

## Captains Report 11th April 2017

This last year has been a very significant one for the Tawa District Midweek Table Tennis Club.

We reached the very special milestone of 50 years since the club began. We celebrated this anniversary with a morning tea in June to commemorate the first month the club held its inaugural AGM back in 1966. Our next celebration was lunch at the Porirua Club in July. Many past and present members attended and after having a delicious lunch the afternoon was spent catching up and reminiscing with old friends. It was an absolute pleasure to have Margaret Mason who started the club all those years ago celebrate with us on the day. It was a lovely way to toast the clubs 50th birthday and I am sure enjoyed by all.

Events such as this do not just happen, a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes. I would like to thank Terry Roche for not only his general organisation but his dedication to the task of finding as many past members as possible. He was very successful in his endeavours with 25 attending on the day.

I want to thank Robin Radford for all the time he spent taking and sorting photos to produce the wonderful placemats that were on the tables. They were a great memento of the occasion for everyone to take home.

Thank you to Graeme Munro who was also involved in the organization and with his techno skills produced the coasters used on the day.

Patsy Madigan was also on the organization committee and helped with many of the tasks involved thank you Patsy. Thank you also to all the other members of the committee who helped on the day

The history book of the first 50 years of the club is now in its final stages and will be launched very soon. Huge thanks to Gay Kerr, Robin Radford, Graeme Munroe and Terry Roche for the time, effort and commitment they have all put into this fairly daunting project.

To continue on with social activities, in no time at all it was Christmas and celebrations were upon us again. As you all will have guessed by now I always think it is fun to do something different so off we went to prison for the day. After a Christmas morning tea and some fun games we travelled by bus with our great driver Dave to Upper Hutt where lunch was arranged at the Rimutaka Correction Facility.

The inmates cooked us a lovely roast dinner which was followed by a very interesting talk from Corrections staff. After a tour of the prison in the bus we headed back to Tawa. It was a very enjoyable and quite thought provoking experience.

Thanks go to Rusty Norris for once again organising orders for Christmas hams etc. A lot of work involved getting all orders completed and delivered on time but Rusty always achieves this with a smile and nothing is too much trouble

Thank you to the many members who played interclub last season and I hope all of you involved enjoyed the competition and the chance to meet up with members from other clubs. Five matches were played and the results were Tawa won 3 and lost 2. Well done.

This season we will be a force to be reckoned with as most of our players will be wearing the new blue club Tee shirts and of course ladies we all know that what you wear makes a huge difference.

In September we entered 5 doubles teams to play in the Petone Doubles Tournament. We won 7 Matches and lost 10. Well done to Avis and Kevin Gardner, Jeff Kidd and John Norton.

We have had large attendance numbers over the 2016-2017 season with the summer season proving to be almost as popular as the winter season.

Thank you everyone for braving the elements not only during the winter but this summer as well. Not a lot of sunshine and smiles outside this summer but plenty inside playing tables tennis

Both the winter and summer season plus the singles mornings which are well supported run smoothly as there is always a group of willing members around to help Terry with the set up in the morning. Members throughout the year also carry out board duties and tidy up the hall at the end of the morning. Thank you all for your help.

I must now mention the wonderful group who have always been very supportive of both me and the club throughout the year. Patsy for organizing the raffles which have been very successful, Jeff who has now left us but arranged the teams for interclub, we miss his enthusiasm. Also Annette, Jude, Janet and Alwyn for always

lending a helping hand. Also Graeme for his diligent work as Secretary and Terry who as you know is not only treasurer but master of many things. Thank you from the bottom of my heart you are all very special people to me.

This is my final Captain's report as I stand down from this role as of today.

It has been a wonderful 10 years as Captain and I have enjoyed my role very much. I have learnt a lot about people, organization and friendship.

I have had a great team around me and special thanks to Terry who has helped me every step of the way. Thank you so much for all your advice and loyalty over the years. I could not have done it without his support.

A big thank you to other office holders and committee members who have helped me along the way. It takes a team to build a successful club and what a team you have all been.

This club will go on into the future in leaps and bounds as you the members continue to support the club week in and week out.

I wish the incoming Captain every success and all the best to you all for a very happy 2017 season.

Enjoy good times together and share lots of fun and laughter.

Thank you everyone.

**Cheryl**