

HOUSE REPORT 2020-2021

This has been an interesting year to say the least what with Covid reaping havoc on our lives and the operations of the club. We have managed to get through these challenges very well. Our financial situation has never been better and the popularity of the club for golf, functions and as a venue continues to grow.

The major change to the club house this year has been the new kitchen and a new restaurant operator. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Victor and Charlene for their efforts for the last 12 years. We decided to make the change after extensive consultations with Charlene and Victor which concluded that the club and their directions were different. It was a mutual decision to end their contract. We have relayed the floor in the restaurant area and we have ordered new furniture which we hope will arrive in the new year.

Lynn and Johnson have taken over the catering and have walked into a nightmare of lockdowns and staff shortages. I couldn't imagine a more difficult time to take over a catering business. You will notice that the menu has changed and the meals are now better value for money and as a member you will be rewarded with a discount on the meals. Lynn has brought in theme nights on different days of the week which has been attracting more clients to the club on different nights other than the Friday raffle night.

The opening hours of the restaurant have been greatly extended and café style meals are available for golfers finishing their rounds. One major complaint from visiting groups over the years was that they could not get a meal or a snack after they played. A major goal of the house committee is to get the club facilities used more and so use the facilities more effectively, create more revenue and give us more funds to spend on the reason we are all here, Golf.

Due to Covid restrictions work on the new function room has been greatly delayed. Our contractor has used as many local tradesmen as they can but until the restrictions are lifted the project will continue to be delayed.

The car park is the major goal for the House Committee and the Board for the clubhouse area this and next year. Shannon Murnane has worked very hard on the difficult engineering and logistical problems of creating additional carparking. The topography of the land is our major challenge with drainage retaining walls all having to be engineered to Council's requirements. We are

trying to achieve the maximum number of spaces at the best possible cost to you the members.

Last but certainly not least I would like to thank our staff, Gary and the great people we have working all around the club have done a magnificent job again this year. They have stepped up during lockdowns and taken on different roles and done it with smiles and enthusiasm. As the House Chairman I would particularly like to thank Terry and the Bar staff for creating a friendly atmosphere for our members and guests to come and enjoy themselves.

During this challenging time our members have generally willingly complied with the rules and cooperated very well with staff discretions and I thank you for that. Our staff have been challenged by the Covid restrictions and unfortunately, they have had to deal with some difficult situations during this time. I would remind all members our staff are just obeying the Government rules and deserve our respect and gratitude for the way they have been dealing with the ever-changing rules and regulations.

I am aware that some other venues around town have chosen not to enforce some of the Covid rules as strictly as required. That is their choice but your Board and Management will never place our club in a situation of non-compliance. It is your money and we don't want to be paying it out in fines.

Bill Quantrill has continued to provide Friday's entertainment with his usual enthusiasm and unique humour. Most of you don't realise that Bill also works tirelessly in the gardens around the club and is a true legend thanks for all your efforts, Bill. I would also like to thank Frank Monement, and Ray Brims for being there every Friday night to safe guard your meat raffle wins and of course Kevin Blyth who has the misfortune of being Bill's straight man and also copping some ribbing for people's numbers not coming out the raffle.

Thanks to all the members for opportunity of being your House Chairman for another year I will continue to work for you to the best my ability.

Regards Ian Campbell

House Chairman