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Valentine Bowling Club Co-Op

Club Newsletter

December 2023

President Rob's Message

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Valentine Bowling Club, I'd like to wish, all members, visitors, Club Sponsors and our suppliers a very happy Christmas and a truly wonderful New Year. Your patronage and support during the year has helped us enormously, to progress, during what has been a difficult time for the hospitality industry.

Important dates for you during the Festive season are;

Monday 4 December 2023 – Club Closes at 5.00pm for our staff Christmas Party. Recognising the great work of our staff

Wednesday 13 December 2023 – Monster Ham Raffle with tickets on sale from 5.30pm and draw at 7.00. Santa to arrive at 6.00pm.

Sunday 24 December 2023 – Christmas Eve Club closes at 6.00pm no raffle that evening,

Monday 25 December 2023 – Christmas Day Club closed.

Tuesday 26 December 2023 – Boxing Day Club Closed.

Sunday 31 December 2023 – New Years Eve Club opens at 11.00am closes at 8.00pm no raffle that evening.

Monday 1 January 2024 – New Years Day Club opens at 11.00am closes 9.00pm.

Rumours:

There seem to be a lot of rumours circulating in the Club about future capital works and other things. The quickest way to determine the validity of rumours is to ask our CEO who is always happy to talk to members about any issues. Let's use this process in 2024 rather than adding to rumours.

Once again everybody Merry Christmas and a joyful 2024.

Lakers Low-Down

Men's Veteran Singles – Congratulations to Wayne Atherton on being the 2023-24 Champion. Wayne defeated Ken Walton in a high-class match. Scores were even at six all early when Wayne had a run of 4 ends in a row to go ahead. Ends traded evenly for the next 7 ends where the scores were Wayne 19 and Ken 12. Ken rallied with successive ends to get within 2 shots. Wayne then made the 2 shots he needed to clinch the Final 21-17. Well done to the players who are both in great form.

Men's Veteran Pairs – In the Semi Finals Gary Morgan and Neville Beeton had a tight match against Ken Walton and Steve Thornton. Neville held commanding leads of 12-2 and 13-5 then to see Ken and Steve fight back to square the match on end 20 at 13 a piece, after a run of 5 ends. Neville managed to get the 1 shot to close out an exciting match.

In the other Semi Final, Doug Bear and Terry Jones seemed very comfortable against John Roberts and Ron Burrows where they were cruising along 20-6 after 11 ends. An 8 shot pickup over the next 3 ends saw Ron get to within 6 shots with 4 ends to play. Doug and Terry steadied and collected a 4 and the match was conceded on end 17 of 18. Score being 25-15.

Well done to all players. The Final is set to be played on Friday 8th December from 1pm.

Men's Major Pairs – Matches continue, and we are now down to the Quarter Final stages. Matches are played on Sunday morning from 9am. Weather permitting, The Final is scheduled for Sunday 17th December with a 1pm start. Depending on some results here, the **Men's Major Singles Final** may also be played at the same time between Geoff Armstrong and Peter Lynn.

Valentine Lakers Over 70's Triples - was played on Monday 13/11/2023. 16 teams were assembled for the day with numerous visitors also entering. The day was sponsored by Hi-Vis Group with Simon Watson presenting the Winners with their prizes. 3 matches of 10 ends was the format.

Lakers Low-Down continued . . .

Winning the day were Ian Bulmer, Mick Wilkes and Ross Levido with 3 Wins plus 29 margin. The 2nd and 3rd spot, between sides from Charlestown and Beresfield, could not be split and prize money was shared evenly. Special mention to the team of Harold Copland, Peter Howell and Ted Elks who lost their first match, to Ross, by 13 shots (then last place) and looked out after round 1. They rallied to win their next 2 matches to scrape into the 6th spot. Remember, you are never out of it! Thank you also to Hi-Vis for the bonus gifts to all winners.

Valentine Lakers Classic Pairs was played over Sunday and Monday 19-20/11/2023. With 2 very late withdrawals, the field was down to 24 teams. Players from many clubs, including Kempsey to Kurri to Soldiers Point to Taren Point were represented and a great field was assembled to contest the event sponsored by Belle Property. 6 games each of 12 ends was the format. Winners were Sam Laguzza and Kim Jaques with 5 wins plus 61 margin. Unfortunately, no Valentine players were in the top 6 sides although 1 more win may have seen several take a place. Looking forward to another successful tournament next year.

Nominations have closed for **Midweek Men's Single Gender Pennant** as well as the **Open Gender Saturday Pennant** season commencing February 2024.

With our top side relegation and the inclusion of some new bowlers plus other players showing good promise, the Selection Committee have decided to opt for a new approach in grading our Saturday OG Pennant sides. Our top grade will now be No 2's, due to relegation, and we have applied for a spot in the No 4 grade as well as 1 side each in 5's, 6's and 7's. Teams will now be selected based on the nominations. Some trials will be planned so keep an eye on the noticeboard and Facebook.

The Midweek SG Pennant nomination for sides is interesting. Remember that a Side will now consist of just 8 players over 2 rinks. Due to our relegation, as noted above, we

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have opted to place 2 sides in 2 Division, 1 side in Division 3 and 3 sides in Division 4. Selections and placement of players into teams will also be done in the coming weeks.

Looking forward to being very competitive in all grades in the up-coming Competitions.

Nomination sheets are now up on the noticeboard for the **Men's Triples, Handicap Pairs, Mixed Pairs and Fours**. Please get your names in and enjoy the competition.

There are still several **Barefoot Bowls** groups booked in to utilize our greens – mainly Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. This may affect availability for rollups. A list is on the men's noticeboard advising.

The sand in ditches will be replaced by 30mm synthetic grass by KCL during December. Thanks to Geoff Armstrong and his army of helpers for the preparation work done. Look out for the ditch depth as it's now 80mm for the next 2 weeks prior to the installation on Monday 11th December 2023. This could have some effect in measuring a shot laying in the ditch against one which is still on the running surface etc.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page "Valentine Men's Bowlers". See you out on the green.

Pete Lynn Bowls Coordinator

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Congratulations To Gordon

Our oldest VBC member Gordon Garner is celebrating his 101st birthday. His granddaughter Belinda accompanied him to the club for dinner on Sunday night. Gordon has lived in Valentine for over 56 years and still lives independently in the house he built with his wife Dulcie. Now a widower of 3 years Gordon and his wife were married for 76 years. This Anniversary was filmed by NBN at our club. His secret for longevity is- no smoking, no drinking and low blood pressure.

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Valentine Lions Club News

Seasons greetings to all bowlers from the Valentine Lions Club. Christmas time is always a busy time for all but particularly for Lions members. Apart from catching up with family, friends & loved ones it is also the busiest volunteer time of the year.

In order to fund our projects & activities we take on many outlets at this time to sell our Christmas raffle tickets & Lions cakes sales as well as doing charity BBQs for Christmas.

One of our projects is the Mirabel Foundation & their founder the remarkable Jane Rowe was our guest speaker for our November dinner meeting in the Function Room her incredible story is told in the biography The Damage Undone if anyone would like to contact me I will obtain a copy to read.

Plans for our 50th year are well under way & they include a family day in Allambee Park on 10th February there will music, entertainment for children & a free sausage sizzle for our community I will give you more detail in the next newsletter.

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the VBC for its generous support throughout the year & our many sponsors who have made our Christmas raffle possible.

I believe the VLC is deeply woven into the fabric of our community & that includes our wonderful relationship with VBC.

Merry Christmas.

President John.

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.

Women's Bowls News

The final of our Club Pairs between Trixie Stauble and Barbara Bennett and last year's winners Maggie Johnston and Wendy Morrin was an outstanding game. Trixie and Barbara finally prevailed 15 to 14. Congratulations to all four players who had the spectators on the edge of their seats.

Trixie and Barbara also reached the quarter finals of the Lake Macquarie District Pairs, where they lost by one shot. This was a great effort against a quality opposition.

Anna Harris, Carol McCrohon and Trixie Stauble represented Lake Macquarie District against the Central Coast. They were successful in winning the competition and played very well.

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our Spring Invitation Day. The day was very successful thanks to our wonderful catering and social committees. The winning team was from Redhead, with second place won by Barbara Bell, Margaret Bates, Bernice Wilkins and Glennis Newton from Valentine. Third place went to Denise Miller, Paulette Bignell, Barbara Bennett and Maxine Dunning, also from Valentine. The spider winners were Jenny Liddle, Sue Armstrong, Maxine Dunning and Maggie Johnston.

We are all looking forward to our last gala, where we dress in Christmas attire, and our Christmas Lunch. This year has been an eventful one, and we will all celebrate our successes.

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 5:00 pm 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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