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Editor Ian Oliver.

From the President

DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE YEAR THAT WAS – ONE JOYOUS, ONE SAD

JOYOUS

Last year was extraordinary for the Hawks, a fantastic record-breaking year on and off the greens!

“Arguably, the AGM was the most well-attended, and best ever. It was very-well presented, and interesting.” (William Booker Esq, Life Member, 15 May 2022).

Reports were presented by the President, Vice-Presidents and Members of the Board outlining the good results from their respective portfolios. Brief summaries follow. All Members thanked specific individuals who have given their time to work together to achieve so much.

My thanks go to a great Board who are all committed to staying on for another year and who are individually good to work with, and collectively awesome!

Treasurer Tait reported a record surplus for the year verified by Auditor Barry Hanna who has been reappointed for the coming year. It means that projects planned by the Board can be confidently pursued including the installation of an efficient point of sale system, a Player Development Fund, and a professional re-arrangement of bar services for the Club. Our good fiscal situation also enables confident Grant Seeking in the time ahead for infrastructure projects to upgrade the Club's southern entrance, re

-configure the locker rooms, undertake further paving, and shading along the eastern side of D green. More to come about these as we continue to improve services to members.

Vice-President and **Chair of Competition** Simon outlined the range of goals achieved by our spectacular 2021-22 Pennant Season. It was a year filled with challenges, elation, and heart breaks as 12 out of 15 sides made finals, 9 in grand finals, and 5 taking the flag! The outlook is great for the coming Season with 7 promotions, including into prestigious Saturday Premier League, requiring all of us to be up to the task. We have good depth of talent and with the possibility of a few new players we'll be very competitive again in Season 2022-23.

Chair of Recreation Teresa reported through a video link our boomer of a year for Night Hawks with record participation and fiscal outcomes, again with a great outlook for next season. Night Hawks is proving to be an effective recruitment of players transitioning into regular pennant competitions. The growth of Home Bowls was also a feature with further evolution to **HBC Saturday Triples** attracting more recreational bowlers into the Club. She indicated a review of the format of the Club Championships and welcomed Kerry Coggins and Peter Brooke-Smith who have stepped up to run Winter Bowls in a 2-4-2 format to continue its great success.

Marketing and Development Chair Graeme outlined how the Club was achieving its Strategic Goals through the wonderful contributions of all members practising our **A+B=HBC** ethos to be a *premier destination and venue* for lawn bowls. He reported that sponsors are increasingly attracted to the Club and that record sponsorships in cash and kind have made a significant impact on the Club's performance. He indicated that the growing force of social media will be further enhanced in the

time ahead to further the development of our Club – *Community connection*.

Chair of Facilities Colin thanked all those volunteers who have worked together to make our Club house and grounds immaculate, resulting in positive comments from visitors, neighbours and other clubs.

A further important achievement of the past year has been the upgrading of the **Club's Constitution** headed up by Graeme Alder and Alan Reid. In a great consultative process, the revamped Constitution was accepted unanimously at the AGM and now provides a stronger foundation on which the Club can operate going forward. Our gratitude and appreciation go to Graeme and Alan.

Life Memberships were bestowed on 4 members for their significant contribution to the Club over a long period. It was an emotional and powerful moment as they listened to their Citations and received their Certificate. Carol Mickan received the Certificate on behalf of Gary who was too unwell to be present. Congratulations and welcome to our new **Hawks Life Members**:

BOB WADSWORTH LESLEY SLATTERY
GARY GARY MICKAN
ROSE MITCHELL

The Club has begun providing **Hawks Meals** on a Tuesday and Wednesday night 5.30-8.00pm in association with the not-for-profit organisation *All Round Action*. The meals have been very well received by members, their friends and families, and an increasing number of neighbours and Hawthorn citizens. Bookings have increased sharply over the last two weeks as the value of the quality food is becoming more widely known.

I urge all Members to get behind this great initiative as it has great all-round benefits for the Club.

Two days after our AGM we learned of the sad news that Wayne Prosser had passed away after

a long illness. He and wife Joan joined the Club at the start of the 2021-22 season. Wayne made an immediate impact through his knowledge about the game of bowls, his wisdom, and people management skills. Both Wayne and Joan were awarded Life Membership of Bowls SA at the recent Awards Night. The moving citation given to Wayne by President Tim Dodds was testament to his massive contribution to bowls and the bowling community in South Australia.

'Pross' took on being a selector in his short time at Hawthorn and was a mentor to those who sought his advice and knowledge. He certainly helped me on a few occasions and was my mentor who I affectionately called *Mentorman*. I wish I had known him longer.

VALE – Wayne (Pross) Prosser



Wayne Howard Prosser

30.9.1944 ~ 16.5.2022
Aged 77 years

I send strong positive vibes from the Club to Gary Mickan who is overcoming a stroke and a bout of golden staff while facing significant health challenges over the coming months.

Keep connected with your friends and teammates by supporting our Winter Bowls program, upcoming Xmas in July, and ongoing Hawks Meals.

Let the reflections of your wonderful achievements keep you warm and give you strength during the winter months in readiness for the coming season.

Graham Dodd PhD, President

Soar Hawks!!

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Around the Traps



I am sure we are all aware that **Gary Mickan** has recently been diagnosed **with** pancreatic cancer. Typically, this is a condition that is more often diagnosed late because the presenting symptoms are usually of a general nature and the tumour itself is buried deeply towards the back of the abdominal cavity. This was the case with Gary and so we were all surprised when we learnt of his condition. Gary has agreed to chemotherapy and is currently in treatment. The side-effects of chemotherapy can often be quite debilitating as we all know. While Gary seemed to tolerate the treatment reasonably well, it does build up over time and become more difficult to cope with. Hence Gary is being treated with three weeks of chemo and then a week off. We all wish him well and hope the treatment will be

successful.

You are also all aware that **David Sutherland** has suffered a stroke. Initially the effects were quite marked but fortunately much of that subsided fairly quickly. He tells me that he is able to move about reasonably freely and his speech is steadily improving. He is attending rehabilitation three times per week. He is looking forward to getting back to the club as soon as he is able and I am sure we will all be pleased to see him when he does.

The news of **Wayne Prosser's** sudden death has come as a shock to many of our members. I am informed that Wayne has been challenged by some medical issues over the last few years and these finally resulted in his death. His funeral was last Monday and I would estimate that 200-250 people attended. The Hawthorn Bowling club was well represented. Speakers described Wayne as having a dynamic personality, was a very good leader and a man who loved his sport. He made his mark in sport, initially in cricket and then in lawn bowls. Those traits were obvious in the short time he had at Hawthorn and we will miss him greatly. We express our sorrow at his passing and extend our condolences and support to Joan and the rest of his family.

Bob Wadsworth

An Opinion...

TRIAL MATCHES : A PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION PROCEDURES.

Every year there are disputes about teams selected for the first matches of a new pennant season, following the September "pennant trails". These trials include matches against other clubs. It may be that such matches are purposeful for our top Wednesday and Saturday teams, but I suggest that for lower teams (5th, 6th and 7th), such trial matches are arguably counter productive and should be abandoned, at least on an experimental basis, before season 2022/3 begins.

A problem arises because HBC is obliged to have more players than there are pennant positions: an excess of about ten per cent. This is to cover absences and avoid forfeits. The unpopular expedient of rostering players off has been abandoned. The result, evident last season during the trials, was that a scrapheap of discarded players was created, while others were selected for interclub contests. The former were instructed to play in "practice games" at which, as everyone knew, no selector would be present. Everyone also knew that such segregation was more than a little arbitrary.

At the beginning of a new bowls season all positions are vacant, at least in theory. If trial matches against other club are abandoned everyone can play in organised games at home, selectors will be present, and those in contention for particular positions can be set to play against each other. The degree of fairness thus achieved would outweigh whatever benefits are supposed to accrue from interclub Excursions.

Andrew Bear



Winners are grinners!

Some of our club members joined the three day competition on the Fleurieu Peninsula

Teams headed to Goolwa and Encounter Bay for the second day of the competition.

The day's winning teams came away with four wins each, with just one end the deciding factor between second and third place.

Our third place winners, the team of Julie James (Happy Valley), Deb Fry (Ascot Park), Ian James (Happy Valley) Fry (Ascot Park) with +42 and 29 ends up.

The Somerton team, Kari Heikkonen, Alan Jackson, Ray Whichello and Michael White narrowly took out second place with +42 and 30 ends up.

The combination of [Greg McGregor](#) (Edwardstown), [Fiona McGregor](#) (Hawthorn), [Anne Onto](#) (Hawthorn) and [Terry Onto](#) (Hawthorn) came away victorious with +50.<https://>



A big thankyou to all that donated to Foodbank at our AGM.

We collected 138kg of food, and a \$50 donation, which equates to 376 meals.

Your generosity was very much appreciated by Christies Beach Hub.

I look forward to your continued support for Foodbank at Opening Day.

Regards

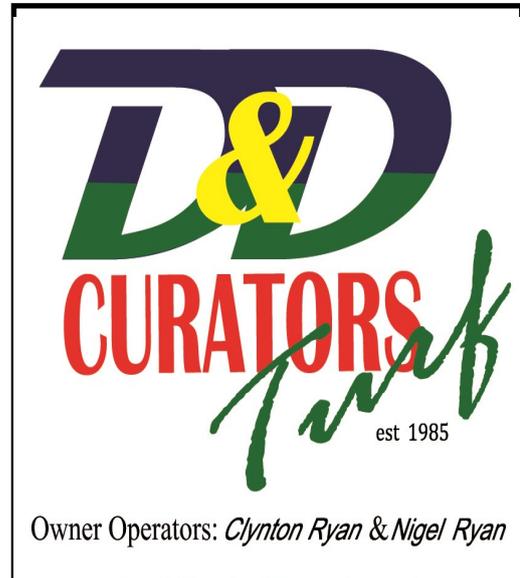
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Hello everyone,

welcome to my first edition of our monthly newsletter. A few unforeseen glitches have meant it is a little late. My apologies .Fortunately, it's a fairly quiet time for bowls. You will probably have noted that the name has been changed back to "Herald." When I first came to Hawthorn back in 1994 – ish, the newsletter was called the." Hawthorn Herald." I guess I'm a traditionalist at heart, and so, without any disrespect to the Schaeffers, who did a magnificent job these last seven years, and, after consulting with Board members, I have adopted "Hawks Herald "as the new title. I hope I can be at least half as effective as Brian and Marie.

Ian Oliver.