

Ladies President Report

This last 12 months have been at times very difficult and other times a great achievement from our members both male and female who are all volunteers of this club we all belong to.

We have seen the kitchen go from strength to strength.

The functions that have been catered for by our teams of volunteers has been amazing. The money that has been made out of this kitchen is a result of a lot of hard work by the members. I am very proud of the work that these volunteers have done with an attitude of "no job too big or too small". A big congratulation to our band of workers and their leaders. I thank you all for the efforts that you have given to make this a great success.

The match committee have done a fantastic job with getting bowls tournaments and events organised. Its a thankless task at times but this committee worked together successfully and it was a pleasure to work with them knowing that all had been taken care of and every thing that might go wrong was thought about and fixed before it happened. I appreciated the work that this committee has done and wish the next committee every success and I hope that you have a bit of fun along the way and remember bowls isn't always a serious game.

The selection committee had a very difficult task and a lot of members spoke to me about how disappointed they were at how this committee went about doing their selection. I myself was not impressed with the A1 team being put forward as the No 1 priority and the rest of the divisions not taken as seriously and I felt it was not fair and very upsetting for the other players feeling that they were not as important as the higher division. I urge the incoming selection committee to look at all divisions and treat the players with the equal respect that they deserve. We are all wanting to play pennant and don't like to feel that because we are not selected to play A1 pennant we are not as important as our fellow club members. Everyone likes to feel they are doing their very best for the club and should be treated with the respect that they deserve.

It will be said that all the divisions made finals but only one came home with the flag. Well done A3's you did your club proud.

I myself have been on a selection committee and the task is a difficult one at times and the saying "you can please some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time" came from someone who sat on a selection committee of a bowling club.

I lastly want to acknowledge all of the support I received while David was in hospital recently. It was comforting to know that my helpers took up my duties and I never needed to think about the bowling club until David's situation was sorted out. I thank you all and appreciated your kindness and support. We had some times that were not as easy and we banded together to look after each other. We drew our strength from each other and when things go sour it is hard to see a light among the dark clouds. I personally thank the members who got beside me and helped guide me in the right direction and continue in the position of which I took very seriously.

There is a time and a season and my season has ended as Lady President I wish the incoming President every success and I know with the members of Wodonga Bowling Club behind you, you will have a very successful and enjoyable term.

Regards

Pat Jackaman.