

CHRISTCHURCH DISC GOLF CLUB INCORPORATED CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR TO MAY 2022

The last year has gone generally according to plan, but not according to schedule. I would say we are going at about half the speed we would like in terms of raising funds and installing new courses.

We have installed 2 new 18-basket courses, in Smallbone Reserve (Ashburton) and Warren Park (Hornby, Christchurch). In our first year of fundraising we raised some \$80,000, which is decent, but still below what we were hoping.

We have purchased the baskets for the Ascot/QEII and Cypress Garden Reserve courses (both in Christchurch), but are still raising funds before being able to push the start button on these installations.

Player numbers continued their rapid growth, and approximately doubled compared with the previous year. We may now have some 7,000 active disc golf players in Christchurch. We expect this growth to continue.

League activity in Christchurch is showing admirable vigour, and goes from strength to strength.

Much of the Club's time has been spent on Council compliance requirements for new courses.

We have a good many new courses in prospect, including:

- Potential courses (single figures) in Council parks in Christchurch (subject of course to Council and Community Board approval).
- A potential course in the Christchurch Red Zone.
- A potential course in Christchurch in co-operation with a golf club.
- Say 5 potential courses in the main satellite towns to Christchurch.

Covid-19 put some strain on the Club's resources. Each lockdowns or period of new restrictions has tended to cause delay. The "Omicron wave" was particularly bad, as it put an unforeseen burden on General Committee Members (e.g. covering for sick colleagues at work). Hopefully the worst of this is behind us.

We are an all-volunteer operation. I would like to thank not just the other Members of the General Committee, but especially the ordinary Members of our Club. A good number of them have put up their hands to help us when needed. If we can continue to grow our Membership, then the future success of the Club will be secure.

Lastly, I am standing down from the General Committee after six years of involvement (which started with fighting off a Council initiative to turn 1 or 2 of our Jellie Park course into car parking). During those six years, the Club became both an incorporated society and a registered charity, has partnered with other organisations, and has now begun installing new courses as originally planned. A very important part of my role has been dealing with the Christchurch City Council.

I would have liked to carry on, but I started a new career in December, and it is obvious that I no longer have the time that I would like (or that the Club deserves) for the role. I am very pleased to see strong interest from Members in putting themselves forward to serve on the General Committee. This is a sign of robust good health for the Club.

Though mere words seem far from adequate, I would like to thank from the bottom of my heart the many Members (both on and off the General Committee) who have selflessly helped me and the Club over the years. You know who you are.

Paul Deacon
Chairman
13th May 2022