

BOARD REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 MAY 2020 TO 30 APRIL 2021

On behalf of the Board, it is my pleasure to report on the club's activities for the year ended 30th April 2021.

This season the club activities continued to be affected by the lock downs associated with Covid – 19, however to the credit of all the organizers we were able to successfully complete the majority of our programme.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new members who joined our club during the season and I trust that you enjoyed the fellowship, camaraderie, facilities and playing competitions offered within the club.

GOVERNANCE:

The club is governed by a Board of elected members plus 2 seconded members. Elected board members were Stuart Jamieson Chairman, Kevin Cameron President, Sandra Coombe Vice President, Jo Baxter Secretary, Tony Popplewell Treasurer, David Pearse, John Gledhill, Allan Langley, and Rick George. Club members seconded to the board to assist in its running were Rick Dixon and John Smith.

The Board has focused on ensuring that the playing programme was completed successfully and safely. In addition, the board worked to ensure that the clubs financial position remains strong in order that proposed maintenance and improvement programmes can be undertaken within the club's resources.

To all my fellow board members, thank you for the time and energy you commit to the running of the club. Your contributions made sure that the club functioned efficiently.

Non-Board members who contributed significantly to the smooth administration of the Board include Gayle Wilkinson as Membership Secretary and Barbara Crawford as Minutes Secretary. Barbara resigned during the year as she felt that keeping up with the IT demands of the job were getting beyond her. The minutes secretarial duties were taken over by John Smith who is a board member. The board appreciates the excellent work of these club members. Thank you for your contributions, they are truly appreciated.

BOWLING ACTIVITIES:

Your Programming, Match and Tournament committees did an excellent job, to ensure that the majority of events were completed during the season. There were several events which were not completed because of a lack of available time due to Covid lock downs, and where these events are scheduled during the coming weeks. Thank you to these committees and their helpers for planning, organizing, and executing our seasons playing programme.

Our club championship events were well supported and attracted strong competitive fields. Congratulations to those who became club champions or were runners up in the various events.

CENTRE TITLES:

As at the time of writing not all centre events have been completed however several of our women members have had great success at centre level, winning as follows:

Women's Champ Pairs - Sheryl Wellington & Theresa Rogers

Women's Champ of Champ Pairs - Sheryl Wellington & Theresa Rogers

Women's Champ of Champ Triples - Sheryl Wellington, Gaye Horne & Theresa Rogers

A/C 1-5 Pairs - Skye Renes & Joy Watkinson (composite)

Teams who represented the club in the various centre events were selected by the club selectors, Leon Wech (convenor), Colleen Rice, Alan Daniels and Peter Orgias. We thank them for their work in grading, handicapping and selecting players.

Club Open Tournaments played on Tuesdays and Thursdays were very well supported by our members. With our greens in excellent condition and playing extremely well throughout the season we managed to attract players from other clubs to these tournaments. We thank them for their support. With their participation along with our own members, strong fields and competitive games always ensued. Thanks to the tournament committee members who organise and run these tournaments. A special thanks to John Valentine and his roster of ladies who provided morning teas each Thursday morning throughout the season. I am sure that their input was responsible for the strong level of entries each week.

Played throughout the season, on the 1st Tuesday of the month the Arena Living Triples again proved to be popular with a good level of entries each month. With finals day, late in the season split into Trophy and Plate fields, based on performance over the season, the format is well liked. We are grateful to Arena Living for their support of this major Club tournament. Our thanks also to Theresa Rogers and Sandra Coombe, for their organization of this important Club tournament.

Harcourt's Cooper & Co continue to support our club as sponsors of both the Harcourt's Classic and Harcourt's Mixed Fun Day. Both events are very successful. To the Club members who organized these events, Barry McCrystal who liaises with the sponsors, and Robyn Coles, James Dixon and Joanne Mimmack from the Mairangi Bay branch of Harcourts we offer our sincere thanks for your ongoing backing of these events.

Before the commencement of the season and with the help of John Valentine and Sandra Coombe, we were able to organize some additional sponsorship from Silverfin Capital Ltd. To maximise the sponsors exposure the tournament committee scheduled a new tournament to run throughout the season and named it The Silverfin 5's. The new format provided for teams of 5 players participating in games of triples and pairs in different combinations throughout the day. Sandra did a great job in organizing the complicated draw, which initially caused some confusion amongst the participants. However, once everyone understood the format it proved to be a very popular addition to our programme. We thank Silverfin for their contribution in making this tournament such a success.

Jackpot Pairs was again played on Friday afternoons. The event has proven to be very popular, so much so, that it is fast becoming a major Club event. Thanks to Ric Lydford who organizes and ensures that the event remains popular with numerous innovations to the format making for a fun day.

The Bays Junior Cup was delayed and played during Easter rather than the traditional Labour Day timing. Entry numbers continue to be a challenge but it was successful and enjoyed by all participants. Thanks to Les Boulton for his continued contribution to the success of this event.

The Saturday afternoon Haggie is always popular. Thanks to those who organise and run this event.

FINANCIAL:

A summary of the club's financial position has been provided separately to members. Any member wanting a full Performance Report which includes the financial accounts can obtain a copy from Tony Popplewell, the club Treasurer.

The year ended April 30th 2021 has again been successful for the club

The accounts reflect an excess of expenditure over income of \$2,202. i.e., a loss of \$2,202. Depreciation of \$30,922 was written off during the year so the cash trading position of the club was a surplus of \$28,720. At the time of writing the accounts review conducted by a chartered accountant has not been finalized. He has however questioned why we continue to depreciate the building as this is no longer a requirement, has no tax benefit to the club, and given that well maintained buildings do not depreciate. The board will need to consider how the value of the building is recorded going forward.

Bar trading surplus at \$24,357 was up on budget. We thank Colleen Rice and all those members who assist her in running the bar so efficiently.

Other income of \$117,945 was also up on budget, due to above budget income from Business House Bowls, Grants, Sponsorship and Tournament income. Club expenses were generally in line with budget. Our major expenses continue to involve the maintenance of our greens and surrounds, together with the Club facilities. The board has accepted a quote of \$19,800 to repair and paint the clubrooms roof. This work is scheduled to be undertaken shortly and given the time frame required by the contractor we had insufficient time to apply for any grants towards its cost, so the expense will be totally incurred by the club.

The board has drawn up a maintenance and facilities improvement schedule, together with a grant's application schedule in order that we maximize the opportunity to apply for grants to contribute to this programme.

The Club's balance sheet remains strong with equity of \$595,764. Cash reserves are approximately \$180,000.

CARPET GREEN REPLACEMENT:

After many delays Tiger Turf completed the rectification of the Harcourts & Co Community Green. The club owes a big thank you to Ian Coombe for his perseverance in seeing this work through to completion. Those of you who have played on the green will appreciate that it plays to a very acceptable standard.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership as at date of writing stands at 163 members, which is 8 more than last year, 75 men, 45 women, 6 Life, 7 Limited, 7 Associate, 12 Business House Plus, 12 non-playing social members plus 140 non-playing social fishing club members.

It is pleasing that membership has remained relatively stable over the past 2 or 3 years and that the club continues to attract new members.

GREENS AND SURROUNDS:

Knightsbridge and Mayfair Greens continue to play exceptionally well. These two maniatoto greens are professionally maintained by our greenkeeper Hamish Russell and we thank him for his expertise and commitment to keeping them in such good condition throughout the year. Also, thanks to Allan Langley for his work as greens supervisor. To all the members, both women and men who have assisted at renovation time, mowing lawns, maintaining gardens and supporting working bees, the Board acknowledges your significant contribution and offers a big thank you.

During the season seating around the club together with other areas of our facilities have been repainted by Rick George and Rick Dixon with the assistance of others. We thank them for their efforts in “sprucing up” the club and in general improving the appearance of our facilities. It also became necessary to replace the sunshades on the surrounds of Knightsbridge and Mayfair greens. It was a significant task and we thank John Gledhill for arranging and supervising this work. The grassed area between Knightsbridge & Mayfair greens was a source of star weed contamination onto our greens, so Allan Langley organized and supervised the concreting of this area. Again, thank you to Allan for undertaking this task.

SPONSORS:

The Club would not be able to function without the support of our sponsors. We are always looking for new sponsorships, so if you know of anyone who could be a sponsor please let a board member know. Thank you to those of you who provided leads during the year. Our sponsorship board in the clubrooms lists our sponsors and we encourage members to reciprocate the support of these businesses by engaging their services whenever possible.

COMMUNICATION:

Garth Partridge maintains the Club’s website which is now the principal method of communication to Club members. The board thanks Garth for his contribution in this important area. It is important that members use the club’s website, as this is now the principle means of communicating with our members.

From time to time Garth distributes, via email, matters which the board needs to be brought to members attention. It is therefore vital that you inform the clubs membership secretary if you change your email address. The Board thanks Garth for undertaking this role.

FACILITIES HIRE:

There are several reasons why the use of our facilities by outside organizations is important to the Club. Firstly, the council through the local Hibiscus and Bays Local Board have made it clear to us that whilst the facilities are available to the wider community, they will continue to support the extension of our lease. Secondly, the income derived from outside use is important for the Club, and thirdly, members of the public who attend functions at the club are being introduced to the game. Whilst this latter point has not directly resulted in many new members, we have had entries to our business house bowls league from casual hirers which is a good way for people to gain knowledge and understanding of the game.

These casual activities can occasionally be disruptive to members but we ask that you look at “the big picture” and appreciate the benefits to the Club. Rick George and Rick Dixon organise this area on behalf of the club. They have set up a booking system on our website so if you receive any requests for use of the club facilities you can direct them to the website where they can fill in the application form and receive the information they need. There are a number of Club members prepared to assist in this area so please let either of the 2 Ricks know how you can assist. Allan Donnelly who is always willing to supervise on the green, and his contribution has been valuable over many years.

BUSINESS HOUSE BOWLS:

Business house bowls continues to be successful with 26 teams playing in the pre-Xmas league and 22 in the second league played in February.

The enthusiasm of participants and the enjoyment that they get out of participation each week in the leagues is great to see. With 12 players becoming Business House Plus members there is proving to be some migration from Business House players into club membership.

The league is designed to introduce non-club members, hence non bowlers, to the sport and our club. One of the basic rules of the league is that teams may have only one bowling club, (any club) member in their ranks.

This allows a club member to form a team with family, friends or colleagues and introduce them to the game. This approach has proven to be successful in encouraging the participation of those who wish only to enjoy the social aspects of our game.

The board wishes to thank all those club members who give up their time to make these leagues such a success.

OBITUARY:

It is with great sadness that I need to report that during the review period we farewelled three Club members, Con Kater, Joyce Appleyard and Adrienne Thomas. Con was an active, competitive, and

skilled playing member of the club over many years. Over the later part of his membership his health deteriorated and we did not see him so frequently.

Both Joyce and Adrienne who were also active playing members over many years reduced their membership to non-playing members as advancing years precluded them from continuing to participate at this level, however they were keen to continue their association with the club. They will all be fondly remembered by those who knew and played alongside them.

Shortly after the review period Judy Cameron, wife of our President Kevin, and a non-playing member of the club, passed away after a long illness. Judy will be remembered for her willingness to assist around the club particularly in the kitchen, when catering was required.

We express our condolences to the families and friends of these club members and we will miss their contributions to the club.

ASSISTANCE:

There is a great deal of diversity of skills within our club membership and the Club would welcome the application of these skills to make the club an even better place to play and enjoy bowls. If you can contribute in any way, please advise any Board member.

During the year many of you responded to our request for suggestions on how you could contribute to the running of the club, by filling in a sheet in the clubrooms. It is a major task to follow up on these offers so please if you have offered to help, and have not been asked to assist follow up with any board member to ensure that your offer is accepted.

Before concluding the Board acknowledges the tremendous effort that so many Club members put into running the club. Whilst some have been named above there are many more whose contributions are equally as important. Many of you do so many things for the club, a lot of which goes unnoticed, but I can assure you that everything positive that you do for the Club makes the Club what it is: one of which we can all be proud and one whose atmosphere and camaraderie is admired by outsiders. Thank you and please keep up the good work.

Stuart Jamieson

Board Chairperson