Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

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President Ted's Report

Due to COVID19 the past few months have been very difficult for us with little income and continued outgoings however it is great to be up and running again and we are confident for our future success. From 26 October the bistro has been opened six days per week so almost back to normal.

Seven day trading will commence from Monday 1 November 2021 with the bus resuming its normal run days from that date.

Our Sunday raffles have recommenced and our affiliated clubs will resume their raffles from 4 November 2021.

Ham will be included in our raffles from Sunday 14 November 2021 with a monster ham raffle scheduled for Wednesday 15 December 2021.

Poker will return initially for Wednesday and Thursday nights only commencing on 3 November 2021 and Trivia will resume on Tuesday 9 November 2021.

A new menu has been launched and is effective immediately with positive feedback received from those that have seen it.

Our membership currently stands at 4194 with 107 female bowlers, 136 male bowlers, 42 associate bowling members and 3909 social members.

We have a new head chef who has come to us from Brown Sugar at Warners Bay so welcome to Adam Mobbs.

In closing I ask our members to come along and enjoy our COVID safe, friendly facility which we believe to be the best in the area.

Ted

Bowls Umpire Report

Umpires Report; The club has purchased a new Bowlsline Laser Measure for use by our umpires. The measure is kept in the umpires box with the orbital. (Orbital for grass green has been removed). For instructions on how to use the laser measure contact either Jenny Baldwin, Peter Steel or George Simpson.

Lakers Low-Down

Rollups recommenced 1st October until 9th October 2021 after Covid 19 lockdown. It was good to see so many bowlers back and keen to participate.

The Minor Pairs and Club Triples are still to complete and WE ARE NOW DOWN TO THE Semi Finals and Final respectively.

Mixed Pairs and Mixed Fours have also been drawn. Mixed Fours will commence Friday 29th October @ 4pm. Mixed Pairs will commence Sunday 31st October at 9.30am and at 1pm same day.

Veteran Pairs has also drawn. Matches to be played Tuesday afternoons at 1pm. Veteran Singles drawn also with play on Thursday afternoons.

Major / Minor Pairs has been cancelled for 2021.

Our Presentation Day will be held on Saturday 4th December 2021 commencing at 9.30am. Further details will be notified closer to the date.

Due to the Covid enforced break, Champion of Champion Zone events have been postponed until March and April 2022.

All Bowls Meat Raffles (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) recommenced on 27th October.

I am in the initial stages of looking into Club Hoodies (will be BA approved to wear on the green also). Feedback and constructive suggestions will be warmly received.

Due to 2021 Zone and State Competition not being complete, the first half of next year will be very different. No Pennants will be contested until later in the year. We will know more in coming weeks from our Zone going forward.

Barefoot Bowls enquiries are being received and we welcome outside groups to avail of our greens and the club facilities.

The grass green will be converted to a new synthetic green from 8th November. Estimate 4-6 weeks out of action.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator.

Women's Bowls News

Welcome back Valentine Women's Bowling Club. How wonderful to be able to play bowls and enjoy the friendship of our fellow bowlers. How sad so many Invitation Days were cancelled due to Covid 19. Hopefully next year will be a little more normal.

President Lorraine would like members who require information regarding bowls, to contact our Administrator Peter Lynn either by text or phone on 0417 458136. Please do not ring the Club. You can ring the bowls office in the mornings if it is attended.

The Final of the Club Championship Triples was played on the 28th October, 2021 in very hot humid weather. The winners Maggie Johnston, Gwyn Garrett, and Nancy Childs won 27-10 runner up Vicki Fletcher, Lorraine Davies, and Alina Miklosi. The score does not depict how close the game was, as Vicki's team were holding shot, only to be out bowled by a stronger team. A great game for the spectators.

Many thanks to Glenda Morgan who has retired as a Director of our Club after many years. Glenda recently acquired a Grant to purchase 5 sets of bowls, and 4 bowling arms to be used to coach new and struggling bowlers to play. Our coach Vicki Fletcher and her team can be approached and will be only too happy to give coaching lessons.

Our teams who attended North Haven for a holiday and play bowls certainly enjoyed the break. North Haven Riverside Carnival was cancelled for the second concessive year, however our teams were welcomed to play in organized galas which they enjoyed.

Our artistic ladies will be displaying their art work at Belmont Citi Centre from the 1/11 October. These clever ladies do fantastic paintings, so please call and see their work and maybe buy a Christmas present for a loved one.

Twilight mixed galas will recommence on the 4th November, at 5 pm. This is a great night to have fun and enjoy catching up with the men and ladies of our Club.

The Edith Galt Encouragement Award Competition will be held on Thursday the 2nd December for all Ladies who having been playing bowls 5 years or under. This is a very enjoyable day, so put your name down.

VWBC will hold our Christmas BBQ and gala on the 14th December. This is a fun day with Christmas attire, novelty games and a BBQ lunch. We are unable to hold a Christmas lunch upstairs due to the Covid 19

Women's Bowls News continued...

restrictions, so I am sure you will enjoy the day.

Expressions of Interest for a position on the Match Committee have been advertised. Nomination forms are on the board. And will close on the 9th November, 2021.

GO VALENTINE !!!

Irene Robinson .
Communication Officer.

Finance Director's Report

Our Club is weathering the current Covid crisis by maintaining a positive cashflow, largely due to State government grants of $127K.

At year-to-date September 2021 our Operating profit (i.e., before Grants, Depreciation and interest) was a loss of $9K, but the government grants ensured a positive cashflow.

After depreciation (a non cash item) and interest our YTD net loss is $77K.

October will again be a loss meaning that it is unlikely the Club will make a net profit this financial year, unless we have extraordinary trading in our next six months.

Importantly, however, the Club should make a positive operating profit and cashflow for the year.

Our borrowings with the bank are $140K, which will increase when the new green is installed.

Our bank, the NAB, have advised us we are under no pressure to repay this loan within its current timeframe and that they will continue to support us during this difficult time.

The Board and Management are confident the Club will come out of this crisis in a strong position, and that with the reorganization of staff that has occurred, we will continue to prosper and improve the facilities for our members and visitors.

A number of members have asked how the solar system is performing, unfortunately because of the restricted operations due to COVID is it hard to work out the actual savings. There is no question the system is saving on our electricity costs and will more than pay for itself over its lifetime.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff, who have worked during the shutdown and restricted trading for their great efforts.

Colin Taylor Finance Director

Valentine Lions Club News

LAP THE MAP FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES AWARENESS-

The Lions Club of Valentine have a challenge for the members of Valentine Bowling Club!!
We are asking everyone (and their friends and relatives) to **tally their exercise for the month** leading up to World Diabetes Day on Sunday, 14th November. (IT'S OK TO BACKDATE TO 18/10/21).
Type 2 Diabetes is in epidemic numbers and mostly a result of lifestyle choices. 85% of Type 2 Diabetics have not been diagnosed!!
Valentine Lions are asking the Community to join in a month of exercise and send their total kms to the phone numbers on the form, or give your kilometres to Anna Harris, or print & hand the form in at the Croudace Bay Park Lions Tents on Sunday, 14th November.
Last year we logged over 17,000 kms (the best result in Australia). This year we want to Lap The Map of Australia and log up 25,760 kms for our club. Run, walk, swim, row, skip AND BOWL- you can log the distance or time. (Smart watches will convert time to kms).

COME ON VALENTINE.
LET'S PUT OUR SUBURB ON THE MAP AGAIN!!
Tally sheets available at our Meat Raffle Tables on Thursday nights OR 'Like' our Facebook page.
If you require an electronic Tally form please text Lion Dawn on 0427 486808.
*NOTE: 1,500 steps = 1 kilometre.

World Diabetes Day - 14th November

SURVIVORS R US (Assisting those experiencing Domestic Violence, Homelessness & Unemployment)

Our new Lions Year began on 1st July with the induction of our new President, Peter Davies. Following a challenge to address the local needs of victims of domestic violence, Peter decided that Survivors R Us at Pendlebury Rd Cardiff would be our core project this year. Then came COVID and the numbers of people seeking assistance grew exponentially.
The Valentine Lions have been cooking a hearty BBQ breakfast every Monday morning for those in need of a feed, and have recently started cooking the same meal every second Thursday morning.

Valentine Lions Club News continued

We began making Dignity/Care bags. The need has been great and our Care Packs to date have helped many, BUT Survivors R Us expect that this huge demand for assistance will continue until after Christmas. To date the Valentine Lions have logged up around 380 hours on this project.

We have received notification of our successful Grant Application…….. $12,000 from The NSW Govt to allow us to add to the 156 Dignity Bags already delivered. (for men, women, teenagers, children, toddlers and babies). We hope to make up to 600 Dignity/Care Packs! Once we have the money, purchasing will begin, concentrating on Women's Dignity Bags and childrens' Care Packs, the areas of most need during this Covid time of hardship.

"LIKE" our Facebook Page for updates. (Valentine Lions Club) "LIKE" Survivors R Us Facebook Page……you may be throwing out household goods that would be a necessity/luxury for someone re-starting their life.

BUY tickets in our Christmas Raffle (all proceeds to SRU – Survivors R Us). **Excellent Prizes including a Fijian Holiday, Hampers, Furniture Package, Vouchers, etc, etc**

See you all back at the Club.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

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

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

Club Phone No. : 4946 7232

Club website :valentinebc.com.au

Ladies Club Website: valentine.bowls.com.au