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President's Report for Annual General Meeting 3rd August 2019

Melbourne Cup was split over our club room (Bridge) and the Parkview room (lunch and the race). 32 pairs competed and enjoyed champagne and orange juice. The general theme was Top Hats and Tiaras, and when we adjourned to the Parkview room, we were greeted by a couple of British Grenadiers. We enjoyed our buffet lunch, as always meticulously presented, and in general entertained ourselves before the race started.

Our fund raiser for farmers was on 20th November. We had 31 teams competing on the day, open and restricted. The club raised \$5,500, which was matched dollar for dollar by the Central Coast Leagues Club. The committee put a lot of effort in creating a rural atmosphere in the Parkview room, and I thank all those who helped.

We met with the Board on 23rd January. We were unaware they were asking us for our wish list, if there were no space or money constraints. Although we were not prepared for this, I did talk about our general requirements in playing, office, storage and kitchen areas. I suggested a multi-purpose playing area, which we could share such a facility with the internal camera and chess clubs. I forwarded such a proposal to the board later that week. I also pointed out that for a club of our size, playing seven times a week, we were one of the few in the State not to hold a Congress. The biggest factors were no guarantee of parking and venue. Eddy Johnson could not believe this, I explained that we are looking at 160 players and if he could guarantee venue and parking, I would apply to the NSWBA for a Congress this year. This Congress has been approved and is scheduled 21st & 22nd September this year.

Summer Inter Club Teams competition was on 7th February, which attracted 22 teams. We were able to shift this to the Parkview Room, as our club room could not possibly hold this number. Thank you Fay for making this possible. The day was enjoyed by everyone, lunch was excellent and there was plenty to nibble and drink at the end of the day.

We held our Presentation Day on 8th March in the Parkview Room. We had 16 tables playing in the morning, which was the lowest since we shifted from Saturday to Friday. Before lunch, Ray Southeren, who represented the Board, gave us the Club's vision for the future before handing out the Club Championship trophies. The food, as usual, was great and every one appeared to have a good time.

At the start of the year, we bought a large screen to display results in the playing area. Recently we purchased a new dealing machine, more boards and cards, so that we are self-sufficient for the teams day of our Congress. Lastly, we ordered more chairs so that we have comfortable chairs for eight tables.

Remember that it is the Committee that manages the Bridge Club and it is their contributions that make things happen. I thank them wholeheartedly for their unstinting efforts during the last year.

Louis Koolen
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