

97th Annual General Meeting

President's report 2023-24

It gives me much pleasure to present the President's report for the 97th year of the Wanaka Bowling Club.

First of all, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to those members who have lost loved ones during the course of the season.

Once again, Marilyn has done an excellent job of managing the Club's finances, and as you can see from the balance sheet, the Club remains in a sound financial position derived from some excellent income streams such as sponsorships secured by Ewan Miller, social and corporate events organized by Kathryn Mitchell, as well as the usual trade bowls, raffles, and bar sales, etc.

A big thank you to all volunteers and helpers who have contributed their time and effort to the successful running of all fundraising events.

As well as Ewan and Kathryn, mention must be made for the work done by our Bar Manager Paul Matheson and bar staff, Publicity Officer & Webmaster Barbara Wilson, Greenkeeper Stu Hurley, and our wonderful catering ladies. Thanks also to our Match Committees, Tournament Secretary, and any other person holding a position of responsibility.

Thanks would not be complete without mentioning Ken Mitchell, our House and Building Convenor, who works tirelessly around the premises and is our 'go-to' and 'fix-it' man.

As I write this report, work is underway on our new bar and barbecue area, which Ken has been instrumental in getting underway as well as overseeing the projects. Once completed, it can only enhance the excellent facilities we already have on offer.

Many thanks to our expert tradespeople we are fortunate to have as members. Gavin McDonald, Phil Davidson, Phil Studholme, Mel Campbell (Builders), Greg Hurt (Plumber), and Clive Kirkland (Electrician) have all contributed invaluable time and expertise.

It is with some sadness that we say farewell to Phil and Pauline Davidson who are making the move to Cromwell. Phil has spent many hours working on projects around the Club, which can only result in our loss and Cromwell's gain. Best wishes to you both.

We also say farewell and best wishes to Dave Minson, a long-standing and loyal member of our Club, who is making the move to Picton.

Congratulations to our men and ladies who represented the Centre and achieved success in Centre competitions, notably our men's champion of champions

triples team of Murray Finn, Todd Swain, and Mark Daniels, with back-to-back titles. No mean feat!

Mark also combined with Todd Swain to take the 1-10 Centre pairs and completed the treble by lifting the 1-5 Centre singles trophy, culminating in Mark being named Central Otago Junior Bowler of the Year. A fantastic achievement, Mark.

Marilyn Steele and Bev Mee winning the 1-10 ladies pairs and our men's Div. 2 teams winning the Saturday pennants competition are also notable achievements.

Special thanks to Gaye Beattie who is retiring from her position on the Board. We sincerely thank you, Gaye, for your sterling work, especially as President during the difficult Covid period. We look forward to seeing you playing on the green as the Club moves forward.

Finally, thank you to all members of the Board for your support and the professional way you conduct the Club's business.

I wish incoming President Mark Daniels all the best and hope that you will support him as much as you have supported me. Mark has all the right credentials, and I am confident the Club will continue to thrive under his leadership.

It has been a privilege to have been your President and to have worked alongside a great team.

Thank you once again for your support.

Tom Malcolm

President

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