Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

June 2021

President Ted's Report

* Both Terry Barnett and Shaun Matthews finished their employment with us recently. A farewell function was held for them on Thursday 27 May 2021 with some photos included in this edition.

* Back in January 2020 I advised members that we intended to have a photograph (mural like) of the lake sunset installed on the wall in front of the locker room. Due to COVID 19 we did not proceed however as our financial position has improved this will now be attended to. This will be done with rigid aluminium composite sheeting with a digitally printed graphic and UV over laminate.

* We are in the process of designing replacement Club Pennant Shirts which will be made from fabric better suited to our conditions. It is the intention to use lighter colours and to reflect "The Lakers" which is what we are known as.

* Popular racing identity Gary Harley will be in attendance at our venue on Saturday 19 June 2021 in what should be a great day so members are urged to attend.

* Our Solar Electricity is proving to be of value with the savings on our last bill being $2,900.

* Congratulations to our Grade 7 Bowlers who made the Zone playoffs and defeating the eventual winners Lowlands. Unfortunately an error was made on the master board thus preventing our team from playing in the final.

* Our members voted in favour of the Unification of Bowls NSW and Women's Bowls NSW and Newcastle District Bowls Association has been advised accordingly.

Cheers,

Ted

Lakers Low Down

The 2021 Pennant competition for 2021 has been completed.

Our Grade 7 team made the play-offs which were played in a round-robin format at LAMBTON BOWLING CLUB on Saturday May 29th & Sunday May 30th. An unfortunate draw in game one against Stockton didn't help our campaign however Valentine was the only team to defeat the eventual winners (game 3 v Lowlands). Overall a great effort by our team and great experience in readiness for next year. Well Done!

Club Pairs Championship matches are underway and one half of the draw is at semi-final level (Macrae & Dumbrell v Hathaway & Rogers) date to be advised. A quarter final catch up match will be played on Saturday June 5th (Bear & Jennings v Barnett & Frost).

In very difficult windy conditions two excellent Major Singles Semi Finals were played on Sunday afternoon May 30th. Ross Lawrence defeated Geoff Armstrong 31-21 and Ross Levido defeated Terry Barnett 31-25. Some great bowls produced by all players.

The final has been scheduled for 1pm on Sunday June 6th. Congratulations and good luck to Ross and Ross.

All clubs were notified on May 31st that the Unification process is now complete. The vote for Unification from 317 clubs was 314 YES, 3 NO. The two associations will now merge in to one entity. Well Done!

A few of our players will be participating in the Australian Open on the Gold Coast June 12th to 25th. We wish all players' good luck. Wear our shirt with pride!

Jack Littlewood has been picked in the NSW senior trial squad in Sydney June 25th to 27th. Go well Jack!

Finally, this will be my last report as your Bowls Coordinator as my time in the role actually finished on May 28th.

Since my resignation I've been overwhelmed with the number of messages and comments of support by our members and staff at the club. I want to thank the ladies for a very special afternoon tea and gift, also Leisa, the Board and staff for the BBQ and gifts. All is very much appreciated. Thank you also to the bowls committee and selection panel for your support of the club and assistance given to me.

It's been a privilege to work at the club and make a contribution to

Laker Low Down continued ...

support the members activities on the green, I only hope I've made a difference.

See you on the green, good luck and good bowling, Go Valentine!

Terry Barnett

Women's Bowls News

Maggie Johnston and Vicki Fletcher reached the Semi- final of the LMDWBA Senior Pairs sadly to be beaten by Halina Wuro and Julie Garry Charlestown 23-22. What a great game our ladies played and were soooo close and the result came down to the last end.

VWBC had 3 teams travel to Tuncurry to play in the State Championships. Vicki Fletcher's team had 5 wins 1 loss, Maggie Johnston's team had 4 wins 2 losses and Anna Harris had 3 wins, 2 losses and a draw. A great effort Valentine.

Valentine Women's Bowling Club will hold our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on the 22nd June, at 10am. Morning tea at 9.30. UNIFORM TO BE WORN. This meeting is for Election of Officers and also to let you know what is happening at our great Club.

VWBC Club Championship Pairs commence Thursday the 3rd June. Good bowling to all who have entered.

Social Club mixed Gala will be played on the 20th June, and is sure to be an enjoyable afternoon.

Our next Invitation Day will be Oncology Day 28th June. Make sure you put a team in early, sheet is on the Board.

VWBC will host LMDWBA Veterans Day on the 30th June for all members 75 years and over.

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

GO VALENTINE !!! Irene Robinson. Communication Officer.

Bowls Umpire Report

Etiquette.

Possession of the Mat/Rink passes to the opposition as soon as your bowl comes to rest.

You should wait your turn on the mat before exchanging information with your team members.

Avoid walking on adjoining rinks.

If an end is declared dead, or the game finished pick up and carry bowls. Do not roll them to the other end.

Cheers George

Finance Director's Report

I am pleased to report that our unaudited results for YE300421 was an operating profit of $126K against last year $397K, whilst we made a net profit (i.e., Operating profit less depreciation and interest plus net government grants) of $170k against last year $58K.

The increase in net profit was due to net government grants of $525K.

Given the effects of the Covid crisis on our operations this is an excellent result.

May 2021 appears to be following the upward trend of March and April so your Board has decided to pay $150K off the NAB loan reducing it to $235K. We are continuing to repay this loan at $5K per week.

This means we have paid down the loan by $500K in the last 12 months.

With the ceasing of Job Keeper, we are expecting a break even or small net profit next year.

Regards

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Golf Club News

Golf Clubs last game was Kurri on 16th May with 59 starters.

Winners on the day were,

Brooke Jones - A grade

Macaulay Price - B grade

Rod Conry - C grade

Macca's Mug went to Rod Conry

Next Game is Mereweather on 20th June.

Individual Stableford and the 2nd round of the Longest Round in Town.

Cheers

Darren

In the final of the major singles Ross Lawrence was successful defeating Ross Levido 31 16. Congratulations to both players.

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Valentine Lions Club News

Our first activity for May was our social dinner at the new Chinese restaurant at Valentine, the Dragon Jade, on Wednesday May 5. Our members and their partners enjoyed a variety of good food.

Two years ago, the owners of Stanley House, an historic event centre at Fullerton Cove, invited our club to cater for BBQ snags at their annual celebration of Mother's Day on their property, that is opened up to members of the public for the day. That first invitation proved to be a winner for us we saved the day for the organisers when the soft drinks caterer did not show. Our members on duty quickly went and purchased a supply and all was then good in the drinks department.

The event last year was cancelled due to 'you know what', so we were again reinvited for this year and although Mr Weatherman tried hard to spoil the day with iffy weather, the organisers were very happy to see us and our booking has already been confirmed for next year.

We have a number of our members taking a travelling break at present, either dusting off the caravan and heading to warmer climates or sailing up the East Coast of NSW on their yacht such is happening at the present time with our 'passionate sailor', Paul Jones, in his yacht, Sheer Pleasure. Paul has three crew on deck and they should shortly arrive at their destination of Airlie Beach, in the Whitsundays, where Paul will participate in the annual yacht racing events and just chill out meandering in the Islands – sounds terrible – not!

Our club was visited by the Lions District Governor, Geoff Kilmurray and his wife Sue at our second meeting for the month. This was a long overdue visit, due to our nemesis, Covid 19. Part of the DG's visit was to present Monarch awards to a number of our members for long service in the Lions organisation (from 10 years through to 45 years of service – a great achievement in any one's organisation!).

Our change-over dinner meeting of our Club's board takes place on the 16th June and this is a very important occasion as it is the board of the club that takes the helm for the next twelve months and steers the club in direction of fulfilling the Lions International Code of Ethics. We wish the new

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club board all the best under the new president, Peter Davies.

That's all for now folks, The Silver - Grey Fox.

Snooker Club News

The first Snooker Club Competition for 2021 is nearly completed. The Doubles final match will be played in the next week, and the finalists are Peter Smith/Paul Subat against Barry Shearer/Grant Garside. Good luck to all of you.

The Singles competition is near completion with only a couple of games to go.

All games are to be completed by 13th June, 2021.

The Snooker Club is holding a night at Newcastle Trots on 2nd July, 2021. As usual this function was very popular and all available seats on the bus are now taken.

Don't forget the Snooker Club hold its meat raffle on Wednesday nights, with 12 meat prizes, 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.

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.

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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!

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

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 after the raffle

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

Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

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