Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

November 2023

President Rob's Message

Courtesy Bus:

Members would be aware that we've had some issues in the recent past with our courtesy bus. Big thanks to one of our bowlers Dave Brown, proprietor of David Brown Automotive, for sourcing and installing a gearbox ensuring our bus is available for members. We appreciate your help Dave.

New Financial System:

We have recently upgraded our financial system by moving from MYOB to XERO. I've had a demonstration of the newly installed system that provides simpler integration with other IT applications used by the Club and allows us to access data daily to assist in management decision making in taking the Club forward. Our Finance Committee have commented that the new system will provide information not previously quickly available and able to be easily formatted as a management information tool.

Christmas Monster Ham Raffle:

Put the 13 December 2023 in your diary as the date for our annual Christmas Monster Ham Raffle. Tickets will be on sale from 5.30 to 7.00pm followed by the draw. Planning is also being undertaken for a visit by Santa and providing sweets to children present as well as judging a colouring competition to be run as part of the event.

Melbourne Cup Events:

Our Melbourne Cup Calcutta night will be held on Monday evening 6 November 2023. This is always an exciting evening and members are encouraged to attend.

On Melbourne Cup Day the Club is providing entertainment, prizes for best dressed and selling sweeps. You can order lunch from our new bistro Menu or just come down for a drink and join the fun. Members and guests intending to have lunch are encouraged to make a booking to avoid disappointment on the day. Our courtesy bus will also be available on the day. Come on down and join the fun and who knows, you may also pick a winner.

President Rob's Message continued . . .

Staff Christmas Party:

Our Staff Christmas Party will be held on Monday 4 December 2023. This is a small token of thanks for the amazing job the staff have done during 2023 often in difficult circumstances to keep the Club operational and providing a high level of service to members and guests. As was the situation last year the Club will close on that day at 5.00pm. Thanks to the staff for their efforts.

New Greenkeeper:

Big Valentine welcome to our new Greenkeeper Jarrod Duncan who started with the Club on 20 October 2023. As members are aware our previous contractor left the Club with very little notice. An enormous thanks to Al Aurisch and Craig Godbee for their selfless work and commitment in keeping our greens operational until Jarrod started.

Rob Gray President

Lakers Low-Down

New members – welcome back to bowls, Jamie McHugh.

Welcome to Valentine also extended to **Jarrod Duncan** who has taken up the Greenkeeper / Groundsman contract for the Club. Jarrod brings with him extensive experience in synthetic bowling greens and surrounds. Jarrod is a top-line bowler and knows how greens should run. Say G'day to Jarrod as he's here most mornings. Welcome mate.

Men's Zone 2 Senior Singles – well done to Ross Lawrence who made it through to the Quarter Finals where he was beaten by Peter Conlon who made the final. Great effort Ross. Also, a big shout out of thanks to those members putting their hands up to mark the early morning games over the 2 weekends and the Umpires. Thank you all.

Mattara Carnival – well done to our Triples Team of Ross Levido, Paul Birt and Neville Hardes who were narrowly defeated in the Semi Finals. John Parkes also went well, winning several matches to progress to the final 16 in the Restricted Singles where he was defeated.

Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

Men's Veteran Singles is still on hold at the Semi-Final stage. Gary Morgan vs Ken Walton and Eric Roach vs Wayne Atherton. **Veteran Pairs** was washed out last week and continues over the next few Fridays.

Men's Major Pairs – The draw has been done and 21 entries were received. The First Round will be Sunday morning, 5th November 2023. Some Round 2 clashes may also be played early.

MARKEY Tournament has been deferred due to lack of nominations. We anticipate putting this event on during February. Keep an eye out on the notice board.

Valentine Lakers Super 12's Triples was played over Monday and Tuesday 23+24/10/2023. It was interesting to note the even field with every team recording at least 2 wins out of 6 rounds and the winners winning just 4 matches. Winners were Tony MacLean's side from Belmont with 4 wins + 32. Runners-up were John Bullock, Craig Godbee with Skip, Bill Ahoy. Peter Howell, Dennis McCarthy and Neil Percival were in 4th with our ladies, Wendy Morrin and Maggie Johnston teaming up with Geoff Bullock, as lead, to run in 5th place.

Valentine Lakers Over 70's Triples to be played Monday 13/11/2023. More nominations are still required for this day to go ahead. Still looking for at least 6 more teams.

Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs will be played over Sunday and Monday 19-20/11/2023. Some of the very best bowlers in Newcastle and the country will be involved in the field of 28 teams.

Nomination sheets are still 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 now if interested. Those not putting names down early might miss out on being involved.

In the lead-up to Christmas, there are several **Barefoot Bowls** groups booked in to utilize our greens – mainly Friday and Saturday evenings. This may affect availability for rollups. I'll place a list on the men's noticeboard advising.

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

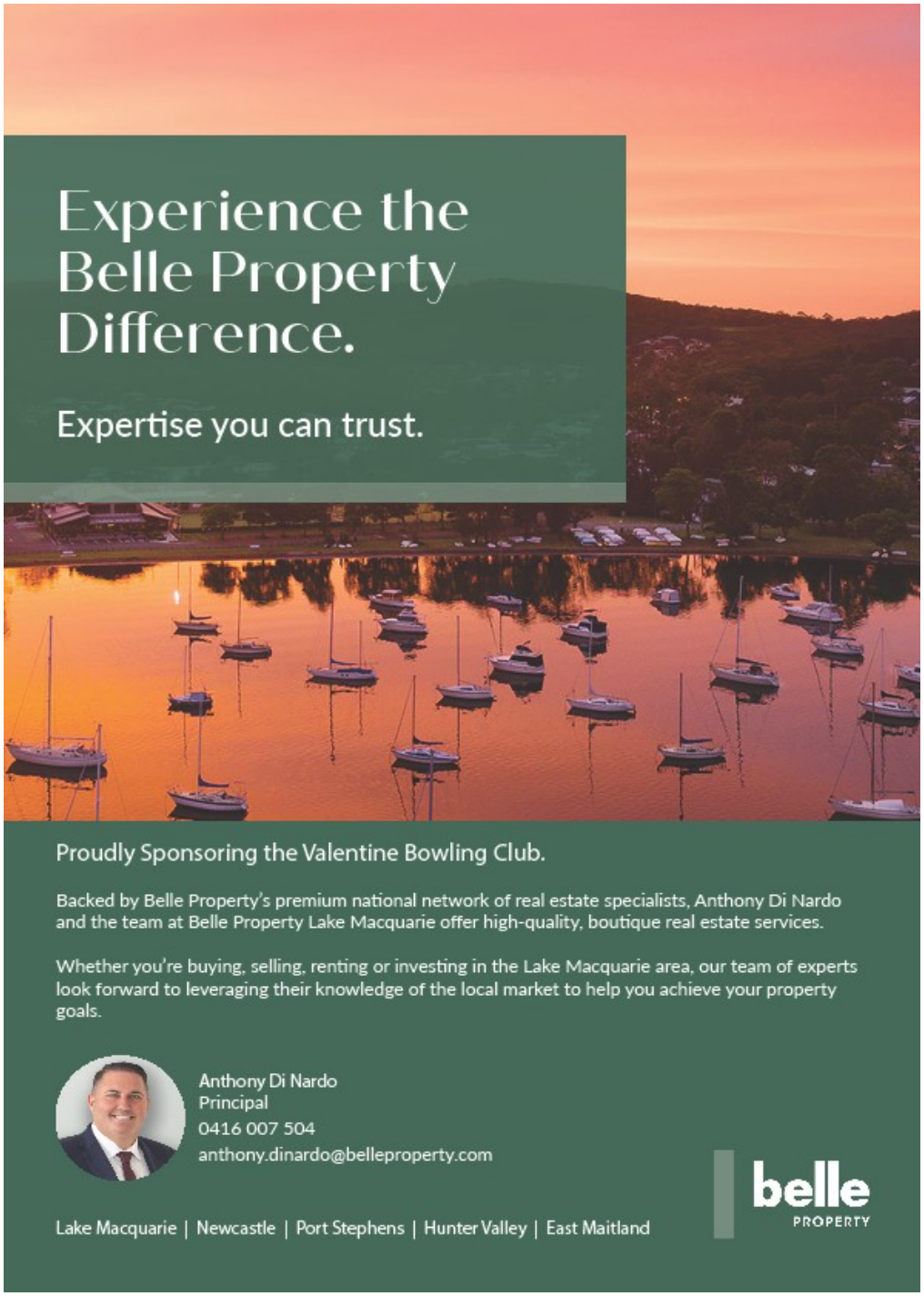
Our Valentine Gold Grade One Pennant Team consisting of Nancy Childs, Carol McCrohon, Gwynn Garrett, Maggie Johnston, Anna Harris, Barbara Bell, Sue Armstrong and Cheryn Derrick were presented with their beautiful Runner Up Flag at Belmont recently. Congratulations ladies, we are very proud of your achievement.

About fifty of our members played in the North Haven Bowling Competition recently. Quite a few teams were successful in winning and running up on several days. The greatest success was The Ladies' Day Fours won by Jill Gillies, Irene Robinson, Bernice Wilkins and Cheryn Derrick. Everyone enjoyed the week, and are looking forward to returning for more fun next year.

Anna Harris, Trixie Stauble and Carol McCrohon were members of the Lake Macquarie District team who won the Hunter River Challenge at Charlestown. These ladies played very well and have been invited to play in the Lakes Trophy on the 10th November.

The Club Pairs competition is underway, and will be keenly contested.

Regards,
Donna



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Snooker Club News

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Snooker Club

The Spring Social Snooker Competition is nearing completion, it is up to the last two rounds, so good luck to all of those people who are still in it.

Just a reminder that we are holding our Christmas/Presentation function on Sunday 17th December from 12.00 noon, with a sit-down lunch. An email will be going out to members in the next few days advising of cost and menu. We will be having live music throughout the afternoon, and lucky door prizes.

The Snooker Club's weekly raffle in on Wednesday nights, with 16 meat trays to be won. So come on down and try your luck.

Helen Hickey Secretary.

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Valentine Lions Club News

Hello to all at the Bowling Club & warm greetings on behalf of Valentine Lions. We are well into our Christmas planning for our Christmas Raffle & cakes & puddings sales, I can't believe Christmas is rapidly approaching.

I would like to take the moment to thank CEO Geoff Cairns for his assistance in helping us set up our raffle & sales at the club, we have some great major prizes this year including stays at Trinity Point & The Ramada at Shoal Bay plus a beautiful furniture piece from Designwood & many vouchers supplied by local businesses & individuals. The wonderful thing is that it is all by donation.

The Lions Club is looking forward to our guest speaker at our dinner meeting on the 15th November at the VBC. The guest will be Jane Rowe the remarkable woman who founded Mirabel Foundation. As I have previously mentioned Mirabel helps grandparents who are caring for grandchildren often to the background of very sad situations.

The Lions will continue to support this wonderful cause through our project work. On Sunday 12th November we will be setting up gazebos at Croudace Bay in a project called Lap the Map with Lions clubs all around Australia promoting diabetes awareness in conjunction with World Diabetes Day.

We extend an invitation to everyone in the club to attend our Remembrance Day ceremony on Saturday 11th November at 10.30 in Allambee Park at the Flagpole. Legacy was formed 100 years ago this year & special mention of that will be made at the ceremony & the wonderful work they continue to do

I will be keeping everyone up to date with our planning of our celebrations for our 50th year of formation. Our hard working committee is planning a community day in Allambee Park in February & a Gala Dinner on 21st February in the Function Room at VBC I will keep members informed .

President John.

From Our Finance Director

I can report that our net loss YTD Sept 23 is $(125) K compared to $(157) K last year, an improvement of $32K.

More importantly our profit before depreciation is $91K YTD Sept 23.

Whilst we have increased sales compared to last year, we also have had significant cost increases, our improved results YTD are mainly due to increased Poker Machine Turnover.

We are now coming into what are traditionally our best trading months so we are confident our results should continue to improve.

However, we are still along way short of our last pre covid results.

Colin Taylor

Finance Director

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!

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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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.

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 - 4:30 for 5pm start

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

Friday : Men's Gala. Mufti. 9:30 am

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

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