



President's Letter – October 2022

To All Members,

What a weekend we've just had! Our annual Allen "Salty" Ross Tournament had everything from sunshine to pouring rain but we made it and the 72 bowlers who competed enjoyed 2 fantastic days of bowls, food and fun. Thank you to everyone who assisted, thank you to everyone who competed and well done to the winners and gridders. The compliments offered to our Club on the hosting of the event was awesome and I'm sure "the little bloke" would be smiling from above seeing everyone there honouring the Tournament in his name. In addition, I say thank you to our Major Sponsor DLG Glass along with the Northside Hotel, IGA and Tony Hart Meats for their generosity.

Friday Night Jackpot Draw re-commenced last week, and it was great to see over 40 Members and guests rock up and support the Club moving into the summer season. I encourage more Members and partners to start making their way to the Club for a chance to catch up and try their luck with our Hoppers Member's draw currently at \$250 along with our weekly meat tray raffles. We'll be making an exciting announcement over the coming weeks involving "live music", more to come on that.

With so much rain still around and more forecast to come, please be mindful our Committee will be making responsible decisions on use of the greens, with the assistance and guidance of Garry Broad our Greenskeeper. We have submitted Expressions of Interest for hosting ZONE 8 pairs & triples and as a consequence, we want to provide the best quality of greens available if we are given any of those events.

Our Club Championships "hopefully" kick off this weekend with C Grade, weather pending. I thank our Match Committee for all their work and I reiterate the Condition of Play policy they have implemented should see "no-one" question anything relating to Club games, and if you do, Troy, Turtle and Roy are happy to take questions if necessary. The policy will be posted on the Club website as soon as it's finalised

Our pennant season is fast approaching (14th January 2023 tentative start). There are still some loose ends to be tidied up before the draw can be published. The Secretary and I will attend a Zone 8 Delegates meeting in Wagga this coming Saturday and hopefully all outstanding matters will be resolved and we will advise Members of the outcome of that meeting.

We also have on the notice board in the Clubrooms a request for Expressions of Interest for the Selection Sub-committee. So, if you are interested, please feel free to place your name on the list, if you wish to give something back to our Club. I'd like to think we'd have the same number of teams as last year – Grades 3, 4, 5, 6, and two Grade 7s.

Our maintenance crew led by Mick Baz have got the place looking good. Everyone would have seen the new aluminium bench seats, the new table under "*Frank's Retreat*" (thanks to Des Nelson & Troy Champion). We are planning more work over the coming weeks to improve our surrounds.

Lastly to any Member that has been unwell of late, all Members pass on their best wishes and offer you a speedy recovery, and to our Life Member John "Willo" Williams, RIP.

See you at the Club.

Regards

Steve Martini

President