Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

February 2018

The Board, staff and members wish our Ladies Pennant teams good luck and good bowling for the 2018 season which starts on February 20.

President Ted's Report

- As mentioned by Col Taylor in his report we are having a great year financially so on behalf of management and the Board I thank you all for your attendance and support at our wonderful facility. Fingers crossed for what could be a record year.

- For those wishing to celebrate Valentines Day on Wednesday 14 February 2018 a special dinner is being organised in the Alfresco area of the club. Patrons are urged to book early or alternatively miss out on what is expected to be a popular event.

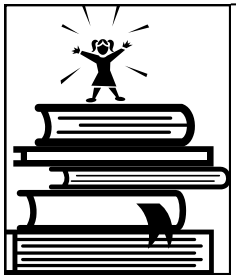
- As previously mentioned the way of the future is with digital communication and for this we use the services of Prompted Web which has proved very successful. With Facebook we are receiving in excess of 1,000 hits per week and with our Website we are getting an average of 75 page views per day.

- In the coming months you will notice advertisements in prime time with N.B.N. promoting our venue for all our facilities including the function room. This should further enhance our reputation.

- Easter is fast approaching with Good Friday being 30 March 2018. Our monster seafood raffle will be held on 28 March 2018.

Cheers,

Ted.



Our library cupboard which is located in the Poker Machine Room has lots of books for our members to enjoy, so please continue to make use of this great facility.

Lakers Low-Down

Hi there fellow Lakers, welcome to another season of bowls.

Club championships start off this week with the club fours Friday night 6 pm followed by major singles Sunday 1 pm then major minor pairs Monday night 6 pm. Please check the board to see if you are boarded or need to find a marker.

The first of our pennant trials are on the board so please tick if you are available or not. These are only trial teams and changes can be made for future trials and pennant sides.

Entry forms are on the board for district events so anyone wishing to enter do so before they close.

Good luck to Nev Hardes and Kim Jaques in the quarter finals of the district pairs to be played at Nelson Bay this Saturday 11/2/18 and the same to Wayne Atherton and Col Mullen and also John Jennings and Jack Littlewood in the quarter finals of the senior district pairs at Beresfield, go get em men!

That's all for now, good bowling and Go The Lakers!!!

Regards

David Govan

Bowls Manager

Valentine BC

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.

Women's Bowls News

With Pennants commencing on the 20th February, President Gwen extends good wishes to our 6 teams. Play the games in a good competitive and friendly sportsmanship manner, and make our Club proud. Bring home flags. Greenkeeper Steve Britt has done an excellent job preparing our grass green, which is now up and running. Our new shirts should arrive prior to Pennants and we welcome our new sponsor Noel McFarlane Real Estate.

President Gwen wishes to thank Barbara Bell who is printing Booklets for our pennant players. These booklets let teams know where they are playing and when, and provides score sheets. Barbara does an excellent job and our players really appreciate her booklets.

The Final of the Mixed Fours was played on the 20/11/17 commencing at 6pm and played over four and a half hours with some light rain. Winners Jess and David Govan and Gae and Ian Macrae defeated Jenny Baldwin, Alan Aurisch, Glenda Morgan and Paul Birt in a very close game.

VBC held the final of the mixed pairs played on the 26/11/17. Winners Rhonda and Jack Littlewood defeated Barbara and Murray Bennett.

VWBC held our Christmas Party on the 12/12/17 in the auditorium. President Gwen Gould welcomed Life Members, our hard working Committee and fellow bowlers. Nancy Childs was presented with Trophy for Bowler of the Year, and Irene Shirlow was presented with Most Improved Bowler of the Year. A delicious lunch prepared by our Chef Gary and his team followed by celebration and dancing to the music of Gary Davidson, who plays our favorite music. Many thanks to Judy Percival who always decorates with expertise at our functions.

Valentine Social Club held a Twilight Mixed Gala 22/12/17 which was a roaring success and enjoyed by over 30 happy bowlers. Our Twilight bowls are played on Thursday evening at 5pm.

Women's Bowls News continued...

Valentine Social Club mixed gala held on Australia Day was enjoyed by the 85 bowlers in attendance. CEO Leisa played in my game and we are looking forward to a new star, I am sure Leisa enjoyed the bowls. Congratulations Social Club on a well organized day.

VWBC are preparing for our first Invitation Day which will be held on the 12/2/18.

For all who are not well, we wish you a speedy recovery

Good bowling.

GO VALENTINE

The Newcastle Art Society

Will be at Charlestown Square

Outside Myer

From

29 January to 11 February

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

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

barbara.bell1@optusnet.com.au

Umpire's Corner

Bowling Arm

There is a new rule that will soon be introduced stating that a player starting a game using a bowling arm must use it for the entire game. Likewise a player starting the game without a bowling arm cannot use them for any part of the game.

Placement of the mat. Before the start of play in each end, the player to play 1st must place the centreline of the mat lengthwise along the centre line of the rink, with the mat line at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 23 metres from the front ditch.

If before the jack has been delivered, but before the 1st bowl has been delivered the player must correctly position the mat.

Question If after delivery of the first bowl it is discovered that the mat is on the incorrect line, **what should happen to the mat, the jack and the delivered bowl?**

A. The mat is placed on the correct line and the jack and bowl remain in the positions they are and play continues bowling from the mat on the correct line.

Life Adages

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.
That's FAITH .

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.
That's TRUST.

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.
That's HOPE.

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That's CONFIDENCE.

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.
That's LOVE.

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'
That's ATTITUDE.

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 which is to be paid with your membership each year.

Finance Director's Report

Our Club has continued to produce good results and year to date 31/12/17 our net profit is $240K. This has enabled us to reduce our outstanding bank loan to $425K .

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

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

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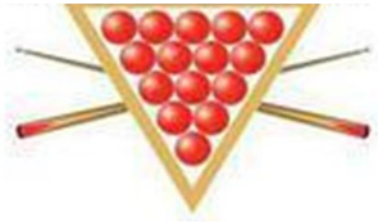
Snooker Club



The Snooker Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 11th February, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. It will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Anyone wishing to attend, please let any of the committee know as we will need numbers for catering. Hope to see many people there as we will be holding nominations for Officers and committee members, as well as discussing future competitions and social events. Membership fees can be paid on the day which is still only $10.00 per person.

Just a reminder that the Snooker Club holds its raffles on Wednesday nights which is drawn promptly at 7.00 p.m. following the Members Badge draw.

Helen Hickey

Secretary

Joking Around

There were three Indian squaws. One slept on a deer skin, one slept on an elk skin, and the third slept on a hippopotamus skin. All three became pregnant. The first two each had a baby boy. The one who slept on the hippopotamus skin had twin boys. This just goes to prove that the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides.

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss League records were destroyed in a fire, and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

Mick goes to the vet with his goldfish. *"I think it's got epilepsy"*, he tells the vet.

Vet takes a look and says, *"It seems calm enough to me".*

Mick says, *"I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet"*

Paddy & Mick find three grenades, so they decide to take them to a police station.

Mick: *"What if one explodes before we get there?"*

Paddy: *"We'll lie and say we only found two."*

Valentine Lions Club News

As this is our first report for the new year, we take this opportunity to advise the Lions Xmas Stocking Raffle was again highly successful with an amount of $3028.00 (after expenses) bring raised. The winners of the raffle prizes were Bob Towers (1st) Barry Holmes (2nd) and Di McCarthy (3rd) – thank you again to all who purchased tickets and especially to the Management and Board of the VBC who generously supported this fund raising event with prizes and the use of the club facilities. The proceeds of this raffle will be provided to local charities.

Xmas Eve in Bennett Park was our final annual event for 2017 and although Mr Weatherman again tried to interrupt proceedings, the stormy weather held and Santa was able to come ashore and greet the many children and families. Santa took his time to talk and hand out lollies to as many children as possible. There were also many keep sake photos taken by family members. Santa was helped by his elves to hand out the large amount of lollies and there were many smiling faces! Santa did say he felt the hot conditions and we also felt for him as he walked around in his suit on a very humid day. Mike Kinsella from Discobeat, was again on hand to provide great Xmas music that helped enhance the wonderful community Xmas feeling that was obvious within the large crowd of people gathered – thank you Mr Music!

Our first event for the year was out annual Australia Day breakfast in Allambee Park and many families attended to enjoy celebrating the day. Following the flag raising ceremony, our president John Duke, gave a short welcome speech to all and then a rousing edition of the National Anthem was sung by all those in attendance.

The Lions BBQ trailer was on hand and many sausages and onions were consumed together with unlimited hot and cold soft drinks being available to quench the thirst on a hot summer morning. The mandatory game of cricket was organised and supervised by our member John Hindle, who certainly looked the part with his 'war face paint' on. John also managed to have a 'ring in' fielder this year with a local border collie dog named Rollie, playing a great game fielding at mid position and continually retrieving the ball and dropping it back to the bowler (well most of the time!). Rollie actually took a great catch at silly

Valentine Lions Club News continued...

mid position that should be a candidate for the Classic Catches series!

Our valued Senior Members of the community were again treated to seats in the cricket 'members area' and were served with fantastic fresh scones provided by the Redhead Quality Bake shop with lashings of jams and cream plus cups of tea or coffee as required - great to see them enjoying the activities. Mike Kinsella of Discobeat, again provided fantastic music – thanks Mike!

That is all for now folks and close by saying a huge thank you to all for the great ongoing support we receive for our Thursday night raffles – the silver grey fox.

Fishing Club News

Since our last report for November we have had two outings, December & January.

December is generally very quiet as many members are away. January had a much larger participation as most members were back from Christmas holidays. This outing was held 12,13 & 14 January. We had 14 members weigh-in on the Sunday and over 20 members attend our BBQ. Although the wind blew constantly it was a very successful fishing weekend with all members who weighed in catching plenty of fish. David Birt was off chasing his favourite fish, Mulloway, in Newcastle Harbour and, while he didn't catch many, he was rewarded with the largest one caught so far this fishing year at 11.35kg or a bit over 24lbs in the old scale. His brother, Paul, decided to also fish Newcastle Harbour. He caught some quality bream with a few that will make the Top 5 for the year to date. Mark and Luke Bradley tried to fish offshore but the conditions were less than favourable and they ended up fishing the lake. Mark caught a few flathead. Sub-Junior, Luke ,was again rewarded with a good mixed bag and will certainly take some beating in his division come the end of the

Fishing Club News continued...

fishing year. Darren Riles also decided to fish offshore and while he battled to get fish as well as battled the conditions, he did weigh in a Mack Tuna and Bonito. Not too many of these fish generally get caught so they are great point earners. Matt and Mitch Birt fished Swansea Channel for Whiting. Competition is always strong between these brothers and on this outing it was Mitch who came away with the honours. They both caught the largest competition whiting for the year at .610gms. Unfortunately for Matt it was Mitch who boated the first one, so on this occasion, Mitch got the winner. Len Lavers also fished for Whiting in Swansea Channel and, while he caught plenty in quick time, they were just under Mitch & Matt Birt's size. Allan Wood and Nathan Birt also fished Swansea Channel and it was the same story for them. Plenty of Bream & Whiting but just under Mitch & Matt Birt's. Alex Menil tried his luck at surface poppers and managed to get a few Whiting and Bream as well. Neil & Carmel Cooley decided to get up early on Saturday morning and fish freshwater at Lake St Clair. The fish were biting their heads off and it was all they could do to keep up especially given the hurricane like wind blowing. Plenty of Bass on lures trolling and Yellowbelly and Silver Perch on baits. Carmel says she really loves fishing the freshwater and is currently leading the Ladies division and giving the men a run for their money.

Winners for the weekend were:

1st	Neil Cooley
2nd	David Birt
3rd	Paul Birt
Sub-Junior	Luke Bradley

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/

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club

Toronto Country Club - 14th January 2018

Event Individual Stableford

ONE AGENCY EASTLAKES

Starters: 69

Golf Mart

'A' Grade: 24 'B' Grade: 20 'C' Grade: 25

New Members: Jason Spruce

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Individual Results

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3rd	John Whiteman 40	3rd	Geoff Spruce 42	3rd	Jason Williams 43

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'	Mick Sutton	Adam Taylor
'B'	Alex Korotkich	John Duke
'C'	Joe Hetherington	Rod Conry
	Longest Drive	**Longest Drive with an Iron**
'A'	Matt Bowden	
'B'	Alex Korotkich	
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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. Mufti

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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