Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

March 2020

Good luck and good bowling to all Valentine pennant players.

President Ted's Report

- What a great start to our bowls year so congratulations to the following for their achievements:

Jack Littlewood – NSW Senior Bowler of the Year

Ross Levido, Neville Hardes and Kim Jaques – winners of District Senior Triples

Paul Russell, Terry Barnett and Boyd Dumbrell – runners up in District Triples

Sharon Gilmore, Gae Macrae and Maggie Johnston – winners of District Triples

- Bowlers who feel that they are dumping their bowls are advised that we have 3 bowling arms that are available for use. If you feel that you are a dumper may I suggest that you try using an arm which may prevent you from being asked to do so by our bowls coordinator.
- The membership draw is currently $4,500 so if and when it gets to $5,000 it will hold this figure until the following Sunday where it will be drawn every 10 minutes until 9 pm. If not won will repeat the process on the following Wednesday from 6.30pm – 9pm. If not won will repeat the process on Friday night from 6.30pm – 10pm.
- We are in the process of changing our menu, however with the price increases in our produce which are substantial, our meal prices will be increased by $1.00. This is less than 10% so we are sure you will understand the necessity to flow with the times.
- Early notification that our AGM this year is to be held on 30/8/20. As this is an election year members should give consideration to standing as a board member.
- As previously advised we were nominated for the Bride's Choice Award and I am pleased to advise that we came second, jointly with the Club Macquarie, and we received highly commended in our section. The winner was East Maitland Bowling Club.
- Shaun Mathews has been promoted to Operations/Bar Manager and we have employed Troy Salmon as Duty Manager. Congratulations to both.

Cheers

Ted

Lakers Low-Down

The recent extreme heat and inclement rain has affected both club and district events. All efforts will be made to catch up over the next few weeks.

Open Major Singles are currently underway, Open Minor Singles on Sunday 14th & Minor/Major Pairs will commence on Friday evening March 20th. Please check the noticeboard for all updates.

After two very closely fought semi-final matches, the teams of Al Dudley, John Jennings, Ross Levido & Jack Littlewood will play Ian Nickalls, Ian Macrae, Terry Barnett & Boyd Dumbrell in the final of the open club Fours Championship on Friday evening March 13th, commencing at 6pm. Good luck to both sides.

Congratulation goes to the team of Ross Levido, Neville Hardes and Kim Jaques for winning the final of the district senior triples at Hamilton North on Saturday February 22nd. Also, on February 22nd, Paul Russell, Terry Barnett and Boyd Dumbrell were defeated in the Open District Triples final at Soldiers Point. A great effort by all players to reach the final of both prestigious events. Peter Lynn and Boyd Dumbrell have reached the semi-final of the District Pairs Open Championship to be played on Sunday March 8th at Nelson Bay.

Our ladies team of Sharon Gilmore, Gae Macrae & Maggie Johnston won the district triples on Tuesday February 11th defeating a team from Charlestown. Well Done!

Jack Littlewood has won the NSW Senior Bowler of the Year award. These awards were held on February 13th at the Kirribilli Club in Sydney and we congratulate Jack on this great achievement.

VBC had 7 players selected in the Zone 2 Seniors Representative team at Belmont on February 10th. Congratulations to John Jennings, Neville Hardes, Kim Jaques, Ross Lawrence, Jack Littlewood, Neil Percival and Terry Barnett. John Jennings, Neville Hardes, Kim Jaques and Jack Littlewood have also been selected to represent Zone 2 in the 2020 NSW Senior Inter-Zone Championship on

Lakers Low-Down continued….

March 10th to 12th at the Grandviews club in Sydney.

The 2020 Mid-Week Pennant competition commenced on Wednesday February 26th. Some mixed results for the Mid-Week teams with a washout at home for Grades 1 & 5/2.

Saturday Pennants commenced on February 29th. With a double header to start the season our No. 1 Grade team defeated East Maitland 9-1 and Edgeworth 9-1. Grades 2 and 7 had good wins, a narrow defeat to our 5 Grade, the 4's had a bye and the 6 Grade have some work to do.

Good luck and go The Lakers!
Terry Barnett

Bowls Coordinator

Women's Bowls News

2020 LMDWBA Championship events are in full swing with Regional Championships being scheduled for April. With Pennants commencing on 10th March and the fickle "heat and wet disruptive weather", some events have almost overlapped. Valentine has been represented in Mixed Pairs, Championship Open and Senior Fours, Triples, Singles and Open and Senior Pairs with credible performances. Our best result being the Championship triples with the team of Maggie Johnston, Gae Macrae and Sharon Gilmore winning the final from a very competitive Charlestown team. A great game, played in wonderful spirit, buoyed by a large number of Valentine supporters cheering the ladies on.

Club Championships have been put on hold and our Charity day Invitation fours has been postponed due to the above commitments and alteration to starting dates. Charity day will now take the place of the Super 10s Invitation day to be played on Monday 9th November.

It must be the year of winning District events. Congratulations to our Men's Bowling Club compatriots who distinguished themselves winning the Zone 2 Senior Triples and

Women's Bowls News continued...

runners up in the Zone 2 Open Triples recently.

Many thanks to Rose Sharkey and Jenny Baldwin for taking over the communications portfolio while our Communications Officer Irene Robinson was recovering from surgery. Job well done.

The Social Bowls Committee once again were thwarted with the weather preventing them playing bowls on Australia day. Nevertheless the "sausage sizzle, prize giving and various activities made for a very pleasant day. The February event was most successful and mixed bowling days will continue (generally) on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

VWBC twilight bowls will continue during the pennant season as long as the entries persevere.

Don't forget, Merle Armstrong will conduct her "Merle's Girls Gala" for those not involved in playing pennants. The expression of interest sheet is on the notice board.

To all our Pennant sides, play well, enjoy the game and the fellowship of your team and opponents and bring home the much sort after "flag". Most of all enjoy, it is a great concept.

New members have been welcomed and many who have been on holiday or unwell have returned. It is great to have you back. A speedy recovery Is wished to all who are not feeling the best. Take special care.

Finance Director's Report

January gave a better result than budgeted, so YTD the Club is almost on budget with a profit of $149K.

February looks to be below budget, but subject to the economic effects of the current virus scare, we believe we will achieve our budget for the year.

Your Board and management will be reviewing the option of installing solar shortly, from the quotes we have received it appears to be a viable option, depending on the effects of the virus scare.

Colin Taylor Finance Director

Familiar Faces

Ross Levido was born at Charlestown Maternity Hospital on 6 November 1951, his parents being Jack and Shirley and he has two sisters Anne and Robyn.

His first school was Charlestown Infants, followed by Charlestown Primary School where he was school captain. His high school years were at Whitebridge High School where he achieved the School Certificate and left at age 16.

Ross's first job at age 17 was with the Commonwealth Bank at New Lambton. In the following year, still 17 years old, he was transferred to Sydney, resided in a boarding house and worked at Bondi, Kings Cross, Rose Bay and Haymarket. He was conscripted to National Service and served for 8 months. Got out following the election where Labour got in with Gough Whitlam and turfed out National Service.

Ross then returned to the bank and following the sudden death of his father who suffered a massive heart attack at age 48 whilst playing cricket, he was transferred to the Hunter region on compassionate grounds. In his banking career Ross got to management level at the University Branch. Ross then resigned from the bank and worked at Hunter Joinery Supplies which was owned by his brother-in-law and this gave him a taste of the kitchen joinery industry. This in turn led to his current job as Sales Executive with Tesrol which is essentially cabinet doors suppliers and he has been with them for almost 18 years.

Ross worked at Newcastle Head Office in the bank and this is where he met Jenny Taylor. According to Jenny when she first saw Ross she said to herself "this is the man I am going to marry" and so they did in 1982. They lived at Mount Hutton and moved to Valentine 24 years ago. They have three daughters, Marissa, Emma and Krystal who reside in the Newcastle area and five grandchildren who keep Jenny busy with babysitting duties.

Ross's early sporting days revolved around cricket at Charlestown and

Familiar Faces continued...

Soccer at Kahibah. He joined Valentine Bowling Club in the late 90's and started playing in the Friday evening galas which he greatly enjoyed. His first game in creams was with Steve Britt and Martin Champion.

Ross's achievements at bowls include:

Valentine - Won Major Singles in 2002 defeating Martin Champion

Won Pairs twice, firstly with Gary Mason and then Jake McMurray

Won Triples with Ian Lean and Bruce Armstrong

Won Fours with Martin Champion, Dave Cunneen and Steve Britt

Zone - Won Senior Singles

Won Senior Pairs with Dennis McCarthy

Won Senior Triples with Neville Hardes and Kim Jaques

Won Champion of Champions Pairs with Jake McMurray

Career highlight – 3 years playing in the Zone Representative team and winning the Interzone Title in 2017

Yet another amazing member of Valentine Bowling Club.

Ted

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.

Fishing Club News

Our February outing was held on the weekend of 7, 8 & 9th and due to extremely bad weather and poor member turn out I have nothing further to report.

The committee is currently canvassing ideas for a score board that we can display our results on at our monthly outings. We are hoping the board can be mounted in channels on the wall next to the TV in the BBQ area. The idea being we can slide the board in and out in order to record outing results. Please refer to the attachment for a draft design. Naturally we seek concept approval from the Board, at which time we will submit a final design complete with artwork for approval.

The next dedicated weekend outing is our St Clair trip on the 13, 14 & 15th of March. To date numbers are promising.

The fishing year runs from 1/10/2019 to 30/9/2020 with memberships now

VALENTINE BOWLING C

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MONTHLY OUTING DATE: 1800 X 50

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3								
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2nd					
3rd					

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

CLUB FISHING CLUB LOGO
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Ladies Umpire's Report

Some timely tips from the lady umpires for the start of the 2020 pennant season:

Each individual club will have their own heat policy. Our club's policy states that we use a Kestral 3000 Pocket Weather Meter to gauge the Heat Stress Index. This then influences our course of action regarding drink breaks OR possible suspension of play. For example when the temperature reaches 33 degrees, play/competition can be interrupted at 20 minute intervals (at the completion of the end in play) for a period of 5 minutes during which time drinks should be made available. Any time limit imposed on the interrupted match will be waived.

When the Controlling Body/ Umpire deems that the Heat Stress Index has reached 36 degrees, play will be suspended by the Controlling Body and all players will complete the end they are currently playing and move to a cool shady area. If the end is declared dead, players will not restart the end. Play will continue if the heat stress level falls BELOW 36 degrees however, if the temperature continues to rise after leaving the green for 30 minutes, play will be suspended for the day.

Etiquette in Bowls

Bowls etiquette is the code of behaviour that if followed, ensures that bowlers treat others with respect.

Just a few points to remember:

Always wait for the last player's bowl to come to rest, or for the last player to move off the mat towards the head before you move to the head. Players should not stop to talk with their skip on the changeover unless you are the third and your team has control of the mat.

Valentine Lions Club News

In the absence of Chris Davies, who is taking some well-earned r and r, the following is an abridged version of my report to my Lions Club.

Hooray! Officially, Summer has ended. My favourite season has commenced, although you'd hardly know it but at least I can hope for cooler weather in the coming month (s). My wife and I visited her brother in Canberra for a few days and whilst the first day was 43 degrees I am told it was hotter here! We were able to see the flames from fires, from a lounge room window and it was very disheartening to see how close they were to the homes in the far southern suburbs.

Could you believe it is coming to time for our nominations for the 2020-2021 Board? Some members have already expressed interest but it's necessary we don't keep recycling Board members. We need new thoughts to keep developing, so if you are interested in assisting to manage your club, please contact Ann, Peter Davies, or me.

Attention members of Valentine Bowling Club; our club also needs new ''general'' members. Interested? Give us a yell, anytime.

Our Social Dinner was held on Wednesday 5th at the Blind Chef restaurant, Boolaroo. This was, I believe, our third venture here, my second, and did not disappoint. Very nice meals and pleasant service, perhaps marred by a very noisy group (guess!!) which drove other diners into another room, within fifty minutes of arriving. Can we please try to get that time down at our next venue?

On Wednesday 19th we held a Special Dinner at VBC to honour our oldest (in membership years) members, and to celebrate the history of our club. Nev Thomas, Bruce Harris, Nev Lambert and Bob Bear have been with us a total of, I am told, in excess of 170 years. This is an extraordinary contribution and very worthy of recognition. Thanks to Paul Jones, Chris Davies and John McGrath who, with me, worked to put together the event, and especially Dawn Lambert for her wonderful work in compiling the photographic display and Photo-books which were presented on the evening. Thanks also to Marg Moore

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and Di Passfield for managing the table decorations, and Peter Lambert and Alan Carter for their kind and excellent assistance. Additional thanks to Gary and the ladies from VBC who looked after us on the night. The dinner was excellent. Did I forget anyone?

Sunday 8th March will be our BBQ at Bunnings. We just about have enough volunteers, so if you have a few hours to spare, especially in the afternoon, please let me know.

Richard. President,

Lions Club of Valentine , Inc.

Snooker Club News

The draw for the Snooker Club Competition is now on the notice-board. Those members who have entered the competition, please ensure that you contact your part-ner/opponents to arrange your game as soon as possible.

A reminder that the Snooker Club's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Sunday 29th March 2020 at 11.00 am, and we need to know if you will be attending by 15th March, 2020, for catering purpos-es. Membership fees of $10 are due and payable on the day. Also

nominations for officers and com-mittee members need to be in by 15th March, 2020.

The Snooker Club holds its meat raffle on Wednesday nights, tickets sold from 6.00 p.m. and drawn promptly at 7.00 p.m.

Helen Hickey Secretary.

Email your buy, sell, swap, recipe, joke or other information for the next Newsletter to:

barbara.bell1@optusnet.com.au

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club

BELMONT GOLF CLUB 16th February 2020

Event **Individual Stableford**

ONE AGENCY EASTLAKES

Golf Mart all we slice is the price

Starters: 71

'A' Grade: 21 **'B' Grade: 25** **'C' Grade: 25**

New Members / Visitor: Scott Johnson, Nathan Moss, Matt Proudlock

	Golf-Mart Voucher	Mug
Macca Mug		Rod Conry

Individual Results

	'A' Grade		'B' Grade		'C' Grade
1st	Craig Poole 42	1st	Alan Howard 41	1st	Rod Conry 46
2nd	Jon Shaw 39	2nd	Brooke Jones 41	2nd	Jason Williams 45
3rd	Robbie Payne 38	3rd	Adrian Elward 40	3rd	Dion Roughan 41
4th	Bob Bear 37	4th	Brad Anstess 40	4th	Adam Burn 41
5th	Greg Lawrence 36	5th	John Duke 39	5th	Jim Watson 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'	Nick Korotkich	Craig Poole
'B'	Greg Price	Neil Wilson
'C'	Todd Mansfield *	Dion Roughan
	Longest Drive	**Veterans Longest Drive**
'A'	Adam Taylor	Pete Smith
'B'	John Laaglands	
'C'	Mick Locking	

Entertainment for 29th March is Brent Murphy

2.30pm-6pm

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.

Umpire's Report

Mobile Phones etc.

The use of mobile phones or other electronic devices on the green or immediate surrounds is not permitted.

Should a player have a legitimate reason to have a mobile phone with them they must have permission from the controlling body and notify the umpire of the day, prior to playing. Phone must be on silent/vibrating only and responded to away from the green. If a player is found to be using a mobile phone etc , and having been warned by the umpire, the umpire will suspend the player for the rest of the day. No replacement player will be allowed.

From observations it is apparent that most bowlers are not being considerate of the bowler who has just played his last bowl and they start walking up the green before that bowlers bowl has come to rest, or wait for that bowler to start walking. As well as being poor etiquette it is also in contravention of Law 13.3 which states that the bowler in possession of the rink should not be interfered with, annoyed or distracted in any way be his opponents.

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 9:00 am start. Pennants in afternoon

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 Pennants

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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Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

Club Phone No. : 4946 7232

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