Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

August 2021

Boyd Dumbrell and Ian Macrae - winners of Major Pairs

President Ted's Report

- Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday 29 August 2021 at 9.30 am. Due to COVID 19 restrictions this will be held downstairs.

- Well known racing identity Gary Harley will be in attendance on Saturday 9 October 2021 at 11.30am. To those aspiring punters come along and join in on what is normally a fantastic day.

- When purchasing g goods from our club it is now a requirement to produce your membership card which then allows you to receive the relevant members discount.

- Membership of our club currently stands at 4014 with 107 female bowlers, 136 male bowlers and 42 associates bowlers.

- As most of you would be aware due to COVID 19 our trading has been substantially reduced. As we are abiding by all regulations we are confident that we have a safe environment so we encourage your attendance to assist with our viability.

- Bowling members have been given a medical form for completion which will assist in the event off someone suffering a medical condition. If not already done please complete and return to the bowls coordinator.

- Glenda Morgan and I have been involved in the designing of new pennant shirts. These will be ordered shortly but won't be available until the end of the year.

Cheers,

Ted

Lakers Low-Down

It has been a rather busy month with our Bowls AGM held on Saturday 17th July.

Our new Chairperson is Peter Steel (unopposed). Committee members are Wayne Atherton, Alan Aurisch, John Bullock, Cy Coulter, Greg Frith, Bob Hathaway, Brian Miller, John Roberts, George Simpson, Steve Smith, Peter Steel, PJ Walls and Kel Wilson. 5 Selectors make up a new look committee including myself, Paul Birt, Bob Bradley, Neville Hardes and PJ Walls. Congratulations to all.

Our first Committee meeting was held on Friday 23rd July where we also formed a Match Committee. Together with myself are Alan Aurisch and Wayne Atherton.

Congratulations go to Ian Macrae and Boyd Dumbrell for winning 2021 Major Pairs Final. The game was streamed live on Facebook and had over 3100 viewers. A great advertisement for our club. It was a thrilling match to watch with the lead changing several times. Ian and Boyd were victorious over Al Dudley and Neil Percival 20-18. Congratulations to all involved.

Our Club Triples are under way as well as our Minor Pairs. Please see the board for your next playing date.

In Three Threes, we have sufficient numbers for a Grade 1 team (plus 2 reserves) and 2 x Grade 3 teams (plus 5-6 reserves). Selector meeting to be planned next week to put the teams together. First Round will be 1st September.

We'll be closely following Ross Lawrence in his quest to win the Zone's Champion of Champion Singles. His first match will be on 8th August. Go well Ross.

Ross was also involved in the Zone Senior Triples this month, played at Wallsend. He and his teammates, Ross Levido and Neville Hardes, were defeated in the Semi Final. Congratulations on a solid effort.

If any bowlers have outside friends who are interested in trying Bowls, please introduce them or let me know as I'm very happy to talk and spend time with them on the green.

Go Valentine.

Pete Lynn Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

Once again we could be looking at total lockdown due to Covid. Sadly the Oncology Invitation Day set for the 28th June and the Veterans Day on the 30th June had to be cancelled, along with Invitation Days at other Clubs. VWBC had 6 teams attending the Blue Water Carnival at Soldiers Point in August, which has been cancelled for the second year in a succession. Three teams will be travelling to Salamander to holiday as we have booked accommodation, and look forward to having a game at the Bay.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sharon Gilmore, who has been selected to play in the New South Wales team. A great effort and we look forward to watching super bowls.

The Final of the Club Championship Pairs was played on the 8/7/21. This was a very close game and exciting to watch. Winners were Nancy Childs and Gwyn Garett defeating Carol McCrohon and Wendy Lesniak. The score on the 12 end was, Nancy 15 Carol 5. End 14 15-15. End 16 Nancy 18-16. Final end 18 Nancy 22-16, like a true champion Nancy took control.

VWBC Club Championship triples have now commenced.

VBC Social Club held their monthly Sunday mixed Gala on the 18th July. A BBQ followed by 18 ends of bowls, was enjoyed by the 48 bowlers playing on the grass green. VBC Social Club do a wonderful job and our members look forward to enjoying mixed bowls on one Sunday a month.

Most of Valentine have had at least one Covid 19 Virus needle and we look forward to all bowlers being vaccinated so that we can get back to playing our great game of bowls.

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

Irene Robinson, Communication Officer, GO VALENTINE !!!

Finance Director's Report

After a promising start to the new financial year, with May 2021 revenue being at pre Covid levels, the latest NSW Covid crisis has had a significant adverse effect on our trading.

At the time of writing, it is likely that our July bar revenue will be 30% lower than May, whilst our bistro revenue is projected to be 45 % lower.

Your Board and Management are closely monitoring the situation, and at this moment have decided to make no changes to the operating hours of the Club.

However, if the current Covid outbreak arrives locally this will almost certainly change.

Year to date June 2021 the Club has an operating profit, i.e. before depreciation and interest, of $69 K and a net loss after depreciation and interest of $(7) K.

Our July result will obviously be a loss, particularly because the level of Government support is nowhere near the level given in the last Covid crisis.

Fortunately, the Club was in a sound financial position before this latest crisis and hopefully will be able to trade normally until the crisis is over.

On a positive note we have continued to pay down our bank loan, which at the time of writing is now $145K.

Colin Taylor Finance Director

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.

Snooker Club News

Due to the current Covid restrictions, any further Snooker Competitions for the year will be held in abeyance until restrictions are lifted.

However, we are running our meat raffle on Wednesday nights again. Tickets are sold from 6.00 pm and drawn at 7.00 pm. Just a reminder that the courtesy bus is running on Wednesday nights also, so if you can, come on down and try your luck in our raffle.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

Henselite XG

Size 3 bowls

Stamped 26 $400

See Doug Bear

Unfortunately, the dreaded Pandemic Covid disease has again caused some disruption to the 'wonderful normal' usually experienced at the beautiful VBC, due obviously to current Government restrictions imposed on patronage capacity/seating arrangements and drinking rules at club establishments, in our LGA. Thank goodness we are, at this time anyway, not in a total lockdown, like large number of people are in the many Sydney LGA's being affected - we certainly feel for them.

Our weekly Thursday night raffle was interrupted for two weeks during July due to the restricted rules, however, we have now recommenced and are receiving the usual great support from the VBC patrons.

During July, our club board, following appraisal of a referral to consider support of a new charitable cause for our club, it has been decided to adopt, as a core project, The "Survivors R Us", a not for profit, Charitable Organisation who are based at Pendlebury Road Cardiff. The organisation is run by Volunteers, offering non - judgemental help to anyone in need, especially those affected by domestic violence, homelessness or unemployment. Our club board committee were very impressed with the professional way this organisation is managed and run. Our club has already hit 'the road running' by assisting with providing a hearty breakfast BBQ every Monday morning at the organisation's premises. Three of our members (on a roster system) prepare, cook and serve meals, as required.

Our club is considering a number of other ways we can assist this very needy charity, including supplying other needy goods and possibly including a 'dignity pack'.

It has already been decided, the profits of our annual Xmas Stocking raffle, will be donated to this extremely worthwhile charity. More of our work with this organisation will be advised as our connection develops.

The Valentine Family Medical Practice is again conducting a Covid clinic on the 28th July and our club has been reinvited to provide a BBQ sausage sizzle next to their premises. Come along and enjoy a good snag sandwich, whether you are having

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the jab or not! Our BBQ team will also be located at Bennett Green Bunnings on Saturday the 7th from 9.00am to 4 pm, so make sure you come hungry!

Our wonderful, hardworking secretary, Vicki Taylor, every month, collates and provides our members with a calendar of events, including our weekly Thursday raffle roster however, she always includes in other 'significant' events happening during the coming month. So, for your information (and entertainment) here are some special days

for August; 1st HORSES BIRTHDAY – 2nd BANKS HOLIDAY –

6th JEANS FOR GENES DAY–

8th HAPPY CAT DAY –

10th WORLD LION DAY –

13th RED NOSE DAY –

27th DAFFODIL DAY and last but not least,

30th SLINKY DAY!

Have you ever thought of giving back to our community and paying it forward?

The easiest way is to join Valentine Lions as an active member.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for all our updates.

That's it for now folks and make sure the Covid rules are followed so we can exit this dreadful disease as soon passible. The Silver-Grey Fox

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- Bulk-billing available for most treatments with an eligible EPC referral from a General practitioner
- In-clinic, home visits, and aged-care services
- HICAPS on-site
- After hours and Saturday appointments available

Joking Around

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful."

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.

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My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that: 2:30am?! Luckily for him, I was still up playing my Bagpipes

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The wife has been missing a week now. Police said to prepare for the worst.

So I have been to the charity shop to get all her clothes back.

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Murphy says to Paddy,
"What ya talkin into an envelope for?"
"I'm sending a voicemail ya fool!"

Fishing Club News

Our July outing was held on the weekend of 9, 10 & 11th. As a consequence of bad weather Neil Cooley was the only member to weigh in. What he lacked in quantity he made up for in quality, with a couple of crackn' whiting and a few bream.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st Neil Cooley Approx 20pts
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

Joking Around

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says:

'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'

'Really!? Like a newborn baby!?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'

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

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!

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.

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

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

Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225
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Club website :valentinebc.com.au
Ladies Club Website: valentine.bowls.com.au