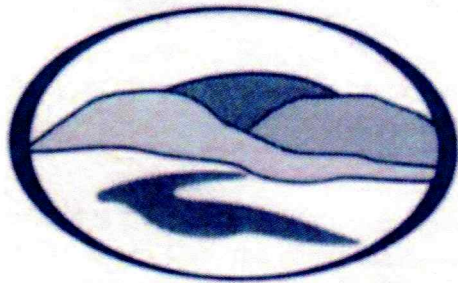


Kew Women's Bowling Club
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30th Birthday & President's Day

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A Brief History of Lawn Bowling

The actual origin of the game is hidden in the haze of antiquity, but there is, however, authentic records of well over seven hundred years of bowling history.

Sculptured vases and ancient plaques show the game being played some four thousand years ago, and archaeologists have uncovered biased stone bowls from 5,000BC, which indicate our ancestors enjoyed the game of bowls more than seven thousand years ago.

When Caesar ruled Rome, the game was known as bocce, and the conquering Roman Legions may well have carried the game to Europe and the British Isles. By the thirteenth century, bowling had spread to France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Germany and England.

Bowling was so well established in England by 1299AD, that a group of players organised the Southampton Old Bowling Green Club, the oldest established bowling club in the world that is still active. The game became so popular in England and France it was prohibited by law because archery, essential to the national defense, was being neglected. The French King, Charles IV, prohibited the game for the common people in 1319, and King Edward III issued a similar edict in England in 1361.

Fortunately, bowling was not suppressed in Scotland, where it attained popularity which has increased with the years. Scottish bowlers developed the present flat green game, established rules, worked out a uniform code of laws and were instrumental in saving the game for posterity. To the Scots goes the credit also for giving the game an international background, as emigrant Scots enthusiastically carried the game with them to all parts of the world.

Bowls has much literary and historical proof of being the real 'Sport of Kings'. From the time of Edward III, the game was restricted by royal decree to 'Noblemen and others having manors or lands'. Successive kings played and enjoyed the game, however, King Henry III, who had bowling greens installed at Whitehall, permitted the common people to play on Christmas Day. Almost every English monarch was a bowler, and the royal estates were all equipped with fine bowling greens. King James I was an ardent bowler, as was his

son King Charles I. Both monarchs are reputed to have enjoyed playing for high stakes. King Charles, according to bowling tradition, lost over £5,000 in one encounter with a merchant named Richard Schute. A bowling green has been a permanent fixture at Windsor Castle. Anne Boleyn was a bowler, as were many noblewomen, including the first Princess Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. The Queen Mary and King Edward V enjoyed the game of bowls. Edward VIII, the Duke of Windsor, was president of the Royal Household Bowling Club of Windsor Castle. His brother King George VI, was an enthusiastic bowler and Patron of the English Bowling Association.

[Reference: Lawn Bowls On-line]



DRAKE KNEW THE BEST WAY TO
BECOME A NATIONAL HERO

History of Camden Haven Bowling Club

The Challenge

The year was 1983, the place the 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 quiet and then an eruption of laughter. *'I'm quite serious'*, said the late Herb Green. After further discussions over a few more drinks, it was agreed to place a proposal before the Golf Club Board of Directors.

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

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

The Project

The President of the Golf Club, Bob Knox, called a meeting on 6 November 1983 to elect a committee to oversee the development of the bowling green. The committee so elected was:

President: Leon Lawrence Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Pickering

Committee: Herb Burgess, Barrie Isaac, Percy Jones, Reg French, Jack Smith and Bruce Watts.

Construction

In June 1984, Bruce Watts 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 designed was finalised.

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!

Then came the rime 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.

Forming the Bowling Club

In August 1985 the founder members of the Bowling Club held their inaugural meeting to elect Executive and Committee. The following officers were elected:

President: Bruce Watt

Vice President: Bob Knox

Secretary/Treasurer: Bill Pickering

Committee: Leon Lawrence, Barry Isaac, John Turnbull, Jack Kelly.

The main consideration of this meeting was the cost of the green. The total cost to date amounted to \$10,700; this included a Sports Grant of \$6,000.

Mr Jack Ball, President of the Royal NSW Bowling Association officially opened the green on Sunday 22 September 1985 saying that he could identify with the struggles met and overcome in the endeavours to establish the green and also recognised the tremendous input from the voluntary labour, which enabled the green to become a reality. After unveiling the plaque to officially open the green he then delivered the first bowl

[Reference: 1985 – 2005 20th Anniversary Booklet Camden Haven Bowling Club reprinted with permission from the Men's Club]

Women's Bowling Club

On Tuesday, 17 September 1985, 17 women met for the Inaugural Meeting of the Camden Haven Golf Women's Bowling Club with guest speakers Isabelle Ellis (Hasting Haven District President), Lorna Tuck (President North Haven Ladies Bowling Club) and Audrey Kelly (Assistant Secretary, Wauchope) attending to provide invaluable experience.

At the end of that meeting donations of \$19.00 were received to open the Club's Bank account.

The Men's Club Committee was approached with an application to have Tuesday as the ladies' official bowling day. The first game of bowls was played the following Tuesday – 24 September 1985.

The Foundation President was Fay Knox, the Secretary Joan Turnbull and one of the Vice Presidents was Margaret Watts. These three ladies have bowled continuously for the past 30 years and their names appear regularly on our Club's *Championship Honour Boards*.

Affiliation with the New South Wales Women's Bowling Association (as it was then known) occurred on 28 October 1985.

On 7 October 1986 the New South Wales Women's Bowling Association President, Dot Johnson, unveiled a plaque commemorating the formation of the Ladies' Club.

In 1987 the Ladies played their first Pennants games in Grade 5 and only won one match. Then in 1988 the grade 5 team won six out of eight matches taking out the 1988 Grade 5 Pennant flag.



Top row: M Watts, J Poulton, J Strutton

Front row: B McGann, L Yarnold, J Turnbull, F Knox, B Moreton, W Isaac, D Pearson, J Davies

It was not until 2009 when our Club again the No 5 Pennant flag.



Pictured: (l to r) Jill Parker, Mary Stone, Leonie Murphy, Rosa McLachlan, Olga Tolmie, Maureen Howard Inset: Jean Donald (top), Dorothy Dow

In 2012 the Club won the No 4 Pennant flag.



Pictured: D Dow, M Madeley, M Watts, L Wright J Turnbull, J Brislane, L Murphy, D Allen

Life Memberships were conferred on Fay Knox in 1995 and on Joan Turnbull in 2004.

In 2006 our Club had a name change from the Camden Haven Golf Women's Bowling Club to Kew Women's Bowling Club.

Encouragement Day

In 2010 Kew Women's Bowling Club held their inaugural Encouragement Day for bowlers with 5 years' or less bowling experience.

The Kew-1 team of Diane Clark, Jenny Easy, Maureen Howard and Dorothy Dow were the winners.



Picture: President Chrystine presenting the team with their trophies and the Perpetual Shield.

I to r: President Chrystine, Jenny Easy, Diane Clark, Dorothy Dow and Maureen Howard

Foundation Members

Min Adler
 Ella Barnes
 Phyl Barron
 Sheila Carney
 Norma Ellis
 Jennifer Gill

Tib Green
 Wendy Isaac
 Fay Knox
 Ada Martin
 Sylvia Middlemiss
 Beryl McGann

Yvonne O'Neill
 Jean Poulton
 Joan Turnbull
 Margaret Watts

Roll of Honour

President

1985 – 87	F Knox
1988	J Turnbull
1989 – 91	F Knox
1992 – 93	M Woodall
1994 – 96	J Turnbull
1997 – 99	Doreen Allen
2000 – 02	B Salter
2003	J Turnbull
2004 – 06	B Salter
2007	Gael Smith / C Bouffler [Acting]
2008 – 10	C Bouffler
2011 – 12	E Roberts
2013 –	C Bouffler

Secretary

1986 – 87	J Turnbull
1988 – 90	D Pearson
1991 – 92	J Turnbull
1993	E Gill
1994 – 96	D Pearson
1997 – 99	J Jones
2000 – 02	J Turnbull
2003	Doreen Allen
2004	J de Rose
2005 – 06	Doreen Allen
2007 – 09	J Turnbull
2010	E Roberts
2011	C Bouffler
2012	J Easy / L Wayling [3 months]
2013 -	E Roberts

Treasurer

1985 – 87	P Barron
1988 – 90	D McKenzie
1991 – 92	H Millard
1993 – 94	B Fraser
1995 – 97	F Knox
1998	D Pearson
1999 – 01	B Matthews
2002 – 06	B Marsh
2007 – 09	E Roberts
2010 -	J Turnbull
2011	D Clark
2012	K Thompson
2013 – 14	C Gardner
2015 -	S Hanlon

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Year	Major Singles	Major Pairs	
1985			
1986	L Yarnold	F Knox	J Turnbull
1987	F Knox	F Knox	J Turnbull
1988	J Turnbull	F Knox	J Turnbull
1989	B Morton	F Knox	J Turnbull
1990	V Saxby	F Knox	J Turnbull
1991	V Saxby	B Morton	M Watts
1992	V Saxby	B Morton	M Watts
1993	M Watts	V Saxby	M Sander
1994	J Turnbull	M Sander	M Watts
1995	J Turnbull	J Turnbull	C Gemmell
1996	F Knox	J Turnbull	C Gemmell
1997	D Bell	F Knox	S Hilton
1998	J Turnbull	J Davies	D Bell
1999	J Turnbull	M Sander	D Westman
2000	J Turnbull	M Sibley	E Gill
2001	J Turnbull	M Sander	D Westman
2002	F Knox	D Westman	M Sander
2003	R Axsia	J Turnbull	F Knox
2004	F Knox	M Sander	D Westman
2005	D Westman	J Turnbull	L Massey
2006	J Turnbull	R Hamilton	S Ireland
2007	J Sansom	J Sansom	L Massey
2008	M Watts	J Sansom	E Roberts
2009	J Turnbull	J Sansom	L Massey
2010	J Brislane	L Murphy	O Tolmie
2011	J Brislane	D Allen	J Turnbull
2012	J Turnbull	L Wright	M Madeley
2013	J Turnbull	D Clark	D Allen
2014	L Wayling	C Gardner	K Thompson [F]
2015	L Murphy	L Wayling	D Allen

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Triples		
1985			
1986	F Knox	J Turnbull	M Watts
1987	F Knox	J Turnbull	M Watts
1988	F Knox	J Turnbull	M Watts
1989	F Knox	J Turnbull	J Davies
1990	F Knox	J Turnbull	J Davies
1991	F Knox	J Turnbull	J Davies
1992	B Morton	M Sander	M Watts
1993	J Turnbull	D Westman	C Gemmell
1994	B Morton	V Saxby	M Watts
1995	D Rudd	M Day	J Barr
1996	J Turnbull	D Westman	C Gemmell
1997	F Knox	M Watts	S Hilton
1998	M Sibley	B McGann	D Allen <i>ME</i>
1999	M Sander	D Westman	D Bell
2000	M Day	E McGifford	J de Rose
2001	D Allen <i>ME</i>	M Sibley	B McGann
2002	D Westman	D Bell	M Sander
2003	M Sander	M Day	B Matthews
2004	M Sander	B McGann	P Perry
2005	B Moran	R Axsia	G Smith
2006	M Watts	D Allen <i>ME</i>	P Bartholomew
2007	F Knox	G Smith	E Roberts
2008	M Watts	J Sansom	L Massey
2009	J Sansom	L Massey	E Roberts
2010	M Madeley	J Brislane	D Dow
2011	M Madeley	J Brislane	D Dow
2012	D Clark	E Roberts	D Allen
2013	L Wayling	D Clark	D Allen
2014	L Wayling	D Clark	D Allen
2015	L Wayling	D Allen	K Thompson

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS				
Year	Fours			
1985				
1986	F Knox	J Turnbull	W Isaac	V O'Neill
1987	F Knox	J Turnbull	W Isaac	J Strutton
1988	F Knox	J Turnbull	W Isaac	J Strutton
1989	F Knox	J Turnbull	W Isaac	J Strutton
1990	B Morton	V Saxby	D Pearson	M Watts
1991	B Morton	V Saxby	M Woodall	M Watts
1992	B Morton	V Saxby	M Woodall	M Watts
1993	M Sander	J Davies	L Yarnold	J Barr
1994	M Sander	J Davies	D McKenzie	F Knox
1995	J Turnbull	D Westman	I Connors	C Gemmell
1996	F Knox	M Woodall	M Watts	S Hilton
1997	M Sander	D Westman	J Davies	D Bell
1998	F Knox	M Watts	S Hilton	M Bennies
1999	D Allen <i>me</i>	J Davies	B McGann	M Sibley
2000	M Sander	D Westman	C Gemmell	D Bell
2001	J Turnbull	M Watts	F Knox	J Sansom
2002	J Turnbull	M Watts	J Sansom	F Knox
2003	D Westman	C Gemmell	B McGann	M Sander
2004	D Westman	D Bell	B McGann	M Sander
2005	D Westman	M Sander	J Sansom	G Smith
2006	J Turnbull	R Hamilton	J Sansom	L Massey
2007	M Watts	D Allen	J Sansom	D Rudd
2008	R Haddrick	J Brislane	G Smith	E Jack
2009	M Watts	J Sansom	L Massey	E Roberts
2010	M Watts	J Sansom	L Massey	E Roberts
2011	L Murphy	D Calrk	E Roberts	M Stone
2012	L Murphy	D Clark	E Roberts	D Allen
2013	L Wayling	D Clark	L Murphy	D Allen
2014	L Wayling	D Clark	L Murphy	D Allen
2015	L Wayling	C Gardner	D Allen	K Thompson

CLUB EVENTS

Year	Minor Singles	Consistency Singles	Encouragement Day
1985			
1986			
1987			
1988	M Watts		
1989	W Isaac		
1990	J Wheeler		
1991	C Gemmell		
1992	D Rudd		
1993	D Westman		
1994	H Millard		
1995	M Day		
1996	J Davies		
1997	D Allen <i>mc</i>		
1998	S Hilton		
1999	M Sibley		
2000	B Salter	J Turnbull	
2001	M Lear		
2002	S Ibbertson	F Knox	
2003	A Hawkes	J Turnbull	
2004	K Robinson		
2005	L Massey		
2006	G Smaith		
2007	B Fraser		
2008	S Martin	J Brislane	
2009	D Dow		
2010	D Clark		Kew - 1
2011	M Madeley	J Turnbull	Tuncurry
2012	K Thompson	D Allen	Wingham
2013	J Donald	J Turnbull	South West Rocks
2014	J Easy	J Turnbull	Forster
2015	T Wise	L Murphy	

Major/Minor Pairs:	2013	D Allen	J Donald
	2014	K Thompson	S Hanlon

Past President's Award for Most Improved Player of the Year:

2005	G Shean
2006	P Bartholomew
2007	J Fraser
2008	J Aitchison
2009	E Roberts
2010	D Dow
2011	C Bouffler
2012	J Parker
2013	J Donald
2014	S Hanlon

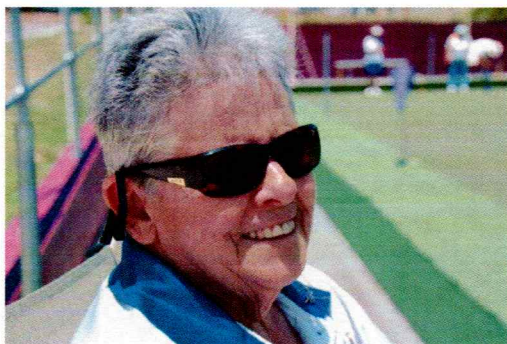
Rookie of the Year:

2011	K Thompson
2012	B Seckold
2013	H Piggott
2014	- not awarded -

2015 Executive and Committee

President	Chrystine Bouffler
Vice Presidents	Leonie Murphy Beth Seckold
Secretary	Eunice (<i>Topsy</i>) Roberts
Treasurer	Sandra Hanlon
Committee	Jean Donald Margaret Ellis Betty Jorgensen
Selection/Match	Maureen Bradford [Chair] Jenny Easy Jenny Fraser Kim Thompson Joan Turnbull
Welfare	Leonie Murphy
Patron	Fay Knox

The members of Kew Women's Bowling Club wish their President Chry a happy President's Day and sincerely thank her for the significant contribution she has made to the Club during her two terms as President.



President Chrystine and members of Kew Women's Bowling Club thank you all for your attendance today, especially State President Robyn Proctor and our District President Diana Upcroft and wish you all a safe journey home.