



# Club Newsletter

March 2021



Mon - 11 am to 8:30 pm

Tue - 11 am 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

## President Ted's Report

- Members are advised that the members' draw is to recommence on Sunday 14 March 2021. The prize is \$4,800 and if and when it reaches \$5,000 it will be redrawn until a winner is announced. If this happens the successful member will be paid \$2,500 in cash and \$2,500 by cheque.
- The club is to reopen on Mondays from 8 March 2021 with opening hours being 11.00 am until 8.30 pm.
- The courtesy bus is going to be reintroduced on Thursdays commencing 4 March 2021.
- We continue to receive enquiries regarding our menu so I am pleased to advise that a revised menu will apply from 3 March 2021.
- As you enter the club there is a Kiosk which can be used to check your details as well as scanning your card and perhaps win free raffle tickets. In the future you will be able to use this machine to order meals, pay your membership fees and so on. If you need assistance please ask the staff member in attendance.
- Membership fees are due on 30



April 2021 with payment accepted from now.

Fees are:

Social Members \$10.00

Full Bowling Members \$110.00

Locker \$10.00

- Bowling members would be aware the mid week pennants commenced on 24 February 2021 and Saturday Pennants will commence on 13 March 2021. Good bowling to all players and lets bring home a pennant.
- Members would have noticed that entry and exit can be made through the door to the bowling green. Please be aware that if you use this facility you are still required to provide details via the COVID APP.

Cheers Ted

## Lakers Low-Down

February has seen the club championships progress with Major Singles, Minor Singles and Major Fours well underway. The 2021 Major Fours Final was played on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>.

In a match which saw the Champions from 2020, Ian Nickalls, Ian Macrae, Terry Barnett & Boyd Dumbrell come from well behind to snatch a victory 22 shots to 19 against Scott Ellis, Paul Birt, Neville Harde & Peter Walls. Well done to both teams.

The Mid-Week Pennants competition commenced on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Our Grade 1 team defeated Cardiff 60 shots to 56 securing a 9 points to 1 win. Grade 4 were defeated by Belmont and our Grade 5 sides were both washed

out.

Saturday Pennants commence on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 remain Tuesday to Sunday during trading hours up to 6pm. Please check in through the main foyer before entering the greens area.

The club will open again on Mondays from March 8<sup>th</sup> however, the greens will remain closed on Mondays.

Good Luck & Good Bowling

Terry Barnett – Bowls Coordinator

## Women's Bowls News

Australia Day was celebrated at VBC with the Social Club organizing Morning Tea, a game of 18 ends and a sausage sizzle for lunch. An excellent day was held with the members dressing up and the greens looked spectacular. Lamington cocktails were available at the bar.

The Semi Final of the LMDWBA SENIOR FOURS was played on the 4/2/21. Chriss Gallagher, Denise Miller, Paulette Bignell and Jenny Baldwin reached the Semi Final after a few hard games. Chriss Gallagher had a specialist appointment in Sydney on the day of the semi. Denise Miller skip Julie Scott (sub), Paulette Bignell and Jenny Baldwin played a competitive team from Charlestown and went down with the last bowl by the skip from Charlestown H Sanderson on an extra end by 1 shot.

The Final of the VWBC Club Championship Fours was played on the 11/2/21. Nancy Childs, Gwyn Garrett, Brenda Seery and Carol McCrohon defeated Sharon Gil-

more, Irene Robinson, Paulette Bignell, Jenny Baldwin. Nancy's team played outstanding top class bowls, and were ahead the whole game.

Our first Invitation Day, Charity fours was held Monday 22/2/21. VWBC welcomed teams from other Clubs back to Valentine WBC. Proceeds for the day were donated to the Newcastle Branch of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Sponsor for the day McFarlane Real Estate, many thanks. Winners on ends and margin, P Chato, J Currie, P Clark, S Pedenese Belmont. The other winners were from VWBC r/up B Bennett, B Bell, D Miller, M Dunning, 2<sup>nd</sup> V Fletcher, L Davies, N Rodway, C Derrick, cons G Macrae, C Hodge, P Bignell, J Baldwin.

VWBC Major Singles commenced 18/2/21. VWBC Maggie Johnston contested the Champion of Champion Singles at Asquith Friday 19/2/20 Maggie won her first game defeating Carol Saville from Beecroft 25-12. Sadly Maggie was beaten by Kylie Hardy, Port City in



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## Women's Bowls News continued...

a very close game 20-25. Great effort Maggie.

Congratulation to Sue Semple, Glenda Morgan, Jan Minter and Ruth Campey who won the Heaton Birmingham Gardens Oncology Invitation Day 19/2/21 with the most ends and biggest margin.

Pennants will commence on the

11th March, VWBC wish our 6 teams good bowling, support your team members, and enjoy catching up with other Club.

To all who are not well we wish a speedy recovery, good bowling and see you on the green. **GO VALENTINE !!!**

By Irene Robinson C.O.



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## Roll Up Times on our Greens

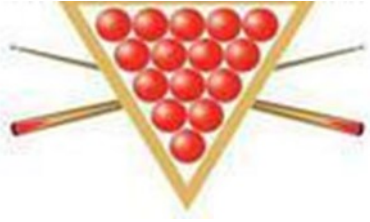
	Grass	Synthetic
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	1 pm	1 pm after Ladies
Wednesday	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
Thursday	1 pm	1 pm after Ladies
Friday	1 pm	1 pm
Saturday	10 am	9:30 - 11 am Skills
Sunday	10 am	10 am



East West in the mornings and North South in afternoons. Saturday skills lessons are available to all bowlers. Come along and improve your bowling.



## Snooker Club News



The Snooker Club is holding its AGM on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March commencing at 11.00 am, to be followed by a sausage sizzle lunch. If you intend on coming to the meeting please advise any of the committee members by 14<sup>th</sup> March, as we need numbers for catering purposes.

Nominations for positions on the committee are open and if you wish to nominate please let me know by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Membership is due on the day and it is still only \$10.00.

Just a reminder that the Snooker Club is holding its Wednesday night meat raffles, to be followed by the Members Draw which is due to restart from 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. We have 10 meat prizes and tickets are sold from 6.00 pm to be drawn at 7.00 pm.

Helen Hickey Secretary.

## Bowls Umpire Report

A couple of reminders for all bowlers;

Once the number of shots have been agreed and declared then no more measuring is allowed. Thirds in Pennants must be wary of this as the loss of one or two shots may mean the difference of winning or losing. If in doubt measure before

declaring shots.

Mobile phones etc should not be carried during games without specific approval by governing body and umpire. You must have a legitimate reason (medical or personal emergency) to carry and use your phone.

Cheers

## Finance Director's Report

Our Club's financial results improved in January, which as enabled the Club to decide to reopen on Mondays, even though we almost certainly loss money on that day.

Our overall trading is still well below pre COVID trading, so we are hoping for further improved trading once people gain the confidence to visit clubs again.

Colin Taylor Finance Director

## Valentine Lions Club News



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Well, that is the Summer season gone for 2021 - what summer you may say! We definitely live in an incredible country with the weather in the West experiencing incredibly hot weather conditions and severe and devastating bush fires (how we remember so well those similar conditions in 2019!) and here in the East Coast just experienced quite a wet Summer with some regions even experiencing Flooding. Bring on Autumn I say – quite the best time of the year - in

my humble opinion.

The writer and his wife, have just returned from a relaxing week in South Wet (sorry. West) Rocks and whilst the weather was inconsistent, we still managed walks most days and it easy to see this Town and region is well serviced by community groups such as Lions International and it is so nice to see sponsored projects carried out, generally in conjunction with the local Council, that contribute to making life easier for everyone. Two projects that have been completed in recent times are outdoor exercise stations constructed along a pathway that runs through parkland, another more recent project has been the building of a disability access way adjacent to the



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Back Water Creek area of SWR, that allows people in wheelchairs to access the water safely. A sheltered grassed area has now also been added that is protected by bollards for additional safety from vehicles etc. – very well designed and functional project overall.

It is these types of projects that we in Lions like to be involved in and helps symbolise the mission strategy of giving back to the local community that supports us in our various fundraising activities.

ANZAC DAY – Our Lions sponsored celebration will be held at the memorial in Allambee Park, however, due to COVID event rules, we are only allowed to have a very limited number of people in attendance and, also, unfortunately there again will be no march. We are hoping there will be continuing relaxation of the event holding rules that will allow us to expand this celebration. Please check the latest on this very important and emotional occasion via our Facebook page, or the local press/flyers.

FUND RAISING – The Lions Thursday night raffle continues to gather ‘pace’ and we have now increased our meat tray prizes to 12 as a result of the great support we are receiving from all the Bowlers and Patrons of the club. It is so good to be able to move around the club and relate to all and of course, sell you winning tickets!!

LION CLUB OF VALENTINE NEW BOARD NOMINATION TIME – The club has now completed the process of seeking nominations for the various positions during 2021/22 and the voting will now take place at our formal meeting in March.

NEW MEMBER INTEREST – our club is always looking for new members to join our great club so please, if you are at all interested, please approach any of our members who will provide you with initial information and guidance to our new specific new membership person.

That’s it for now folks – enjoy! The Silver-Grey Fox.

## Valentine Fishing Club News

Our October outing was held on the weekend of 9, 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Winners for the weekend were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cameron Perks 20pts	Ladies: Naomi Neumann	6pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brenton Marsh 18pts	Junior: Zac Mawson	15pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Greg McMorrow	10pts	

Sub Junior: Ted Mawson & Oliver Mould 6pts

Our Presentation Day was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October and due to COVID restrictions numbers were down and the usual format had to be modified. Regardless, all those who attended had a great time.

Our annual Glenbawn Dam outing was held on the weekend of 13, 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. The turn out was good with some healthy competition between our juniors and sub juniors. In total 413 fish were caught with Craig Smylie taking out the senior champion on 46pts, a great effort. Junior champion was won by Kai Dinning on 16pts and Sub junior by Ted Mawson on 29pts

Our extra November outing was held on the weekend of the 27, 28 & 29<sup>th</sup>. By all reports fishing was slow, but Dave Birt did have a highlight with a PB whiting weighing in at 0.770kgs. That’ll be hard to beat for the largest whiting trophy.

Winners for the weekend were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Birt	19pts		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Mawson	13pts	Junior: Zac Mawson	6pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Birt	12pts		

Our December outing was held on the weekend of the 11, 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I have no results to report for this outing other than a nice catch and release flathead caught by Craig Smylie. It weighed in at 3.42kgs and is the first real contender for our largest flathead comp.

Our January outing was held on the weekend of 8, 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> and had 19 members weigh in. There were a good mix of fish weighed in covering lake and estuary, beach and rock and freshwater. Mark and Luke Bradley

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thought they'd sneak up to Lake St Clair for some extra points only to see the new "Green Hornet" of Neil and Carmel Cooley with the same idea. Pippa again!

Winners for the weekend were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Neil Cooley	30pts		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave McMorrow	24pts	Junior: Luke Bradley	16pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brenton Marsh	20pts	Sub-junior: Stella Torrance	18pts

Our February outing was held on the weekend of 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all those who braved the atrocious weather conditions.

Winners for the weekend were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Neil Cooley	21pts		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John Donkin	12pts		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Birt	9pts	Sub-junior: Oliver Mould	10pts

The next dedicated weekend outing is our St Clair trip on the weekend of 12, 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> March. All members interested in fishing this outing are encouraged to book, since the new boom gate is now operating, and numbers are limited. You can contact the park on 02 55224010 or book thru the Lake St Clair Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/lakestclairpark/>

The fishing year runs from 1/10/2020 to 30/9/2021 with memberships now due. We are always chasing new members and any interested people can contact either Darren Riles ph 0439241061, Mark Bradley ph 0414555693, or David Birt ph 0427228438 if they need information on how to sign up and go about participating.

The Fishing Club also has a closed Facebook page. To see what's happening in the Club and what catches members are getting you can go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2033190670245312/>

Yours

Mark Bradley

## Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

**Monday :** Euchre Club meets 6:30pm \$2 entry. New members welcome

**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.

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.

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

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

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**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Sunday :** Meat raffle starts from

5:00 pm drawn at 6:00 pm

Membership draw is between after raffle

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

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