

Club Newsletter

February 2019

Mick Freeman

Date...

Sunday
24th February
1:30 till 5pm



Solo Artist

Mick Freeman

Performing

Easy Listening to Classic Rock

Music for everyone.

President Ted's Report

- The Board is still contemplating what shades to install and at this stage it appears that we will use shades similar to the photos (below) with some modifications. We are of the opinion that these will greatly enhance our surroundings as well as provide protection required.
- At the request of members, on Sunday afternoon 24 February 2019 and then the last Sunday of each month, entertainment will be provided. For those who have requested this, please come along to ensure its continuance.



- Bowling members are advised that there are presently vacancies on the board of the Valentine Bowling Club Men's Committee. Please give consideration to joining them as any additional people will certainly reduce the workload for those already involved.
- With regard to the proposed renovations, we are still awaiting approval from Lake Macquarie City Council. Once received we will call tenders and then proceed as per lodged plans.

Ted

Lakers Low-Down

Hi there fellow Lakers, welcome to our first edition for 2019.

First on the list is some of our club championships have been drawn and boarded so have a good look at the board asap.

Pennant trials have commenced and sides are starting to gel together nicely.

Our senior members Neil Percival, John Jennings and Jack Littlewood have reached the semi finals of the district senior triples championship and will take on Swansea Workers this Saturday 9/2/19. Good luck

men all the best, bring it home for Valentine.

Our pennant launch is also on this Saturday 9/2/19 so get your name on the sheet on the board and tick or cross if you are playing bowls or not on the day.

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

Regards

David Govan

Bowls Manager

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Women's Bowls News

VBC newsletter is now available on line, if you cannot make it to the Club : VALENTINEBC.COM.AU.

Final of VBC mixed Pairs was won by David and Jess Govan defeated Terry Jones and Kay Johnston, on an extremely hot day. Kay suffered from the heat and had to concede.

Our Christmas Gala on the green was played with great enjoyment, novelty bowls and prizes. A great Day was had by all. Santa (Jenny Baldwin) made a surprised entry.

VWBC held our Christmas Party 11th December in the Auditorium. Bowler of the Year 2018 Trophy was presented to Sharon Gilmore, and Most Improved Bowler of the year Irene Robinson. A Delicious lunch was prepared by Chef Garry and his team and dancing to the music of Gary Davidson, who plays our favorite music. Thank you once again Judy Percival and the social committee who decorate with expertise at our functions.

Australia Day Social Club mixed Gala 26/1/19 was a fun day with our players dressed for the occa-

sion, lamingtons for morning tea and a sausage sizzle. Prizes were given for best dressed T shirt, Ron Wilkins and Irene Robinson and chocolates and wine to random players. Congratulations to the social committee on a great day.

Twilight Social Club mixed bowls are in full swing, and with the grass green ready and the new lights installed, this will be well attended this year on Thursday nights at 5pm. Put your name down in the folder for an enjoyable night.

Teams are now practicing for LMDWBA Pennants commencing on the 12th March, 2019. VWBC has 6 teams competing and we look forward to the competition. Coaching is available Monday afternoon and Saturday mornings, thank you Vicki, Irene S and Kay.

Semi Final of the Club Championship Fours was played 31/1/19. Winners Gwyn Garrett, Norma Rodway, Irene Shirlow, Loris Humphreys def Judy White, Lyn Harland, Ruth Campey, Bernice Wilkins. Maggie Johnston, Sharon

Women's Bowls News continued...

Gilmore, Alina Miklosi, Maree Vincent def Collene Doherty, Irene Robinson, Paulette Bignell, Jenny Baldwin. Final will be played 7/1/19 G Garrett v M Johnston.

Our first VWBC Charity Day Invitation Fours will be held on the 11th

February.

President Gwen and Committee are looking forward to a successful year, and wish good health and good bowling to all in 2019.

GO VALENTINE.

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Spinach and Cheese Frittatas

Makes 12

One large bunch of spinach.

8 eggs

1 cup [180gr] semi dried tomatoes roughly chopped.

1 cup grated parmesan cheese.

1 cup grated mozzarella cheese.

1\4 cup toasted pine nuts.

Pre heat oven to 180 degrees.

Remove spinach leaves from the stalks.

Finely chop and place in a large colander and pour over a full kettle of boiling water.

Let drain and cool.

Whisk eggs in a large bowl and season with salt and black pepper.

Add chopped tomatoes, both cheeses, toasted pine nuts and the spinach. Stir until well combined.

Spoon mixture into large muffin tray. About a dessert spoon to each one and pour a spoonful of the egg juice into each one just to top them off.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until firm to touch.

Cool in tray for 5 minutes and turn out on to cooling rack.

Familiar Faces



Phil Northey was born at Western Suburbs Hospital Newcastle on 8 February 1945. His primary school education was at Lambton Public School and high school was at Newcastle Boys High. His first job was at the Public Works Department where he started in Newcastle as an Accountant and worked all over the state. After 16 years he left and went to TAFE at Tighes Hill as a Senior Student Activities Co-ordinator where he stayed for a further 16 years. He then spent some time working in the Transport Industry and retired at 52 years of age.

He married Vivienne Sheean from Cardiff South on 9 September 1967 and they have 3 children. Craig who is a Merchant Banker – Stock-

broker, Kristie who is a Senior Detective Sergeant and Scott who is a Naval Officer. They have 6 grandchildren, 5 boys and 1 girl.

Phil started playing soccer at Cardiff and in total played 776 games. He played for Northern NSW 15s, 16s, 18s, 19s and under 21s and then under 23s and seniors.

He played for the Australian under 18s in 1963.

He is a qualified Coach and Referee and he also did the same at Ipswich in England in 1983. Phil also played cricket as a youngster and when he was 11 he played for the under 16s and went on to play 1st grade for City and Suburban. He became an umpire in 1996 and still is. He is a life member and has been secretary for 20 years. He has been on the board of management for City and Suburban Cricket and is currently President.

Then there is golf: he joined Kurri Kurri in 1960 and is still a member there playing twice a week. He won the “C” grade championship there in 1962. Later on he was the Club Champion at Maclean.

Familiar Faces continued...

He joined Valentine Bowling Club Social Golf Club 18 years ago and has been heavily involved with them since then. His current handicap is 7 and at one stage was plus 2.

Then there is bowls: in 1997 Phil played bowls at Islington and in that year as skipper won the pairs and mixed pairs. He also played pennants for VBC where he started in the sevens and progressed to the

threes.

Phil's wife Vivienne has been involved with Newcastle Basketball Association for 47 years and still works there 4 nights a week. She is a life member and well deserves to be.

What a great sporting family we have with the "Northeys".



Newcastle Art Society

Exhibition currently on at Charlestown Square

Be quick—last day is Sunday 10th February

Many of our ladies have paintings on show

Apologies : this was meant for December edition

Dear friends,

We would like to tell you that we have had lots of good times at VBC playing club championships, pennants and of course galas. Yes, some ups and downs but overall we've enjoyed the experience of learning to play bowls at your

great club. We'll miss you but will never forget our great time with you. We sincerely wish you all great times in the future and hope we can live up to your "getting us going".

Heather and Michael

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Umpire's Report

There have been changes (improvements) made to the restriction of players movements during matches.

The changes relate to the following formats for **Men** (not women);

Triples (2 bowls) : The Second may visit the head after delivery of each bowl.

Skips may visit the head after each bowl. (unchanged)

Fours : Leads and seconds may visit the head after delivery of their second bowl.

Thirds may visit the head after delivery of each of their bowls.

Skips may visit the head after delivery of each of their bowls. (unchanged)

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If anyone would like to become an Umpire, especially for the men as their numbers have decreased, the club will put you through the course and provide an Umpire shirt at no cost.

Snooker Club

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a nice break. The Snooker Club Christmas party was a great success and a good time was had by all.

The Snooker Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting on 3rd March 2019 commencing at 11.00 am which will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Nominations are being called for positions of Officers and nominations need to be in by 17th February, 2019. Please send your nomination to me at

bill.hickey@bigpond.com

We will also need to know numbers attending the AGM and BBQ for catering purposes, so please let me know if you will be attending by 17th February, 2019. A reminder also that membership fees will be due on the day of the AGM, and at this stage it is still only \$10.00 per person, which is to be ratified at the meeting.

Helen Hickey
Secretary.

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 \$2400 (after expenses) being raised. The winners of the raffle prizes were all local Valentine residents with 1st prize winner being Ron Warden, 2nd prize to Lyn Cowan and 3rd prize to Judith McLean. Our club again thanks all who purchased tickets and a special thanks to the Board and Management/staff who generously supported this major fundraising event. The proceeds of this raffle will be distributed to local charities.

Xmas Eve in Bennett Park was our final event for 2018 and what an amazing occasion this is and was again with the park full of families in a giant picnic time atmosphere – and the weather was great!

Santa came ashore by tender from a cruiser boat on our beautiful lake and greeted the many hundreds of children. He was assisted by his elves in handing out a large amount of lollies and having wonderful keepsake photos taken by many keen family photographers. Our Mr Music, Mike Kinsella from Discobeat, provided great Xmas music to help enhance the wonderful community Xmas feeling that was obvious within the very large crowd of people – Thanks again Mike!

Our first event of the new year was our annual Australia Day Breakfast in Allambee Park and whilst the attendance numbers were down this year, we believe due to the very hot weather conditions prevailing and also it being the start to a long weekend break, a good time was had with the Lions members cooking up a breakfast of bacon, eggs and Valentine Butchers sausages, with coffee/tea and an assortment of cold drinks being available. Our wonderful and valued senior citizens were also treated with a morning tea of scones, jam and cream. The favourite scones were again produced from the wonderful Redhead Quality Bakery. Mike Kinsella was also on hand to provide fantastic Australiana music that added to the hot summer morning atmosphere.

The usual ‘casual’ game of cricket was held and.... we may have just found one of our future star cricketers with a young man named Tom scoring a century not out!!

Our Thursday night raffles continue to be strongly supported by all patrons of the VBC – especially our fantastic Twilight Bowlers who are very willing supporters each week – THANK YOU from the bottom of our heart on our blue shirts!

Until next month – keep cool! - the silver grey fox.

Valentine Bowling Club - Social Golf Club
Toronto Golf Club - 20th January 2019

Event Individual Stableford



'A' Grade: 22

Starters: 68

'B' Grade: 21

'C' Grade: 25

New Members: Dave Norman

Macca Mug	Golf-Mart Voucher	Mug
	Josh Baker	Richard Royle

Individual Results

	'A' Grade		'B' Grade		'C' Grade
1st	Dave Moore 49	1st	Chris Jolly 48	1st	Josh Baker 53
2nd	Blake Whiteman 43	2nd	Craig Poole 44	2nd	Stu Watson 51
3rd	Gary Morgan 42	3rd	Neil Percival 44	3rd	Greg Lawrence 47

Team Results

1st	
2nd	
3rd	
4th	

Individual Efforts 3 x Golf Ball Prizes

	Par 3 Nearest to Pin	Par 4 2nd Shot Nearest to Pin
'A'	Dave Norman	Jon Shaw
'B'	Chris Blanch	Chris Blanch
'C'	Stu Watson	Dion Roughan
	Longest Drive	Longest Drive with an Iron
'A'	Dave Moore	
'B'	Craig Poole	
'C'	Jason Williams	

Finance Director's Report

Our Club's net profit YTD December is \$195k which is \$50k above budget.

We have reduced the bank loan to \$50k, the minimum we go to before our loan withdrawal amount is reviewed.

We have also taken out a \$150k term deposit, the interest from which will offset the interest on the outstanding loan.

We are still waiting for council approval on our proposed renovations, and until we are able to start these we are undertaking as many improvements as possible.

The main one will be new bowl shades .

We are also looking at the feasibility of solar panels.

Regards

Colin Taylor Finance Director

Joking Around

Our teacher asked what my favourite animal was, and I said, "fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parent told me to always tell the truth. I did! Fried chicken is my favourite animal. I told dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favourite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now....

VBC Fishing Club News

The Fishing Club's January outing was held on the weekend 11,12 & 13 January. Some members were still away on holidays so there were a few less members weighing in. Still and all we had 15 members participate and at least 20+ attend the Sunday BBQ.

Danny Ratcliffe and his grandson Jayden fished the lake and also took a quick trip offshore. Jayden cleaned up with a bag of squid while Danny caught the largest flathead for the weekend at 1.5kg as well as some snapper. Mark Bradley and Peter Tapp went offshore on Sunday morning. The wind was already up when they were putting the boat in and conditions were pretty awful. Little fishing was done and just a few small flathead and bonito were caught before they decided enough was enough. Mick Mawson and his boys, Zac and Ted, fished their "go to" flathead spot with Mick getting flathead as soon as his lure hit the water. They were also rewarded with a good catch of lake squid as well as an unusual catch on a lure, a leatherjacket, which is the largest caught so far this fishing year. David Birt went chasing his favourite, Mulloway. David said it was a long, hard day, but he did

end up getting two mulloway around 4kg along with a mixed bag of bream, whiting and tailor. Darren Riles and Neil Cooley decided to fish the Swansea sandflats for some whiting. Quite a few whiting and bream were caught with one exceptional whiting going just on 700gms. Jason Wood and Shae Hartigan fished the lake and caught some quality bream along with a bag of squid. Matt Birt, Britt Willis, Jake Blackburn and Tristin Willis also fished the lake. They all caught a mixed bag of squid, flathead, whiting with Tristin bagging a 1kg+ tailor. Quite a few lady members are participating in the weekend outings which is great to see. Alex Menil fished the Swansea sandflats using his tried and true method of spinning surface lures. He was rewarded with some whiting and bream.

Winners for the weekend were:

- 1st David Birt
- 2nd Mick Mawson
- 3rd Danny Ratcliffe

Sub-Junior Jayden Ratcliffe

This year's competition is shaping up to be a close affair with many different names appearing on the

VBC Fishing Club News continued...

monthly winners list.
 The next dedicated weekend outing will be 8,9 & 10 February.

The fishing year runs from 1/10 to 30/9 with memberships now due. We are always chasing 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.

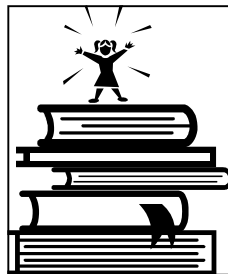
The Fishing Club also has a closed Facebook page. To see what's happening in the Club and what catches members are getting you can go to: <https://www.facebook.com/>

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.



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.

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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