Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

# Club Newsletter

October 2023

## President Rob's Message

**Melbourne Cup:**

Planning is well underway for our annual Melbourne Cup Festivities. Come and join the party at VBC with Sweeps available from 10.00am.

Live Music with Mark Lee from 12noon to 4.00pm and prizes for best dressed lady and man. We are also planning a lucky door prize, you will get tickets when you buy drinks at the bar.

Lunch will be available from our NEW Spring Menu, or you can select from an amazing specials board created by Chef Col.

Join us for Lunch or just drinks with your choice of cocktails, wine or beers from the bar

Our Courtesy Bus will be available from 10.00am. Call 0423 456225 on the day for a booking.

**Melbourne Cup Calcutta:**

Our Calcutta will be held on Monday evening 6 November 2023. This is always a very exciting evening and more detail will be provided on Facebook as they become available.

**New Spring Menu:**

Chef Col and the staff have been working very hard developing our New Spring Menu. They've been trying new dishes on the specials Board over the last few months and have been listening to requests and comments from patrons. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by the new menu that features some traditional club food but also many other options. The new menu will be available from Mid October so watch Facebook and advertising at the Club.

**Club's Financial Performance:**

As was mentioned at our Annual General Meeting, due to inflation, operating costs of the Club are growing at a faster rate than revenue. This is an issue for the hospitality industry generally not just VBC. The CEO and Board are constantly looking at ways of reducing costs across all activities of the Club whilst trying to encourage greater patronage and revenue. You can help during this time by

## President Rob's Message continued . . .

patronising the Club as much as you can and by encouraging your families and friends to do likewise. I know you all agree that VBC is an important community asset and we want to ensure its continued operation into the future.

**Rob Gray, President**

## Lakers Low-Down

**Three Threes Competition** concluded with our last remaining side being knocked out by a very strong Grade 3 Adamstown side in the 5th Round. Well done to all players who participated in the Midweek Competition.

**The Zone 2 Men's Pairs** were played over past weekends. Congratulations to the combinations of Ross Levido / Neville Hardes and Bruce Armstrong / Terry Barnett in making the Semi Finals. A great effort guys.

**Men's Zone 2 Senior Singles** will be hosted by Valentine Bowling Club. Terry Barnett is the Zone's defending Champion. We are pleased to hold this event again this year. Matches will commence Saturday morning 21st October and continue through the Sunday. The following weekend will also see matches continue. Members, please note this will disrupt the Saturday Gala for both weekends. We need to provide markers for the morning matches. Please see me if you can assist over these playing dates.

**Mattara Carnival**. Our Frank Neat Memorial Triples entry will be Ross Levido, Paul Birt and Neville Hardes. Overflow of the Singles both Open and Restricted are being played at Valentine on Monday 9th October. Come along and watch some great matches.

**Men's Veteran Singles** is currently on hold at the semi-Final stage. Gary Morgan will take on Ken Walton as well as Eric Roach taking on Wayne Atherton. **Veteran Pairs** will now continue with Round 2 and the Quarter finals to be played Friday afternoons over the next 2 weeks.

## Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

**Men's Major Pairs** - nominations are still open until October 28th.

The Mattara and Northhaven Carnivals will operate through mid October. A good contingent of Valentine players will be involved so there are no scheduled Club matches to be played. Best of bowling and enjoy a break to all involved.

**MARKEY Tournament** nominations are now out. The dates of this event have now changed. Instead of matches on Tuesday 7th November (Melbourne Cup Day) the decision has been made to extend play for the 4th night to Tuesday 14th November 2023. Please put single names on the sheet located on the Men's noticeboard.

Valentine Lakers Super 12's Triples played over Monday and Tuesday 23-24/10/2023.

Valentine Lakers Over 70's Triples played Monday 13/11/2023.

Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs played over Sunday and Monday 19-20/11/2023.

Nomination sheets are on the board for the **Midweek Men's Single Gender Pennant** as well as the **Open Gender Saturday Pennant** season. Grades and number of sides entered will depend on the nominations given. Please put your names down if interested.

**Bowler's Meat raffles** will recommence, just on Saturdays, from the 4th November 2023. Hams will be included in December.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "Valentine Men's Bowlers".

See you out on the green.

***Pete Lynn***

***Bowls Coordinator***

## Women's Bowls News

The pennant season is almost over, and our four sides have had some great wins. The weather has been reasonably warm, but it has been lovely not to have had the inconvenience of covid and rain interrupting the games.

We entered two Grade One sides and two Grade Three sides.

GRADE ONE GOLD players are Anna Harris (skip), Barbara Bell (third), Sue Armstrong (second) and Cheryn Derrick (lead). Maggie Johnston (skip), Carol McCrohon (third), Gwynn Garrett (second) and Nancy Childs (lead).

GRADE ONE BLUE players are Jan Aurisch (skip), Colleen Hodge (third), Paulette Bignell (second) and Jenny Baldwin (lead). Wendy Morrin (skip), Denise Miller (third), Maxine Dunning (second) and Ruth Campey (lead).

GRADE THREE GOLD players are Ann Chapple (skip), Glennis Newton (third), Margaret Bates (second) and Jenny Elks (lead). Donna Owen (skip), Alina Miklosi (third), Wendy Lesniak (second) and Margaret Alexander (lead).

GRADE THREE BLUE players are Di McCarthy (skip), Collene Doherty (third), Gay Cheshire (second) and Chriss Gallagher (lead). Chris Mitchell (skip), Noelene Wilson (third), Julie Scott (second) and Yen Wong (lead).

Quite a few of our members are looking forward to the annual week of bowling at North Haven, and to the commencement of Twilight Mixed Bowls on the 26th October.

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.

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## Joking Around

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." T.S. Elliot

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us; at age 40, we don't care what they think of us; ...at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." Ann Landers

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." Unknown

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." ~ Andy Rooney

"The older I get, the better I used to be." Lee Trevino

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a lot more as they get older, and then it dawned on me — they're cramming for their final exam." George Carlin

"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." Oscar Wilde

"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." Will Rogers

"We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary." C.S. Lewis

I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." Bill Dana

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened. Mark Twain

"Old people shouldn't eat healthy foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." Robert Orben

## Valentine Lions Club News

A warm welcome to all bowlers & members from Valentine Lions Club.

As I previously reported plans are under way to celebrate the 50th year of the formation of the Valentine Lions Club with our committee having held its first meeting.

There have been some great ideas put forward & when we have put those ideas into positive planning I will keep you all informed. We are certainly looking towards a community day in Allambee Park with a special dinner being held in the function room & a collaborative day with VBC.

I am currently waiting the outcome of the judging of the winner of the NSW Community Project of the Year Award. The nomination was based on our joint project with SRU, Mirabel Foundation & the setting up our Scholarship with VPS.

I have mentioned these programmes in previous newsletters & I am always pleased to talk to VBC members about our projects, on that point it was pleasing to hear VPS Principal Lee Saurins acknowledge the donation by the Lady Bowlers when Lee spoke at our recent dinner meeting.

A reminder that Lions are organising a Remembrance Day on 11th November & we are planning for community involvement in the ceremony & I extend an invitation to all bowlers & members to attend with refreshments being provided after the ceremony which will commence at the flagpole in Allambee Park around 10.30 am.

I was recently informed that Valentine Lions have been selling tickets at our Thursday night meat raffles for 30 years & our club is so pleased & honoured to be associated with VBC.

We are always looking for new members to serve our community & give a helping hand to those in need, if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Regards.

President John.

## Did You Know ...

- 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. And you ensure you get the membership discount on your purchases too!

## Roll Up Times on our Greens

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| Monday | 12 Noon |
| Tuesday | 1 pm after Ladies |
| Wednesday | 4:30 pm |
| Thursday | 1 pm after Ladies |
| Friday | 1 pm |
| Saturday | 10 - 11 am Skills |
| Sunday | 10 am |

East West in the mornings and North South in afternoons.
Saturday skills lessons are available to all bowlers.
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# Weekly Activities At Valentine Bowling Club

**Monday :** Happy Hour 5:00pm til 6:00 pm

**Tuesday : Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti**

Trivia on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm. Come and join the fun.

**Wednesday :** Men's Gala Mufti 9:30 am start and 1:00 pm start.

Men's raffle 1pm

Happy Hour 5:00 pm til 6:00 pm.

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Snooker Club Raffle sales from 6:00 pm drawn at 7:00 pm

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Thursday : Ladies Gala 9:30 am Mufti**

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm.

Twilight Bowls - Will recommence 26th October 4:30 for 5:00 start

Valentine Lions Club raffle tickets on sale 5:30 pm. Drawn at 7:00 pm.

**Friday :** Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:30 am Men's raffle 1 pm

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 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 9:30 pm

**Saturday :** Men's Gala 1:00 pm start. Uniform Men's raffle 5pm

Texas Holdem Poker. Register at 6:00 pm and games start at 6:30 pm

**Sunday :** Meat raffle tickets on sale from 5:00 pm drawn at 6:00 pm

Membership draw is after the raffle

Courtesy Bus runs 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Our Courtesy Bus phone number is 0423 456 225

Club Phone No. : 4946 7232

Club website : valentinebc.com.au

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