



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022/23

It gives me great pleasure to present the 2021/2022 President's Report for the 96th 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. The past year has seen a turning point in the Covid 19 pandemic, with restrictions falling away and people once again being able to gather in larger groups.

The Club remains in a sound financial position, which is a reflection of the more than capable Board that we have in place along with Marilyn's high standard and expertise in managing our finances as Treasurer.

Major expenses coming up for the Club include the bar refurbishment and exterior painting to the entire building.

During the past season we completed remedial work on the outside green, hosted three days of the National Championships and our men's Division 2 teams were successful in winning Saturday Pennants. We also held a successful Open Day organised by Mark Daniels, which resulted in a few more members.

Congratulations to those bowlers who represented Centre and who achieved at Centre level. My thanks go out to the Men's and Ladies' Match Committees and the Tournament Secretary, Val Ransom, for the organisation of all club competitions and events.

Also thanks to the Stadium Convenors and Controllers, including the helpers who run Trade nights. The Stadium programme continues to be very popular in the winter months.

We are indebted to Marg Young, who has stepped down from her position as Booking Liaison Officer for social and corporate events, after several years of dedicated service in this role. She is now succeeded by Kathryn Mitchell.

Mention must also be made of the work done by our Bar Manager Paul Matheson and helpers, Publicity Officer Barbara Wilson, Greenkeeper Stu Hurley, Catering Convenor Kate Norman and her team, who have done a fantastic job over the course of the season, Progressive Bowls Convenor Gordon Hall, Men's Day Convenor Alister Moore, along with the many volunteers who turn up for working bees etc.

Thanks must also go to our many sponsors and to Ewan Miller who works so hard in securing valuable sponsorship.

Special mention must be made of our House Convenor Ken Mitchell, who is a 'tower of strength' around the premises. Hardly a day goes by without Ken attending to something at the Bowling Club and is always on hand should a problem arise.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to Madeleine Wilson our outgoing Secretary. Mads has been a mainstay of our Board for the past ten years and her input into the Club has been invaluable. Mads – you will be sorely missed by all – enjoy your retirement.

We now welcome Mila Wist (Mark Daniel's partner) into the role of Secretary, who I'm sure will be more than capable of carrying on Mad's good work.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours in bowls,

Tom

