Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

May 2021

President Ted's Report

- Glenda Morgan recently applied for a grant titled "Women's Coaching Project" and we have been given $2,510 which is going to be used to purchase 3-4 sets of bowls and 3 bowling arms. Well done Glenda.

- To all those that were involved in our Anzac Day celebrations a big thank you for what has been described as our best ever. There are some photos included in this newsletter.

- A reminder to all patrons that Dine and Discover Vouchers can be used anytime in our bistro.

- A reminder also that membership fees were due on 30 April 2021 however late payments will be accepted up until 30 May 2021.

- The majority of bowlers would be aware that our Bowls Coordinator Terry Barnett has resigned. Terry has done an amazing job since he has been at the helm and I am deeply saddened that he is leaving however I wish him well in his future endeavours.

- A special meeting is to be held by the male bowlers on Wednesday 12 May 2021 to discuss and vote on the Unification of Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW. Male bowlers are urged to attend.

Early notification that our Annual General Meeting is to be held on 29 August 2021.

Cheers,

Ted

Women's Bowls News

Well done to our Grade 3 Pink Di McCarthy (s), Donna Owen, Wendy MacTaggart, Jenny Elks, and Julie Scott (s), Alina Miklosi, Wendy Lesniak, Sophie MacPherson (sub Shirley Mander) who played in the Pennant Playoffs at Charlestown on the 27/4/21. The team played excellent bowls and proudly become runner-up defeated by Boolaroo. It was wonderful to see so many supporters to cheer our team on.

VWBC fielded 6 pennant teams who all played extremely good bowls and enjoyed the competition after last season was cancelled due to Covid. A mighty effort by all players.

Our Pennant players enjoyed an end of competition drink, nibbles and a few renditions of the Club song at VBC, after an enjoyable Pennant season on the 20/4/21. A special thank you to our hard working members who greeted the visiting teams to our Club and made everybody welcome. Many thanks to Joyce Sullivan who found replacement players during the competition you do an amazing job.

During Pennants our wonderful Merle Armstrong ran a competition for the ladies who were unable to play pennants this year. Winner Coralie Ward, r/up Shirley Palmer, Equal 3 Jenny Liddle, Kris Lockett, Equal 5 Di Neilson, Marie Lindsay, Equal 6 Yen Wong, Carol Thomas, Judy Foley, Bernice Wilkins. Thank you Merle you do a fantastic job and the players enjoyed their competition.

VWBC held a Special Meeting on the 13th April, to discuss the Amalgamation of the WBNSW and BNSW, and it was unanimously agreed to be accepted by the 60 members present.

VBC Social Club mixed gala on Sunday 18th April was enjoyed by 36 players playing turnaround triples. This was an enjoyable day with beautiful autumn weather by the shores of Lake Macquarie.

Our Club held an Anzac Service at 12pm on Anzac Day to honour our men and women who have served

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for our country.

The Semi Final of the Club Championship Major Singles was played on Thursday the 29th April. Brenda Seery v's Denise Miller and Sharon Gilmore v's Nancy Childs resulting in the final with Nancy playing Brenda on 4 May. Fantastic bowls by both ladies with Nancy defeating Brenda in a very close and competitive game.

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

GO VALENTINE !!! Irene Robinson, Communication Officer.

Finance Director's Report

The Club's trading results have continued to improve and although the April 2021 results are not yet finalized it is safe to report we have achieved an operating profit of at least $100K for the year ending April 2021.

A big thank you to the staff and customers who have made this possible.

Sales in both the Bar and Bistro were over 80% of the pre covid figures, whilst our Poker Machine net revenue actually exceeded April 2019, which indicates the rear end renovation of the Club has been a success.

We have reduced the loan to the bank to $405K and have also paid the deposit on the new synthetic bowling green.

Finally, I would like to thank Terry (our Bowls Co-Ordinator) and Shaun (behind the bar), for their contribution to this Club's success, I wish both the very best for their future when they cease their employment with us.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Norfolk Island Classic Triples Bowling Tournament

Those teams who were going to go last year are already going this year.

However there are vacancies so if anyone else would like to go, get your team of 3 men or 3 women and join the fun.

See Suz Semple for further information.

The NIO Classic Triples Bowling Tournament is rapidly approaching, with only three months until the tournament starts on 15 August 2021. This tournament promises to be 'triple the fun' for competitors and their supporters who will enjoy Norfolk Island's clear blue skies and mild conditions.

This tournament is comprised of mens' or ladies' teams with a minimum of five qualifying rounds. With excellent cash prizes available, what better way to enjoy a holiday in the sun in the company of friends!

There are still vacancies for this tournament, accommodation and flights. For further information see Suz but **be quick**. Teams need to be three ladies or three men, not mixed.

Please note that the tournament entry fee is :

$100 per player (includes dinner and presentation on Friday 20th August, 2021). Entries close: 15th July, 2021. Registration form available from the Norfolk Island Bowling Club's website: www.norfolkislandlawnbowls.com/events.

For a full Information Pack with all accommodation options, contact me on freecall 1800 1400 66 or on email joyce@travelcentre.nf.

Best wishes ***Joyce and the Norfolk Island Travel Centre Team***

Bowls Umpire Etiquette Reminders

Once your opponent has played their last bowl do not charge off down the green until that player is ready to go also. Apart from being poor etiquette it is against the rules of the game.

Pick up the mat when your opponent has played their last bowl.

Do not move around or talk whilst opponent, or teammates, are on the mat and preparing to bowl.

Those players in control of the head should stand at least 2-3 metres behind the head. Other players should be on the bank.

Cheers George

Lakers Low-Down

This month sees the end of the 2021 pennant season. With two rounds remaining and some washed out matches yet to be played, our Grade 6 and 7 teams are still in with very good chances. The schedule of washed out matches will be posted on the noticeboard after the 10th round. Only matches that have a bearing on the sectional results will need to be played.

The Major Pairs championship is now underway with next round matches scheduled for May 16th, all details on the noticeboard.

The Major Singles has reached semi-final level and will be scheduled to play on Sunday May 30th. Ross Lawrence will play Geoff Armstrong and Ross Levido will take on Terry Barnett. Both matches promise to produce some great bowls.

The bowls committee are currently collecting "emergency contact/ medical information" from all members. This information will be kept in strictest privacy and will only be viewed in the case of an emergency. Please ensure you collect your information sheet and return it to the committee members on duty on bowling days, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays.

Wishing all the Mums a Happy Mother's Day.

Good luck and Good bowling.

Terry

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

	Grass	Synthetic
Monday	Closed	12 Noon
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	10 - 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.

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

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

Well, it appears the weather man has finally sorted out the 'normal' seasonal weather and what great Autumn weather we have been enjoying!

It was disappointing that our club could not sponsor/conduct the 'full' Anzac Day service at the Lions memorial in Allambee Park this year, as the glorious morning weather would have allowed many to attend and participate in this very solemn occasion/event.

Due to constraints imposed by NSW Government and Lake Macquarie City Council, we were required to restrict number of persons in attendance to 100 and there was to be no march. Our commemoration numbers were to be governed by dedicated marshals and the QR sign in or register system in place.

The ceremony was held as a dawn service with approximately 60-70 people in attendance. The local Airforce Cadets provided the catafalque party at the memorial and the order of service was relayed by radio direct from the Newcastle Dawn Service. Wreath laying by community representatives and Lions were laid simultaneous to the Newcastle service.

It was a beautiful dawn morning and the local Kookaburra family were 'on song' throughout the service to let us know they were participating – how Australian is that!!

We are hoping next year will allow us to 'bring back' the full Anzac Day service, including the famous Anzac biscuits for dunking into cups of tea or coffee that are available after the service.

LEST WE FORGET.

Our club conducted two meetings during April with a social meeting being held at the Toronto Workers Club that was enjoyed by Lion's members and their partners. The second meeting was held on the 21st in the VBC function room. During this meeting, it was announced by President Richard, that Col Edwards has resigned as our Club's Treasurer, owing to health constraints. Richard spoke how proud and grateful he has been to have Col as Treasurer and his assistant in the four years he has been Club President. Richard mentioned the club has benefited greatly with the way Col has conducted his duties in such a dedicated and professional way. Col will continue as a member of the Valentine Lions Club.

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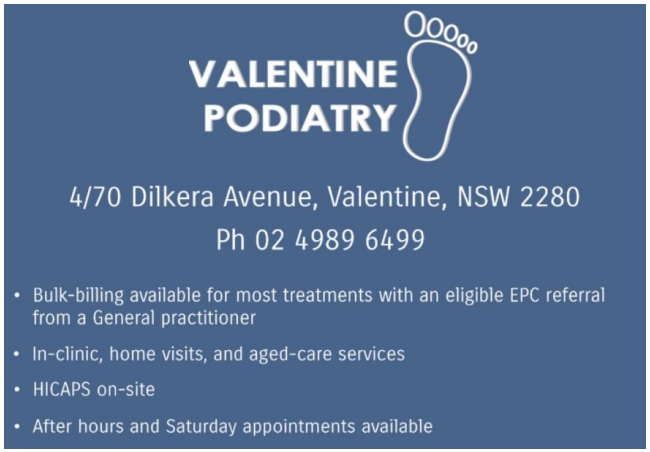
During April a camp for Type 1 Diabetes (between ages of 16 and 20 yr. old) was held in Victoria and our club was able to sponsor a local lass, Tahlia Dee, to attend this worthwhile group, to share their Diabetic experiences.

That's all for now folks – keep on enjoying this magic Autumn weather! The Silver-Grey Fox



Fishing Club News

Our annual Lake St Clair outing was held on the weekend of 12, 13 & 14th of March. The outing was well attended and the fishing was competitive in all sections. The senior's division saw some of the largest winning scores ever recorded. The most notable catch of the weekend though has to go to Zac Mawson with a thumping 2.5kg silver perch caught on a top water lure. Well done Zac.

Winners for the weekend were:

Senior: Steve Neaves 63pts

Junior: Kai Denning 17pts

Sub Junior: Ryan Wilson 17pts

Our extra March outing was held on the weekend of the 26, 27 & 28th. This weekend followed flooding rain which made both the lake and river dirty and difficult to fish. Hats off to all those who had a go.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st Mark Neumann 28pts

2nd Neil Cooley 22pts

Junior: Oliver Mould 15pts

3rd David Mould 6pts

Our April outing was held on the weekend of the 9, 10 & 11th. The weather started off fine, but deteriorated with some howling Sou'westers coming in and blowing out Sunday. Mark Neumann persevered though and got a nice mixed bag in Fennell Bay. Matt Birt and Jake Blackburn fishing the Dropover for squid on Friday and then settled in for a fish that night. Matt was rewarded with a beautiful Lake Jew.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st Mark Neumann 24pts

2nd Neil Cooley 22pts

Junior: Luke Bradley 11pts

3rd Matt Birt 11pts

Sub-junior: Jayden Ratcliffe and Oliver Mound 6pts

The next dedicated outing is on the weekend of 14, 15 & 16th May. The competition is heating

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up and the Top Five comp is full of fish, so all members are encouraged to get out and have a fish.

Now that our outing BBQs are back on all members are welcome to join us back at the Club on Sunday for the weigh in.

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

VBCFC Secretary

Snooker Club News

The first Snooker Club Competition for 2021 is well on its way and a reminder to those playing, to check the draw on the Notice Board to see when your next game is.

We have a team of 12 snooker players going up to Forster again this year, on Saturday 15th May, to play against Club Forster. It is always a fun packed weekend and good luck to our men playing.

The Snooker Club meat raffle (we now have 12 prizes) is held on Wednesday nights starting at 6.00 pm to be drawn at 7.00 pm. So come on down and help support the Snooker Club and have a chance of winning the VBC Members Badge Draw which is held between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm.

Helen Hickey Secretary

Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Euchre Club meets 6:00pm $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

Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

Club Phone No. : 4946 7232

Club website :valentinebc.com.au

Ladies Club Website: valentine.bowls.com.au