

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is with much pleasure that I submit the president's report for the year 2012-2013.

Firstly I would like to express my appreciation to the bowlers and bowling committees for their support offered to me during the year. For me it's about enjoying the bowls experience and if success occurs along the way, then that's a bonus.

However, unfortunately at times egos can get in the road of common sense. Such has been the case with the Murray Boarder tournament. I believe Warrnambool can be credited with a much improved format, but with some fine tuning still required. Thanks to Stan Ross particularly and Shane Cashill for driving those changes.

Again I am pleased to be able to report another successful year on the mats for W.I.B.A. The teams efforts at Ballarat and Echuca was excellent and our own mixed four's tournament in August, whilst not as well attended as last year, was lauded as a great days bowling by those who participated.

Our representation at the nationals was again an indication of the strength of W.I.B of the 56 team members that constituted the Vic team, 12 were from Warrnambool with 9 achieving medals.

Again I mention the hosting of the 2015 nationals here in Warrnambool and although still 2 years out, early planning is necessary and well under way. I bring this to your attention because of the need for volunteers as umpires, markers, bar and catering to mention a few. We have the opportunity for a practice run at Mt Gambier next year and I am sure any support we can give the Mount will be reciprocated.

In conclusion I again thank the committees that constitute W.I.B.A.

I applaud the match committee for their attention to detail. As with any team selection it is not possible to please all people all the time, but I believe Shane Cashill, Ray Bond, George Draffen were fair and balance with their task.

Executive meeting have been well attended and constructive and the delegates meetings were open and productive.

I specially thank secretary Rex and Treasurer Vince for the hours they have contributed to W.I.B.A. Rex is involved in any committee remotely resembling bowls and I admire his enthusiasm. Don't burn yourself out Rex, we have a couple of busy years ahead of us.

I look forward to another successful bowling season.



Robert McCrabb