

PRESIDENTS REPORT
4th DECEMBER 2009

Welcome to all here tonight and thank you for your attendance. Again I would like to thank all of you who have taken time out of your lives to assist in the running of the CLUB.

This has been another very busy year for the Club and its committee, our membership base did the unexpected and this was to increase on the previous year. Absolutely fantastic! This in turn does put a strain on the track surface, hence requiring additional maintenance throughout the year. We have been fortunate this year having several dedicated workers who have been able to volunteer their time often throughout the year for this to be achieved. Once again no amount of thanks can tell these people how invaluable they are to the success of our Club.

In 2008 the committee introduced a busy bee bond to encourage members to come along on a regular basis and assist either at busy bees, special projects or extra help at event level. The numbers of members helping out this year has again grown and there has been a noted increase of what I consider CLUB members helping out over and above their required 3 busy bees. At our recent trophy night the club always calls forward members like this for everyone to acknowledge our appreciation for their dedication and as I stood there and scanned the room it was obvious that I had missed quite a few more people than those on my list. This is the first time this has been seen for a few years.

For some of you who have only been with us for a relatively short time you may not be aware that special bonds occur as the years go on. In some respects we are like an extended family, we grow together and like all families we are there for each other in times of trouble. For us this year there was the sudden loss of a beautiful member and friend, who sacrificed many hours of his life to help at the club above and beyond. These people in our society do this because they are special, they don't require recognition and to lose such a person has left us all in disbelief. Many of us are still grieving this loss and are finding it difficult to focus as we normally would, at this time I would like to ask for a little patience from the members towards those of us struggling. In the near future there will be a memorial plaque placed at the club in memory of Stewart Selfe in recognition of all that he did.

On this note thanks again to all of you for your commitment to the CLUB, have a safe and Happy Christmas.

Again the club is set for another eventful year and many more successes.

I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Cindy Collis