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Presidents Report

I am pleased to present the President's Report, 2020, to the members of the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club.

Saturday Pennant:

What a season we have had! Fortunately, the Pennant Season was able to be completed before competitive bowling had to be closed due to the coronavirus / COVID-19.

The Saturday Thirds put in a mighty effort this season. They played very well to beat Upwey Tecoma at Upwey and went on to beat Mitcham at Heathmont. It was a remarkable performance to win the flag. Well done to all the players.

Unfortunately, the results for the remainder of the Saturday teams was a little disappointing. However, I am confident that with our club spirit, we will fight back next season.

Thank you to Judy Tournier, Doug McArthur and their helpers for the sandwiches and the set up for afternoon tea on Saturdays.

Special thanks to the Saturday Selection Committee: Les Stephens, Jim Marshall, David Barclay, Tony Angelone and Ron Austin.

Mid-week Pennant:

Two teams made the finals of the Mid-week Pennant competition. The Seconds went down to Eastwood golf by a narrow margin, where the greens were poor. The Thirds played Heathmont at Heathmont but lost to a better team on the day. Unfortunately, a few of their regular players were unavailable due to illness.

Well done to all the Mid-week players for a fine season, including some new Tuesday players.

Congratulations to the Mid-week Selection Committee who did a great job: Marg Robbins, Ray Porter, Louise Sheldon-Collins, Jenny Jennings and Ron Coleman.

Thanks to the behind the scenes members who support the pennant sides:

A special thank you to Tony Jeffery for printing the score cards each week for both Saturday and Mid-week Pennant teams. Well done on this important job.

I would like to thank Marg Robbins for her great work in providing Mid-week scores and statistics.

The umpires and Team Managers put in a great effort each week to support the players.

Our club coaches have also done a wonderful job – Gail Bowen on Mondays and John Sartori and Bob Selvey on Sunday mornings.

Social Bowls:

Thursday Social Bowls: Organisers Rhonda Raisbeck and June Hodgson provided a season with lots of fun and friendship. Bowler numbers varied between 16 and 40, depending on the weather. This is often the first step for new bowlers at the club, so thanks to the members for their welcome, support and assistance here.

Twilight Bowls: This has been a great success and well supported with 30 – 40 bowlers attending, plus another 10 – 15 people for dinner only. The bowling was well organised by Rhonda Raisbeck and Marg Robbins, with catering by Heather Padgham, Louise Sheldon-Collins and the House Committee. The gentlemen cooks did a great job at the BBQ and the salads provided by members were delicious.

Friday Pairs: This remains as popular as ever, with 40 – 60 bowlers attending, depending on the time of year. A special thanks to Brian Raisbeck and Brian Cross for the organising this day. They did a great job.

Saturday Social Bowls (Winter): Various volunteers have organised a good day of bowling. Bowler numbers varied from 20 – 30.

- All Social Bowling activities have been cancelled since March due to restrictions caused by COVID-19.

Indoor / Carpet Bowls (Winter): Judy Tournier and Gail Bowen organised these friendly, social games, as well as the championships. Two or three carpets were laid each week for the 16 – 20 bowlers who attended during 2019. Unfortunately, the carpet bowls season has not commenced during 2020 due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19.

Jack Attack: Doug McArthur and Les Stephens have done a great job with the organisation of two x six-week competitions for new and inexperienced bowlers. Several bowlers have progressed from Jack Attack to other social bowling activities. Inter-club competitions have also been organised for Jack Attack players. These events get bigger and better each season. Thanks to the members who help out at each Wednesday evening session.

Club Championships:

The club championships were well supported this season. All championships were contested, including the fours which was run using a ballot system. Thanks to Brian Raisbeck for organising all the club championships, both Men's and Ladies'. Several championships remain incomplete for the 2019-20 season following the need to close the club in March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the Presentation Night has also been postponed for this year.

Functions:

Only two of our usual functions were held over the past year: the Angliss Charity Day and the Christmas Lunch. Congratulations to the Bowling Committee and Club staff for their hard work, dedication and commitment to all the functions organised during the year. This would not be possible without their support and the support of the members who attended.

Angliss Charity Day: This was well attended by about 70 people. A fun day of bowling, raffles and lunch enabled us to raise \$1,787.00 for the Angliss Hospital.

Christmas Lunch: The clubrooms looked festive, with some great table decorating jobs done by the ladies. We were joined by 3 tables of Probus members this year. They were entertained by a singer/ instrumentalist and were able to show off their dance moves.

The Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal and The Big Morning Tea could not be held this year after the club had to close in March.

Greens and Surrounds:

Thanks to John Sartori, our Greens Curator who has once again worked overtime to make sure the greens and surrounds are up to standard. The Monday Morning Men have put in an amazing effort to keep the grounds in tip top condition – a great bunch of men!

Thanks:

Thanks to the **Board of Management:** Les Stephens, David Barclay, John Milburn, Terry Martin and Rhonda Raisbeck. They have been able to steady the ship through an exceedingly difficult season and for this, we are very thankful. A mighty performance.

Bowling Committee: Well done to the Bowling Committee for their tireless work in organising and preparing bowling and social events.

Special thanks to our Bowls Secretary, Brian Raisbeck, for the great work he has done around the club, especially preparing and conducting the club championships.

Thanks to Assistant Secretary and Communications Officer, Marilyn Selvey for her contribution to the club. Thanks also to Marilyn and Bob Selvey for their jobs as delegates to the Eastern Ranges Bowling Region (ERBR) meetings.

Thank you to Vice President, Robyn Coleman and the members of the Bowling Committee for all your support over the past year - Bob Selvey, Heather Padgham, Colin de Young, Marg Robbins, Rosemary Ponton, Blanche Williams and Judy Tournier.

Dot and Ken Miller, **Welfare Officers** – once again they have been very active and caring in following up those in need of support and comfort.

Craft Stall: This year a group of talented, crafty members got together to organise a Craft Stall to sell a range of interesting handmade items on pennant and social days. Since October 2019, the stall has raised almost \$1000 for the club.

Staff: Thanks to Doug, Neva, Cassie and the staff for all their help and support throughout the year, especially with the functions and events that the committee have organised. I do appreciate their courtesy and assistance.

Special thanks to Rhonda Raisbeck for her tireless work around the club – she has been a great help to me personally, for that I thank you Rhonda.

Members: Finally thank you to all the members of the Ferntree Gully Bowling Club for the support you have given me over the past year.

Good bowling – hope to see you all soon

With thanks, Ron Coleman, President

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