



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

Good evening everyone. Thank you for coming tonight.

Our 2022 season! Well starting with the club's pre-season work parties, what can I say, the first one we had one person turn up on the Saturday morning to help. The second one, I seem to remember, about six turned up for that one. So out of 34 members the response was very poor, it should not be a case of the same people turning up year after year to get things ready. As you are all members it would be good if when we have these working parties more of you could spare 3-4 hours to help out.

It was very pleasing to welcome our new members to the club and they all seemed to have settled in and have been enjoying their bowls. In the leagues and cups we did not excel, but we did not finish bottom. I will let John tell you more about that.

We had a good response to our BBQs which are one of our main sources of income along with the membership and match fees. After a lot of time-consuming emails and phone calls we managed to get several firms to advertise with us this season which has also brought in more money to strengthen the finances. Although all the advertising board money went on new fencing, hopefully these firms will all support us next season. If any of you know anybody that might be interested in advertising with us please let us know, the boards are £50.00 per season and we can supply them if necessary at the cost of £50.00.

I'm sure you are all finding our website very informative for up-and-coming matches, leagues and any events or news from the club. Thanks to Chris for setting it all up and managing it. If there is anything you would like to see on the website at any point, please have a word with Chris. Also, we have our noticeboard in the bus shelter for those of you who are not on the internet.

One person I would like to mention is Jean - who this season was picked to play for Norfolk Ladies so along with Sarah we now have two ladies representing our club and county. Along with Sarah and Jean, I went to Skegness to represent Hickling Bowls Club in the preliminary games before the national finals began. We won one, drew one and lost two against some very good players from all over the country.

The club dinner was held at the Boathouse in Ormesby. It was a very good night, with good food and cabaret with Ian! Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee for all the hard work, which sometimes is quite time consuming, from sorting our insurance etc. to attending Norfolk AGMs to sorting out teams and matches and keeping our finances and green in good order. Without their commitment and time the club would not be what it is today.

I will now hand you over to John for the secretary's report.

Stuart Elliott, Chairman