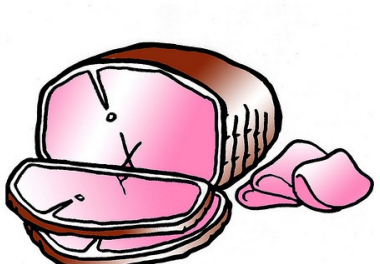
Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

December 2017



Monster Ham Raffle at

Wednesday 13th

December

President Ted's Report

- You will note in this newsletter we have included a letter received from Rachel Carpenter who is a teacher at Valentine Public School regarding the chicken coop built by some of the Board members and the donation of chickens given to them. The content of this letter is self explanatory and makes us proud to be members of Valentine Bowling Club in supporting the local community.

- Ern Parsons who has been a bowling member of our club since 1999 has recently sold his home and is moving to Cleveland a suburb of Brisbane with his wife Lorelle to be closer to their daughters. On behalf of the Board we wish Ern and Lorelle all the best for the future.

- Members are advised that as both Christmas Eve and New Years Eve fall on a Sunday there will not be any raffles held on these days however the club will be trading as normal.

- To those who attended our children's Christmas function I am sure you will agree it was a huge success. Thank you to those who assisted on the day.

To the two young female musicians from Valentine Public School who provided entertainment on the day and then donated part of their funds to the Lions Club. Wow how good is that.

Cheers, Ted.

Did You Know

Our monthly newsletter is now available on our website.
valentinebc.com.au

Hover over the Home button at the top and scroll down to Newsletter.

There you will find the last few Newsletters and the current one.

Great to keep up with the news while away on holidays!

Lakers Low-Down

Hi there fellow Lakers,

The highlight of the past month has been the completion of all remaining club championships.

Congratulations go to Jessica Govan, Ian Macrae, Gae Macrae and David Govan defending their mixed fours title defeating Jenny Baldwin, Al Aurisch, Glenda Morgan and Paul Birt 20-17 in a cracking final.

Congratulations go to Rhonda and Jack Littlewood defeating Barbara and Murray Bennett 21-14 in the mixed pairs final and last of all congratulations go to Terry Seery and David McQuire defeating Murray Bennett and Benny Lowe 22-21 in the minor pairs final on a extra end.

Well done to all participants this year who competed in our championships.

Presentation night is this Saturday 9/12/17 so anyone wishing to attend please see the bowls committee or myself for a ticket to which will be a great night.

Last of all have a Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all, be good and embrace your loved ones and look forward to another fantastic year in 2018.

Good bowling and Go The Lakers 2018!!!

Regards

David Govan

Bowls Manager

Valentine BC

Lockers Available

There are several lockers available for the ladies and men bowlers.

If you would like to keep your bowls at the club please see Keith Pugsley or Barbara Bell.

There is a yearly fee of $3

Women's Bowls News

President Gwen and the Committee of VWBC would like to express our best wishes to all, for the coming Festive Season, and look forward to 2018, and good bowling.

VWBC would like to extend our best wishes to our Past President Irene Landrigan and her husband Frank who are relocating to the Wollongong District to be closer to family. Your input at our Xmas Concerts and your presence will be missed on the green by your bowling mates. Enjoy the coast.

Valentine have completed all of our Championship Games for 2017.

Our winners, **Major Singles** Kay Johnston **r/up** Maree Vincent. **Minor Singles** Maxine Dunning, **R/up** Kim Nillesen. **Club Championship Pairs** Nancy Childs, Eunice Albert **R/up** Rose Wayland, Rhonda Littlewood**, Club Championship Triples** Nancy Childs, Eunice Albert, Heather Bree **R/up** Anna Harris, Dianne McCarthy, Maxine Dunning. **Club Championship Fours** Kay Johnston, Gwyn Garrett, Irene Shirlow, Loris Humphreys **R/up** Vicki Fletcher, Barbara Bell, Cheryn Derrick, Brenda Seery. **Mixed Fours Championship** Jess Govan, Ian Macrae, Gae Macrae, David Govan (skip) defeated Jenny Baldwin, Alan Aurisch, Glenda Morgan, Paul Birt (skip). **Mixed Pairs Championship,** Rhonda and Jack Littlewood defeated Barbara and Murray Bennett.

LMDWBA MAJOR SINGLES. Rhonda Littlewood (Valentine) **R/up** Nancy Childs (Valentine).

LMDWBA Senior Pairs Frieda Wells, Janet Gray (Charlestown) **R/up** Kay Johnston, Gwyn Garrett (Valentine).

REGION 6 SINGLES CHAMPION Rhonda Littlewood.

STATE Championship Singles Semi Finalist Rhonda Littlewood (Valentine).

VWBC Past Presidents Consistency, Gwyn Garrett r/up Vicki Fletcher.

VWBC Edith Galt Consistency for Bowlers playing 5 years or under, Wendy Lesniak r/up Paulette Bignell.

Women's Bowls News continued...

VWBC had representatives playing for LMDWBA against the Central Coast, Hunter District, Newcastle and the State Carnival during 2017.

VWBC Super 10's was held on the 6/11/17 with teams adding up in grades to 10 or more, one first grade or one 2nd grade player and the rest of the team adding up to 10 or more. Teams attended from Charlestown, New Lambton, Adamstown and Kahibah. The overall winners Dale Cameron, Maxine Dunning, Janette Williams and Joan Granter. (Valentine).

Melbourne Cup was enjoyed at VBC 7/11/17 with a great meal and dancing. Some members were lucky enough to pick a winner.

Valentine Bowling Club held a Community Fun Day 11-2pm Sunday the 26th November, 2017 with Jumping Castles and slides for the Children and Santa arriving by boat. A fun day was enjoyed by the many who attended.

Our next Social Club mixed gala will be the 17th December, at 1pm. Come along in Christmas gear and have a fun day.

VWBC will hold a Xmas Gala the last game for the year 5th December and our Christmas Party will be held on the 12th December. Bowls will commence for 2018 on the 9th January, and we look forward to the Pennants commencing on the 20th February.

For all who are not well we wish a speedy recovery, good bowling.

GO VALENTINE. Irene Robinson. Communication Officer.

From Valentine Public School

27th November, 2017

To the President and Directors of Valentine Bowling Club

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kind generosity, donation and time of building our school chicken coop and our 8 new feathered members of our school. It has been such a rewarding experience for all the students who attend our gardening club in the mornings, recesses and lunchtimes. Out of 560 students, I would estimate half of these students have attended gardening duty over the period of two terms. We regularly get over 30 to 40 students a day attending to our chooks and gardening duties.

Our chooks have had a huge impact on bringing all members of our school together. OOSH (Out Of School Hours Care) have come on board as they are saving all their food scraps and deliver them to my classroom every morning. We also collect our entire canteen's left over food scraps for the chooks. Students from my class collect Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2's fruit scraps every day. Students from Year 6 are responsible for collecting Year 3 to Year 6 fruit scraps.

We have learnt how to sort through the fruit and separate it into piles for composting, fertilising directly into our vegie boats and of course five to our beloved chooks. It's teaching our students sustainable habits that they are also implementing at home. (some students love to save food scraps at home to bring to school for our chooks or have started their own compost at home.)

It has especially had a positive impact in Key Learning Areas in my Year 2 classroom. In English, we often write about 'our lovely ladies' as I call them. Students are ALWAYS drawing pictures of their favourite chicken and giving them to me. Most students in my class know that if 7 eggs have been collected in the morning we need to collect another 5 for a dozen eggs (or any combination of 12) – so we can sell them for $3.00 a carton. We talk about how much money we can make per week. It has seriously helped in my teaching of times tables. I am often saying "if 4 hens lay 3 eggs each – how many eggs would there be?" Students learn best if they draw on their own life experience.

We also had a chook naming competition exclusively and enthusiastically ran by the students. This has really helped with the students taking ownership and re-

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sponsibility with our new venture. The winning names are-

2 black chickens – Sparky and Florence
2 white chickens – Dolly and Jolene
2 brown chickens – Layla and Lotti
2 caramel chickens – Enid Blyton and Beatrix Potter

Sparky (the black chook with a bit of brown on her neck) would have to be the most favourite chook of the students because she is so friendly. Although I have a little soft spot for Enid Blyton as she is always at the coop door waiting for me (she often tries to escape with us when we leave).

The chooks are al very tame now and have been picked up endlessly by students every lunchtime. They come running towards us every time they hear our voices. Some very clever chickens have laid double yolkers too. (I have heard of this but never seen one until I cooked one up for breakfast!!!) We have a list of students and staff who have paid $3.00 for a dozen eggs and there are currently 5 dozen eggs that we are waiting for. This money is very handy as it is going towards chicken feed and the purchase of seedlings for our garden.

I wanted to write this letter to you all so you can see how much Valentine Bowling Club has helped implement so many positive changes in our school. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

P.S. The staff were very impressed with the 'egg salad' I made for a staff luncheon that was exclusively laid by 'our lovely ladies'. One teacher only buys eggs from the school as her and her husband said they have never eaten tastier eggs because they know the hens are healthy and happy.

Kind regards

Rachel Carpenter

Year 2 teacher

Valentine Public School

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.

Joking Around

An elderly couple had dinner at another couples house. After the meal the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two men were talking and one said

'We went to a new restaurant last night and it was really great. I would highly recommend it.'

The other man said, 'what is the name of the restaurant?'

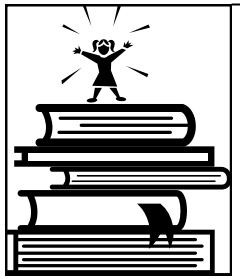
The first man thought and thought and finally said

'What is the name of the flower that you give to someone you love. You know, the one that's red and has thorns.'

The other man said, 'do you mean a rose?'

'Yes that the one' replied the man. Then he turned towards the kitchen and yelled,

'Hey Rose, what's the name of the restaurant we went to last night?'



Our library cupboard has been relocated into the Poker Machine Room.

The books are there for all members to enjoy, so please continue to make use of this great asset.

Joking Around

This is the story of the blonde flying in a two seater plane with just the pilot….

The pilot has a heart attack and dies at the controls.

The blonde frantically calls a "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, Help me the pilot has had a heart attack and died. I don't know how to fly, help me, please help me."

Suddenly she hears a voice over the radio.

'This is the tower. I have received your message and I will talk you through this. I've had plenty of experience with this kind of problem. Now just relax and everything will be fine. Firstly give me your height and position.'

The blonde replies ' I', 5'4" and I'm in the front seat.'

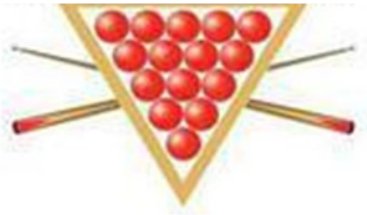
'Okay' says the tower controller, 'repeat after me.

Our Father, which art in heaven.'

Snooker Club

The presentation for the 2017 Snooker Competition will be held this Sunday, 10th December, 2017 at our Christmas Function. The Mens Singles winner was Darren Jones and the Doubles competition was won by John Kalverla and Dave Miller – congratulations to you all.

The Snooker Club holds its raffles on Wednesday nights, and up until Christmas we will have two ham prizes as well as our usual 12 meat prizes. We will not be holding our raffle on Wednesday the 13th December, as the Bowling Club will be holding their Ham Raffle on that evening.



I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of our President to wish all the members of the Snooker Club and their families, a very merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

Finance Director's Report

I am pleased to advise you that our Club has achieved a record half year result of $141K year to date October 2017, this compares to last year's half year loss of $(30) K.

At the time of writing this our outstanding bank loan is $550K, and it is the Board's intention to reduce this to under $500K by the end of December 2017.

Congratulations to all our staff and members for this great result.

Finally, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Valentine Lions Club News

Here we are coming to the end of another 12 calendar months and the Xmas and new Year period starts to 'rev up' for the festive season activities and New Year celebrations plus holiday time for many people and families – just where has the year gone, we all say!

November was a busy month for our club with our two meetings (one of which was a social dinner night at Warners at the Bay Hotel followed by Ten Pin Bowling). Our club also assisted local organisations such the Royal Institute for the Deaf and Blind at Tingira Heights where a small group of our members constructed and painted a timber ramp access way to their building complex. Lion's members also assisted with vehicle car park marshalling for stallholder vehicles at Croudace Bay Park for the Valentine Public School Market Day on the 4th November. On Sunday the 26th November Lion's members provided BBQ catering for the VBC Children's Xmas Party on the shores of our beautiful Lake. The weather was very kind and many 'littlies' had a ball using the attractions provided. Santa arrived by boat and spoke words of wisdom to the excited audience and handed out lolly bags that were quickly enjoyed.

Our club is again conducting a Xmas Stocking raffle and tickets will go on sale from Sunday 3rd December with Lion's members being located inside the club entrance from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm and from 4/5 pm until 7.00 pm every day until 22nd December when the draw will take place, around 7 pm. Tickets can also be purchased from any Lions club member. There are 1st , 2nd and 3rd prizes and the excellent Xmas Stocking goodies will be on display and described at the front area of the club. Please buy a ticket/s as all net proceeds will be given to local charities – thank you.

Lion's excellent tasting Xmas cakes and Puddings are available for sale so please see them on display at our Thursday raffles or purchase from any Lion's club member. They can also be purchased at the Valentine Butchery.

The Lion's club Thursday night raffles continue to be greatly supported by VBC patrons and Bowlers with half hams now being included with our normal ten meat trays up until the 21st December. The raffle draw will be extended to approximately 7.15 pm for the interim to cater for the increased patronage at the VBC, particularly during this festive season.

As this is our last report for the year, we take this opportunity to wish the VBC Management, Staff and Board Members the very best for a Merry and safe Xmas and a great and successful New Year.

Our club also extends the above wishes to all VBC patrons and Bowlers and we look forward to your much appreciated and continued support in 2018.

Merry Xmas! – the silver grey fox.

Fishing Club News

November is the month the Fishing Club holds it's premier annual weekend outing to Glenbawn Dam near Scone.

29 members made the trip, camping from Friday 10/11 and concluding at 12:00pm Sunday 12/11.

The fishing was great, arguably the best since the Fishing Club has been going there and that is over 20 years. Everybody caught quality fish and plenty of them. Not sure if this has been achieved before but we had three generations of the one family come for the weekend. John Neaves, his son Steve and three of John's grandsons. This all points to a healthy fishing club for the next generation coming through. When combined with great food, ample refreshments and fabulous weather, a fantastic time was had by all.

Winners for the weekend were:

Largest Bass	Alex Menil
Largest Yellowbelly	Mark Bradley
Largest Silver Perch	Neil Cooley
Largest Catfish	Mick Mawson
Mystery Bass length	Fletcher Torrance
Sub-Junior	Ted Mawson
Junior	Indiana Hardwick
Overall Winner	David Birt

The Fishing Club always holds a 2nd outing in the month of November as this caters for those members who still want to be able to weigh in for the month but can't get to Glenbawn Dam. This 2nd outing was held on 24, 25 & 26 November. We had 13 members weigh-in and approximately 20 members attend the Sunday BBQ. Neil Wilson and son Ryan hit their favourite bream spot in the lake again and were rewarded with a great catch. One bream Neil caught was just over 1.1kg and although only early in the 2017-2018 competition, will take some beating for the biggest Bream for the year. Ryan was not outdone by his dad and weighed in some quality bream as well. Alex Menil tried his luck on the beach and caught a heap of dart as well as some whiting. Steve Neaves used his extensive knowledge of the lake and fished his many marks for a mixed bag that included snapper, squid & tailor. Neil and Carmel Cooley decided to have a day out to fish the freshwater at Lake St Clair near Singleton. As luck would have it they had their best Yellowbelly

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session ever, catching 31 Yellowbelly between them in under 2 hours. Dave Birt, after catching some Jewfish in Newcastle Harbour on Friday morning decided to try for them again. Unfortunately the Jew had just shut down and he never turned a reel. Mitch & Matt Birt fishing their favourite offshore spot for a mixed bag including a great table fish being a Bar Cod. Danny Ratcliffe and his grandson Jayden fished the southern end of the lake and caught some squid. Mick Mawson and his boys, Zac & Ted fished the sandflats and while they did catch some whiting Mick said it was pretty hard fishing.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	Neil Wilson
2nd	Alex Menil
3rd	Steve Neaves
Sub-Jnr	Ryan Wilson

We are always looking for new members and any interested people can contact either Darren Riles ph 0439241061, Neil Cooley ph 0421168349 or David Birt ph 0427228438 if they need information on how to sign up and go about participating.

To see what's happening in the Club and what catches members are getting you can go to: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2033190670245312/

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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!

Email your buy, sell, swap, recipe, joke or other information for the next Newsletter to:
barbara.bell1@optusnet.com.au

The NEWCASTLE ART SOCIETY has opened a Pop Up Shop until Christmas, outside Belmont Citi Centre, between the two entry doors

It is open on THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY between 10 am and 4 pm

GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club

Charlestown Golf Club - 3rd December 2017

Event — **Individual Stableford DFP 6th Round LRIT**

ONE AGENCY EASTLAKES

Golf Mart all we value is the price

Starters: 69

'A' Grade: 26 **'B' Grade: 18** **'C' Grade: 25**

New Members:

	Golf-Mart Voucher	Mug
Macca Mug	Greg Lawrence	Clint Hibberd

Individual Results

	'A' Grade		'B' Grade		'C' Grade
1st		1st		1st	
2nd		2nd		2nd	
3rd		3rd		3rd	

Team Results

1st	Clint Hibberd 51 - Chad Green 44 95 Points
2nd	Brian Atkins 50 - David Cunneen 38 88 Points
3rd	Bob Bear 49 - Phil Northey 37 86 Points
4th	Greg Lawrence 52 - Ray Hinton 31 83 Points

Indivudual Efforts **3 x Golf Ball Prizes**

	Par 3 Nearest to Pin	Par 4 2nd Shot Nearest to Pin
'A'	John Laagland	Adam Burn
'B'	Bria Atkins	Bob Bear
'C'	David Hull	Nil
	Longest Drive	**Longest Drive with an Iron**
'A'	Dave Moore	
'B'	Clint Hibberd	
'C'	Mick Locking	

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