Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

August 2023

President Rob's Message

Christmas in July

Our Christmas in July function was a great success with 180 members and guests attending. The Bistro served over 300 people with a function for our major Sponsors Belle being held upstairs and over 50 other meals for Bistro customers not attending the function.

Our thanks go to Alex (Fehlberg) Claus, Santa's little brother, who did a fabulous job, Head Chef Col and his staff for the presentation of a sumptuous meal as well as looking after other clients in a most efficient manner, Ebony, Pete and the Bar staff who kept the drinks flowing, Eleanor from Functions, Lachie our photographer and to the Rathmines Wangi Singers. Thanks also to Heather, Geoff, Jenny and Michelle for dressing the Xmas trees and other parts of the Club with decorations.

Special thanks to **GLENDALE HEATING AND OUTDOORS** for providing our Fireplace, the giant Reindeer on the green and other Xmas decorations in the Club and Peter for assisting them. The support they have shown is very much appreciated.

Finally thanks to everyone who supported the event including Valentine Lions Club who gave up their Thursday raffle night so we could hold the event and attended with many of their members.

The only low point of the evening was the disrespect shown to the Rathmines Wangi Singers who volunteered their time to the event including rehearsals beforehand. Many members just wanted to talk over the singers and the talking was so loud that the singers couldn't hear themselves singing. I was embarrassed and ashamed to be President of VBC. This isn't the first time this has happened with live entertainment which makes me wonder why we would bother in the future.

Annual General Meeting.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday **27 August 2023 at 10.00am in the Main Lounge at VBC.** It would be appreciated if as many Bowling members as possible

President Rob's Message continued . . .

could attend the meeting as we need at least 50 Bowling members to attend to hold the meeting. Come and hear about our results for the year and the challenges that we will face in the immediate and longer term to ensure VBC remains a viable concern.

Rob Gray, President.

Lakers Low-Down

Our **2022/23 Presentation Day** was held on Saturday 15/7/2023.

Geoff Armstrong was named Bowler of the Year having featured in 3 x Zone Senior Semi Finals, debuted in the Zone 2 Veteran Side, Won the Men's Fours, Runner-up in the Major Pairs and Won the Major Singles.

Neville Beeton took out the Veteran Bowler of the Year plus the Most Improved Player award. Nev was also a member of the Winning Club Fours, Won the Major Pairs and Won the Veteran Singles.

Congratulations to all recipients for the past year.

Our **2023/24 Championships** have also commenced. The **Fours Final** will be played from 1pm Sunday 30th July 2023 between Terry Olsen, Neil Stones, Mat Fedder and Cameron Gibbs who will take on Bruce Boyle, Neville Beeton, Mark King and Geoff Armstrong. It's sure to be a cracking Final.

The draws for the **Zone 2 Fours** have also been released where we have 5 sides entered across the Seniors and Reserves events. Play commences Saturday 12th August 2023.

Our **Bowls AGM** was conducted on Saturday 22/7/2023 where we have some new names associated with the Bowls Committee and Selectors alike. Welcome aboard guys.

Look out for the flyers to our 3 major Tournaments for the year.

Valentine Lakers Super 12's Triples played over Monday and Tuesday 23-24/10/2023.

Valentine Lakers Over 70's Triples played Monday 13/11/2023.

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Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs played over Sunday and Monday 19-20/11/2023.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "Valentine Men's Bowlers"

See you out on the green.

Pete Lynn

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

The Major Singles have been completed, with Trixie Stauble defeating Sue Armstrong on a beautiful July day. The crowd was treated to a wonderful display of bowling. Trixie made a wonderful speech, thanking the Valentine ladies for their friendship.

In the semi final Sue defeated Wendy Morrin and Trixie defeated Jennifer Baldwin to advance to the final.

We recently celebrated the 70th Birthday of Shirley Screen and the 80th Birthday of our past Secretary Jeanette Manning. They received flowers from President Glenda Morgan, and we all enjoyed delicious cupcakes made by Heather Lynn and Jill Gillies.

The ladies have been enjoying their galas in the beautiful July weather recently.

Donna Owen

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Finance Director's Report

I am pleased to advise that the before depreciation result for May and June is a profit of $55K, compared to a loss last year of $(27) K.

Again, our profit was driven by better-than-expected results from our Poker Machines, caused by higher turnover.

Whilst it is too early to be sure of our July result, we appear to heading for at least a small profit before depreciation.

We are continuing to monitor the expenses in the Club, particularly because the recent national pay raise was higher than expected.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director.

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A brief bowls history

Geoff joined the VBC in 2003 and his first success as a bowler was in winning the Saturday Pennant Team of the year in 2008 in Grade 7.

In 2013 he joined the Board and worked with David Bell and Peter Howell on Repairs and Maintenance- a job he has done for 10 years.

In 2015 he received the Club Person of the year for his efforts in this regard.

Competing with Neil Percival, Al Dudley and Jason Percival he won the Club Fours in 2017

In the same year he won the District Mixed pairs with Vicki and in 2018 they were runner-up in the same event.

2023 certainly was a successful and satisfying year on the green.

Geoff won the Major Singles and the Club Fours with Al Dudley, Neville Beeton and Bruce Boyle .

He was Runner-up in the Club Pairs with Mark King.

In the Zone 2 District he was a Semi-finalist in the Pairs with Peter Lynn

in the Triples with Paul Birt and Mark King

in the Fours with Nev Hardes, Paul Birt and Ross Levido.

When competing in the Zone 2 district he was a Semi-finalist in the Pairs with Peter Lynn. in the Triples with Paul Birt and Mark King and in the Fours with Nev Hardes, Paul Birt and Ross Levido.

This year whilst competing with the Rep Side Senior Veterans in Marylands in Sydney the team was runner-up to Zone 10.

He also played with Peter Lynn in the Australian Open on the Gold Coast. They were section winners.

Valentine Lions Club News

This is my second article for the Newsletter as President of the Lions Club and I want you all to know how pleased I am to have the opportunity to tell you about the Lions Club activities and projects in our community.

In my last article I mentioned that our Past President Peter and his wife Marisa were representing our club at the Lions International Convention in Boston. We were down to the last eight for the best community project award from clubs from all over the world.

Whilst we did not win that award I am so proud of our club to have made the finals and we are very grateful for Peter and Marisa being there for our club. This achievement will be valuable in the promotion of our club and to advance our fund raising potential that in turn will assist the people we help in our project work.

In the previous newsletter I mentioned Mirabel the foundation that care for children in crisis because of family circumstances. I am meeting with their staff in the next few days to see how Lions can further help their cause.

Lions continue their association with Survivors R Us that help victims of domestic violence and all those that come to their doors for help.

A new and exciting development for our club is our Board approving in principle the establishment of a scholarship at Valentine Public School to assist children who are successful through the application process. It will be known as Lions Club of Valentine Scholarship and the principal of the school will be addressing our members shortly on its structure, I will let you know about this project as it develops.

I mention these projects because we regard VBC as woven deep in the fabric of our Lions Club here at Valentine.

I also would like to thank the Board of VBC for putting on a great night for Christmas in July. Our club came along to support the club and had alot of fun and some great food on the night. Thank you for all the staff that made it a great night you all worked so hard but never stopped smiling.

Look forward to reporting again and all the best.

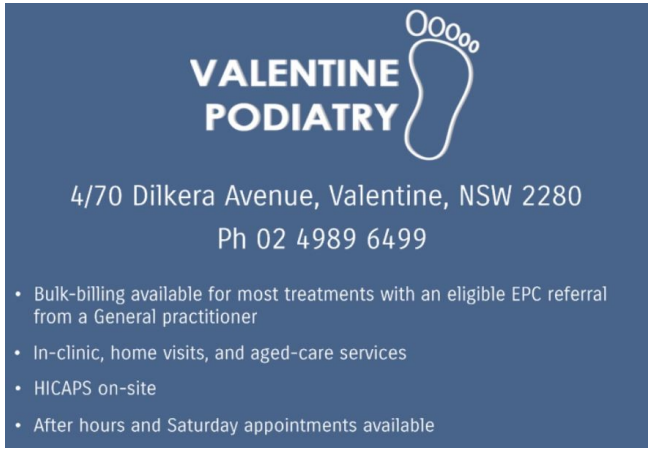
President John Hindle

Snooker Club News

Congratulations to Michael Hill who is the 2023 Snooker Club Singles Champion – well done. Congratulations also to runner-up Andrew Jones, who played well. The competition was well supported by our members.

We will be holding a social competition in spring, an email will go out to members in the near future, advising details etc.

Helen Hickey



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!

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.

Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Happy Hour 5:00pm til 6:00 pm

Tuesday : Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti

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.

Men's raffle 1pm

Happy Hour 5:00 pm til 6:00 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

Thursday : Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Twilight Bowls - Will recommence in October

Valentine Lions Club raffle tickets on sale 5:30 pm. Drawn at 7:00 pm.

Friday : Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:30 am Men's raffle 1 pm

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 Men's raffle 5pm

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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