

Vice President (Male) Report – 2022-2023

It was an honour again to be part of the Club's leadership team, as Vice President. Board Member and Secretary of the Bowling Committee.

Having had a very successful year in Pennant the previous year, it was hoped that, as a Club, we could hold our own in the season that was. In Saturday Pennant, the status quo remained with Premier Division whilst every other division moved to a higher competition. Expectations were that if we finished around midfield, for our first year up in those divisions, the Club would have had a successful year. For the most part this was achieved, with Division 5 pulling one out of the box, finishing on top of the ladder and going on to take out the Southern Grand Final.

Our Thursday Pennant this year were also looking for improvement, finishing midfield in Divisions 1 & 2, and Division 4 finishing atop the ladder in their section of the competition, and going on to narrowly miss out in the Southern Grand Final.

Wednesday Pennant this year saw a renewed interest from members wanting to play, so the Club fielded two sides, Division 3 & 4. After finishing in the four, Division 4 made it through to the Southern Grand Final but just couldn't get over the line. Division 3, after finishing second to arch-rivals Glenorchy Rodman, went on to storm home and take out the Southern Grand Final.

So a successful year it was, featuring in four grand finals and taking out two of them, not a bad effort. I extend my thanks to our many supporters who offered encouragement to our teams throughout the year and to members for their attendance at games throughout the finals series.

I take this opportunity to thank our selectors who, for the most part, undertake the thankless task of putting together teams, week in week out. This year there were some hurdles to overcome but we look forward to a settled and consultative year next season. Thank you to all the team managers for the duties they perform each week. Thank you to our coaches, Kevin Raby and Lester Martin for the time they have put in, and Shane Peck for his support to the ladies throughout their finals.

Again this year, the Bowling Committee competently oversaw all matters pertaining to bowls, including the Pennant, Club Championships, Tournaments and Carnivals. Another successful year for our Barefoot Social Bowlers, with some indicating they will move in the pennant realm next year. To all our volunteers, the bar, in the kitchen, social events, uniforms, barefoot, we thank you. Our Sponsors and Advertisers support this year again has been most welcomed, contributing, in part, to the success of the Club.

Thank you to the Greens Committee and to our Green Keeper Kim Rainbird. The greens produced this year were magnificent and stood us in good stead to produce the results we did. I lost count of the compliments received from visiting players and officials throughout the season.

I lastly thank all Club members for the way they have conducted themselves in and around all the greens they have played on this past year, your attitude and demeanor whilst wearing the Club uniform was exemplary.

Rob Batge
Vice President