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. 9:00 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 or creams to be worn.

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

Club website :

valentinebc.com.au

Ladies Club Website:

www.valentine.bowls.com.au

Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

October 2017

Twilight Bowls

at Valentine Bowling Club commence on Thursday evening 5th October.

Please be at the club by 4:45 pm for 5:00 pm start.

President Ted's Report

- As previously advised we intend to employ a Duty Manager and the Board has agreed that the successful applicant for that position is Anders Nielsen and he will commence duties with us on Wednesday 4 October 2017. Please make Anders feel welcome at our wonderful facility.

- Jim Robertson, who is well known to most of our bowlers and who is a great supporter of our Club turned 90 on Tuesday 26 September 2017. On behalf of the Board congratulations Jim.

- The children Christmas party is to be held on 26 November 2017 in the grounds near the sailing club. At this stage we envisage the starting time to be 11.00 am and finish at 3.00 pm. There will be various attractions for the children with water slides and other games with Santa arriving via a boat. The Lions Club will be providing a B.B.Q.

- Our new major sponsor commencing from 1 January 2018 is Noel McFarlane Real Estate. Thank you to Noel for his confidence in supporting our Club. As a result there will be new pennant shirts for the 2018 year so in the near future we will be asking for shirt sizes for those intending to play pennants.

- The Board has agreed that for those bowlers intending to play pennants in 2018 either a pair of trousers or shorts will be provided free of charge so by the end of October 2017 we will require sizes as per notice on the notice board.

- As it is less than 90 days until Christmas Day early notification that our ham raffles will start on 17 November 2017 with our monster raffle to be held on Wednesday 13 December 2017.

- Don't forget to get in early for our popular Melbourne Cup Day with a three course meal, Champaign on arrival, sweeps and so on.

Cheers,
Ted.

Fishing Club News

Fishing Club Annual Presentation Night

DAY/DATE : SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2017

VENUE: UPSTAIRS IN THE VBC FUNCTION ROOM

TIME: STARTS 12:00PM WITH SIT DOWN MEAL @ 12:30PM

MEAL COST: FISHING CLUB MEMBERS, THEIR PARTNERS & JUNIOR/SUB- JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE FREE

DRINKS: PROVIDED AT SUBSIDISED PRICES

MUSIC TO DANCE TO WITH ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY PAUL FLAHERTY

FOR CATERING PURPOSES WE NEED TO HAVE NO'S TO THE VBC BY NO LATER THAN MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2017.

SHOULD YOU WISH TO ATTEND YOU CAN EITHER WRITE YOU NAME AND THE NO. OF PEOPLE ATTENDING ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET ON THE FISHING CLUB NOTICEBOARD.

ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN CONTACT ANY OF THE BELOW & LET THEM KNOW:

DARREN RILES - PRESIDENT PH 0439 241061

DAVID BIRT - TREASURER PH 0427 228438

NEIL COOLEY - SECRETARY PH 0421 168349

Happenings at VBC

- 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. This way you can ensure you get the membership discount on your purchases too!

Lions Club continued

esteemed member, Nev (Nifty) Turner, is being installed by The Lake Council and we are very pleased to advise this has now been completed so please pay a visit sometime and have a thought for this very specially missed and loved Lions and community member, who passed way suddenly on the 3rd October 2016.

With day light saving starting up again on the 2nd October, we will be welcoming back the twilight bowlers on a Thursday night. We have missed you all and we look forward to again selling you lucky tickets in our popular weekly raffle that helps us raise very significant monies for distribution to various and local charities.

Until next month – continue to enjoy summer.....er sorry, Spring!

The silver grey fox.

Snooker Club

The 2017 Snooker Competition won't be finished by next weekend so therefore we plan on having the finals and presentation the week after, which is Saturday 14th October, 2017. Details of time etc regarding the finals and presentation will be emailed to members later this week, a notice will also be placed on the noticeboard.

A reminder to everyone that the Snooker Club holds its raffles on Wednesday nights, we have 12 meat prizes and the Members Badge draw is done immediately after our raffle is completed.

The Snooker club is holding it's Christmas party on Sunday 10th December 2017 commencing at 12.00 noon. Details of menu and entertainment will be advised in due course.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

Lakers Low-Down

Hi there fellow Lakers,

the highlight of the past month has been the completion of our men's veteran pairs. Congratulations go to Eric Roach and Al Dudley running out 22-5 victors over Warren Sharkey and Col Edwards, congratulations on both sides on their performances throughout the competition.

Our Valentine Lakers over 70's tournament still has vacancies so get a team in for what should be a great day of bowls.

All those selected for this year's Club Challenge - draws should be out this week so keep posted, competition starts on the 14th of this month.

Valentine has had a steady start to this year's big bowl, get down to Valentine for scheduled games and witness some of the best bowls in Newcastle.

Last of all since my previous article we have lost two of Valentines long serving members – Mr William Watson and Mr Colin Rolla, both men were great friends of all at Valentine and you will be sorely missed but never forgotten. It's been a pleasure to work, play and know both gentlemen God Bless. That's all for now Go The Lakers!!!

Regards

David Govan

Bowls Manager

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Women's Bowls News

Valentine held our Spring Fair on the 18/9/17 with beautiful Spring weather with 2 full greens of visitors and VWBC. .Winners all Valentine players were Gwyn Garrett, Rose Sharkey, Loris Humphreys, and Elizabeth Howells, 2nd Kath Archer, Dale Cameron, Coral James, Joyce Sullivan, 3rd Annette Finnie, Glennis Newton, Lyn Harland, Brenda Cowen, cons Gae Macrae, Colleen Hodge, Eunice Albert, Heather Bree.

VWBC had 5 players; Nancy Childs, Gwyn Garrett, Rhonda Littlewood, Rose Wayland and Sharon Gilmore representing at LMDWBA V's Central Coast at Wangi on the 29th September for the Lakes trophy. Congratulations LMDWBA winning on 6 rinks 167-99.

LMDWBA Festival of bowls was enjoyed by our 6 teams. Runner-up 3 game winners are Barbara Bennett, Gwyn Garrett, Narelle Mullen, and Brenda Seery. Thank you LMDWBA and host Clubs for a well organised Carnival.

VBC social Club held a mixed Mothers/Fathers Day GALA on 8 rinks the 24/9/17 with lunch to follow a game of turnaround triples. A great day was had by all.

VWBC Past President Consistency has been hotly contested with some very close games. Semi final Thursday 5th October, Vicki Fletcher v Dale Cameron, Gwyn Garrett v Brenda Seery.

Social Club mixed Gala commences the 5th October, 4.45 pm for 5 pm start, cost $6 and $1 for Jackpot. Smart casual dress no singlet tops.

Rhonda Littlewood Valentine, Region 6 Singles winner, will contest the State Singles Championship at Taren Point on the 18th and Valentine Ladies will be cheering for you.

Good bowling, and for all who are not well, we wish a speedy recovery.

GO VALENTINE. I Robinson C.O.

Joking Around

1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jelly to a tree.

2) Wrinkles don't hurt.

3) Families are like fudge … mostly sweet, with a few nuts.

4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground

Valentine Lions Club News

Well, the weather seems to have 'sprung' over Spring and jumped straight into Summer and the garden also seems to be a little 'confused' with plants and trees blooming away and we are having to do a lot of watering to keep them going. Let us hope the rain, when it arrives, does not come down too heavy and all at once!

So much for the update on the weather! - Our club has been busy in combining with the organising committee for the upcoming Community Open Day to be held at the Valentine Hydro Therapy Pools Centre on Sunday 15th October. This day promises to be filled with fun and activities for everyone, particularly families. Please make sure you note this day in your calendars with the fun starting from 10.00 and finalising at 3.pm. The pools at the centre will be available for free swimming throughout this time.

The Lions will have their BBQ 'fired up' selling beef sausage sandwiches with onions and sauces of choice. There will also be Hot Dogs available in bread rolls, again with sauces of choice. We will also be selling beautiful fresh scones from the Redhead Quality Bakery together with fresh lamingtons. An assortment of cold drinks will be available.

The net funds from this day will be shared between the Lions Children's Cancer Fund and the Valentine Hydro Therapy Pools Inc. so we are hoping to have great community support to assist in raising as many dollars as possible for these great causes.

A guessing competition raffle is being held in conjunction with the Fun Day and tickets are being presold and will be available to purchase on the 15th October when the draw will take place. There are four great prizes to be won and our Club will be selling the tickets regularly at the VBC entrance so please say hello and purchase a ticket ($2) or three ($5) – thank you!

We mentioned in last month's report a memorial seat for our late

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club

Kurri Golf Club - 17th September 2017

Event — **Club Championship Stroke 4th Round LRIT**

ONE AGENCY EASTLAKES

Golf Mart all we take is the price

Starters: 66

'A' Grade: 18 **'B' Grade: 26** **'C' Grade: 22**

New Members:

	Golf-Mart Voucher	Mug
Macca Mug	John Whiteman	Rod Conry

Individual Results

	'A' Grade		'B' Grade		'C' Grade
1st	Gary Turnbull 65	1st	John Whiteman 58	1st	Rod Conry 61
2nd	Mick Cashman 68	2nd	Brett Venour 66	2nd	Peter Papst 62
3rd	Matt Bowden 69 C/B	3rd	Adam Taylor 67 C/B	3rd	Ray Hinton 67

Team Results

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	

Indivudual Efforts **3 x Golf Ball Prizes**

	Par 3 Nearest to Pin	Par 4 2nd Shot Nearest to Pin
'A'	Gary Turnbull	Matt Bowden
'B'	Greg Lawrence	Chad Green
'C'	Peter Papst	Nil
	Longest Drive	**Longest Drive with an Iron**
'A'	Craig Poole	
'B'	Chris Blanch	
'C'	Adam Fairleigh	

Bowls Umpire Report

Just to clarify a couple of the rules of Bowls;

Mat on Incorrect Line. If after delivery of the jack and after the delivery of a bowl it is noticed that the Jack is on the incorrect line then the mat must be placed on the centre line, the same distance from the ditch as it was originally. The Jack however will remain in its original position.

Restriction of Movement of Players. At the beginning of the 2017 Pennant season a law was introduced to restrict players going to look at the head whilst they still have bowls to play. **These restrictions apply only to the men. In games controlled by the Ladies they are allowed to go to the head.**

Finance Director's Report

I am pleased to report that the Club's YTD Profit at the end of August was $73K compared to last year's loss of $(75) K, which occurred because of the alteration work to the Club.

This has enabled us to continue to pay back the bank loan at an accelerated rate, the outstanding amount being $594K at the time of writing.

Your Board and Management are confident that the positive results will continue.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

2 Sets of Bowls for Sale

Greenmaster Premier Size 4 in good condition. $100

Contact Vince Loughland on 4951 6876

Henselite ABT Evo bowl size 1 blue colour

In good condition $150

Contact Dianne McCarthy

Is your pool fit for use?

With the footy finals out of the way, most states have bid farewell to the last notes of winter. It's now time to start thinking about bringing back to life one of the best parts of the home – the swimming pool.

Over winter, a number of issues will have arisen requiring your attention before you get to enjoy your pool. Left unused for several continuous months, it's likely that your pool has built up dirt and bacteria which can result in illness and other physical ailments. If you're a pool novice or would just like peace of mind, it's a good idea to consult a qualified technician to get your pool in working order. But if you're an experienced pool owner just after a 'refresher', here's some tips to help you return to the pool faster.

A thorough clean

Over the cooler months, pool covers attract leaves, dirt and other bacteria.

Make sure you remove all the dirt from the cover via a long-handled broom or leaf blower. Be sure to drain any surplus water on the top of the pool cover, stopping any dirty water entering the actual pool.

Whatever implements you use, be sure not to rip the pool cover.

Once the pool cover is removed, let it dry thoroughly in warm sun before folding and storing.

Check your water

Fill the pool approximately half way to the skimmer opening and remove objects like leaves, weeds and small branches using your pool net. Once debris has been collected, clean the sides and bottom of the pool either manually or with an automated cleaner. This process needs to be done thoroughly as unremoved dirt can compromise the filtration system.

At the conclusion of the cleaning process, fill the pool.

Are your systems working?

Check everything in your filtration system from the cartridge – which may need replacing – to pipes that may be leaking. Before turning on, make sure all valves and rings are properly lubricated to avoid wear and corrosion. It may be worth consulting your local pool specialist to ensure everything is in working order. It's considered best to run your pool while you're at work and check its condition when you get home.

What is the condition of your water?

After your system has run for 8-12 hours it's time to check the pH levels of your pool. Source water from about two feet under the surface and place in the testing tube. Your pool kit should outlay the necessary measurements and figures for a healthy pool and how to correct imbalances. Again, if you aren't confident in making your pool safe for swimming, contact your local pool professional who will assist.

Live the high-life? Go green indoors!

With several capital cities having gone through a boom in medium and high-rise development living, many people are now opting for low-maintenance lifestyles in apartments.

Here are five examples of indoor plants which are manageable and can bring the feeling of spring indoors to your apartment.

- **Rubber Plant** – Enjoys bright, indoor light.
- **Prayer Plant** – It likes bright but not direct light. Water regularly but don't let water pool in the pot.
- **Pin-Stripe Calathea** – Enjoys a brightly lit indoor spot but out of direct sunlight.
- **Philodendron** – Ensure leaves are kept dust free and re-pot when the plant outgrows its container.
- **Moth Orchid** – A pretty plant with butterfly-shaped flowers. They like warm areas so don't place them in rooms exposed to draughts.

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