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

August 2017

Valentine Primary School chook coop complete with happy chooks

President Ted's Report

- A further reminder that our Annual General Meeting is to be held at 10.30 am on 27 August 2017. Any Notices of Motion are to be submitted in writing no later than 6 August 2017 and similarly for Life Membership nominations.

- Congratulations to Bruce Williams who recently defeated Eric Roach 25-9 in the final of the Veterans Singles. Well done to both players.

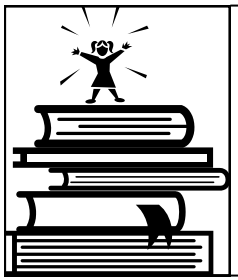
- We will be again holding our popular Melbourne Cup function on 7 November 2017 with a three course meal, entertainment, sweeps and so on. To avoid disappointment make your bookings early as this function is normally booked out.

- As is common practice with business we are heading to social media outlets and are considering Instagram and Facebook. Our website is also in the process of being updated which hopefully will assist in attracting functions to our wonderful facility.

- I have previously informed you of the chicken pen and coop that we have been involved in at Valentine Public School. This has now been completed as per photographs on the front page and I take this opportunity to thank Geoff Armstrong, David Bell and Peter Howell for their time and effort. Well done guys.

Cheers,

Ted.



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.

Fishing Club News continued ...

released to fight another day. Alex Menil fished his favoured beach and rock section and caught some line burning salmon again. Neil Wilson and son Ryan had a late morning start in the lake on Saturday and fished into the early night. Ryan showed his dad how it was done and was chuffed to catch his first snapper on a soft plastic. They ended up with a mixed bag including a good sized 60 cm + flathead landed by Neil. Our newest member Mark Neuman fished the lake and caught some flathead and tailor.

But far and away the fisherman of the weekend was Steve Neaves with his partner in crime Glen Candy. They decided to have a "sleepover" on his boat in the lake and, given the temperature in the middle of July, in addition to catching a swag of fish, both needed to be awarded a medal. Steve landed a heap of squid, slept through the catching of a Mulloway on his line by Glen, some snapper, crabs, bream & leatherjackets.

With the weather being perfect on Sunday it saw our weigh-in BBQ well attended with some 20+ members there. In all 18 different fish species were weighed in. The most ever. Winners for the weekend were 1st Steve Neaves 2nd Rod Hardwick & 3rd Dave McMorrow. Luke Bradley took out the Sub-Juniors for the weekend.

Our next outing will be held on 11th, 12th & 13th August. There are just two dedicated weekend outings to go before the competition finishes on 30th September, 2017.

New members are most welcome and 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.

Neil Cooley Secretary

Fishing Club News

July's outing was held on the weekend of 14th, 15th & 16th July. It commenced on Friday with strong winds and, when combined with the already cool temperature, was not very comfortable at all for fishing. Luckily as the weekend progressed the weather just got better and better and by Saturday afternoon it was absolutely perfect. Suffice to say that there were plenty of members who participated albeit if only to take advantage of the great weather.

Mark and Luke Bradley and Rod Hardwick decided to fish offshore taking the opportunity to travel to Broughton Island and camp for a couple of days. They were rewarded with a great mixed bag comprising of Teraglin, snapper, bonito, flathead, trevally and an amberjack. Young Luke out-fished his dad again and is becoming quite the accomplished fisherman catching six different species of fish. In the next couple of years, as Luke moves into the senior ranks, he will have some of the senior members looking over their shoulders. Rod Hardwick caught eight different species including some quality teraglin. Dave McMorrow was another who ventured offshore from Newcastle. He caught plenty of snapper to 1.7 kg, bream, tarwhine and flathead with a couple of parrot fish thrown in for good measure. They started fishing before dawn and Dave reckons that it was midday before he could feel his hands. Dave Kemp fished the lake and as usual was the quiet achiever. He caught a great bag of tailor and flathead topped off with a Mulloway of 4.250 kg. Neil Cooley persevered in Friday's gale to get a bag of Whiting with his biggest going nearly .5 kg. He reckons there are plenty of winter whiting about and you just need to be patient. Neil and David Birt decided to fish the lake on Saturday. At first trying for some Salmon for no result, then flicking lures for flathead. They ended up with 12 fish with one of David's flathead going 79 cms and 3+ kgs. The largest was too good to be caught once and was promptly

Lakers Low-Down

Hi there fellow Lakers,

The highlights of the past month have been the completion of the minor singles and veteran singles. Congratulations go to young up and comer Benny (The Jet) Lowe defeating Al Aurisch 31-26 in the minor singles final. Al got off to a flying start scoring the maximum 4 shots on the first end followed by two singles to lead 6-0, Al then extended his lead to 14-7 before Benny hit his straps winning the next 5 ends to lead 16-14. The lead swung again and Al took to the front to lead 20-16 followed by Benny after that again to lead 23-20. On the 29th end scores were locked at 26-26, a maximum count to Benny on the 30th end followed by a single clinched the title for the young man. Congratulations to both players on a fantastic final.

The Veteran singles final this year was between Eric Roach and Bruce Williams. Bruce was in red hot form on the day playing some magnificent draw bowls and raced to a 24-4 match winning advantage, Eric won the next 3 ends to trail 9-24 before Bruce with his last bowl drew the absoluta, winning his maiden veteran singles title, Congratulation to both men.

Our super 12s tournament is now full but a couple of spare teams would be good in case of late pullouts.

Our over 70 triples tournament in October entry sheet in on the board so get your names down asap.

Last of all three threes entry close soon so get in and lets win a couple of titles for Valentine.

That's all for now, Go The Lakers!!!

Regards

David Govan

Bowls Manager VBC

Women's Bowls News

Congratulations to Rhonda Littlewood (Valentine) who defeated Margaret Smith (Avoca) 25-23 in the Regional 6 Singles at Redhead 31/7/17. Rhonda will now represent Valentine at the State Championships at Taren Point in October. Great work Rhonda. GO VALENTINE.

Congratulations to LMDWBA teams Wangi 3 grade and Redhead 4 grade, who are also playing in the State Playoffs.

Valentine's Oncology Invitation Day was held on the 3rd July which was an outstanding success with 2 full greens. Valentine's Jan Boyle, Jenny Baldwin, Brenda Seery, and Annette Tierney were the winners.

Our Minor Singles were played on the 11th July, winner Maxine Dunning defeated Kim Nillesen 25-16.

The Final of the LMDWBA Senior Pairs, Valentine's Kay Johnston and Gwyn Garrett, were defeated by Freida Wells and Janet Gray (Charlestown) 18-17 in a very close game. A great game of Championship bowls. Valentine's Sharon Gilmore and Maree Vincent were defeated in the semi-final of the LMDWBA Open Pairs by L Gilsenen and L Genders (Charlestown).

Valentine's Club Triples were contested 25/7/17 with Nancy Childs, Eunice Albert and Heather Bree defeating last year winners, Anna Harris, Dianne McCarthy and Maxine Dunning. This was a great game, however luck and good bowls were with Nancy's team.

Nancy Childs and Maree Vincent, played with Jen Roberts and Jacqui Morgan (Pittwater) in a 2 day Carnival at East Tamworth, and won second place on the 22-23/7/17. Well done.

VWBC will host a Super 10's Carnival on the 6/11/17. Team of 4, 21 ends and teams comprise of 1 x 1 grade OR 1 x 2 grade to tally 10 or over OR 4 X 3, OR 2 X 4 & 2 X 3. Contact Betty Simpson 49427110.

Club Fours are now underway.

VWBC have 4 four teams attending the Blue Water Carnival at Soldiers Point in August.

VWBC have Lady and Men bowlers travelling to Norfolk Island for their Carnival in August, and hopefully will have a successful Carnival and a fantastic holiday.

Good bowling, safe travel, and to all who are not well we wish a speedy recovery. GO VALENTINE.

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club

Morisset Country Club - 9th July 2017

Event — **Club Championship 3rd Round LRIT**

ONE AGENCY EASTLAKES

Starters: 66

Golf Mart

'A' Grade: 21 **'B' Grade: 26** **'C' Grade: 19**

New Members:

	Golf-Mart Voucher	Mug
Macca Mug		Brad Anstess

Individual Results

	'A' Grade		'B' Grade		'C' Grade
1st	Craig Poole 69	1st	Brad Anstess 66	1st	Dave Cuneen 70
2nd	Don Gray 72 C/B	2nd	Dave Robertson 69	2nd	Bruce Miller 72 C/B
3rd	Vince Ayerst 72 C/B	3rd	Paul Whiteman 70	3rd	Bruce Skaines 72 C/B

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'	Alan Howard	Dave Moore
'B'	Darren Longworth	Richard Royle
'C'	Peter Papst	Ray Hinton
	Longest Drive	**Longest Drive with an Iron**
'A'	Dave Moore	
'B'	John Whiteman	
'C'	Jason Williams	

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.

WE'RE BACK

ART EXHIBITION

THE NEWCASTLE ART SOCIETY WILL BE HOLDING THEIR EXHIBITION AGAIN AT

MOUNT HUTTON SHOPPING CENTRE FROM

21 AUGUST TO 10 SEPTEMBER

Several of our members exhibit and

your support is always appreciated

Jessie's Bistro

VALENTINE BOWLING CLUB CO-OP LTD.

Coffee & Cake $5

Sara-Lee range

10.30am-9.30pm

Coffee	$
Cappuccino	4.00
Flat White	4.00
Short black	4.00
Long Black	4.00
Chai Latte	4.00
Hot Chocolate	3.50
Mocha	4.00

Tea	
English Breakfast	4.00
Earl Grey	4.00
Chamomile	4.00
Green Tea	4.00

Extras	
Extra shot	0.50
Soy Milk	0.50
Skim Milk	0.00
Syrup	1.00
- Caramel	
- Vanilla	
Mug	0.50
Decaf	0.50

Finance Director Report

The audited accounts for year ending 30th April 2017 have now been posted to the web site and I know a number of our members have already looked closely at them.

Even though the final net profit of $46.5 K was a disappointment, being under half of what we had forecast, our Club was still able to pay back $250 K of its borrowing, leaving the Bank loan at $755K at the year end.

An extensive review was made on the last quarters trading to establish why certain areas of our Club had not achieved their expected results.

I'm am pleased to say that the changes that have been made has resulted in a year to date profit of $28k at the end of June.

Our Club has also been able to reduce the bank loan to $695K at the time of writing.

Hope to see you all at the AGM on Sunday 27th August.

Finally, after spending nearly seven weeks on holiday in Europe it is great to be back home in Australia.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

Valentine Lions Club News

Dear VBC members & friends, Our local Lions Club started it's new Lions year on July 1st and our new young President John Duke (of VBC Social Golf Club fame) has set the pace for another busy year of with our many local activities, not just fund raising but supporting local Community groups and projects such as the Valentine Hydrotherapy Pool, the Croudace Bay Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind at Floraville.

As you know 100% of the income from our VBC Thursday raffles goes to local charities.

Our members Ann Ryan & Keith Parry have enjoyed hosting two Youth exchange students - Peppe from Italy and Chuckie from Turkey. During the past three weeks, Ann and Keith have showcased our local area and its attractions and beyond. Peppe and Chuckie have enjoyed trips to the Tamworth District, Sydney, Port Stephens and the Hunter Valley - a highlight being a 'behind the scenes' tour at Tyrells Winery.

Peppe and Chuckie are now attending Lions Camp Kookaburra based at Summerland Point with 32 youth Exchange Students from various parts of the world before returning to their homes at the end of July.

Planning is well under way for our October fundraising Lions Community festival in conjunction with the Valentine Hydrotherapy Pool.

Your usual scribe Chris Davies the Grey Fox is testing fate at the snow so I'm it this time.

Bruce Harris- Lions Publicity Officer

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

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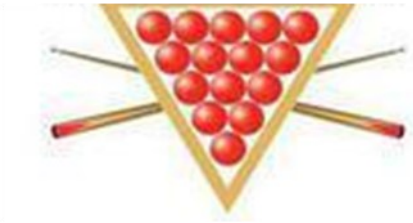
Snooker Club



The Christmas in July function was a fantastic day and a great time had by all. The food was lovely and the music and dancing was a lot of fun. Special thanks to our music men – Greg (Meggsie) and Gary who were great and played just about non-stop all afternoon. We would also like to thank the Club Staff for their input in making the afternoon a huge success – the catering staff – food and service was excellent, the function staff who did a great job in decorating and setting up the room and of course the bar staff, who looked after us very well. We had over 40 members who attended and 6 of those members won a lucky door prize.

The Snooker Competition is proceeding well and just a reminder to those who still haven't played their first round, if they could do so as soon as possible so we can keep the competition moving.

Helen Hickey

Secretary.

Handyman Work and Knife Sharpening

HOW SHARP ARE YOUR KNIVES??
CHISELS - PLANER BLADES - SHEARS

HANDYMAN WORK ALSO DONE

Carpentry - repairs to cupboards - doors - odd jobs - yard work

Club Member : GREG FRITH

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Joking Around

A Spanish Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine.

"House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa. Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz."

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?"

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun.

Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computadora"), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;

2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;

3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval;

and

4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay check on accessories for it.

(THIS GETS BETTER!)

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ("el computador"), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on

2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;

3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem;

and

4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model.

The women won

The First Home Owners Grants

The first home owners grant is free funding so understanding if you are eligible can really pay off. To help first home buyers fulfil the dream of one day owning their own homes, Australia introduced the First Home Owners Grant (FHOG) to ease the costs associated with buying real estate. Each state has its own criteria, rules, guidelines and amounts, with some states focusing their funding on certain types of property. To find out about the First Home Owner Grant read our articles on your state or territory. Some states also have a stamp duty concession on top of the FHOG, saving first home buyers more money. Again, see what your state allows by reading our state and territory first home owner guides.

Why use the grant?
The costs associated with purchasing your first home can add up to a significant amount. The grant is free funding - not a short-term loan that you have to pay back to the government. Some states offer grants of up to $15,000, which will be a considerable help when saving for your home deposit. Funding is usually paid to you once your property has reached settlement, so it's a good idea to consider how you will use it before you lodge your application. Recently, a number of state governments have shifted their focus for the grant to the purchase or construction of brand new homes. This may influence your purchasing decision, so do your research early.

Are you eligible?
The grant differs from state to state, but basic eligibility criteria remain the same across the country and apply to both you and your spouse or partner entering the property agreement:

- You must be a first-time buyer in Australia. This applies to both you and your partner or spouse entering the agreement.
- You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- You must not have claimed this grant previously.
- You must be over age 18 at the time of the property's settlement.
- The home that you use the funds to purchase must be a fixed dwelling that is lawfully considered to be used as a place of residence.

This includes:

- A new or established house
- Unit or apartment
- Terraced home / Flat
- Any other type of self-contained dwelling At least one applicant must use the purchase as a place of residence continuously for at least six months. This must begin within 12 months of the property's settlement or construction.

There is usually a capped amount for properties you can apply for. Naturally this can fluctuate substantially across the country, depending on each state's housing market. Applications can be made through most financial lenders, however they must be a First Home Owners Grant Approved Agent. Alternatively, applications can be made through your state's Office of State Revenue. You must support your application with proof of identity and the contract of sale for the property. For more information on the FHOG in the state you're looking to buy in, head to the federal government portal.

Source: https://www.ljhooker.com.au/buy/using-first-home-owner-grants

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Some of our Current Projects

10 Faucett Street, Blackalls Park
From $375,000

38 French Road, Wangi Wangi
$439,000

11a Dickinson Street, Charlestown
$545,000 - $645,000

300 Main Road, Fennell Bay
From $425,000

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