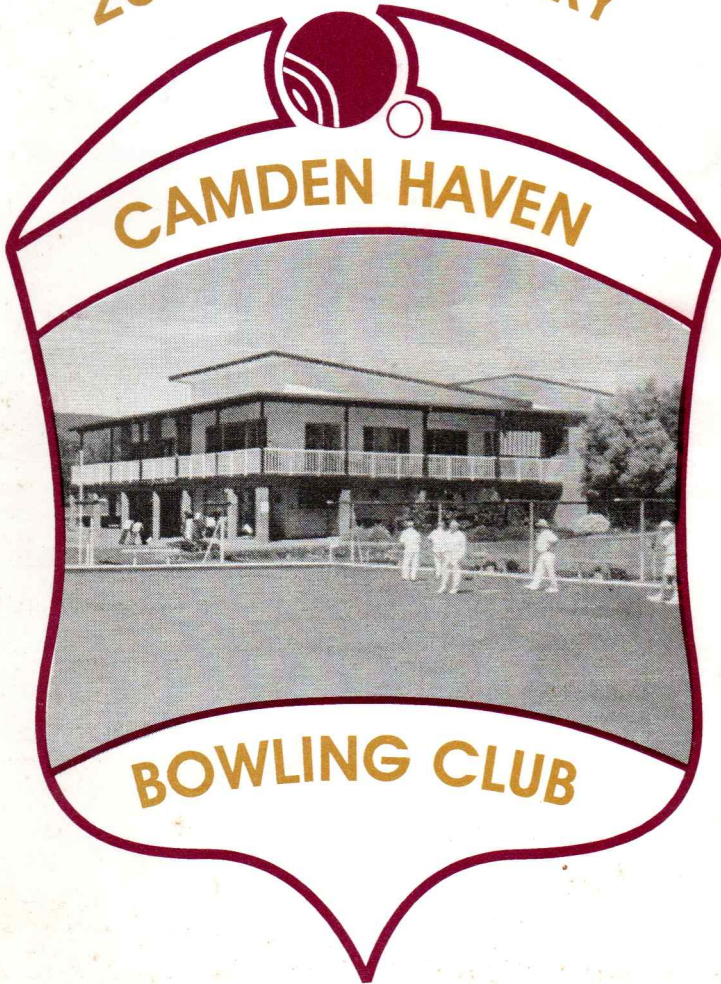


1985 - 2005

20th ANNIVERSARY



CAMDEN HAVEN BOWLING CLUB

PROLOGUE

Bowls has been accepted as one of the oldest games on earth, centuries before the birth of Christ.

The game was recorded in Latin as the "casting of stones" (jactus lapidum) which was probably the origin of the word Jack.

History recalls the episode on the 19th July 1585. Sir Francis Drake declining pleas and understandable concerns of his Naval colleagues, continued his bowls as the Spanish Armada approached Plymouth Hoe.

In Australia the first recorded club game took place in 1845. The contest was played on a green constructed beside the Beach Tavern at Sandy Bay, Hobart.

Shortly after, the Parramatta Bowling Club our first recorded club was formed in NSW.

it wasn't until the last quarter of the 19th Century that the bowling associations of NSW and Victoria were established in 1880. In 1892 the Scottish Bowling Association was formed. Then in rapid succession came several independent bodies. The multiplicity of organisations proved a hindrance and joined the English Bowling Association in 1905.

Since then accredited teams of players from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and the United States have visited Great Britain and British teams have returned those visits.

THE CHALLENGE

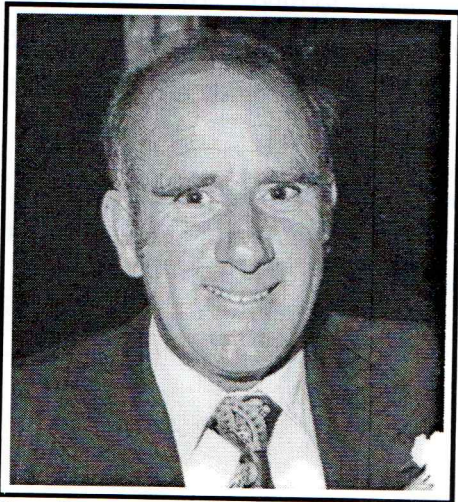
The year was 1983, the place Camden Haven Golf Club Bar. The voices were members of the club. During a few drinks a voice was heard to utter the words, "I wish we had a Bowling Green". There was a loud reply, "Why don't you build your own, here at the Golf Club".

All was quite and then an eruption of laughter. "I'm quite serious", said the late Herb Burgess. After further discussions over a few more drinks, it was agreed to place a proposal before the Golf Club Board of Directors.

On the 10th August 1983 a special meeting was called to discuss the Bowling Green. At this meeting it was agreed to proceed with the project with no expense to the Golf Club.

To obtain some finance, an application was filed on the 20th September with the Dept. of Leisure and Sports for a grant.

The President of the Golf Club, Bob Knox called a meeting on the 6th November 1983 to elect a committee to oversee the development of the Bowling Green.



Herb Burgess.

*The driving force
behind the bowling
construction.*

THE PROJECT

THE CAMDEN HAVEN GOLF CLUB

6th November 1983

Elected a committee to oversee the development of the bowling club.

The Committee so elected were:-

President: Leon Lawrence

Sec. / Treas: Bill Pickering

Committee: Herb Burgess

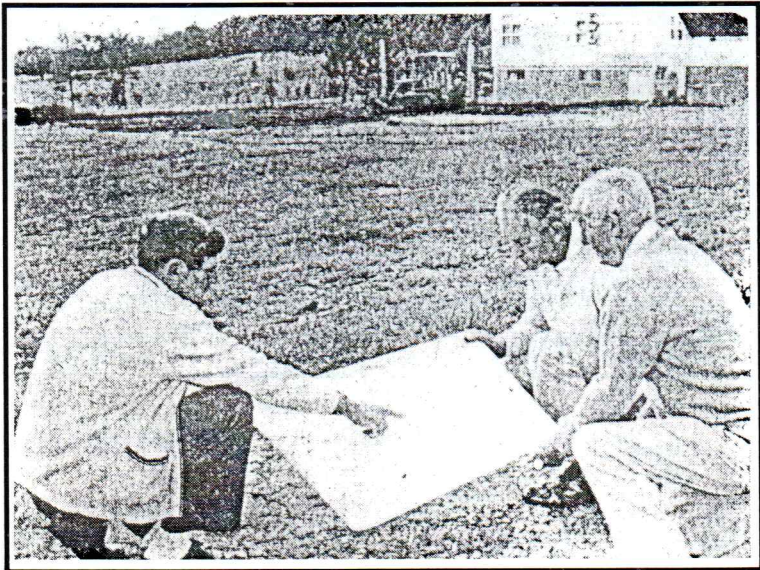
Barry Isaac

Percy Jones

Reg French

Jack Smith

Bruce Watts



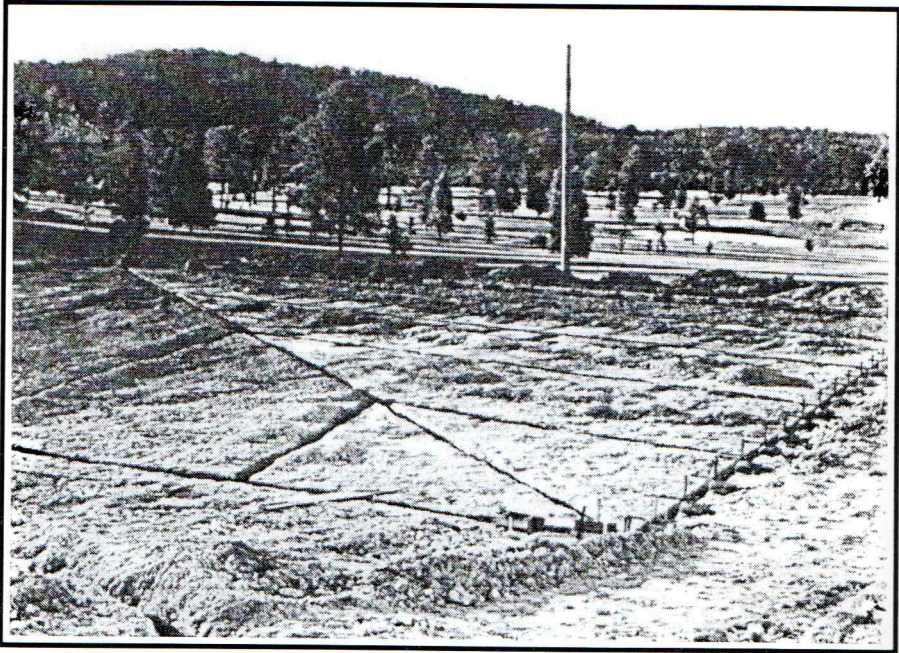
Leon Lawrence (left) Locating the green to Jack Smith (centre) and Bill Pickering

CONSTRUCTION

In June 1984 Bruce Watt driving his vintage bulldozer excavated the first sods of the project.

The steering committee at this stage had set a target date to complete the bowling green by December 1984.

Herb Burgess and the construction volunteers all agreed that the most important aspect of a successful bowling green is the drainage. Following numerous discussions the design was finalised.

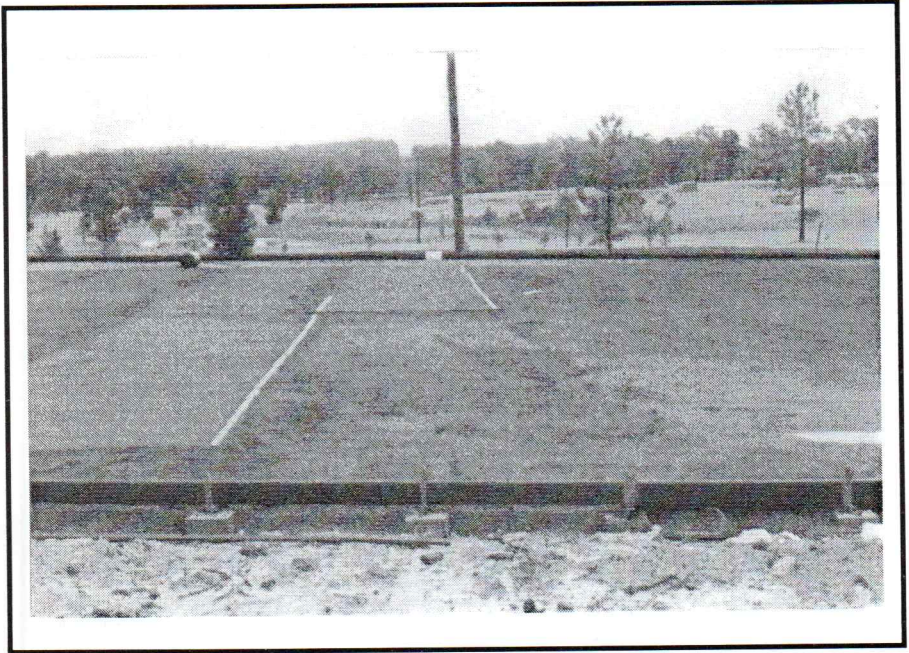


*The Herringbone drainage design
which operates efficiently today.*

CONSTRUCTION

Considering that all labour was volunteered, machinery begged, borrowed or freely supplied with driver it was a great effort by all.

On the day that the final fill was levelled and most of the hard work finished. Imagine the relief and satisfaction in the minds of the many volunteers.



Final levelling of the green. Note in the foreground the bowls kick board which forms the back of the ditch.

FACTS OF LIFE

Whilst the boys were levelling the green.
Two Maggie's were sitting on the roof of the club house,
an Air force jet flew over.

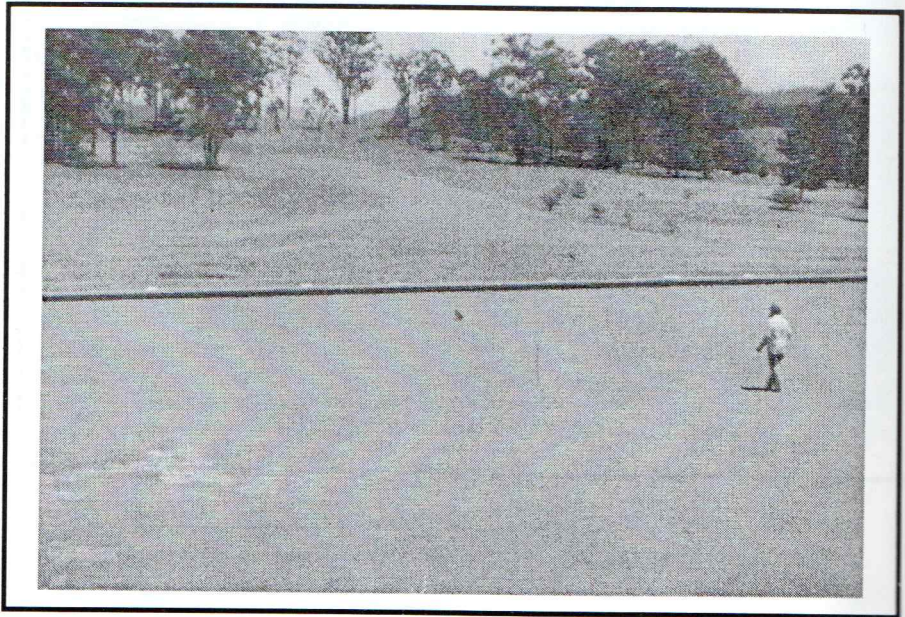
One bird said to the other, "boy, he was going fast".

The other bird replied, "so would you if your bum
was on fire".

CONSTRUCTION

Then came the time for the big decision; Grass; what's it to be, Couch, Tiff Dwarf or what. the answer came from Pat Trotter, (a retired green keeper.) Wauchope were coring their green at the time and Wauchope's green was renowned as the best in the district.

Pat was advising Wauchope at the time, so it was no trouble for him to gather all their Tiff Dwarf drillings and transfer them to the Kew Green. This was in November 1984.



Grass starting to spread - March 1985

FORMING THE BOWLING CLUB

In August 1985 the founder members of the Bowling Club held their inaugural meeting to elect executives and committee.

The following officers were elected:-

President: Bruce Watt
Vice president: Bob Knox
Sec. / Treas: Bill Pickering
Committee: Leon Lawrence
Barry Isaac
John Turnbull
Jack Kelly

The main consideration at this meeting was the cost of the green. The total cost to date amounted to \$10,700.00 this included a Sports Grant of \$6,000.00

In September 1985, the ladies had formed a bowls group and held a meeting to form a Ladies Bowling section.

The following officers were elected:-

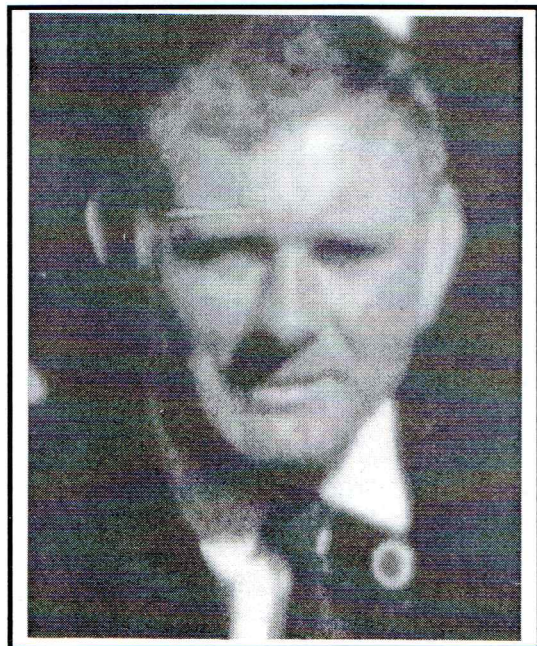
President: Fay Knox
Vice president: Margaret Watt, Norma Ellis
Ella Barnes
Secretary: Joan Turnbull
Treasurer: Phyllis Barron
Selectors: Ella Barnes, Wendy Isaac
Yvonne O'Neill
Committee: Lill Green, Sylvia Middlemiss
Sheila Carney, Jean Poulton
Ada Martin, Min Alder
Jennifer Gill.

FORMING THE BOWLING CLUB



Ladies Bowls Club
President

FAY KNOX
Elected Sept. 1985



Men's Bowls Club
President

BRUCE WATT
Elected August 1985

THE OPENING

September 22nd 1985

The big day arrived our official opening of the Bowling Green. It was on Sunday 22nd September 1985.

The plaque was fixed to the wall of the club house. The opening was performed by Jack Ball, President of the NSW Bowling Association. Mr Ball said he could identify with the struggles met and overcome in endeavours to establish the green. He also recognised the tremendous input from the voluntary labour which enabled the green to become a reality.

Jack Ball unveiled the plaque to officially open the green, then bowled the first bowl.



Front Left to Right.

R. Knox, J. Ball, P. Watt



First Bowl

J. Ball

LIFE TO THE GREEN

It was in September 1986 that the Herb Burgess Bowling Green Plaque was transferred from the Club wall to its present position.

On the 7th October 1986 the NSW Womens Bowling Association President, Dot Johnson unveiled the Plaque commemorating the formation of the Ladies Club.

The Herb Burgess Green was now fully consecrated by the Ladies and Men of the labour of the Camden Haven Club. The Club's Bowling Green and Bowlers became renowned and respected throughout the Mid North Coast.



YEARS TO REMEMBER

The first year of bowls on the green was 1986. At that time there were 16 Lady Bowlers and 22 Men Bowlers.

The men fielded their first Pennant Team in 1986 in Grade 5. In their first year they eluded the District Flag by a Half Point.

It was in this same year that Barry Isaac won the District Single Champion of Champions.



The highlight of the Lower North Coast District Pennant Season in 1987 was the success story of the Camden haven Bowling Club in winning Two Pennants Flags, Grade 5 and Grade 7. by winning both Grades the men claimed the record on the North Coast for the Club to win Two Pennant Grades in their second year of operation. Facts may prove that it may also be a State Record.

FACTS OF LIFE

*As one of our bowlers staggered off the green he muttered,
"That was my worst game ever".*

*To which his opponent replied,
"You mean you've played before".*

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO 5 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1987

Back Row Left to Right.

D. Wallace, (Dist. Pres.) B. Knox, R. Haylett, R. Knox,
H. Lacey.

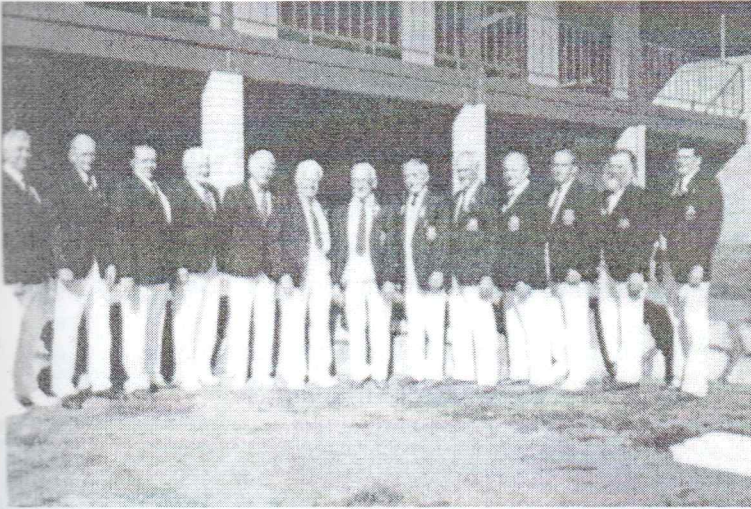
Middle Row Left to Right.

M. Isaac, R. Latham, F. Walton, C. Cousens, R. O'Neill,
D. Wilder, W. Pickering, R. Plater, P. Watt, (Dist. Sec.)

Front Row Left to Right.

M. O'Neill, B. Isaac, B. Watts, K. Middlemiss, L. Jones,
P. Jones (Manager)

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO 7 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1987

Left to Right.

R. Chapman, D. McKenzie, R. Clenton, G. Beattie,
B. McDonald, B. Jones, P. Jones, K. Baker, J. Turnbull,
R. Harris, I. Brown, D. Murdoch, R. Kennedy.

In 1987, one of our Pennants players decided to start a Bowls Training School for Disabled Persons.

Les Jones received the full backing of the committee and he commenced lessons on Friday 1st January 1987. Due to Les's staunch effort and persistency the venture was very successful and the members gave him the Title of "The Little King".

YEARS TO REMEMBER

On the 30th October and 1st November 1987 Camden haven held their inaugural Invitation Classic Triples. The prize money was \$1,000.00 sponsored by Wauchope Motors and Kew Real Estate. The winning team comprised of T. McCoy, J. Ramm, and R. Whitehead.

1988 proved a very successful year for th Bowling Club. The Ladies played their first Pennants games in 1987 Grade 5 and only won one match. Then in 1988 the Grade 5 team won six out of eight matches taking out the 1988 Pennant Flag.

The men entered two Grades in the 1988 Pennants 3's and 5's. This year they were successful with the Grade 3 Team.



LADIES GRADE 5 1988 PENNANTS

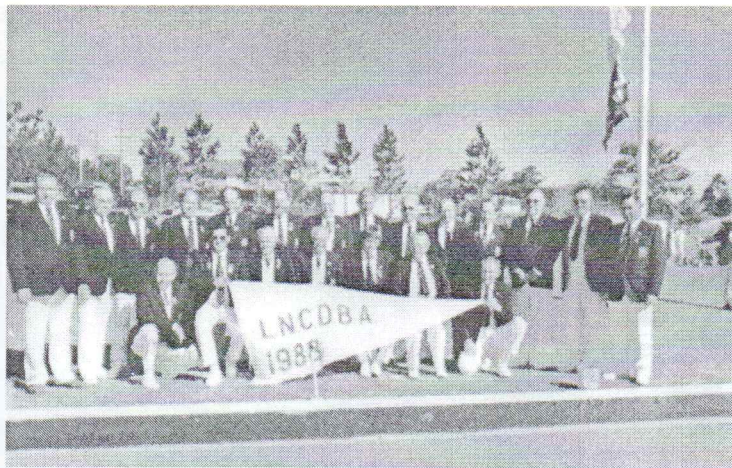
Front Row Left to Right.

B. McGann, F. Knox, J. Turnbull, B. Moreton, W. Isaac,
D. Pearson, J. Davies.

Back Row Left to Right.

M. Watts, J. Poulton, J. Strutton.

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO. 3 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1988

Back Row Left to Right.

R. Clinton, K. Middlemiss, D. Davies, D. McKenzie, R. Haylett,
B. Plater, B. Watts, C. Cousens, J. Egglestone (Dist. PR)
J. O'Neill, J. O'Conner, F. Walton, B. Isaac.

Front Row Left to Right.

R. Knox, M. Isaac, R. Latham, J. Turnbull, M. O'Neill,
L. Jones, G. Denton.

It was in this year that we were successful in the District Championships.

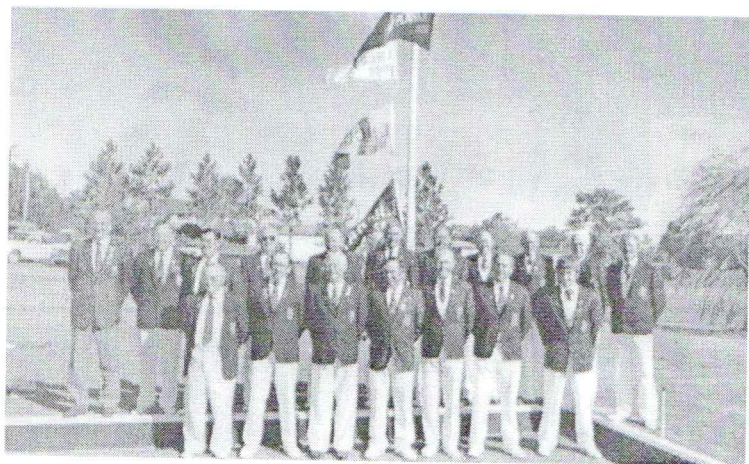
J. O'Neill & G. Denton
were Zone Club Pairs Champions.

G. Denton became District Club Singles Champion.

In 1988 Mac Heggart in agreement with bowlers from Camden Haven, decided to build a 5 metre bowling rink on his property in Wharf Rd. Johns River. This small green was used by a group of bowlers up to the time of Mac's passing in 1993.

YEARS TO REMEMBER

After winning the Grade 3 Pennants in 1988 the men were elevated to Grade 2 in 1989 and were once again successful in taking out the Flag.



WINNERS NO. 2 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1989

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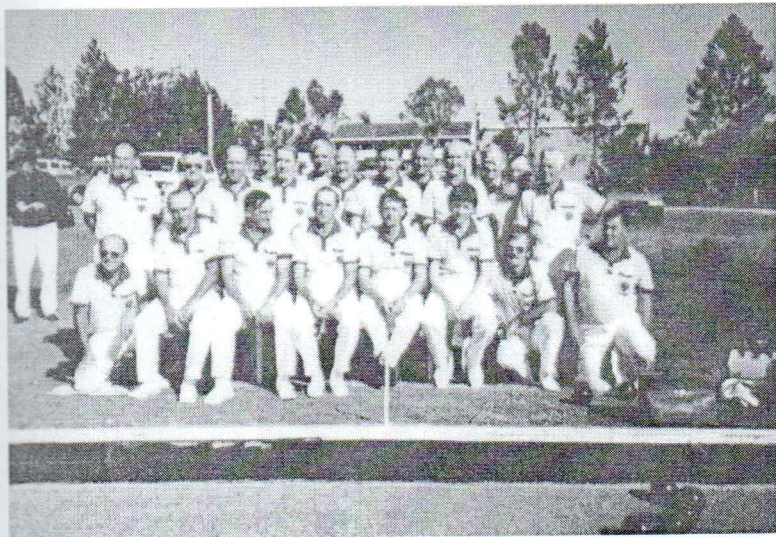
D. Wallace, (Dist. Assoc. Pres.) R. Pickford, (Asst. Sec.)
M. Isaac, C. Cousins, R. Knox, B. Watt, R. Plater,
D. McKenzie, B. Koch, A. Bowden.

Front Row Left to Right.

L. Jones, J. O'Neill, R. Latham, B. Isaac, M. Lyndon,
R. O'Neill, M. O'Neill.

In 1990 J. O'Neill, B. Isaac, T. Miles, R. Knox
won the Zone Fours Championship.

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO. 2 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1991

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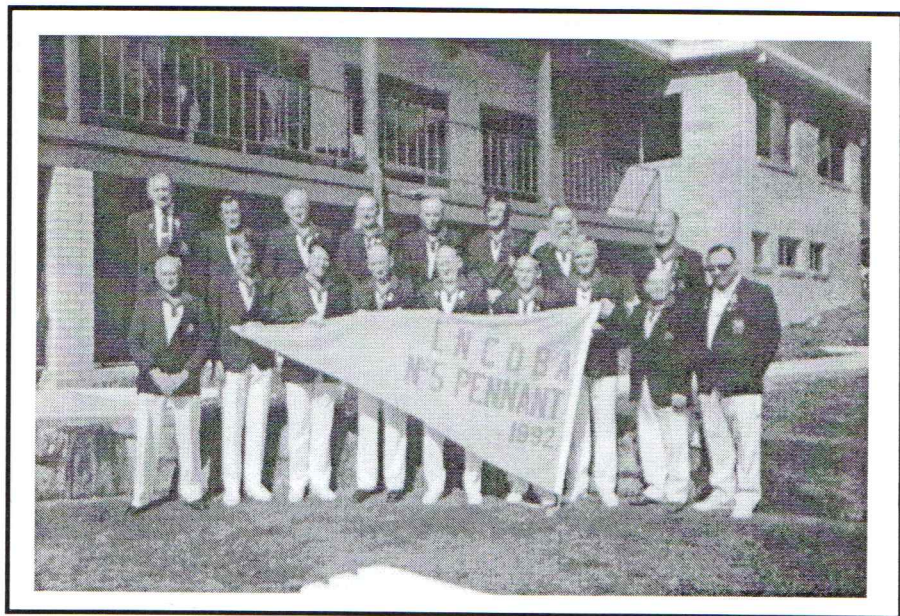
R. Haylett, J. O'Conner, R. Knox, R. Gill, R. O'Neill,
B. Watt, R. Plater, M. Atkins, T. Miles, M. Lyndon,
J. Westman, D. Murdoch, R. Latham.

Front Row Left to Right.

R. Davies, K. Middlemiss, B. Isaac, J. O'Neill, G. Crocker,
M. O'Neill, A. Bowden, M. Isaac.

This year T. Miles was successful in becoming the District Minor Singles Champion.

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO. 5 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1992

Back Row Left to Right.

D. Wallace, (Dist. Pres.) B. Wagner, R. Harris, R. Bowyer, k. Middlemiss, A. Bowden, D. Murdoch, R. Davies.

Front Row Left to Right.

J. Turnbull, R. Gill, M. Hammond, D. McKenzie, R. Plater, L. Brown, T. Miles, D. Hyslop, R. Pickford. (Asst. Sec.)

In 1992 the club won the District Fours Championship with M. Atkins, A. Bowden, R. Haylett and B. Watts.

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO. 6 DISTRICT PENNANTS 1995 RUNNERS-UP NO. 6 STATE PENNANTS 1995

Front Left to Right.

J. Turnbull, M. Hammond, K. Middlemiss, L. Knox,
D. Murdoch, A. Bowden, R. Gill, R. Bowyer, B. Plater,
R. Davies, O. Gill, S. Kelly, B. Wagner, D. McKenzie (Mngr)

In January 1995 the inauguration of the Dairyman's Fours came to fruition. This tournament was sponsored by Dairy Farmers of the district.

This year the bowling club celebrated their 10th Anniversary. Special guests at the ceremony included Royal NSW Bowling Assoc. State Councillor Don Wallace, Lower Nth Coast District Bowling Assoc. past President Bill Paterson, Vice President of Zone 14 Nev Roth, and Rep. for the RNSWBA Ray Pickford.

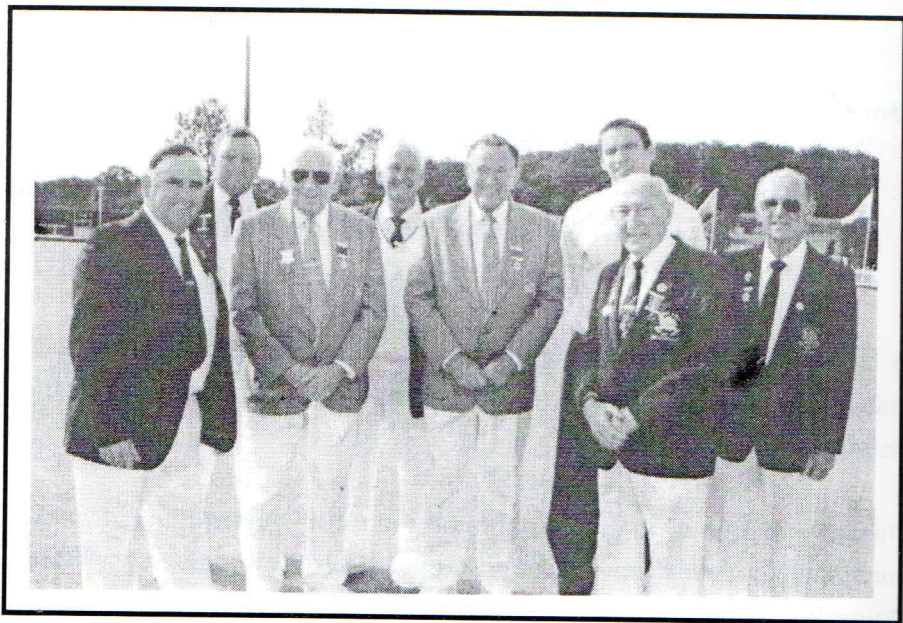
'ROYAL' VISIT TO THE CLUB

July 18th 2001

The club commemorated Presidents Day for Ron Jones, who welcomed Terry Murphy President RNSWBA, Ed Liddell Councillor RNSWBA, Bob Kennett President Zone 14 and Jack Harrower District President.

President Terry presented the Royal Plaque commemorating the first visit of the Royal since the green was inaugurated in 1985.

Dick Davies and Bindi Notara were presented with merit awards the highest given by the RNSWBA. Daryle Barr and Ossie Garland received Royal Pins. Ladies Jan Davies, Wendy Isaac, Fay Knox and Joan Turnbull received Royal Broaches.



Front Left to Right.

Barrie Isaac, Ed Liddell, Terry Murphy, Jack Harrower

Back Left to Right.

Bob Kennett, Ron Jones, Robert Oakeshott, Dick Davies.

YEARS TO REMEMBER

- 1996** Zone Four's Championship was won by:-
M. Atkins, T. Miles, B. Isaac, T. Griffith.
- 1997** District Four's Championship was won by:-
M. Atkins, T. Miles, B. Isaac, T. Griffith.
- 1999** The Mixed Triples Two Day Carnival Sponsored by
Allen's Turf Supplies was played for the first time.
- 2000** The District Singles was won by:-
Barrie Isaac.
- 2000** The District Pairs Championship was won by:-
M. Murray and M. O'Neill.
- 2001** 'Royal' visit to the club by President Terry Murphy.
- 2003** The Mixed Triples Two Day Carnival sponsored by
the Camden View Retirement Village.
- 2004** The Mixed Triples Two Day Carnival sponsored by
Robbo's Family Meats.
- 2004** Classic Fours sponsored by Mark G. Hammond
Funeral Services. Two Day Carnival

Club Talk

Two bowlers used to enter the club every Wednesday together.
One day only one arrived.

The barman opened the conversation.

"G'day Bob, how yer goin"? "Where's Fred"?

"He got burned last week".

"Sorry to hear about that. Still, I suppose he'll
be back at bowls soon".

"Nah, I don't think so. They don't muck around
in them crematoriums".

YEARS TO REMEMBER



WINNERS NO5 ZONE PENNANTS 2004

Left to Right.

Back Row:-

J. Slager, M. Hammond, T. Carberry,
I. Lawrence, I. ~~McLaran~~ ^{M O'NGILL}, R. Allan,
G. Darcy, R. Kennett, G. Kennett,
R. Jones (Mngr.)

Front Row:-

D. Darcy, G. Davis, R. Plater,
~~M. O'Neill~~, O. Garland.
I. ^{M O'NGILL} ~~McLARAN~~

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 1985 - 2005

	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1985	B. Watts	W. Pickering	L. Lawrence
1986	B. Watts	W. Pickering	L. Lawrence
1987	B. Watts	H. Lacey	L. Lawrence
1988	B. Watts	R. Chapman	L. Lawrence
1989	B. Watts	R. Chapman	L. Lawrence
1990	B. Watts	R. Chapman	L. Lawrence
1991	R. Davies	R. Chapman	L. Lawrence
1992	R. Davies	M. Atkins	O. Gill
1993	R. Davies	M. Atkins	O. Gill
1994	R. Davies	T. Miles	O. Gill
1995	R. Davies	T. Miles	O. Gill
1996	R. Davies	T. Miles	L. Knox
1997	R. Davies	T. Miles/R. Jones	L. Knox
1998	R. Davies	J. Auld	L. Knox
1999	R. Davies	J. Auld	D. Barr
2000	R. Jones	J. Auld	D. Barr
2001	R. Jones	J. Auld	D. Barr
2002	R. Jones	A. Notara	D. Barr
2003	R. Jones	L. Knox	D. Barr
2004	R. Jones	L. Knox	M. Smith