

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has just flown past. I certainly hope it is because we are living life to the fullest. We have been incredibly lucky here in our community by not being subject to the ravages of COVID – 19 and the lockdowns that seem to be taking its toll of the southern parts of Australia.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their support during the year and their dedication to the job and the club. Sheryl and Helen are not seeking re-election to the committee. A big thanks to Sheryl for the fantastic job she has done in the Treasurer's position for the past few years. And Helen who gratefully took on the secretary's position last year – well done. Leone will also be standing down, but she has indicated she will still do her role as partner finder if required. What would we do without her? Claire has taken on the role of function manager and has shown us her skills with a fantastic Xmas Party last year and then again with the Easter luncheon, and of course, today with the AGM luncheon. And Bernie has done an outstanding job with her assistance in the mornings with the game set up. A special thanks to both Laurel, Bernie, and Claire for their help with the dealing every fortnight. Finally, Steve, always there as a reliable back up when needed and a great sounding board for ideas and advice.

Another person I must thank is David Owens for always being here in the mornings to help with the table set up for the day and all the other tasks that must be done before we play.

We resumed the Bargara/Bundaberg Challenge earlier this year but once again we were unsuccessful. Perhaps we should organise some brush up tuition before our next encounter.

At the beginning of the year Susie conducted some beginner lessons and we managed to get some particularly good players from this group. Many of whom are in the winner's circle already.

Thanks again Susie for all your work and dedication to bringing on the newcomers.

Again we had a great Xmas function, great food, wine, camaraderie, and entertainment. It is an event to look forward to each year. I want to thank Jim for doing a great job as MC for the evening and keeping this rowdy lot under control.

The other person I must acknowledge is Rod Pershouse for his persistence in keeping the IT equipment under control and updating our webpage with photos, jokes and information.

We decided to add an Easter luncheon this year at which we announce the winners of the Club Championship. Well done to Steve and Shirley who are our inaugural winners. Next year looks like being a close contest for the top spot.

Last year we ran two Italian pairs competitions – one for the Monday group and one for the Tuesday Group. Congratulations to the winners for Monday. Steve Taylor Gross winner and Mike Buchanan Net winner. On Tuesday it was Peter Gordon Gross winner and myself net winner.

This year we have a new competition for the most consistent pairs throughout the year. The winners of this competition will be announced at our Xmas function.

As you can see our bank account is quite healthy thanks, in part, to a successful Tuesday afternoon session. I would like anyone to come forward with any ideas or suggestions on how we, as a club can enjoy and/or benefit from the surplus. Of course, anything suggested should be for the benefit and enjoyment for the whole of the membership.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support during the year.

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President