

Chief Executive Officer's Report 2016/17

It gives me great pleasure to submit my Annual Report for the year 2016/17 at this the 54th Annual General Meeting of the Clearview Bowling Club Inc.

This year has once again been a very challenging one with today's economic climate, but under the circumstances, I believe we managed very well.

We saw the introduction of the new Club uniforms, together with Club hats, caps and jackets. Hopefully these have been worn with pride by all members.

Another project finally achieved was the purchase of 80 new chairs for the Dining Room at a cost of \$12,000, and they match those in the Lounge area.

After 4 years, we were once again asked to host the 2016 National Multi-disability Lawn Bowls Championships, which were held in May last year - despite inclement weather the week was a great success. Many thanks to the Clearview members, and those from other Clubs, who volunteered their time to assist with this Tournament.

On a sadder note, in August of last year saw the passing of our much-respected Life Member and dear friend, Allan Fisher. Allan was a great club man whose expertise in both Management and bowls is sadly missed.

Management Board

As usual, I would like to acknowledge this year's Management Board members:

- President Brian Smith
- Vice President Rick Smith
- Immediate Past President Allan Weber
- Director of Finance Bob Baldwin
- Chair of Bowls Committee Natalie Kiss
- Deputy Chair Bowls Committee David Bailey

I thank them all for the support and assistance they gave me during 2016/17.

As I have said many times, the Clearview Bowling Club is fortunate to have dedicated and experienced members controlling its affairs.

Over recent years we have gained several new members who would not realise some of the major improvements instigated by the Management Board in the past 12 years.

In highlighting these, it also comes as a timely reminder to those more longstanding members of these achievements, some of which are:

- Replacement of the surface of all 3 greens – C, then B, and A.
- Bar upgrades.
- Toilet upgrades
- New Lounge and Dining Chairs
- New timber flooring in those areas, too
- Installation of a Dept of Health compliant Grease Arrester

- New kitchen floor covering and shutters
- Solar panels
- Computer upgrades
- Security systems
- Energy efficiency upgrades
- Along with numerous other Building and Greens Maintenance upgrades and Capital Expenditures.

In all, these Capital and Maintenance upgrades total \$870,255. In addition to that, we have been able to obtain various State and Federal Government Grants worth \$293,876, to assist with those improvements.

Money well spent by the Management Board resulting in this Clearview Bowling and Community Club being a renowned “Centre of Excellence”, and has won us two “Best Bowling Club” awards from Clubs SA in the past 5 years. Members of the Management Board are always striving to make this the best Bowling and Community Club possible - proud of our history and the accomplishments of the Club.

To the members of the Management Board over those years, “Thank you” for a job well done. It has been my pleasure and privilege to be a part of this team with you.

Bowls Committee

The Bowls Committee had an uncertain start to with the resignation due to health and consequent interstate moves of Chairman-Elect, Andrew Reed, and the elected Director of Selectors, Adam Creek, going overseas and being absent all season. Deputy Chair Natalie Kiss took over leadership of the Committee, with Rick Smith and David Bailey filling the two vacant positions.

The Committee worked very hard to achieve the Club goals for 2016/17.

Once again, I must mention my disappointment that the Club Presentation Night was badly affected by lack of support from Club members and prize recipients. This is the second year that I have suffered the embarrassment of having to cancel sponsors from attending the night. I don’t feel this reflects well on the Club.

In contrast, the Xmas Dinner was well attended, and my thanks go to the Coordinators, Yvonne Fleetwood and Bev Cushion, who as usual made the event a great success.

Finance

Not to be published on website for security reasons. If members want information it is available from the CEO.

Greens Management

Greens Manager, Leon Harder, reports as follows:

“It has been a busy but productive year on the greens and surrounds. Thanks Neville Owen, David Goodenough, Graham Hitch, and Diana Harder for their efforts, and to the Cushions, Bev and John, for maintaining the gardens so well. We eventually replaced the banks and surrounds on A and B greens. Thank you to the people who assisted with that project.

I believe our consistent watering with our upgraded system has helped to maintain the greens to a good standard.

C green has been a pet project of the Greens Manager. I have managed to bring it up to a usable level, but still it requires some more work.

Having to vacuum the greens so often is detrimental to the surfaces, but with the close proximity of the gum trees, we have no option.”

Membership

Our overall membership at 164 is down from 182 last season.

- Full members (Men) 92 (-2) Includes 4 non playing Life Members
- Full members (Female) 18 (-6) Includes 3 non playing Life Members
- Associate/Social members 4 (+3)
- Community members 17 (-11)
- Challenge Group 33 (-2)

Although we gained 9 new pennant players, we lost 10 with clearances, 1 deceased, and 3 Sick or Not Available. The major drops in Community and Challenge members are a problem, as they are always vulnerable health and circumstance wise.

Membership Subscriptions

At the recent Management board meeting, it was recommended that the Annual Club Subscriptions for Season 2017/18 be increased for Full, Associate/Social, and 1st Year membership, while Community and Challenge Groups remain unaltered.

The recommended subscription fees for 2017/18 are:

- Full Membership \$260.00
- 1st year Full Membership \$120.00
- Associate/Social Membership \$145.00
- Community Membership \$11.00
- Challenge Group \$80.00
- Over 80s and Student Members Half Price

As usual, Full membership includes Bowls SA and Metro SA Registration fees of \$53, and the Associate/Social membership includes a \$43 Registration fee.

Sponsors

Season 2016/17 welcomed three new Sponsors:

- Adelaide Cemeteries Authority
- Martin Real Estate – North Adelaide
- Michael Iammarrone – Deputy Mayor Pt Adelaide Enfield CC

I must express our appreciation to all sponsors for their continued support and the interest they show in the Clearview Bowling Club. Total sponsorship this year amounted to \$5,100. The continued support of these valued sponsors by our members is appreciated.

Coaching

Our appreciation must be recorded to our Coaching Panel of Head Coach David Bailey and David Goodenough for providing coaching not only to members, but also to the various Primary and High Schools, University and Community Groups that benefit from their expertise.

Appreciation

To all the staff and volunteers that have worked tirelessly during the past year, we thank you for a job well done.

Bob Jamieson, our Bar Manager, and his staff deserve special thanks for their efforts throughout the year. Bob as usual spent many hours with astute buying to help reduce the cost of sales, and produce good percentages.

Once again, I can't speak highly enough of our Director of Finance, **Bob Baldwin**, who as always has reported on the Club's finances in his usual professional manner. His ability to keep me and the Management Board reliably informed of the Club's current financial position is greatly appreciated.

To our Bar Controllers, **Leon Harder and Leith Goodenough**, thank you for an excellent job, keeping me informed at all times. They are responsible for handling all monies, banking and cash payments made. Your service throughout this year are much appreciated by me and the Management Board.

Our Night Owl Coordinators are special. **Rachel Dean and Mary Grantham** with their team of **Jim Cazzolato, Frank Benedetti, John White, Beth Virgin and David Goodenough** again did a superb job in organising and supporting this very important project for the Club. Your commitment has again helped make for a very successful year, enjoyed by the teams involved, and greatly appreciated by the Club's management.

To our Kitchen/Catering Coordinator, **Diana Harder**, together with her Committee and Volunteers, thank you for your fine efforts, support and assistance in catering not only for Pennant Bowls and Club events, but also for the requirements of other private functions held in the Clubrooms.

Our Club's Almoner, **Mary Grantham**, has had a busy year, and we thank you for the time spent and your compassion. This is an important aspect of the Club.

Bev Cushion has been responsible for looking after our Coffee Machine to the great enjoyment of the members and visitors. Well done, Bev. Your work is much appreciated.

Another special thank you to **Leon Harder** for the work involved on the greens and the maintenance of the buildings, plus all the other jobs I assigned to him during the year. Also thanks to **Graham Hitch** for his role in organising the Monday night Challenge Group program for people with Intellectual disabilities.

Thanks to all in these important roles. Your commitment to them and the Club is greatly appreciated by me, the Management Board, and the other members of the Club.

Lastly, thank you to our outgoing Immediate Past President **Allan Weber**, for his many years on the Management Board. Your help, direction and advice was much appreciated, and will be sadly missed. Thank you also to our outgoing President, **Brian Smith**, for his years of service in a very difficult role. Brian will replace Allan as Immediate Past President.

Close

I am pleased to announce that our Club has been nominated as a finalist in the **Bowls SA “Community Spirit Award”** category which will be announced at their Awards Night on May 13th. We look forward to hearing the result of the nomination, which was prompted by Bowls Australia.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for your support of the Club during 2016/17, and for your attendance today.

I wish everyone of you an enjoyable and successful 2017/18 season.

Ian Bailey

Chief Executive Officer.