

## **Chairman's Report August/September 2015**

You will note that this report is written by your previous Chairman Jim Broughton. Unfortunately, our previous elected Chairman Peter Read has chosen to resign. This is not easy for us as Peter was doing a pretty good job.

### **General Trading**

As I write we are now running into the warmer time of the year, which is good for clubs of our nature. In previous years we could say that our winter months would always run at a loss but this is now turning and we are starting to see our books look more reasonable and not showing a big loss.

Already in August we have seen our turnover increasing which bodes well for the summer months. Our Manager and I are expecting a good trading year. It should be understood that we did not plan to make a profit between July 2014 and July 2017 as this would be our business building years and also a time of maximum spend on club improvements.

### **What's Happening in the Club.**

On some days of the week the club is quite crowded. This is for a variety of reasons. Our new function room is now starting to pay its way and clients who have used it think it is a superb facility. It is something of which we can be very proud.

During the day we have Gymnastic classes, Bridge, Mahjong, and Community Club Meetings. In addition our club is now becoming popular for small committees or clubs to hold a lunch.

On Saturday afternoons we have social bowls which considering we have just come thru the winter has proved to be quite popular, having 12 to 20 people each day. This can be a really enjoyable afternoon for both novice and experienced bowlers. Why not come and join by ringing the club about 11am to get your name down.

The Golden Oldie Men Bowlers are going from strength to strength having a great turnout most Tuesday and Saturday mornings. If you would like to play the shorter game with pretty good and experienced players be in the club at 8.50am Tuesday and/or Saturday to get your name on the play list. Generally finished by 11.30 or so.

**The Bistro** facilities available during day and evening are providing good fare at reasonable prices and are proving very popular, particularly on Thursday nights which is Bridge night and Lucky member draw night

The Club Mgr, Alex has introduced a **new coffee machine**. Really popular with members using club during the day,

### **RFDS (Royal Flying Doctor Service) Day 26th October 2015**

This is one of those charities that everyone loves to support. Please keep your eye out for notices of times and special events on the day. There will be about 10 "spider" events on the green with great prizes. Lots of stalls but please keep your eye out for the advertising information that will be dispersed to you over the next month or so.

### **Annual General Meeting**

AGM date and times will be issued shortly. In addition it will be time for to start thinking if you wish to be on the Club Committee. Please keep alert for notices advising on this important event.

### **New Playing Members**

It is essential that we have new members joining the club on a regular basis. The Club generally is attracting a great deal of social members. We now need to turn our focus to playing members. Our Saturday afternoon social bowls has brought us a few lady bowlers who joined the Ladies Club but we need Men members as well. I am currently coaching a couple of men who I hope we will convert to members.

**PLEASE GET YOU FRIENDS TO COME AND JOIN US.** We have a great club and we want it to live on for many years. In the future it may become the only bowling club within quite a distance.

Good Bowling and Socialising.

**Jim Broughton**

**Acting Chairman**

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