Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

February 2020

Summer Club Challenge winning team

Congratulations

President Ted's Report

- On behalf of the Board I wish all our members a prosperous and healthy 2020. If you are a bowler, bowl well and lets hope we have a successful year.
- Regular visitors would have noticed that some of our tables have been sanded back and re lacquered and they present very well so it is our intention to have them all done over the next few weeks.
- Our membership currently stands at 4,889 which includes 134 female bowlers and 184 male bowlers.
- Congratulations to our bowlers who defeated Edgeworth in the Summer Club Challenge with the score being 54 to 29. Well done all players.
- Jack Littlewood has been nominated for the NSW Senior Bowler of the year which is to be held at at the Kirribilli Club in North Sydney on 13 February 2020. We wish Jack all the best for success at this event.
- It is our intention to have a photograph of our lake sunset which will be similar to a mural installed on the wall in front of the locker room. This will be done with rigid aluminium composite sheeting with a digitally printed graphic and UV over laminate.
- Following a recommendation from the bowls committee it is the intention to pay fuel costs for those driving their cars during the pennant season. Details will be advised in due course.

Cheers, Ted

February Entertainment for Sunday 23rd will be

Hayden Johns

2 pm to 5:30 pm

Lakers Low-Down

2020 is well and truly upon us and the bowls calendar for the year ahead is off and running.

The "Open Major Singles and Open Major Fours" draws have been done and matches scheduled for play on February 2nd, 9th and 14th are on the noticeboard.

The District (Zone 2) Pairs Championships commence on Saturday February 1st, we have ten Valentine teams entered and we wish them well in the their efforts representing our club.

Valentine defeated Edgeworth 54 shots to 29 in the final of the Summer Club Challenge on Friday evening January 17th. A very supportive home crowd was on hand to cheer the Lakers to victory and we thank Edgeworth for their competitive sportsmanship and congratulate them on their second place in a very competitive tournament. A special thanks also goes to Betty, Shirley and Brian for their efforts on the BBQ.

Our Australia Day Gala was well attended however the heat of the day prevented any bowls being played. This is 2 years running we have had to call off this event due to the extreme weather. We will review our plans for 2021 and perhaps consider making this an evening game.

Jack Littlewood has been nominated for NSW Senior Bowler of the Year. These awards will be held on Thursday night February 13th at the Kirribilli Club in Sydney and we wish Jack all the very best for the evening.

We have five Valentine Lakers selected in the Zone 2 Seniors Representative team at Charlestown on February 10th. Congratulations to John Jennings, Neville Hardes, Kim Jaques, Ross Lawrence and Jack Littlewood.

Pennant trials were held in January against Beresfield and further trials are scheduled for January 31st for Grades 1 and 7. The No.1 Grade will also participate in the pre-season competition at Beresfield on February 4th, 6th, 11th and 12th against various clubs.

The 2020 Mid-Week Pennant competition will commence on Wednesday February 26th and the Saturday competition on February 29th. Please check the noticeboard for all draws, teams and venues. I encourage all pennant players to arrange transport with your fellow team members in advance to eliminate any confusion on game day.

Our 2020 pennant launch day will be held on Saturday February 22nd, check the noticeboard for further details.

Lakers Low-Down continued...

Nominations for the 2020 "Open Minor Singles" will close on February 2nd and District (Zone 2) Fours nominations will close on the 14th.

Good Luck and good Bowling

Terry Barnett Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

THE first Club Championship for 2020 has been decided and congratulations to the winners of the Championship fours, Carol McCrohon, Gwyn Garrett, Nancy Childs and Barbara Cornford and the runners up, Sue Semple, Glenda Morgan, Jan Minter and Wendy MacTaggart for providing formidable opposition. Well done, also, to all members who competed in the previous rounds.

Sincere gratitude to members, family and friends who prior to Christmas, generously gifted toiletries, bathroom and personal items enabling the VWBC to donate 18 dignity bags to Women's Refuges in the Lake Macquarie area, and also , in January, 3 cars, fully loaded with boxes of various toiletry items, clothing, nappies, baby formula, linen, dog food and other goods for the bush fire relief, to Cahill Oval for collection by the members of Lakes United football cub who transported 2 semi-trailers of supplies to southern NSW. Congratulations to Lakes United for the sterling effort. Ladies of Valentine WBC many, many thanks, without fail, you always manage to dig deep.

With the grass green now in play our Pennant sides will avail themselves the opportunity of playing on this surface ready for competition to commence on 10th March 2020. Good bowling to all sides, enjoy the fellowship of new members who you could be playing with and/or against and remember at all times, as a Club side, you are playing for Valentine WBC. Thank you to the Selection Committee for a most difficult assignment due to illness and other commitments.

For those who are not playing Pennant, our life Member Merle Armstrong will once again conduct a "Merle's Girls' Gala". Please write your name on the sheet on the notice board indicating your intention

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to play.

Thursday twilight will continue during the 10 weeks of Pennant. Thank you to the Match Committee for your continued support.

Great to see our Communication Officer Irene Robinson, home after 2 heart operations in Sydney recently. Take time with the recovery, Irene, and we look forward to having you back on deck when you are completely well.

Bereavements –

Our most valued member Eunice Albert who lost her battle with cancer in December, condolences to Lou and family; our Member Diann Neilson whose husband Ron passed away recently; and Margaret Taylor whose son-in-law passed away suddenly on Thursday.

Don't forget, while you are playing in the heat of the day, keep hydrated and look for shade where possible.

Snooker Club News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Snooker Club's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday 29th March 2020 at 11.00 am. Everyone is welcome, but the Snooker Committee needs confirmation of attendance by 15th March, 2020 for catering purposes, as we will be having lunch after which will be for financial members only. Membership fees of $10 are due and payable on the day.

Nominations for officers and committee members need to be in by 15th March, 2020.

2020 SNOOKER COMPETITION

We ae going to hold 2 competitions this year – one in Autumn and one in Spring, being Mens Singles and Mixed Doubles. The Autumn one will be commencing very soon and we need names to be down by 16th February, 2020. A list will be on the Notice board and once the draw is done, we will then have starting dates available.

Please note that if anyone is going to be away for any length of time between March and June, they won't be eligible to play as we need to keep the competition moving. Also only financial members can play in the competitions.

Please see any of the Snooker Club Committee if you have any questions regarding the above.

Helen Hickey Secretary.

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club

TORONTO COUNTRY CLUB 12th January 2020

Event **Individual Stableford**

ONE AGENCY EASTLAKES

Starters: 62

Golf Mart all we slice is the price

'A' Grade: 21 **'B' Grade: 20** **'C' Grade: 21**

New Members / Visitor: Tom Drury, Neil Wilson, Brook Jones, Mark Evans Greg Bogis, Greg Price

	Golf-Mart Voucher	Mug
Macca Mug		Mick Johnston

Individual Results

	'A' Grade		'B' Grade		'C' Grade
1st	Blake Whiteman 44	1st	Adam Taylor 46	1st	Mick Johnston 48
2nd	Dean Robertson 41	2nd	Ben Chard 41	2nd	John Cousins 46
3rd	Don Gray 39 C/B	3rd	Doug Hore 39	3rd	David Hull 44
4th	Ryan Wolfenden 39 C/B	4th	Adam Burn 38 C/B	4th	Mick Dennis 42
5th	Brook Jones 39 C/B	5th	Adrian Elward 38 C/B	5th	Ces Kearney 41

Team Results

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	
5th	

Indivudual Efforts **3 x Golf Ball Prizes**

	Par 3 Nearest to Pin	Par 4 2nd Shot Nearest to Pin
'A'	Tom Drury	Tom Drury
'B'	Clint Hibberd	Adam Taylor
'C'	Mick Dennis	Nil
	Longest Drive	**Veterans Longest Drive**
'A'	Blake Whiteman *	
'B'	Neil Wilson	
'C'	Dion Roughan	

Umpire's Report

A few points to remember with Pennants due to start later this month;

. Do not tell your skipper, or whoever has the scorecard, the number of shots won or lost until both teams have agreed that there are no other bowls which should be measured.
. You can practice up to 30 minutes prior to the start of the game on any rink. With Pennants, as the game is scheduled to start at 1pm, then you may practice until 12.30pm. Once rink draw has been completed you CANNOT practice on rink that you have drawn to play on. (Ladies please refer to your conditions of play or controlling body).
. Do not distract a player on the mat by moving around and talking whilst they are delivering their bowl.

Finance Director's Report

I can confirm that the Club has rolled over its loan with the bank, at favourable rates, and the new loan agreement ends October 2022.

The bank has advised us that if we need to extend the loan beyond that date, they do not believe it will be an issue.

Whilst December saw record sales levels for the bar and bistro, our net profit was disappointing at $7.8K. This low result was mainly caused by high payouts on the Poker machines.

Your Board and management are confident that the Club will continue to make good profits during the remainer of the financial year, and will have no issues in paying off the loan which currently stands at $750K.

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.

Valentine Lions Club News

Welcome to our first report for 2020 and we as the Lions Club of Valentine look forward to another rewarding year of fundraising and being involved with the friendly VBC Club board/management/staff and the wonderful members and patrons of this truly remarkable club and community.

Our 2019 Xmas Stocking raffle exceeded all previous year's ticket sales and resulted in a net amount raised of over $5,500 dollars. This money has been paid directly to the Australian Lions Foundation Bushfire Appeal (no administration costs – 100% used for the intended purpose). Our club has now paid a total of $15,000 to this appeal through the incredible generosity of the patrons of the VBC and the local community with our recent various fundraising efforts. Full result details of the Xmas Stocking fund raiser and on payments to the Bushfire Appeal, is attached to the Club's notice board for your information.

As a further note, the Australian Lions Foundation has been involved directly in providing replacement of new water tanks across Australia to fire-affected but otherwise liveable properties. These properties are also supplied with fresh drinking water to fill the new tanks and where possible, the local purchasing of food, clothing, personal items and whitegoods as well as supporting families with children, getting them ready to go back to school.

Many local Lions clubs in the fire affected areas across Australia have also been providing relief assistance in their various community areas, to provide the frontline fire workers with food and refreshments – we sincerely congratulate them all for their efforts.

The Valentine Lions sponsored Santa visit to Bennett Park on Xmas Eve was another great event with many hundreds of families from the local neighbourhood/community enjoying Santa's arrival, by cruiser, to the new council jetty. Santa and his helpers gave out lollies to the large contingency of happy children and Santa was photographed many times whilst he wondered through the throngs of people enjoying Xmas festivities.

Mike Kinsella, from Disco Beat, again provided a selection of beautiful Xmas music that added so much to the fantastic atmosphere. Our Lions members walked through the crowd with donation buckets in fund raising for the Bushire Victims that resulted in $985 being collected – thank you so much for this generosity!

As the month of January rolled in, the Lions hosted our annual Australia Day event in Allambee Park. Whilst

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the crowd numbers were down, the BBQ chefs provided some great bacon and egg rolls and sausage and onion sandwiches. Cold drinks were provided again by Anna Harris with many children (and adults) lining up for regular refills. Great scones (provided from the Redhead Quality Bakery) with jam and cream were also provided, particularly to our senior citizens who enjoyed watching the cricket match with up-coming young stars hitting balls everywhere in the park.

Our club was also involved with the the Lake Fest event at Croudace Bay Park on Saturday 25th January. Unfortunately, due to, would you believe, **RAIN**, the event had to be finished by 9.30 am. It was a shame this event could not be enjoyed longer, however, there were no complaints with the rain that fell.

That's all folk's until next month – the silver grey fox.

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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.

Fishing Club News

Our December outing was held on the weekend of 13, 14 & 15th and had 10 seniors and 2 juniors weigh in. Most members fished the lake and harbour with a good mix of fish being caught. Dave and Matt Birt nailed some nice jew, with the best at 12.5kg, while Neil Cooley fished his usual secret spot and boated some crackn' whiting, the best coming in at 0.656kgs. Neil also took out the top 5 for flathead after finding a patch that produced fish after fish. Unfortunately he didn't catch the "big girl" that undoubtedly was attracting all those eligible young boys to the area. Mark Neumann took Fletcher Torrance for a fish in the Lake and caught a mix of snapper and bream with Fletcher weighing his first fish with the club and taking out equal first spot for juniors. In addition to some nice lake snapper Mark Neumann landed a front runner for biggest bream at 1.235kg. Cameron Perks fished the drop over for squid and took out the corresponding top 5. This is a classic example of the top 5 concept alive and well. Cameron's squid, weighing a total of 770 grams, gave him 3rd place, delegating Birty's 43.275kg of jew to 4th. Got to love that!!! Luke and I fished offshore with a dismal bag of 2 sand flathead. Luke's fish was enough though to share first place with Fletcher.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	Neil Cooley	35pts
Junior:	Luke Bradley	6pts
2nd	Mark Neumann	23pts
	Fletcher Torrance	6pts
3rd	Cameron Perks	16pts

Our January outing was held on the weekend of 10, 11 & 12th and had 7 adults and 1 sub-junior weigh in. Once again most fish came from the lake and harbour and while the bags weren't as full as the previous outing there were still some nice whiting and jew caught. Team Torrance boated the majority of the whiting with Stella holding her own against the old boys and taking out the sub-junior division. Luke and I fished one of the last few permanent freshwater holes on the Camden Haven. God's Country! (see photo)

We fished with poppers leading up to dusk. The cicadas were deafening, but the bass were on the chew. Luke dropped a nice fish at the kayak,

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while I managed to boat 4.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	Mark Bradley	15pts
2nd	Dave Birt	14pts
Sub-junior: Stella Torrance		10pts
3rd	Jay Torrance	9pts

Mick Mawson has emailed the fishing pamphlet to Valentine Primary School in the hope to encourage some new young fishers to come and wet a line and get involved with the club. We're yet to hear back from the school, but it's still early days.

The next dedicated weekend outing will be the 14, 15 & 16th of Feb, with our St Clair trip just around the corner. We've had a few new members join recently, which is great to see, so I encourage all members to wet a line and join us for a BBQ back at the club on Sunday.

The fishing year runs from 1/10/2019 to 30/9/2020 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, Mick Mawson ph 0498787339 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

Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

Monday : Euchre Club meets every Monday night at 6:30 pm. $2 entry fee. Come along and join in. 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 Galas Mufti 9:30 am start and 1:00 pm start.

Happy Hour 4:00 pm til 5:30 pm.

Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the games start at 7:00 pm.

Snooker Club Raffle sales from 6:00 pm drawn at 7:00 pm

Membership draw is between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Thursday:Ladies Gala 9:30 am
Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the games start at 7:00 pm.

5:00 pm Twilight Bowls - mixed, mufti, during daylight saving.

Valentine Lions Club raffle tickets go on sale from 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. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the games start at 7:00 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 10:00 pm

Saturday : Men's Gala 1:00 pm start. Uniform

Texas Holdem Poker. Registration is at 6:00 pm and the games start at 7:00 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 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 8:00 pm

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