

Introducing ...

Our Club Manager Mark Hutcheon



Mark, what drove you to take the job at the Angel?

After spending 30 years with the Police the time had come to scale down. I was looking for a rewarding role that left me time to develop other interests.

Has the Club Manager job turned out to be as expected?

To be honest some of the early challenges were a bit unexpected, but as i have got to know more members, to absorb the 'vibe' of the Club and to work on the Club's forward looking priorities i am finding the role to be as rewarding as hoped.

What does a typical day at the Club look like for you?

In at 8.30am. Have a good look around inside and outside to check all ok. Deal with any correspondence and maintenance and administrative issues. Check in with the caterers and bar staff, help with member enquiries through the day and then move on to the Club's forward looking priorities such as Bowlr and generating new members. I also try to meet more members every day. Then off home at 2.30pm!

And what about when you get home?

Having an active 16 year old daughter and 13 year old son i find a lot of my spare time is given to driving them around! Otherwise i enjoy road cycling and have recently taken up ... bowls!

Good for you! So what are your bowling ambitions?

Well i've literally just completed my taster sessions and joined the Club summer leagues. Not embarrassing myself is my first priority! Then we'll see how it goes.

What was it like being a policeman?

Interesting. Challenging. At times scary and traumatic. Certainly varied. I was a firearms Officer billeted to the Cayman Islands for two years. Duties there included dealing with a prison riot. Not pretty; we had to enter through the prison 'cess pit' in full riot gear!

Would you join the police if you had your time again?

Yes, as the Force was 30 years ago. Would i join today? Possibly not. Unfortunately it's now more a 'job' than a vocation with considerable stress on Officers.

So back at the Angel, what are your current priorities?

That's easy. Ensure excellent facilities for our members and increase membership numbers to secure the future of the Club.

How do you find working with the Board?

Productive. We have a clear shared direction we are all working towards, shared priorities, and we are all open to changing things for the better.

What about the Bowling Committees?

To be honest that's still work in progress. I know I still need to get to know the Officers in the Club better and would love have an opportunity to attend some of their meetings so i can identify where i can add value and support them better.



Mark, thank you for your frank and open input and we wish you well on and off the green!