



President's Letter – March 2023

To All Members,

In a blink of an eye 2023 Open Pennant season has all but come and gone. It is the first season being associated with Zone 8 as the Administrator. Apart from a few minor issues, I generally think no-one would have noticed any difference. I am sure Club officials will work with our Zone 8 Director Darren Moore to refine a few issues over the Winter break and next year will be even better. Personally, I cannot see the former A&DBA being re-activated based on this year of pennant.

Well done to Grade 5, 6 & 7 teams in securing top spot in their respective grades or sections. Grade 5s move on to Zone while the Grade 6's & 7's play off against The Rock next Saturday for their chance to progress to Zone. The committee are working on suitable transport options to assist with travel out to Henty for both players and supporters. Unfortunately, we are encountering difficulties and will keep you advised. For Grade 3 & 4, commiserations but thank you for your efforts this season. I feel next year with changes coming our Club will be a lot stronger through each grade. We are a destination club and we will be heavily promoting that to bowlers around our area moving forward over the winter months.

I am saddened to announce that Gary Broad has tendered his notice and will resign from his position as greenskeeper in July 2023. At the age Gary is, he and his wife Joy they deserve to free up valuable time and spend more time with family. On behalf of the entire club, thank you Gary for your service and time over the past 3 years. We must remember in the club's time of need, when Ross Hoffman left, Gary picked up the pieces for our Club, that shows the type of people our club has. Saying that, we now need to find someone to take over as greenskeeper, which the committee will address over the coming months.

Our club's last Friday night will be Friday 31st March and then we go into recess until October over Winter. I'd like to thank everyone who has supported the raffles and members draws since last October, and we expect Friday 31st to be again well attended with the final members draw being worth \$500. Please come down and support your club for its final night.

I am sure the entire club wishes best of luck to the 4 members of the NABC that have been chosen to represent Albury Section at Bing Walder in Tumut on the weekend of 1st & 2nd April, good bowling and well done to Broady, Jack Castles and Dan "The Track Manager" Markham.

Finally, sincere condolences to the Howell family from the passing of Jim this week. As per the Secretary's email, the funeral will be next Thursday with the wake being at NABC rooms. And I pass onto anyone who has been in ill health of late and wish them a speedy recovery.

Thanks for the year, everyone. Well done and Go the Mighty Hoppers!

Steve Martini
President