

## **President's Report Semi -Annual General Meeting April 16, 2024**

**Welcome everybody. Our 2024 season is underway and the different directors will tell you their news in their presentations.**

**I have a few things to say.**

- **The mural in our clubhouse painted by Gary Nay is in my opinion outstanding and makes this room feel more like a home than the sterile space that we had.**
- **We have started the process of getting the new sun shades for the south benches. Approval drawings have been sent to the city for their approval of the product. No hiccups are expected.**
- **The first winter of operation of the green seemed to go smoothly and the inability to have free use of the entire building didn't turn out to be a major issue. We were able to hold our Christmas Party during this time and it was a rousing success. There will be a few times this summer where the city has asked for use of the facility. There will be Public Information Sessions in the fieldhouse for 4 nights late May early June and Kin Village will be holding their fundraiser July 20.**
- **We have experienced the residue of uninvited guests coming on to the grounds of the facility. The latest being an attempted breaking in to the outdoor box where we keep the hoses. Please keep an eye open for any damage you see done to the facility or garbage, fireworks, etc that doesn't belong. Report it to me and we will keep the city informed.**
- **On a final note, this club is run by volunteers who do not get paid. Not because they are worthless but because they are priceless. The club is always looking for volunteer help in all areas, so please step forward become priceless and ask how you can help. This leads me in to something that we did in the past and are re-introducing.**

**I believe that when most of us started out as new bowlers after taking lessons we were intimidated and fearful of how we might play or look on the green. A few years ago we ran a buddy program where existing club members buddied up with the new bowlers (which we expect to receive in to the club in the next month). The buddies take the new bowlers under their wing showing them the ins and out of the club, the draws and events. Phoning them up and encouraging them to come and bowl and even sometimes bowling some games with them. It definitely helps in getting new members out and engaging with the club.**

**We are looking for volunteers to help with this program. Long time experience with the club is not required. There is a sign up sheet on the board.**

**- Ralph Walker**