President's Christmas message.

First, I would like to welcome all of our members and guests to this year's presentation, unfortunately due to other commitments I cannot be there and I have asked Vice President David Jones to read the following:

Many thanks to the Board of Twin Towns Services club for their support during the year as always they have readily assisted whenever requested and this has been very much appreciated. The management and staff of Club Banora continue to be supportive of our Club and we thank them too.

We as an internal club are going from strength to strength our membership has improved and we have gained new members along the way. Currently we have over 80 members along with 9 juniors.

I would like to thank our committee members on how they have made their time available for the year. We are volunteers, some have full time jobs and some are retired but they still make the snooker club run. Thankyou Lennie, Nev, Jess, Grant, Dave and of course Jimmy.

Thankyou also for some of our members who are not on the committee but have assisted and kept the snooker club competitions running. Des Turner, Peter Campbell, John Themelkos, Cooper Thomson and Bryne Smith.

The snooker club and players have accomplished so much this year, our juniors have really stepped up their playing skills and have certainly improved well. We have the **NSW champions** and runner ups, National semi-finalists, and even a final 16 qualifier in the World Championships. More on that to come when Bryne does the review of the year.

We have a member who represented Australia.

We have a Queensland State Champion. And we have individual successes across a range of big tournaments in the region.

As for the Far North Coast Snooker Association, our club has had success with various members winning different championships, as well as a team success too. Again, Bryne will cover all this for you.

During 2023 the snooker club has formed 2 x sub committee's to assist the main committee and I thank those members for making themselves available.

We also installed the storage / lock boxes for the snooker balls thankyou Davy Jones.

The tables were reclothed just before our Eamonn Duff competition with a financial assistance from the Twin Towns Board.

We have purchased 3 x new score boards which are now in use.

The club also introduced our mobile phone to assist members who may want to play in our competitions.

I would like to congratulate all of our comp winners and players for 2023 well done to you all, but before I close off I would like you all to remember that we lost one of our own stalwarts of the club in Rocket Rod Smith, he played in almost every comp we ran, he loved a beer or two and loved his snooker. Cheers Rocket Rod.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all.

Enjoy your night!

Mark Johnson

President