Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

December 2021

President Ted's Report

- We have recently employed Renee Newlan in the capacity of Administration Manager. Please make her feel welcome.
- With regard to COVID19 the board have chosen not to allow unvaccinated patrons into the Club. This decision will be reviewed at the end of January, 2022.
- Membership currently stands at 4,446 with 107 female bowlers, 136 male bowlers, 48 associate bowlers and 4,160 social bowlers.
- David Miller finished his employment with us on 25 November 2021 and has retired. We wish him well with his retirement plans.
- The monster ham raffle will be held on Thursday 16 December 2021 with ticket sales commencing at 4.00pm and the draw at 7.00pm.
- With our new synthetic green it is anticipated that completion will be towards the middle of January 2022. It is envisaged that an official opening will take place with further details to be provided.
- As this is the last newsletter for the year, on behalf of the board and staff, we wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. If travelling take care.

Cheers,

Ted

Lakers Low-Down

Presentation Day was held on 4th December 2021. Men's and Mixed Championships finalized with the exception of the Veteran Pairs Final. This has been scheduled for completion on Friday 10th December 2021.

Congratulations must go to our Special Awards winners. Most Improved Bowler for 2021 – **Bob Hathaway**. 2021 Bowler of the Year – **Ian Macrae.** The Veteran Bowler of the Year award will be decided upon completion of the Vet Pairs Final. There will therefore be a double presentation that afternoon.

The day was followed with an "open gender" turnaround tournament. A full field of 48 players and from reports, everyone had a fabulous day.

Earlier in the month we had an information session from Warren Shipley, Zone 2 Secretary. Warren advised details of the new season going forward. We had approximately 50 members in attendance (both men and women). Since that meeting, the Zone has now confirmed their calendar for the new 2022-23 season ahead. A copy of that calendar is now on our notice board. You can now plan your holidays and trips away around the 3x3's commencing in February 2022 and Single Gender Pennant commencing in August 2022.

3x3's – Nomination sheets will be on the notice board. First game is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd February 2022.

With Club Championships now completed, we have numerous groups of Barefoot Bowlers booked on all weekends leading up to Christmas. If you spot them, please make them feel welcome and show the Valentine spirit.

The new design Bowls jackets have been a popular discussion point. I have now received most sizes to try on and will commence taking orders this month. Please see me in the bowls office to place a definite order.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook Page "Valentine Men's Bowlers".

Everybody please have a safe and Happy Christmas ahead. We are looking forward to a fabulous 2022.

Peter Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

VBC Mixed Twilight Bowls are now being played on Thursday nights and galas are now being played Tuesday and Thursday. Our ladies enjoyed Belmont Bowling Club Christmas Gala on the 29/11/21.

The Edith Galt Encourage Award was contested over 3 games on the 2/12/21. The winner Bernice Wilkins and runner-up Fran Ellis. Congratulations ladies. The late Edith Galt created this award to introduce players with less than 5 years bowling involvement the chance to experience competition conditions. A few have played pennants however in this case they are playing singles and playing for themselves not part of a team or a side. They have to make the decision what shot and which side to play. Only when on the mat, the marker at the other end of the rink can answer about the position of the bowls, who has the shot, how far is the bowl from the jack etc. they cannot give instruction of playing of a bowl.

After the gala on the 30/11/12 a large number of our ladies had lunch at VBC to celebrate four of our ladies reaching the grand age of 90, Nancy Childs, Joyce Sullivan, Gwen Eagle and Betty Simpson. These ladies have contributed service and championships to our Club and VWBC were very happy to enjoy celebrating their milestone with them. On the 18/11/21 our ladies enjoyed celebrating Barbara Bell's 70th birthday lunch at VBC. Happy Birthday ladies and many more to come.

Final of the Club Championship Mixed Pairs was contested on the 28/11/21. Winners Maggie Johnston and Terry Barnett defeated Anna Harris and Carl Filby 21-10. Final of the Club Championship Mixed Fours was contested on the 19/11/21. Winners Sue Armstrong, Geoff Armstrong, Vicki Fletcher and Bruce Armstrong 27 defeated Cheryn Derrick, Gary Morgan, Glenda Morgan and John Derrick 9.

VWBC Christmas novelty gala and BBQ will be held on the 14/12/21. This will be a fun day, and a great way to say goodbye to 2021 and we look forward to a happy, healthy and safe New Year.

GO VALENTINE !!! Irene Robinson. Communication Officer.

VBC Golf Club News

Last golf game was the Bulahdelah bus trip.

38 starters, congratulations to Nick & Alex Korotkich, Craig Shepherd and Greg Sullivan.

Maccas Mug to Greg Sullivan.

Next game is Charlestown on 12th December.

Cheers Darren Secretary

Finance Director's Report

Firstly, a thank you to all members who attended the A.G.M.

As I reported to the meeting YTD October 2021 the Club has a net loss of $96K, due to the shutdown and reduced trading caused by Covid 19.

The Club's Operating result, before depreciation, interest and government grants is a loss of $31K.

However, government grants of $167K ensured that we did not incur a cash loss YTD.

The above plus the strong cash position we started the year at as enabled us to pay $47K off the new synthetic green without have to borrow from the bank. Our bank loan is now only $140K.

November figures show that whilst our revenues have increased our main operating costs have increased by a higher percentage, indicating that it is very unlikely we will make a net profit this financial year.

Your Board and management will try to ensure that the Club makes a cash profit for the year, and the indications are that this will be achieved.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Regards

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Club Person of the year—well deserved, Glenda

Valentine Lions Club News

Here we are at the end of another overall, 'challenging' year, to our 'normal' lives. What with having to wear face masks and QR coding everywhere we ventured out to and, border lock outs and our local VBC having to comply with the lock down rules, life has been tough!

That is all over now……. and we can finally come together and rejoice this festive time of the year.

Our Lions club, although also being restricted with all of the above, has been and still is very active in sponsoring designated projects. A real game changer, has been the successful securing of two government money grants. The first grant was for $12,000 and the second for $20,000. The available grants were by application and cased on worthiness to help 'stimulate' the less fortunate people affected from the Covid pandemic. To this end, our collaboration with committing to help the voluntary group, Survivors Are Us at Cardiff, 'won' our club the grants and all of this money is now being spent to greatly assist this organisation in providing all kinds of help to the ever increasing number of people in need. Our rostered members also provide assistance every Monday morning and every second Thursday in providing an onsite cooked BBQ breakfast for those in need.

Another annual project our club conducts each year is the Diabetes Foundation and Lions Australia sponsored, 'Map the Lake' for Diabetes, in bringing attention to a disease that affects so many people and the importance of carrying out self - checks to see if this disease may be needing your attention. Exercise is one of the known helps with the disease and this year our three registering station at Croudace Bay Park and Eleebana Lions Park, registered 270 participants with nearly 52000 Kms of exercise tallied. This was an increase from 188 participants last year. Well done to the local community.

The Lions Xmas Stocking raffle is now up and running and this year we have four prizes with total value of $7,380. Tickets are available at the VBC from our club member ticket sellers near the front entrance. The draw will take place following our Thursday night meat and ham raffle on the 23rd December. Good luck to ticket purchasers and thank you for your continued ongoing support of this festive project. All net monies raised will be donated straight to the Survivors R Us organisation.

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Xmas Eve in Bennett Park will be held again this year with Santa visiting the Park by boat and will be waving to all the children. We hope to be able to expand on this with lollies for the children however it depends on the Covid rules the Council will allow. This is ongoing at the moment. Mr Music, Mike Kinsella, will be playing all the beautiful Xmas music to add to the magic park atmosphere.

Thursday night raffles will include ham prizes up until Xmas so, again, good luck and thank you to the VBC patrons for their ongoing support.

Thank you to the Board and Management of the VBC for your continued support this year. It is very much so appreciated by the Valentine Lions Club.

Merry Xmas to all the beautiful members and patrons of the VBC and we hope 2022 is a lot less challenging. The silver - grey fox.

Snooker Club News

The Snooker Club held it's Presentation/Christmas function last Sunday, which proved to be a success. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves as it was good to all get back together again. Congratulations once again to all the winners of the 2021 Snooker Competition.

We will be announcing information regarding the 2022 Competition after the Christmas break. Hopefully we won't have any interruptions next year!

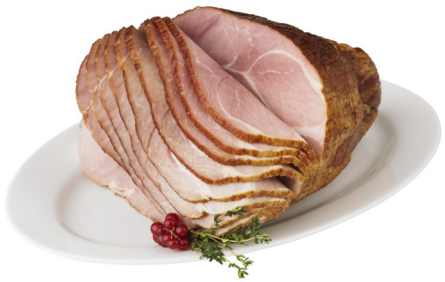
The Snooker Club is running its regular Wednesday night meat raffle. We will have four hams and 12 different meat prizes, from this Wednesday up until Christmas. Tickets are sold from 6.00 pm and drawn at 7.00 pm. Just a reminder that the courtesy bus is running on Wednesday nights also, so if you can, come on down and try your luck in our raffle.

On behalf of the Snooker Club Committee, we would like to wish all the members of the Valentine Bowling Club and their families, a very Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy New Year.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

What's Happening at VBC



Christmas Ham Raffles

Now on

Monster Ham Raffle

Thursday 16th December

Tickets on sale from 4:00 pm and drawn at 7:00 pm

Music from

Lithium

8:30 pm 'til 12:30 am

Roll Up Times on our Greens

Monday	12 Noon
Tuesday	1 pm after Ladies
Wednesday	4:30 pm
Thursday	1 pm after Ladies
Friday	1 pm
Saturday	10 - 11 am Skills
Sunday	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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- 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!

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.

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 9:00 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 4:00 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 8:30 pm

Friday : Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:00 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 4:00 pm to 8:30 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
Club Phone No. : 4946 7232