

Hi All

Since taking on the role of President seven months ago, the landscape as we knew it has definitely changed. For our Club, our staff, our members and our suppliers, this has meant a lot of adjustment, changes, flexibility, commitment and resilience has been required.

As a result of many combining factors and changes, our Club is now in a better financial position than it has been. This has been made possible because of the great efforts of many amazing people who I would like to acknowledge:

- I would like to thank our Committee Members for their ongoing time and dedication to the Club, putting in huge hours to keep the Club going throughout Covid and steering and guiding the Club forward.
- A huge thanks to our wonderful team of volunteer members who have made a massive sacrifice of their time too, putting in a huge effort to do bar work and cleaning for example, saving the Club many thousands of dollars in costs, and helping the Club to get back into a sound financial position.
- I'd like to thank our amazing Sponsors; we are very appreciative of your ongoing support. As we move into the busier summer months, our members and their guests will be able to fully appreciate and enjoy the Club renovations that went on throughout Covid. And for our tournament sponsors, these tournaments wouldn't be possible without their support – there are some great tournaments coming up – check out our website for more information. Our Club supports our sponsors, and where possible buys NZ made and supports locally. Please support our Sponsors with your business where you can, they are incredibly generous to our Club.

I would also like to thank all of our members who have supported the Club with their patronage. We're very pleased with the level of patronage which is creating a great atmosphere at our Club nights which will continue to be Thursdays. The more you as members support the Club, the better the Club will prosper. We look forward to seeing you there if you haven't been along for a while.

Looking ahead, we will need to have some paid help over the summer months but there will always be a need to use a level of volunteers for bar work and cleaning and would be appreciative of any time you can offer to assist, there are always tasks to be done to keep our Club running and maintained so everyone can enjoy it. If you can assist, please contact myself or Roly.

We have put some time into new technology. Our new system for renewals has been a great leap forward and if you have renewed at the bar, it is a very swift process. The card printing is done almost immediately so this has greatly reduced the administration demands.

The restaurant is running extremely well, and I hear a lot of great feedback from our members about the meals while I'm behind the bar. Little Fish Café and Bistro is open Tuesday to Saturday 11am – 8pm, and Sunday's 10am – 4pm for brunch, lunch or dinner.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Club soon, here's to a great summer and good fishing.

Regards Doug