

Inverell Sporties

**Chairpersons Report 2019 - 2020.** 65 Edition.

Welcome Members & Guests. I am pleased to present this report to for the period 1/7/2019 – 30/6/2020.

It has been a very interesting term with the COVID 19 Virus causing disruptions across our country. Unfortunately the hospitality industry was one of the businesses that were hardest hit. Government regulations forced management to have no option but to close the club. Up until the closure, trading had once again been very pleasing. The first period of the financial year continued to see monthly trading figures increase at a pleasing rate. At the time of the closure we were preparing plans with the view of further building extensions in mind. The Board & Management have now put these plans on hold & will possibly review them when the results are known of the financial impact that the club has endured during the lockdown period.

By the time you read this report you would have noticed changes that have occurred in the internal gaming room. Traffic has significantly increased in this department & therefore we felt that by enlarging the room it would make it a more comfortable area for patrons & visitors.

Even though the second half of the term has been plagued by interruptions Nathan has continued to stay abreast of industry changes. It was worrying times for Management & the Board when the Club was forced to close. The unsurety of the length of the closure of course was unknown & this in turn put us in the unenviable position of not knowing what the consequences may be on our financial resources. Thankfully the government introduced the Job Keeper program & this in turn lightened the financial burden considerably. Nathan was adamant on retaining all of our permanent/casual staff. He saw the opportunity while closed to engage the staff in some maintenance activities such as cleaning, painting etc. He gave serious consideration to the different scenarios that may occur when the lockdown period was relaxed. He was regularly in touch with the daily news releases from Clubs NSW as well as any information that was released by the government. When the Club was allowed to re-open under severe restrictions, management went to great lengths to ensure that patrons would enjoy comfortable surroundings while visiting the Club. Again I think it is warranted that I compliment Nathan on his management skills. He ensures that any industry changes that do occur are dealt with sooner than later. Well done & I know that the Board looks forward to working with you this term.

During the term additional staff were employed. A warm welcome to Liz [office/admin.] Anna [reception/bar attendant] Rosie [reception/bar attendant] Sean [bar attendant].

Congratulations must go to all staff indoor & outdoor for their patience during this period. Your understanding of the difficult situations that at times occurred was impressive & on behalf of the board we thank you all. Our many volunteers are also to be commended for assistance, especially the ones that help the greenkeepers & those that attend to the gardens etc.

During the collating of my report I received some sad news that our bowls co-ordinator David had passed away. Although he hadn't been in the best of health recently, his sudden passing was a surprise & it shook all who knew him. His presence will be sadly missed by his fellow staff members, management, directors & all whom had been associated with him. My condolences to his family.

Although all bowling activities have been limited, Clayton & Daniel have spent their time doing green renovations & machinery maintenance. Their conscientious approach to their daily tasks is always exceptional & I thank them for their dedication.

Thanks to ladies president Kay & her committee for once again working with us during the term. Limited activity has been the order in this department, but I guess it has enabled all to pause & take stock of the yearly bowls program that should have been & more importantly to prepare & look to the future.

I guess the same applies to the Men's bowls. A major event on our annual bowls calendar had to be cancelled. The Easter carnival, the most important one of the year unfortunately had to be shelved. Because of this the club suffered a considerable hit on their financial resources. Our men's bowls co-ordinator David always had his finger on the pulse & along with president Col & his committee they have managed to keep bowlers interested in the game during the closure. A belated thanks to David & thanks to you Col for your efforts this term. As I mentioned earlier, Club events as well district & zone competitions were significantly impacted. Congratulations to all our bowlers who represented our club at all levels.

Jenny & Corey in the kitchen also felt the blow of the COVID Virus. With the knowledge that they would not be trading for an unknown period, it was obvious that certain food lines would have to be destroyed. This was heart breaking for them in more ways than one when it was discovered that regulations prevented them from donating goods to charity organisations. In moving forward since re-opening they have decided to broaden meal availability by opening seven days for lunch & dinner, with the only exception being Sunday night dinner. Well done Jenny & Corey.

A huge thanks to my fellow directors. An unchanged board in three terms says a lot. It is great to work with such an enthusiastic team. We all have varied opinions on some occasions, but as I have stated in last terms report it all makes for exciting & healthy debates at times during our board meetings. Well done to all.

The Following List Will Give You An Insight Into What Capital Expenditure Changes Have Occurred During This Term.

[A] Shifted western wall to accommodate TAB room & extended general lounge area.

#### [B] GAMING MACHINES

8 Gaming machines were replaced.

20 Gaming machines converted.

2 Monitoring & other systems were installed.

#### [C] PLANT,EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE.

During the term the following were either purchased or upgraded.

Air-conditioning system.

PA & Media playing system.

Security system.

1 Desktop computer.

2 Laptop computers.

1 iPad 6.

14 Televisions.

Internal signage.

Portable dance floor.

Dishwasher [Kitchen]

Portable stage system.

140 Lounge bar chairs.

35 Square 4- seater for lounge\bar.

140 Dining room chairs.

4 Long dry bar tables.

1 round dry bar table.

28 Bar stools.

4 High chairs.

Office chair & desk.

Vacuum cleaner.

Greens sprayer.

Holland blinds.  
Recarpeted lounge bar area.

Approximate Cost Of \$625,248 After Insurance & Trade-Ins.

As I wind up my report for this term, you will see that as the financial statement shows, we had still managed to trade successfully last term. After dealing with the barriers that were encountered recently, Management & the Board look forward to this financial year with a positive attitude. As we wait for regulations to relax, hopefully soon, we are extremely confident that this club will continue to trade positively during this financial year. We have weathered the challenges & we are now confident that your Club will continue to be your favourite place to visit.

Finally once again I thank our members & All that frequent the Club. You people have all been part of the rebuilding program during the past three years & as we move forward we look to once again to seeing you enjoy the wonderful facilities that we have to offer.

On behalf of management, directors & staff, our sincere sympathy is offered to members & friends whom have lost loved ones during the year.

Darrel Kachel.  
Chairman of the board.

## CEO Report

Greeting Members,

It is a privilege to present to you, my report for the 2019/2020 financial year.

What a year it has been. Many adjectives; unprecedented, unpredictable, devastating, to name just a few have been touted to describe the challenges the world, Australia, the hospitality industry and your Club have faced. Though, whichever way the year may be described, there is no doubt that your Club has faced the toughest operating conditions ever.

Despite this, your Club has traded exceptionally well. A two month forced closure through April and May and turbulent trading conditions throughout February and March did not hamper the Clubs ability to exceed its financial performance in the 2018/2019 financial year by 20%. Pleasingly, your Club outperformed the previous financial year in both Bar and Poker Machine trading. This is an exceptional result for the Club.

Your Club began the financial year trading strongly, with significant investments made in refurbishing, altering and extending the Clubhouse to ensure the comfort of our members and guests as well as increase capacity, reflective of the increase in demand from patrons wishing to utilise the Clubs facilities. Up until the effects of COVID-19 were realised the Club was on track to post record profit.

I commend the Board of Directors for their conduct throughout the year, especially in the midst of the pandemic where their focus shifted not only to ensure the financial viability of your Club but also to ensure to the positions of our employees. This empathetic view provided us with a range of options to ensure the financial welfare of our staff prior to the announcement of government stimulus. This was a heart-warming experience and one many other businesses were not in a position to achieve. A major focus for the Board and management this year was the development of comprehensive strategic, operational and contingency plans. These plans provide the Club with a vivid direction for the next five years, with key milestones identifiable over the next three years and a range of key performance indicators that will enable us to monitor the Clubs performance in great detail annually.

I am privileged to work alongside all Sporties staff and I must recognise the contribution and effort that our staff have put into your Club throughout the year. Despite all of the uncertainty our staff remained diligent and committed to providing you with quality service in a safe and welcoming environment. A special mention must go to Chloe whose dedication to the Club is second to none. Thank you all.

Clayton and Daniel have done a fantastic job maintaining an exceptional bowling facility for our members and guests to enjoy. Unfortunately, bowls has been heavily impacted by the pandemic and many carnivals and events were unable to be run. I look forward to bowls bouncing back strongly in the coming year. I am pleased to advise that planning is underway to make transition from the greens to the Clubhouse more accessible and to increase the appeal of bowls to the broader community. Further to this, it was devastating to the Sporties family to lose our Bowls Coordinator,

David Curtis, who suddenly passed away during the year. Again, we send our love and support to Daves family. Rest easy mate.

I must commend the efforts of both the Ladies and Mens bowling committees who have been a significant help in the resumption of bowls in a COVID-safe environment. Thank you to Kay Scott and Col Job for your efforts throughout the year.

Of course, thanks must go to you, our members whom have continuously supported the Club. You are the individuals and families who make Sporties such a great place to be. My condolences go out to all who have lost loved ones throughout the year.

In conclusion, your Club is in a great position to continue to trade strongly over the new financial year and beyond. Thank you all for your support, I look forward to leading your Club to another successful year.

Stay safe and good health to all.

Nathan Hughes

Chief Executive Officer

## **Mens Bowls Report**

Fellow Bowlers,

It is pleasing to see our sport is getting back on track after the COVID-19 lockdown, the restrictions and the untimely passing of the Bowls Coordinator, Dave Curtis. Dave not only organised bowls, but he was the Treasurer, dealt with a lot of enquiries, organised bowls and helpers for our events. He is, and will be sadly missed, especially for the quality and dedication he put into his work. We also lost club stalwart, Bob 'Scottie' Johnstone, who was wonderful company on and off the greens. Our deepest sympathy to the Curtis and Johnstone families and friends.

Although Pennants were cancelled halfway through the competition, the number three grades were only one point and one shot off the leaders with two home games to be played. The bowlers elevated into this grade and the first time Pennant players called into the number 6 grade did themselves and the club proud with their performances. Well done bowlers!

Being restricted in our fundraising activities such as raffles, our main sources of income has been social bowls on Thursdays and Saturdays and competition bowls. The Friday Afternoon Bowlers, many of whom are our regular bowlers, also bring bowlers from elsewhere to enjoy the facilities of our club and have been responsible for gaining new members.

Congratulations to all championship winners and thank you to all that participated. Congratulations to Scott Hamilton for winning the Open Singles and Dave Morgan and Col Paton for winning the Open Pairs. These fellows qualify for the Zone Champion of Club Champions playoffs. Dennis Williams won the Zone 3 Senior Singles and we wish him well in the State playoffs.

Thank you to CEO Nathan Hughes and office staff for your values assistance and courtesy. Thank you to Chairman Darrel Kachel and the Board of Directors for their input, especially Mark Hauser for the time and effort he has put in looking after our finances and memberships. Many thanks to our friendly bar staff for your great service and hospitality to us and our visitors. We wish chefs, Jenny and Corey, success in the future and many thanks for looking after our members and guests, especially on our big bowls days. Thanks to greenkeepers, Clayton and Daniel, for having quality greens ready for us. Their dedication to their work is second to none.

The workload has increased for the Committee in the past few months and they really have excelled in taking the pressure off me by organising championships, fun days and are working on mini carnivals in lieu of the carnivals that had to be cancelled. The committee consists of Bob Cattell (Vice President), Jade Barlow, Clayton Rogers, Daniel Helsdingen, Jim Buxton, Rodney Cleal and Darren Blatch. Many thanks fellows for a great effort.

Peter Harris does a great job with our can and bottle recycling, with the money earned going to support the members and the club, thanks Pete! Our umpires and coaches give their time freely and is most appreciated, as well as the members who set up and clean up before and after events. To my wife, Robyn, for her support and understanding. Thank you immensely.

Yours in Bowls,  
Col Job

## **Womens Bowls Report**

As president of Inverell Women's @ Sporties, it gives me pleasure to present this report for the 2019 – 2020 season.

We ended the year of 2019 with our Christmas Luncheon and get together where the winners and runners-up were presented with certificates and trophies. An enjoyable day was had by all!

**Club Singles Champion:** Mauryeen Kennedy

**Club Singles Runner up:** Patricia Brooks

**Pairs Winners:** Rhonda Hutton & Mauryeen Kennedy

**Pairs Runners Up:** Beryle Woodham & Robyn Brown

**Triples Winners:** Jan Anderson, Kaye Wilson & Janet Mepham

**Triples Runners Up:** Annie Soutter, Pat Yee & Tess Davis

**Fours Winners:** Jane Leader, Belinda Emerson, Janet Mepham & Rhonda O'Neill

**Fours Runners Up:** Sandy Cook, Pat Yee, Kaye Wilson & Jeanene Mepham

**Consistency Singles Winner:** Rhonda Hutton

**Selected Pairs Winners:** Donna Montague & Belinda Emerson

**Selected Triples Winners:** Robyn Brown, Belinda Emerson & Tess Davis

We commenced our 2020 year with regular events of both competition and social bowls. Then in March 2020, COVID-19 came along and since then, bowling has been mostly non-existent. Events have been either cancelled or postponed. At present, we are attempting social bowling events. Thank you to all bowling ladies for being understanding of the situation. Thank you to my committee for all your assistance, a job well done!

May we look forward to 2021 with a renewed strength and to be able to get back to being on the greens bowling in a positive capacity.

Thank you,

Kay Scott  
*President*