

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION (QLD) INC FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SHUFFLEBOARD ASSOCIATION INC'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT VIENNA, AUSTRIA- October 2019

Once again where has the last year gone, it seems no time since I prepared the 2018 Report for High River.

During the year we have again been able to open our courts for play four times a week for the whole year with varied attendances, so much depending on the weather which to us does not seem as reliable as it used to be, which we put down to 'Global Warming'.

We have been able to maintain the Club membership to around 80 members replacing the annual fall off with new members which nowadays seems to be a constant task with so many other alternative ways people can fill in their days like sitting on a sofa drinking coffee and looking at a screen or checking on their thousands of Facebook 'friends' and texting, texting and texting!

Introducing new members to shuffleboard and bringing them up to a standard where they feel comfortable playing our core of older members takes time and patience and during the year we have needed quite a deal of this.

We continue to have the age old problem in that as a matter of necessity we have to try to have members who prefer playing socially mixing with the players who are highly competitive. We have our moments but it generally works out that all the members have 'fun' and that is what the game is really all about.

During the year we were fortunate to have the members of a number of Gold Coast social clubs come and have a try at shuffleboard, they were fun mornings and have resulted in our club gaining some new members. We hope this continues to be a source of new members.

The club has finished the year in a satisfactory financial position enabling us to keep our fees at a very modest level.

The decision to host the 2020 Championship at the Gold Coast has created a lot of interest and no doubt as we get closer a lot more interest and organising. All our members are looking forward to August 2020 and I am sure we will put on a 'good show'. We are extremely pleased that Glenn Monroe has agreed to be the TD.

We are pleased to be able to again field members at the latest ISA tournament with three members registering for the 38th at Vienna.

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