



Presidents Report 2021 – 2022

Committee

All committee members deserve great thanks for their commitment to HBS over the year. Generally issues were worked through quite well and contentious issues were resolved. Main points:

- Meetings were extremely well attended with most meetings being completed quite quickly.
- Every committee member performed at least one important role in the functioning of the club.
- Special thanks to Gloria and Kathy for extra heavy workload they carried
- Special thanks to non committee members who performed important roles for us, including Kelvin Buckley, John Bunney, Lana Reed, Alan McDonald, Christine Goodman and others.

Main issues discussed throughout the year:

- Organisation of our regular competitions and programs. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday + juniors
- Organisation of regional competitions, junior and senior
- Repair and redesign of exhaust fans
- Grant Applications for new equipment and awards.

New Activities or Initiatives:

- Great improvement in variety of Squash equipment available for sale
- Aero Squash introduction
- Acceptance of credit cards as a payment method
- A new Tuesday training group
- New Squashlab Squash App.

Competitions

Our night time competitions have shown significant improvement in numbers over the past year with both Monday and Thursday having far greater numbers than this time last year. This can be attributed to some extent to the receding threat of Covid 19 but also to our improved social media presence, our increased efforts in recruiting the non-squash HCHB members and a number of new members.

All of those organising these competitions have been working hard to provide a great experience for all players. The hard work of all concerned has borne fruit.

Due to a set of unusual circumstances the Tuesday day competition has smaller numbers this season.

Thanks to all players who participated and contributed to our competitions in the past year.

Tournament

The 2021 Hervey Bay Masters was again well attended thanks to the efforts of Kelvin Buckley, Kathy Paterson and the entire sub committee and other volunteers.

Regional Events

Although we did not enjoy the success in regional competitions (Agnew Shield - seniors and the Sue Whyborne Trophy – juniors) as we had hoped, there was a marked increase in enthusiasm by the players prior to and during competition. This bodes well for the future. Our enthusiastic participation has been a big driver of a greater commitment by all district teams. Juniors in particular are showing a great deal of promise.

The daytime group also organised visiting teams from the region and visited other districts throughout the year. Thanks to Sylvia Black and Graeme Howard for their efforts.

Social Events and Activities

We again had a successful Christmas event which was extremely well attended. Also there has been a noticeable increase in social activity after our Thursday night competition due in no small part to the members themselves contributing with good suppers and a well stocked bar.

Membership

Our membership is currently 99 members including 15 juniors, slightly down on last year although the number of senior members is been the biggest it has been since at least 2010. Our junior numbers are slightly down on last year

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