

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to 2020 AGM

Good morning ladies & gentlemen, for those that don't know me my name is Will Johnson & on behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to welcome you & thank you for attending our 2020 AGM.

Well, where we do we start, 2020 has been a year that I'm sure many would agree has been like no other with the onset of the Corona Virus pandemic & subsequent lock-down periods. I personally hope you have been & continue to stay safe & well through this difficult time.

Now, down to the business at hand ... as we all know there are many, many small businesses including clubs that have shut their doors for good due to this pandemic & many more will before it's all over but on a positive note I am proud to say that we are not one of them. This has been brought about by sound business practice & good management & with this in mind I would like to welcome our new Secretary Manager, Ian Taylor, if you sit & talk with Ian you will realise very quickly he has a very sound knowledge of the Club industry & what it takes to run a business – who knows what would have happened if we didn't find him, welcome aboard Ian & thank you.

While we are thanking people, the list reads like the previous 3 years & in no particular order some of them are;

1. Russell Wilson..... as most of you know the scope & amount of work Russ puts in is staggering, running the galas, the Club games & the raffles are just a fraction of what he does thank you Russ.
2. Our volunteer Greenkeepers – Paul, Brian & Dennis BLACK , not only have these 3 gentlemen saved us a lot of money, not only do we have one of the best grass greens around but how good do the surrounds & gardens look ! ... so much better than when we had the previous greenkeeper on the payroll. Paul is always cutting or rolling the green, Brian looking after the synthetic & surrounds while Dennis maintains the equipment & helps wherever he can....thanks guys.
3. When it comes to fixing things in general we have Kenny Miller still won't take anything for his hard work & his tireless efforts are invaluable to our Club ...Many thanks Kenny.
4. I would like to thank all our Directors, especially Warren Steele & Brian Boyce... both tireless workers, be it raffles, Covid marshalling or Pokie counts just to name a few jobs... thank you gentlemen & of course our lady, Dawn Harde. Thanks also to Vice Chairman Darren Kemp for his input on special committees & the hours he spends maintaining the Club's web site.This is also an appropriate time to thank Pam Steele & Geoff Horton who have recently retired from the Board for their valued past contributions.

5. Thanks also to Janelle Wilson for looking after the administration & financial details so well in the back office & of course our Bar Manager , Dianne Lorimer , who does such a great job looking after front of house matters with help from her small but committed team of Rod, Mitch, Pip, Mel, Shane, Cheryl, Des & Cathro .Many thanks to all of you for a job well done in difficult circumstances.
6. On a side note, it is with much sadness that we lost Barbara Hall this year... Barb was on our Board for over 10years & was a tireless worker for the Club. I have fond memories of Barb & will miss her she has taught Pat Buchannan & Steve Geerin how to look after the Sunday raffle & they do it well ... thanks Pat & Steve.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of Management & the Board of Directors to welcome our new caterers “ Little Singapore” headed up by Simon & Tina. They are a welcome change, are very approachable & the kitchen has never looked so clean. The food is restaurant quality at Club prices, these are difficult times to be starting any new venture so please pass the word around & support them whenever you can.

If I was to thank everyone else that has helped our Club over the past year or so this Chairman's Report would be 5 pages long but be assured that I know every one of you & I thank you sincerely for all your efforts. With your ongoing support I'm sure our little Club can flourish for many years to come.

Finally, but most importantly, to you our members, both full & social, the ones who have supported us when others have lost faith in our Club & moved on... without you people, we wouldn't be here & for this I extend to you people our greatest thanks & gratitude.

Will Johnson
Chairman.

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