



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020/21

It gives me great pleasure to present the 2020/21 Presidents Report.

My first term as President was certainly far from ideal with the Covid pandemic affecting our ability to function normally, by not only stopping us physically playing but also reducing our income.

Fortunately, our membership numbers continue to be very good and presently sit at 174 members which include 12 social members, 9 associate members and 2 non-playing Life members.

Considering the restrictions in place, you will see from our extremely capable Treasurer's financial report, the drop in surplus is so much better than expected. Marilyn not only sets a high standard that produces immaculate records, she also has been the expert, along with Ewan, in all the detailed work involved in the applications for grants. This hard work resulted in gaining the three grants detailed in the financial report.

Another area of importance is our Stadium programme and social events, which Margaret Young organises and works tirelessly on. With Raewyn Robertson helping out with events, they lead a great team to manage all Stadium and social events.

Sponsorship has been ably organised by Ewan Miller. He has added new donors and event sponsorship. Ewan's work gaining valuable sponsors is much appreciated.

To all our sponsors we give huge gratitude for their ongoing and generous support.

The Club is also very grateful to Ewan and Edna's gifting of the new sponsorship board, suitably sited and visible on entering our clubrooms.

Adding to his workload, Ewan undertook the organising and commissioning our new Club Logo, which has been greatly admired.

In my monthly reports in the Newsletter, I have highlighted and made mention of all our club's many volunteers and helpers, and although repetitive it must be acknowledged as a very big part in enabling our club to run so smoothly, and also benefit financially.

Convenor of House Ken Mitchell, who also is Centre Delegate and Immediate Past President, does a wonderful job. Ken is always so willing, helpful, and first to put his hand up for many tasks requiring attention.

Our Catering Convenors Kate Norman and Jan Allen are outstanding. Both ladies are such a joy to work with and their catering and organisation of the kitchen and events, along with the many willing helpers, run a very efficient area of the Club.

Men's and Ladies Match Convenors Fin McRae and Val Ransom, along with their committees manage and keep the programme variable and members well organised and busy. Val Ransom also is Tournament Secretary. Thank you for your knowledge and time. Val along with Neville Harris compile and proof our programme booklet, which we all rely on for reference so much.

Trades Bowls Convenors and Organisers, Stu and Rhonda Hurley give so much of their time and play an integral part in the life of our club.

Stu is also our Greenkeeper, who keeps our green, mat and surrounds to such a high standard.

Men's Club Day and Progressive Bowls Controller Gordon Hall - thank you for your contribution. Your willingness to undertake these positions is really appreciated.

Stadium Event Controllers. Thanks to the many voluntary hours donated here.

Women's Club Captain Kathryn, who willingly undertook this task and kept everyone informed – you have done so well.

Webmaster Barbara Wilson has taken over this position from Peter Wilson. Barbara is achieving a new look for our website with programmes and results regularly updated, and she has more surprises coming up for us all to view.

Our Publicity Officer is Peter Wilson – perhaps one of the busiest people in the Club! Peter keeps us all informed via weekly and monthly publications and also helps me through a few problems. Peter's publication "Getting Started" has been reprinted several times now and is a regular revenue gatherer for our club. Thank you, Peter, for your tireless work.

Mention must be made of the work done by the Bar Manager Alison Hebbard and Bob Steel Assistant Bar Manager, along with their many helpers, who all undertake long hours of service that return greatly to the club's income. You are greatly appreciated.

We were sorry to farewell Trevor Tovey and his wife Jane, who left Wanaka to live in Nelson, Trevor was a great club person, and controlled Friday's Progressive Bowls for a long time as well as being part of the Stadium Committee.

Congratulations to all our bowlers who have represented our club and very special mention and congratulations to all of you who went on to Centre events and achieved higher honours. We are as a club extremely proud of your successes, and for representing us so very well.

The arrival of our new mat was delayed due to Covid, as well as the ability of the Australian company Berry's to get in to NZ to lay it. However, we have paid the deposit and the mat is in the country now, ready to lay. Hopefully work will commence very soon, with the final stretching and checking in September/early October. It is hoped that the laying of the new mat will cause very little interruption.

The Strategic Plan has been a work in progress for quite some time now, but I am pleased to report that it is in it's final stage of completion, and will be available for you all to view very shortly. I hope everyone appreciates the huge amount of work that went into this document, which incidentally is now a prerequisite for a club applying for funds.

Peter Wilson and Alister Moore undertook all the preliminary work for the document before many discussions and finalising by the Board members. It also is a document that will regularly have to be updated.

Madeleine our Club Secretary has been my guiding light, leading me towards the right direction or source to learn much during my first year as President. Her efficiency is second to none, and alongside Peter, they have both been a tremendous support and help to me. Madeleine's knowledge is such an asset to the Club.

Thank you all, especially the Board members for your support to me, particularly Ken Mitchell, and my nominator to this position Ewan Miller, who have both been extremely helpful and supportive during my first year in office. I sincerely thank you for your wisdom.

I look forward and hope for less troubled times for everyone in the coming season 2021/22.

Yours

Gaye Beattie
President.