



Club Newsletter

February 2021

Good luck and good bowling to all Valentine pennant players.



President Ted's Report

As you would be aware COVID19 restrictions have eased which allows us to produce a newsletter for distribution so here is the first since March 2020.

You would also be aware that our facility was closed for almost three months which has greatly affected our trading results. That aside, we believe we will generate an operating profit of about \$100,000 before depreciation and government grants. Please bear in mind that this is an educated guess only as our trading continues to be substantially lower than the past few years. Valentine Bowling Club is a valuable community facility which provides services to various organisations in our area so I urge all members to support us thus ensuring we are here for the long run.

Some of you would be aware that we have installed Solar Panels to our building with 99 kilowatts which cost \$89,093. Our electricity bill which is approximately \$8,000 per month will be greatly reduced where it is expected that we will recover our outlay over five years.

- Valentine Podiatry have recently become a silver sponsor of our club so if you have podiatry



requirements please see them as well as the other sponsors who support us.

Those being:

- McFarlane Real Estate
- Mrs Beetsons Butchery
- Markey Insurance & Risk
- Raisbeck Refrigeration
- Coca Cola
- Tooheys
- Simply Pharmacy

The courtesy bus is basically back to normal now running on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

With trading slowly getting back to normal and restrictions easing it is our intention to proceed with ANZAC day proceedings and the

President Ted's Report continued ...

Easter seafood raffle with details to be advised closer to the dates. Consideration will also be given by the Board to start the members' draw toward the end of March.

If members have mobile phones it is suggested that to make it easier to gain entry, you get the Services NSW App and use the QR Code.

Over the last several months we have lost some of our valuable members, namely Mark Chenery, Trevor Mander and Shirley

Shepherd. These people are sadly missed and our commiserations go to their spouses and families.

Our membership currently stands at 4870 including 122 female bowlers and 170 male bowlers.

Members are advised that a Board decision has been made that they are unable to use accrued points on their membership cards to pay membership fees.

- Check the back page for new club hours, courtesy bus times, and other changes.
- Scan the QR code on the club tables to see our menu.

Roll Up Times on our Greens

	<u>Grass</u>	<u>Synthetic</u>
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	1 pm	1 pm after Ladies
Wednesday	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
Thursday	1 pm	1 pm after Ladies
Friday	1 pm	1 pm
Saturday	10 am	9:30 - 11 am Skills
Sunday	10 am	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.

Women's Bowls News

After a very different and challenging year 2020 with Pennants being cancelled and Inter competitions also being cancelled VWBC held our Christmas Party/Gala on the 15th December and bowls, fun and a BBQ was a fitting end to the year.

VWBC held our AGM on the 25th August. VWBC elected ...

President Lorraine Davies,

Vice Presidents Margaret Taylor, Carole Thomas,

Hon Secretary Glennis Newton,

Hon Treasurer Anna Harris,

Delegate Gwen Gould.

VWBC completed all our Club Championship games 2020.

Major Singles Maggie Johnston r/up Jan Minter,

Championship Fours Nancy Childs, Gwyn Garrett, Carol McCrohon. Barbara Cornford r/up Suz Semple, Glenda Morgan, Jan Minter, and Wendy MacTaggart,

Championship Pairs Nancy Childs, Gwyn Garrett, r/up Colleen Hodge, Maree Vincent,

Championship Triples Maggie Johnston, Gwyn Garrett, Nancy Childs, (Robyn Ryan sub for last game) r/up Alina Miklosi, Sophie

McPherson, Margaret Bates.

Minor Singles Wendy Lesniak r/up Margaret Hobson,

Mixed Pairs Terry Barnett, Maggie Johnson r/up Bruce and Sue Armstrong.

Mixed Fours Col Fraser, Barbara Bennett, Murray Bennett, Maree Vincent, r/up Warren Sharkey, Denise Miller, Brian Miller, Jenny Baldwin.

Edith Galt Encouragement Award Ruth Campey, r/up Margaret Bates.

The VWBC are saddened by the passing of one of our respected and popular longtime member Shirley Shepherd. Our sincere sympathy is sent to Brian and family. Shirley will be sorely missed, RIP.

Let us all hope 2021 will be a COVID-19 safe year, and we are looking forward to Pennants, Club games, District games and Invitation Games commencing.

For all who are not feeling well we wish a speedy recovery, and we are looking forward to catching up.

GO VALENTINE !!!

Irene Robinson C.O.

VWBC President Report

Welcome to the first Newsletter for 2021. Let's hope we can leave the events of 2020 behind us. But we will have to stay vigilant to keep everyone safe.

We are all looking forward to getting back to some normality this year with club Championships, District events and Carnivals away.

I would like to thank all our committee members for their hard work during last year.

To those who have lost loved ones our sincere condolences. To the

members who are looking after the sick our thoughts are with you.

We have a general meeting on Tuesday 16th February at 1:30 pm come along to see what is happening at our wonderful club.

Congratulations to our girls who made the semi finals of the District 4s. Chriss Gallagher, Paulette Big-nell, Jenny Baldwin and Denise Miller—well done!

I wish everyone good luck and good bowling and stay safe.

Lorraine Davies



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Lakers Low-Down

Welcome Back! It's good to see the Newsletter has returned for 2021.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and successful year on the greens.

2020 certainly had its challenges, however VBC has managed to maintain very high standards to ensure the safety of our members & guests.

All 2021 Championships nominations are on the noticeboard.

The Open Major Fours will commence on Friday evening February 5th and Open Major Singles are scheduled for Sunday February 7th.

The 2021 Pennant competitions will soon commence as follows:

Mid-Week Pennants – Wednesday 24th February.

Saturday Pennants – Saturday 13th March.

Unfortunately, our entries in 2021 are some 25% below those of 2020. Two key factors to this is

COVID-19 and many members wishing to catch up on regional travel they missed out on last year.

Trial matches are planned for February 13th against Charlestown in Grades 2, 5, 6 & 7. There will also be internal trial activity in late February, please check the noticeboard for all details.

We are looking to bolster the ranks of Umpires within the club, if you're interested in becoming an Umpire please contact George Simpson, our chairman of bowls.

Roll Up times are now Tuesday to Sunday up to 6pm. Please check in through the main foyer before entering the greens area.

Our grass green will return to play on Saturday February 6th (4 rinks at this stage). All play is to be in a NORTH/SOUTH direction on Rinks 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Good Luck & Good Bowling

Terry Barnett – Bowls Coordinator

Snooker Club News

The Snooker Club Committee welcomes members back to the club. Now that things are getting back to "normal", the Snooker Club is holding its Wednesday night raffles again, so come on down and help support us. We have 10 meat prizes and tickets are sold from 6.00 pm to be drawn at 7.00 pm.

At this stage it is anticipated that the Snooker Club will hold its Annual General Meeting on Sunday 21st March 2021 at 11.30 am, which

will be followed by a sausage sizzle. A notice will be sent out to members at a later date, and we will be calling for nominations for officers and committee members. We look forward to seeing you there, whether you are a current member or you wish to join the Snooker Club.

Helen Hickey
Secretary.

Bowls Umpire Report

There have been several changes to Movement of Players during Penants and Club Championships. Bowlers may only go to the head at the following times;

In singles games players may only go to the head after delivering their third and fourth bowls. Pair's games have not changed, leads after delivery of their second and fourth bowls, Skips after delivery of their second, third and fourth bowl.

Triples games (2 bowl triples) leads and seconds after delivery of their

second bowl and skips after delivery of each of their bowls.

In Fours games, leads, seconds and thirds may only go to the head after delivery of their second bowls. If the thirds have moved to the head at commencement of the end, they both must cross to the mat end at the same time when it is the turn of the thirds to play.

Both skips must cross to the mat end at the same time when it is their turn to play.

Cheers George

Finance Director's Report

Your Board and Management decided that during the COVID-19 crisis we would try to ensure the Club broke even, before depreciation, Government Grants and Job Keeper payments.

Up to YTD December we have almost managed that, and with Government Grants of over \$400k we have been able to produce a YTD profit of \$78K.

We have used the positive cash-flow provided by these Grants to reduce our loan to \$455k.

However, this December was our worst December result in over 10 years, so we have to continually monitor the financial performance of the Club.

Whilst we are aware that many members would like us to operate 7 days a week and run the Courtesy Bus more regularly, we can only do so if the losses resulting from this are minimal and we have sufficient staff to do so.

Colin Taylor Finance Director.

Joking Around

A politician was visiting a remote little rural town in Australia and asked the locals what the government could do for them.

"We have two big needs," said the towns people.

"First, we have a hospital but no doctor."

The politician whipped out his iPhone, spoke for a while and then said, "I have sorted that out. A doctor will arrive here tomorrow. What is your other need?"

The towns people replied,

"We have no mobile phone reception in our town....."

Valentine Lions Club News



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Welcome to our first report for 2021 and also the first since February 2020. Without stating the obvious too much, the last 12 months have been so incredibly different from what any of us would have expected. Our club, like most organisations and people in general, have had to deal with totally different 'conditions' to continue to operate and keep/stay safe.

We are very pleased to say, whilst our club's normal activities were pretty much in 'mothballs', as members we have been able to continue to communicate through the likes of emails, phone calls and keeping our sanity through finding ways to humour the situation whilst accepting the seriousness of COVID-19. Over the last few

months as health restrictions have eased, we have been able to start fund raising activities again with our Christmas Stocking raffle being conducted very successfully with the club being able to present a cheque for \$3500 to the Lions Foundation for Children's Cancer Research. We again sincerely thank the patrons of the VBC and all ticket purchasers/prize donators for the incredible support we received. The lucky local winners were; 1st Prize – Mary Jazic ticket number 2815 – 2nd Prize – Brad Garland ticket number 2170

Congratulations!

Our Thursday night raffles are well and truly back in action with our members able to move around the VBC premises to sell tickets and in particular, communicate more freely to our supporters. It is also great to re-acquaint with the club's Twilight Bowlers who are/have been fantastic supporters of all our raffle activities – Thank You!

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 social distancing rules on events, we were unable to sponsor the

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Christmas in the Park with Santa on Xmas Eve however, we did receive feedback that Santa did not forget his annual visit to Bennett Park and was seen waving to all the happy children from a small boat travelling up and down the Lakes edge – well done Santa! We will see you this year when we hope our sponsorship will be in full force again.

Similar to the issue we had with Christmas Eve, our annual Australia Day breakfast at Allambee Park had to be reduced to a maximum of 100 people with sign in QR code required, and our club having dedicated COVID-19 marshal's. The morning flag raising and cricket match, for all sizes of

kids, was held very successfully and whilst it was a very warm summer morning, there was a nice breeze blowing that helped all, including the BBQ cooks! The ever reliable, Mike Kinsella (Mr Music), was in attendance belting out all the great Aussie music that really allows us to call Australia our Home!

The Lions Club of Valentine is looking forward to being 'back on track' with our activities and we thank the Board, Management and great staff for all their incredible support over the years and more particularly, during 2020. What a great community orientated club!!

Great to be back scribing, the silver - grey fox.



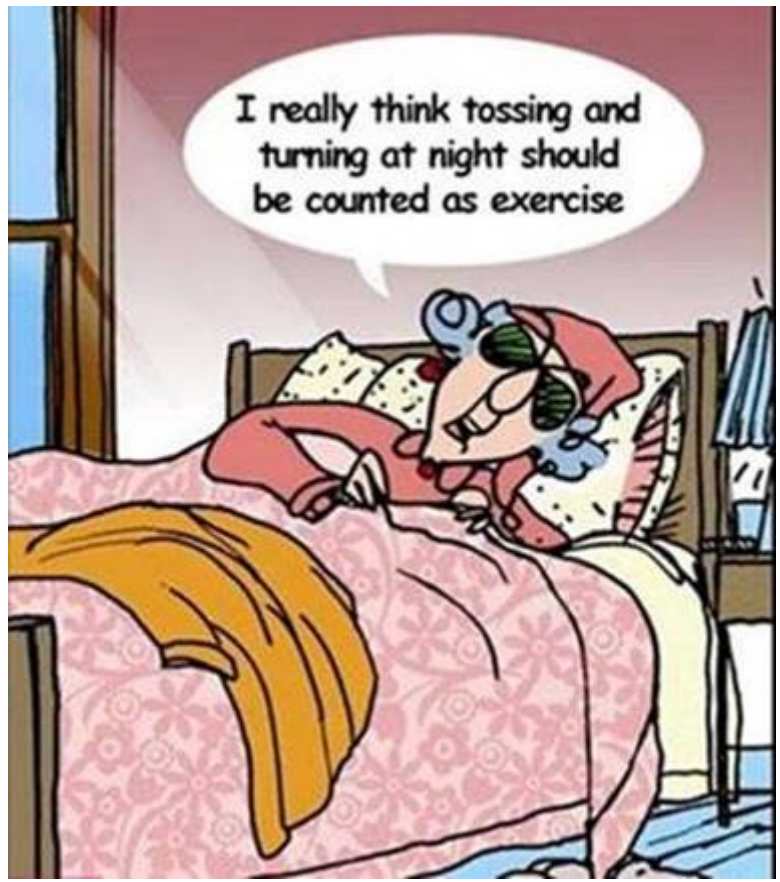
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Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Club is closed. at 6:30 pm

Tuesday :Ladies Gala 9:30 am Courtesy Bus runs 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Trivia on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm. Come and join the fun.

Wednesday : Men's Galas Mufti 9:30 am start and 1:00 pm start.

Happy Hour 4:00 pm til 5:30 pm.

Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the 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 Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the games start at 6:30 pm.

5:00 pm Twilight Bowls - mixed, mufti, during daylight saving.

Valentine Lions Club raffle tickets go on sale from 5:30 pm. Drawn at 7:00 pm.

Friday:Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:30 am

Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the 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.

Courtesy Bus runs 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Saturday : Men's Gala 1:00 pm start. Uniform

Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the games start

Sunday : Meat raffle starts from 5:00 pm drawn at 6:00 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

Club Phone No. : 4946 7232

Club website : valentinebc.com.au

Ladies Club Website: www.valentine.bowls.com.au

Club Opening Hours

Mon - closed

Tue - 11am to 9 pm

Wed - 11 am to 10 pm

Thur - 11 am to 10 pm

Fri - 11 am to 10:30 pm

Sat - 11 am to 10:30 pm

Sun - 11 am to 9 pm