others. Valentine Lions have a great heritage and a culture based on quiet achievement.

We had a wonderful changeover

night in the Function Room with other clubs in attendance, thank you to Eleebana, Edgeworth, Charlestown and Jesmond Lions for attending what was a great night.

During my incoming President speech I took the opportunity to ask all previous Presidents of our club to stand & be applauded for the contribution they have made to making our club what it is today. I gave particular recognition to Lion Bruce Harris for introducing & sponsoring my joining the club some 17 years ago, Bruce and Anna I don't know where those years have gone.

I would like to personally thank all the club staff that worked so hard that night to ensure the night was a success well done to CEO Geoff and his staff a special thank you to Eleanor the Function Manager.

As you are aware Lions provide community days including Australia Day, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.

Our service projects include Survivors R Us, Cerebral Palsy

Valentine Lions Club News continued . . .

Alliance, Ovarian Cancer Research, Diabetes Awareness and Mirabel Foundation. Mirabel assists in many ways children requiring urgent and ongoing care due to unfortunate family circumstances.

At a recent donation presentation to them I had the opportunity to meet their passionate & dedicated staff, I am arranging a meeting shortly to see how Lions can further them in their wonderful work.

In our 50th year we are planning a range of celebrations & I will keep VBC informed.

We at Lions are very grateful of the wonderful relationship with the VBC and I would particularly mention the Lady Bowlers with their recent donation that will be helping children at Valentine Public School.

Regards.

President John

Snooker Club News

The Doubles Snooker Competition Final was played last Friday and was won by Andrew Jones and Greg Price – congratulations. The runners up, David Miller and Garry Godwin played well. There was a good crowd of supporters there as well, which made for an exciting game.

The Singles Snooker Final between Andrew Jones and Michael Hill will be played on Saturday 8th July, 2023 at 10.30 a.m. So if you can, please come down and support the boys.

We wish to advise members in advance, that we have booked the upstairs function room for our Christmas/Presentation lunch, for Sunday 17th December, 2023.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank those loyal members and guests who still brave the cold on Wednesday nights, and come down and support our raffle. It is very much appreciated.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

Finance Director's Report

Our external auditors have finalized their review of our YE 30/04/23 Accounts and have made no changes.

Our reported profit before depreciation was \$306K, our best result for three years.

The net loss was \$192K, but more importantly we had a positive cash flow of \$371K. \$90K of this was used to pay back our loan with the NAB, and the bulk of the balance was spent on new assets.

Our May 23 profit before depreci-

ation was \$20K, with a net loss of \$22K. This result was above budget and expectations because of above average Poker Machine profits.

Whilst our June 23 figures are not yet finished we anticipate a similar result to May 23.

However, we are noticing reduced trading in both the bar and bistro so expect that we will struggle to do better than break even over the winter months.

Colin Taylor Finance Director

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!



Umpire's Update

World Bowls have come to their senses and the penalty of forfeiting your game if you have stopped a Bowl on your rink deliberately has been rescinded. However it is still against the laws of the game to stop a Bowl in motion.

Markers of Single Games should be aware that it is now their responsi-

bility to check that the Mat is placed on the centre line.

In relation to knockout competitions there MUST be no further play if it is impossible for one side to win given the number of ends left.



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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 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.

Twilight Bowls - Will recommence in October

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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