

# 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

1959-2009



## A Message From our Club Patron His Worship the Mayor of Auckland



Mayor's Office  
Auckland

15 September 2008

Blockhouse Bay Bowls Inc.  
P O Box 48 035  
Blockhouse Bay

Re: Club 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

Dear Club Members

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate your Club and its' members in this, your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I am most impressed that you have the highest number of members of any Bowling Club in the Auckland Region.

Your Club is providing an excellent community service and this is due in no small part to the untiring efforts of your members and more especially your Club Chairman and Executives.

Let me, at this time, give praise and thanks to all the men and women who over the last half century have given their time so generously to make this such a marvelous sporting institution.

I know your Anniversary celebrations will be an outstanding success and your Club can look forward to another fifty years of growth while providing an important asset in the local community.

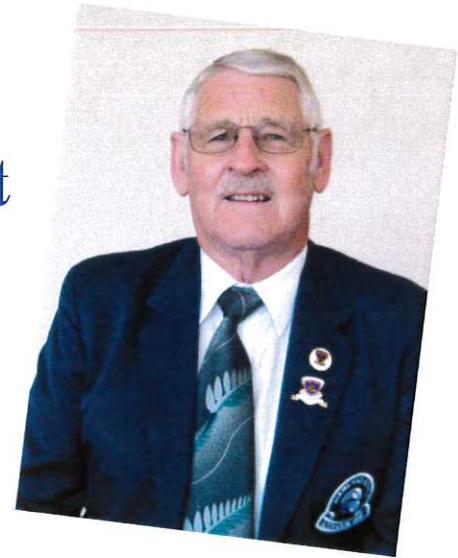
Yours sincerely

Hon. John Banks QSO  
Mayor  
Auckland City



# From Our President

**Ron Harris**



It is an honour and a privilege to be President of this very successful Club in its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

Over the years both the Women's and Men's clubs have had their highlights, but the amalgamation of these two has seen the combined club go from strength to strength. Club of the year 2006 – 2007 and Interclub of the Year 2007 – 2008.

The feeling of belonging, and being part of a large extended family is what makes this club different to others.

To all those members both past and present who have given their time and energy working on the club's behalf we cannot thank you enough. Rest assured that other members recognise and appreciate your contribution.

We look to the future with confidence knowing that there will be others prepared to come forward to carry on this tradition.

*Ron Harris*

**President**



# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Jubilee Programme

Having reached this important milestone in the history of an outstanding and successful Bowling Club, celebrations are planned for February 2009.

**Friday 6th & Saturday 7th February — \$5000 Open Tournament**  
**Waitangi Weekend—Reserve Day 8th February)**  
**Any combination Triples—First Prize \$1000 plus Green Prizes**

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**Saturday 21st February — “Reach for the Stars” Jubilee Ball**  
**A spectacular night of “Glitz and Glamour”**  
**Four Piece Band**  
**Special Guest Stars, “Dolly Parton” and “Kenny Rogers”**  
**Entry Ticket includes Travel prizes and a Dinner for two at Sky Tower**  
**Plus**  
**\$4000 worth of Door Prizes**

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**Saturday 28th February — \$2000 Club Tournament**  
**Mixed Drawn Triples — Wide and Varied Prizes**

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**Sunday 22nd February — Golden Oldies Afternoon Tea**  
**Former and past members are invited to join the executive and invited members**  
**to a “special” afternoon tea at the Clubrooms.**

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**The Jubilee Committee**

**Bob Bannan, Doreen Batley, Patricia Cheeseman, Doug Cole, Audrey David,**  
**Alistair Duthie, Vivienne Ferguson, Dorothy Moodie, Tom Lindsay, Barry Smith.**



# Executive Committee 08-09



*From Left to Right*  
 George Wallace      Doug Cole      Vivienne Ferguson      Ron Harris      Allan Smith  
 Fay Jacomb      Alistair Duthie      Tom Lindsay      Gillian Moore  
 Inset—Patricia Cheeseman

President

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Secretary

Treasurer

Men's Club Captain

Women's Club Captain

Women's Match Convener

Men's Match Convener

Tournament Convener

Socials/Catering

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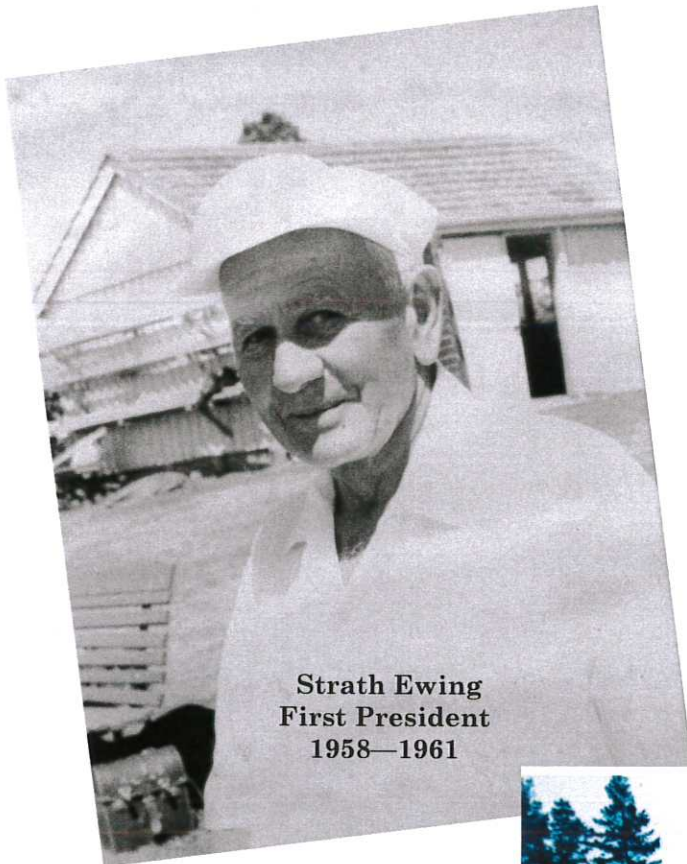
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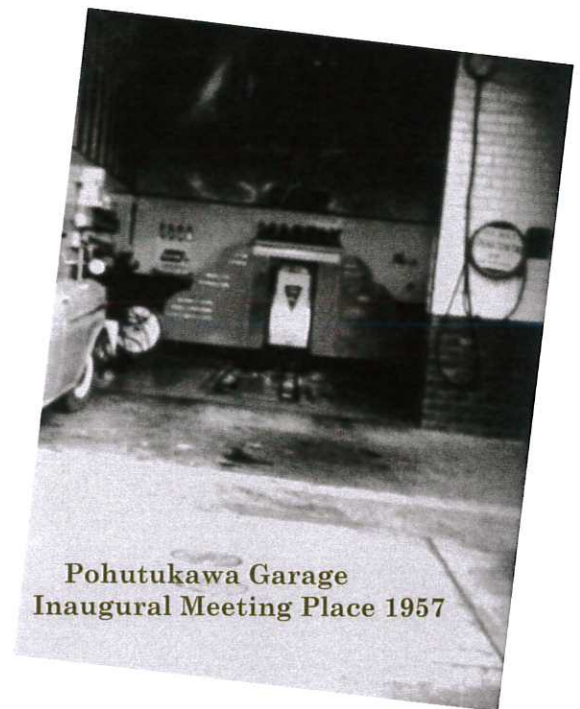




Grudges Farm— Lot 76



Strath Ewing  
First President  
1958—1961



Pohutukawa Garage  
Inaugural Meeting Place 1957

A bulldozer on site  
11th Jan 1958





# **The History**

## **Auckland City versus Blockhouse Bay Community**

In the early 1950's the area of land bounded by Donovan St, Whitney St, Blockhouse Bay Rd, and Terry St, was known as Block 76. It had been "Grudges Farm" and the Auckland City Council, under the guidance of Sir John Allum, decided that rather than use the area as originally planned for sporting activities, it would make better sense to sell it to the NZ Government for state housing, and so improve finances of the entire Auckland City at the expense of Blockhouse Bay residents.

Fred Johnston, who would later become secretary of the BHB Bowling Club, formed the BHB Ratepayers Assn. to confront the Auckland City Council and insist that the land be used for the good of the whole Community as a sporting complex. Ratepayers could join for a florin (now 20c).

Discussions and confrontations with the Mayor and Councillors were somewhat tense as the majority of Councilors, who were members of the Progressive Ratepayers Assn., resided in the Eastern Suburbs and had little respect for the BHB Community situated on a limb far out in the West of Auckland City.

In 1954, John Luxford was elected Mayor of Auckland, and within a month met representatives of the BHB Ratepayers Assn. to decide on the future of Block 76. This meeting took place in Bill Woods old shed on the corner of Exminster St. and Rathlin St. The new mayor was accompanied by Mr Dickinson, the City Engineer and Mr McFarlane head of the Parks Division. The BHB Ratepayers were represented by Fred Johnson and George Wright.

After much debate it was agreed that the Mayor would put the case to the full Council although he could not guarantee the future of Block 76. Without the efforts of the local ratepayers and the persuasion of John Luxford, it is doubtful that Lot 76 would ever have been established for sporting activities in the District. In fact it would be apt to rename the reserve "The John Luxford Reserve".

Late in 1956 the Auckland City Council agreed that an area within Lot 76 should be set aside for a Bowling Club. This area would be large enough to accommodate three greens a pavilion and a provision for car parking.

A similar block of land was allocated for a tennis club at the same time. In actual fact the Tennis Club was the first to get established.

## **The Beginning**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1956 the group of residents who wanted to form a new Bowling Club had their first meeting at the Pohutukawa Garage situated in the Main Street of the BHB Shopping Centre. It was then owned by Fred Hinton.

Mr Strath Ewing who was at that time a member of the Balmoral Bowling Club, although living in the Bay, was elected as the first President.

Those in attendance were :-

Messrs. Strath Ewing (Chairman), Fred Johnston (Secretary), L Rose (Treasurer)  
Committee :- W G Winchcome, W Shanks, A Smith, T Eccelsfield, G Wright, V Lay, D Rogers. (Authority to add additional committee members was approved)







It was resolved that the name of the Club would be

## **The Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club**

An important meeting was held on 20th October 1958 when the Men's Bowling Club was officially formed. However it was not until 1959 that the new Club applied for and obtained a Certificate of Incorporation. This was issued on 5th March 1959.

The foundation members paid one guinea (\$2.10) each to cover initial formation expenses.

The first annual subscriptions were set as follows :-

<b>Foundation members</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£6-0-0</b>
<b>New members</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>£7-0-0</b>

(All subs. Subject to 10/- reduction if paid within one month)

All of those present agreed to canvas the entire district to encourage new members to join.

The secretary was authorized to write to the Director of Parks, Auckland City (Mr McPherson), and inform him that this committee would like to set up a meeting to discuss matters relating to the building of Bowling Greens and a Club pavilion. It was also resolved that a further request would involve setting aside an area to be used for a Ladies Green.

A list of questions were prepared to discuss with the Auckland City Parks Department.

## **A Bowling Club Is Started**

Strath Ewing, Fred Johnston, and Lew Rose, spent a vast amount of their own time and energy planning and organizing the new Greens and Pavilion. Meetings were held regularly with the City Council, the Auckland Bowling Centre Turf Committee, and Mr G Walker of Massey College with respect to the preparation and laying the greens while plans were also prepared for Auckland City Council to approve the construction of a pavilion.

## **Construction Begins**

The speed of construction started to gather momentum in the following months. On 11th December 1958 a tender for the construction of two greens was accepted and on 14th January 1959 a bulldozer turned the first soil to begin levelling the site.

Meanwhile a huge proportion of the new greens were completed with voluntary labour. Working bees were frequent. The new greens were nurtured, banks were formed, seats were made and concrete paths were laid.

On 24th August 1959 a tender of £1470 was accepted for steelwork for the new Club pavilion. Another for £1802 was accepted for the concrete work.

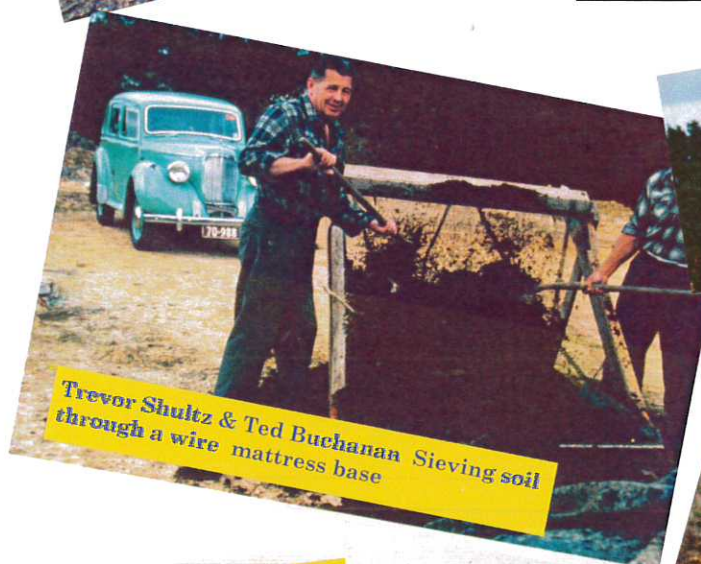
Apart from being the club President Strath Ewing was also Greens Superintendent, Tournament Convener, and Match Committee Chairman. He even carried out most of the maintenance.



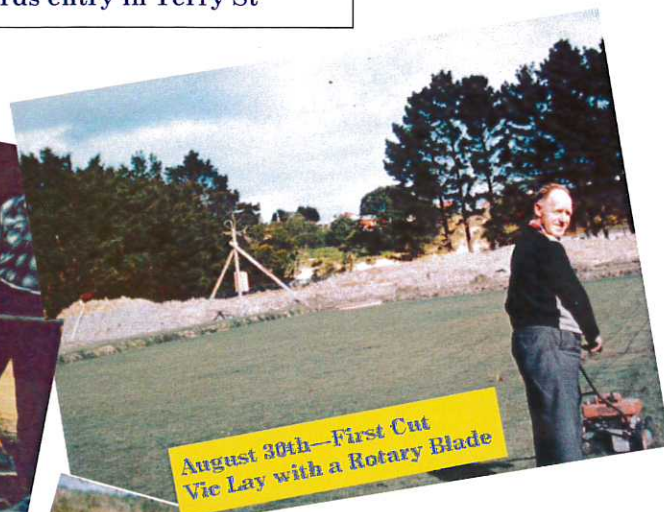
"A" & "B" from the pavilion site



"B" Green— From Pavilion site towards entry in Terry St



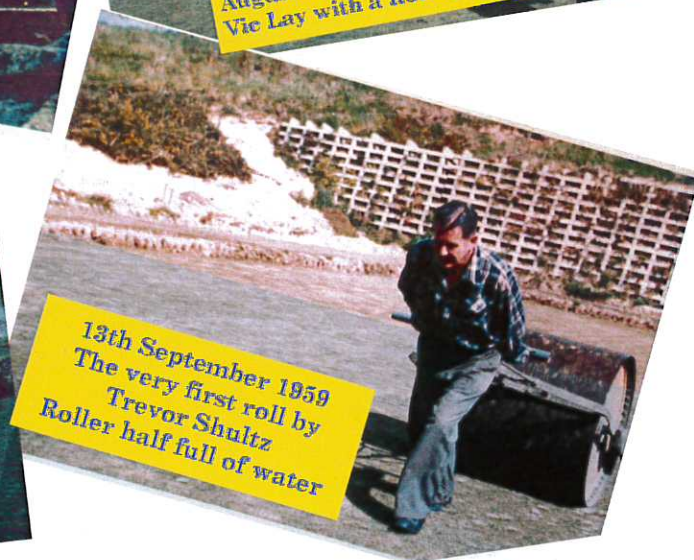
Trevor Shultz & Ted Buchanan Sieving soil through a wire mattress base



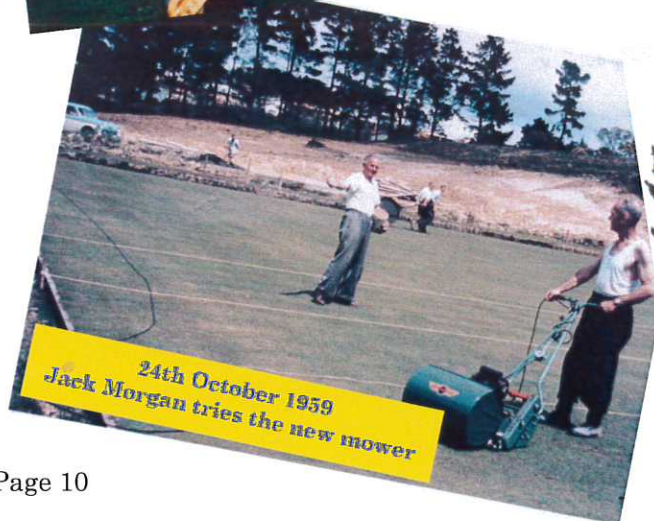
August 30th—First Cut  
Vic Lay with a Rotary Blade



Strath with his new roller



13th September 1959  
The very first roll by  
Trevor Shultz  
Roller half full of water



24th October 1959  
Jack Morgan tries the new mower



First Day Players  
31st October 1959





Fred Johnston throws the first kitty

The very first bowl was played by Daisy Polkinghorne from the Women's Club

31st October 1959

## **Progress with the Pavilion**

This project proceeded with the enthusiastic support of both the Ladies and the Men's Clubs. Most members donated their time and energy by either attending working parties every weekend, or in the case of the Ladies, were busy raising money at the shopping centres by running cake and produce stalls and selling raffle tickets or second-hand clothing.

In 1960 the planned size of the pavilion was reduced as insufficient finance was available to complete the pavilion in its entirety. The foundations and steel portals had been completed although a large section of the new pavilion was abandoned to the right, and the various photographs illustrate this decision. After several years the whole pavilion as originally planned was finally completed

Even with the reduced size progress slowed for several months in 1961 so the Auckland City Council provided assistance to get the job completed for the Official Opening on 29th September 1962





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## Women of the Greens Seeing Red

The men and women bowlers at the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club are at odds over their housekeeping and have asked the Auckland City Council to arbitrate.

The dispute between the two groups is over the contribution the women's bowling club makes to the men's club for the upkeep of the joint facilities.

The men gained their licence in 1962 and the women got their sub-licence in 1965.

At the time of signing, the women agreed to pay the men an annual sum of £300 towards the expenses, repairs and maintenance of the men's club, pavilion, bowling greens and other property.

The women also agreed

to attend to the catering for the men's club on Saturday afternoons and to assist with kitchen duties at the Sunday tournaments, except during the Christmas recess.

Reporting to the council parks and recreation committee yesterday, the parks operations officer

Mr P. J. Hubbers, noted that the catering requirements probably conflicted with recent human rights legislation.

He also noted that there was no equivalent clause in the dominant, or men's, licence requiring the men to act as bar stewards for the women's club days.

Mr Hubbers said the original Good news to the

paid by the worker seemed to have caused many of the problems suggested that when his licence expired in 1982, an investigation be made to see if the two parties could exist under one licence.

The committee agreed to appoint an arbitrator

30 The Auckland Star, Thursday, May 3, 1979

# Bowls club battle of sexes

A bowling green may be an unlikely battle ground for the war of the sexes — but it's happening in Blockhouse Bay.

The Auckland City Council has been asked to appoint an arbitrator to settle a dispute between the men's and women's sections of the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club.

The dispute relates to the women's financial contribution to the club's upkeep. Apparently

unable to out-negotiate the hard bargainers from the women's section, the men have resorted to the council, as a clause in the sub-licence allows.

It all dates back to 1965 when the sub-licence, involving an agreement between the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club and the Blockhouse Bay Women's Bowling Club was drawn up.

It provided for the women to pay £300 a year towards the

upkeep of the men's club, pavilion, bowling greens and other ancillary property.

Since then the women, as a result of approaches from the men, have several times increased the payment.

Last year the men proposed that the sum be a fixed percentage payment — 25% based on the previous year's balance sheet figures.

The women rejected this. The

men rejected their counter offer and have now asked the council to intervene.

In a report to today's meeting of the council's parks and recreation committee, parks operations officer Mr Peter Hubbers recommends that an arbitrator be appointed and that the city solicitor look at the drawing up of a single licence incorporating both clubs to avoid a repetition of the problem.

He also warns that more trouble could lie ahead. A clause of the agreement states that the women's club will attend to catering on Saturday afternoons and assist with kitchen duties at Sunday tournaments.

As there is no equivalent clause requiring men to act as bar stewards on women's club days, Mr Hubbers suggests this may conflict with human rights legislation.





## **A Ladies Club is Formed**

On July 18<sup>th</sup> 1957 a meeting was convened at Hinton's garage to discuss the formation of a Women's Bowling Club at Blockhouse Bay. There were fifteen foundation members and the joining fee was 10/6 per member. The following Committee was elected.

President	Mrs. Betty Rose.
Secretary/Treasurer	Mrs. Daisy Polkinghorne.
Committee	Mesdames K Dougherty, V March, J Moffat.

Advertisements were placed in the Avondale Advance Newspaper, a slideshow was put on at the Kosy Theatre. This resourceful committee even tried unsuccessfully to encourage Selwyn Toogood and Jack Maybury to put on a quiz show to raise funds. The first annual subscription for Lady members was fixed at £4-10-0d. Competition entry was 2/- and the locker fee was 2/6.

At a combined meeting the Ladies and the Men's committees agreed to work together for the benefit of both clubs. A fund raising committee set up, housie and card evenings, raffles, fairs, second hand clothing sales, film evenings, jumble sales. Cake and produce stalls were regularly held in the shopping centre at Blockhouse Bay. On 5th August 1960 a stall was erected and manned in the Auckland Town Hall. This effort raised £99-7-6d

In September of 1958 the Ladies were given the right to play on the newly formed greens until such time as a separate green was prepared and finished for the Ladies Club. In November of 1958 the area which is now the Club's artificial green was levelled for the Ladies Club to eventually use as their own Club green.

This never actually happened as planned. Instead, in 1965 both Clubs drew up a formal agreement, under the control of the Auckland City Council, whereby the Ladies would pay £300 annually towards the running costs of the Men's Club. This agreement was detailed enough to allow the Ladies free and uninterrupted use of the greens on certain days and specified what parts of the new Clubhouse would be for their exclusive use. The £300 was a fair and reasonable amount to pay in 1958, but inflation overtook this amount so by 1978 the ladies Club were voluntarily paying more and as much as \$1815 per annum. In the 70's inflation was rampant in NZ and the Men's Club wanted more than the Ladies were offering so they asked the Ladies to change the agreement and pay a fixed percentage of total club annual operating expenses, 25% of the previous year's figures. The list of expenses to be used were:- Wages, Council Loan, Insurances, Electric Power, Water, Cleaning Costs, Repairs and Maintenance, Greens Maintenance. 25% of these costs in 1977/78 amounted to \$2500.

The Ladies disagreed and offered \$2000 per annum plus 20% of their excess income for the preceding year. The men said "No" and headed off to arbitration in accordance with the sharing agreement originally drawn up by the Auckland City Council.

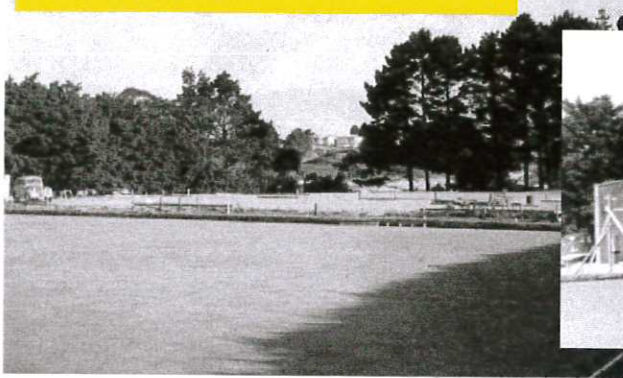
They even had "Headlines" in the NZ Herald, **Women of the Greens Seeing Red**, and in the Auckland Star, **Bowls Club Battle of Sexes**.

Although the City Council appointed a Mr. L E Adams as arbitrator who started collecting information regarding the dispute he eventually came to the conclusion that he was not "legally" able to adjudicate as the matter in dispute had not actually been defined. For legal reasons the Council refused to pass on any details of Mr. Adams reports.

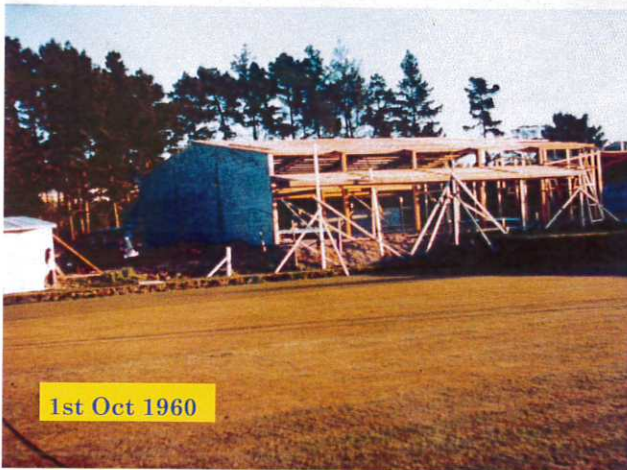


## Construction of the Pavilion

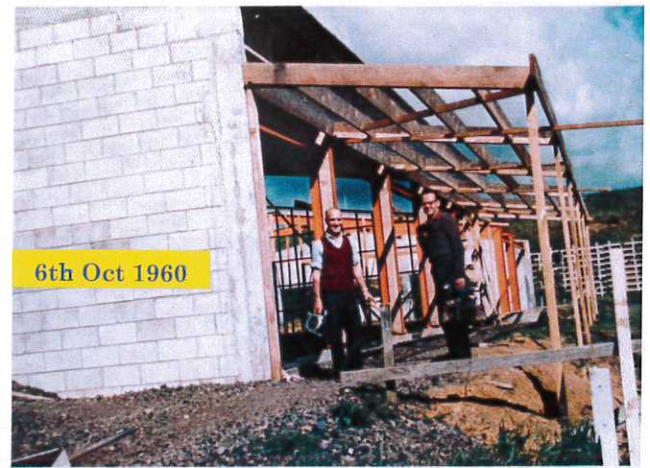
12th January 1960—View over “B”  
Green Concrete Foundations Only



Same view six weeks later



1st Oct 1960



6th Oct 1960



8th Oct 1960



17th April 1961



22nd Sept 1962  
One week to go.



At last "The Big Day"  
29th September 1962



He withdrew as arbitrator on 12th September 1979 and instead offered to help both Committees come to a mutual understanding until the Council lease was renewed in 1983.

The Ladies were asked to attend such a meeting. This request was then discussed at their own AGM in November 1979 when it was decided that it was not appropriate for the Ladies Club to submit to such a request.

It is not clear why this decision was made but the entire confrontation appears to have lapsed until a new lease agreement was drawn up by the Auckland City Council in 1983 after the original agreement had expired.

This new agreement included a clause for both Clubs to co-exist "by continuing their close and harmonious association in the interests of furthering the game of bowls". This agreement also states that the Women's Club would pay to the Men's Club an annual fee calculated by multiplying the total number of their playing members by 70% of the Men's annual subscription as fixed at the men's AGM. This arrangement continued to work well and without incident until amalgamation with the Men's Club in 2007.

### **The Dress Code for Ladies**

The dress code for Women's Clubs was very strict in the early days of the BHB Club.

1. White or cream tailored frocks.
2. Frocks must have a collar
3. Skirt length to measure twelve inches from the hem to the ground. This length to be checked regularly by officials on the greens.
4. All frocks to be worn only with matching under-garment.
5. White wide-brimmed hats complete with Club hat band.
6. White stockings.
7. No jewellery except a wrist watch and a wedding ring.

In 1965 the wearing of stockings became optional and in the intervening years the regulations have been relaxed to permit navy trousers, shorts, and coloured shirts.

### **Amalgamation**

With pressure mounting from the Auckland Bowling Centre and with the slackening of hardened attitudes, especially from male bowlers, the decision to amalgamate the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club and the Blockhouse Bay Womens Bowling Club became a reality.

In May 2006 The Blockhouse Bay Women's Bowling Club and the Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club (Men) voted in favour of amalgamation and the renaming of the merged Clubs became

## **Blockhouse Bay Bowls (Inc.)**

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### **Bowling Club of the Year—2007**

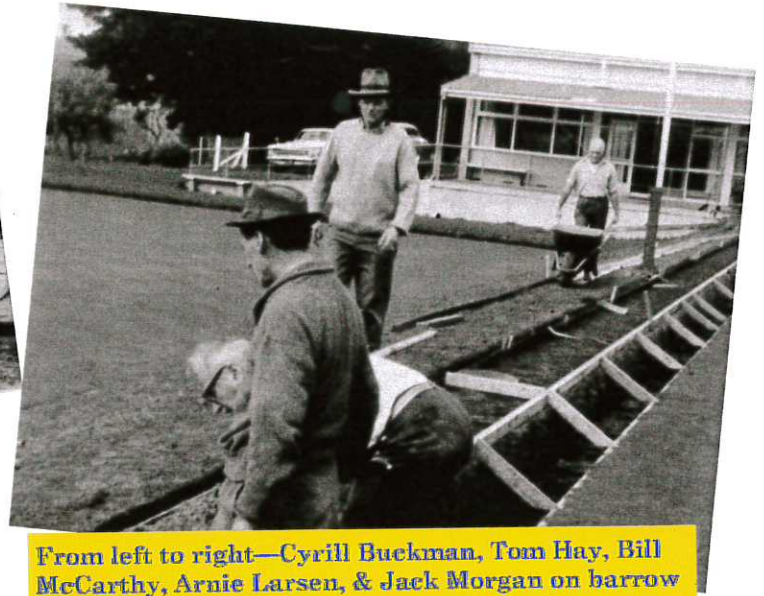
At the conclusion of the 2006/7 bowling season the newly formed Club was awarded "Bowling Club of the Year". This honour is bestowed by the Auckland Bowling Centre and is judged against a number of criteria, including; friendliness of Club members, success in interclub competitions, accurate and prompt return of detailed information, communication with members such as a Club newsletter.



## The Finishing Touches— 1965/66



George Wright  
Mixer



From left to right—Cyrill Buckman, Tom Hay, Bill  
McCarthy, Arnie Larsen, & Jack Morgan on barrow



Dick Shadbolt  
Barrow

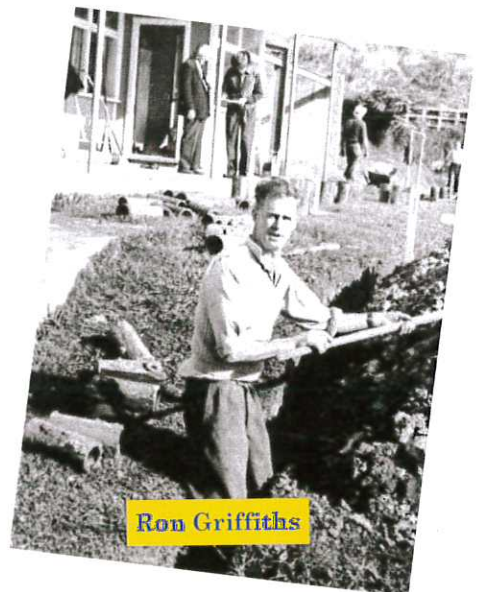


Cyril & Bill



Stan Hill &  
Tom Hay

The Greenkeeper, Ted Buchanan  
and one of the many assistants



Ron Griffiths





## **THE MONDAY BOYS**

On any Monday morning throughout the year if you go up to the BHB Clubhouse you will find the shed door open and various members of the Club scattered around the grounds involved in a variety of jobs. Mowing the lawns, cutting hedges, repairing whatever needs fixing, cleaning, painting, the list goes on and on.

This dedicated group have come together over the years with new faces arriving as others depart. The group also includes some of the ladies who join in to tend the gardens and provide morning tea.

By far the most outstanding of these has been Tom Vincent. A member from 1978 – 2008. With Bob Watts Treasurer and Ray Dixon Secretary and others, Tom instigated negotiations that culminated in the laying of our first artificial green. Most of the planning and work was done by Tom who organised cut-price deals through his work place. He was also heavily involved with the renovation of "B" Green.

A man who could turn his hand to anything, Tom designed and built much of the Club's specialised machinery. He would even modify his own designs and proprietary equipment when he felt the original could be improved. Tom could often be seen in the shed stripping and cleaning any of this equipment just to ensure it was kept in first class working order.

A modest man, Tom was quick to acknowledge the work put in by others. He was President in the 1982/83 season and again in the 1988/89 season. He was awarded Life Membership in 1991. A fitting reward for his great contribution to the Club.

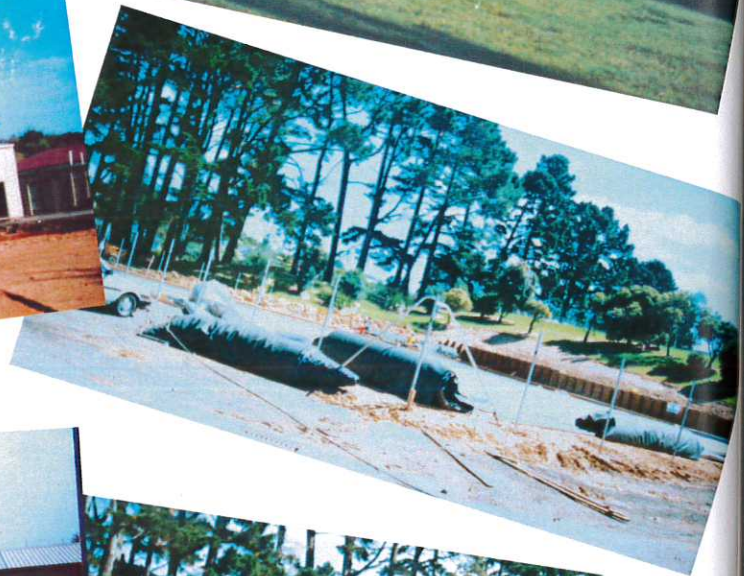
When "C" green was opened in 1990, three of the "Monday Boys", added to their regular Monday activity a Wednesday period to clean up the pine needles and debris deposited on the surface of this green just before each midweek "Roll-Up". These three were Colin Rokela, Ross Brewin and Murray Jacomb.

"The Monday Boys" is a "Club" within the Club as there is no doubt that this team enjoy the opportunity to meet socially each week, have a chat, and at the same time keep the Clubhouse and the Greens and surroundings looking immaculate.

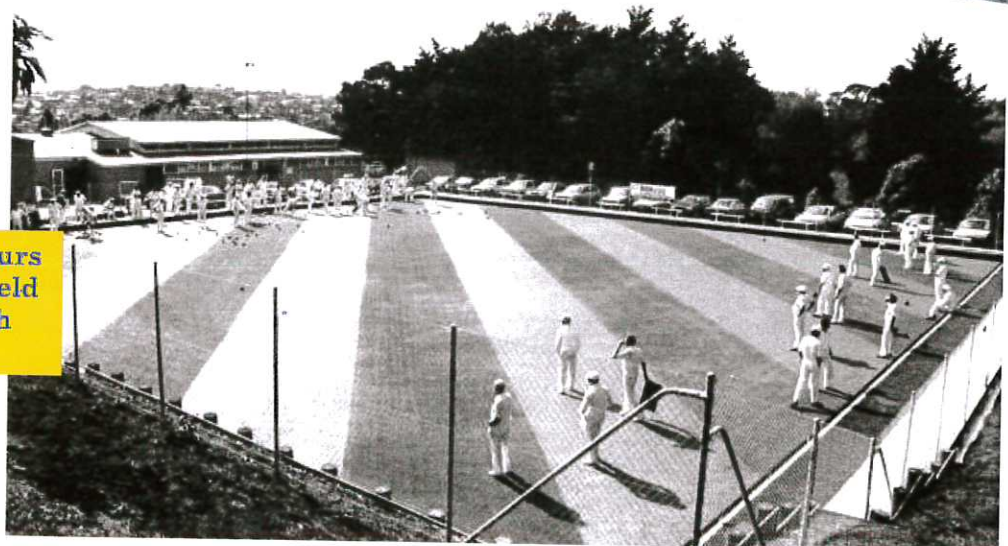
Any member is welcome to join the "Club". Entry is free and there is no annual subscription to pay. Many others have joined and departed over the years; all of whom have enjoyed putting something back into their Club just by helping with a few "chores".



## The Building of "C" Green—1989



First Men's Fours  
Tournament held  
on Sunday 29th  
April 1990





## The Artificial Green

In June 1989 an intense period of expenditure was underway with several projects either nearing completion and others under consideration.

In 1986 the cool-room and bar renovations had been completed at a cost of \$10,688.90. The third green was in hot demand as were improvements to the hall and the kitchen. The membership was at full capacity and closed.

Money was tight and the Club had a loan for \$80,000 that was due to be repaid in September 1991. Despite this the executive was given approval at the AGM in June of 1989 to go ahead and install a revolutionary new artificial surfaced bowling green on the undeveloped "C" green site.

On 1st March 1990 Roy Dickson, the Secretary, wrote to the Auckland City Council and asked if the Council would agree to accept an immediate repayment of \$10,000 and accept repayment of the remaining \$70,000 over a five year period instead of in September 1991 as originally agreed. \$ 30,000 was required for sealing the car-park and \$140,000 for the new artificial green.

A bus load of forty-one members had already travelled to the Manly Bowling Club and were ecstatic about getting an "all weather" bowling green installed at Blockhouse Bay. The costs were:-

Preparation	\$40,000 + GST
Foundations and Laying of "Astrograss"	\$75,610 + GST
Perimeter Fencing and Paving	\$8,430 + GST
Total	\$124,040 + GST

The Women's Bowling Club contributed \$15,000, and the Auckland Bowling Centre gave a loan of \$7000 for drainage.

On 7th May 1990 the Western Leader published a large photograph of the new "all-weather" green at the BHB Bowling Club. This was hailed as the first of it's kind in the Auckland City. "Costing approximately \$140,000 this all-weather maintenance free sand based green, means that members can now play all year round, even in the rain."

"The Club has two Cotula greens and consideration may be given to changing them into all-weather greens in a few years time. If this is done maintenance costs will drop sharply and will have the effect of reducing subscriptions to members. The Club also has plans to improve its clubhouse accommodation as it expects to open and increase its membership which has been "full" for the past seven seasons. If all these plans are carried out over a five year period the total cost will be about \$500,000 without any additional cost to members."

Sixteen Clubs were represented in the first tournament. It was Men's Fours, played on 29th April 1990. Although a fine day, violent electrical storms the previous evening had forced fourteen other clubs with Cotula greens to cancel. Not a drop of water could be found on the new BHB green which played perfectly. There was much favourable comment from the other clubs represented.

A year later the new green had proved it's worth when it was announced that forty-four tournaments had been held over the last winter and thirty new members had been admitted because twelve months bowling had been possible.

Although the new artificial green was initially believed to be the ultimate all weather all seasons "bowlers dream green" it began deteriorate within five years due to the inability of the polypropylene surface to withstand the high concentration of ultra violet sunlight over New Zealand. The first Astroturf green was therefore replaced in 1996 with one which was more suited to NZ conditions.



## The Saga of the Pine Trees



Bowling club president Bob Saddler in front of the new synthetic green site — and the troublesome pine trees.

### Club gets the needle

By ROCHELLE LOCKLEY

Pine tree needles have become a prickly issue in Blockhouse Bay.

A public meeting has been called by the Blockhouse Bay Community Committee to decide on the future of pine trees at the local recreation reserve.

The Blockhouse Bay Bowling Club wants the trees cut down to stop pine needles falling on its new \$110,000 synthetic bowling green — and this has brought a sharp response from nearby residents.

Some living next to the reserve want the trees trimmed to let the sun through, while others whose properties look on to the park between Rathlin and Terry Sts want the trees to stay.

These types of issues can cause great distress

in the neighbourhood," says Auckland City councillor Lorraine Wilson.

Council parks staff will be at the meeting to gauge public opinion and help residents to arrive at a compromise.

Mike Gallagher, from the western districts parks office, says the trees are about 60 years old. He says some will have to be removed in the next few years, but they are not dangerous. Pine trees can live up to 120 years.

Bowling club secretary Ray Dixon says the club is willing to compromise on the issue.

He says the problem may be solved by removing only some of the trees, and trimming the tops or replanting the area with another variety.

The meeting will be held in the small hall of the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre at 7.30pm. It will be followed by a supper with Avondale ward candidates in the Auckland City Council elections.

This article appeared in the Western Leader on Thursday 21st September 1989.

The photograph shows Bob Saddler (Club President) on the new synthetic green site with the troublesome pine trees in the background.

The Pine Trees at the back of "C" have been a source of discontent ever since a bowling green was located there. In September 1989 the Blockhouse Bay Community Committee (A locally elected committee under the auspices of the Auckland City Council) called a meeting which was held in the Blockhouse Bay Community Centre to exchange all points of view regarding a request from the Bowling Club to have the pine trees felled.

The response from nearby residents especially those in Rathlin St. was described as "sharp". Some nearby residents wanted the trees trimmed to let the sun through while others further away wanted the trees to stay. The Parks Department said the trees were about 60 yrs. old and should live to 120 yrs. The Bowling Club represented by Ray Dixon wanted to arrange a compromise. As can be seen today, nothing was achieved on this occasion.

In 1996 another attempt was made to have the "pine trees" felled. Photographs showing the mess after a "big blow" were shown to the Council. They in turn passed the matter onto the Environmental Committee who then reported that the trees had a further life expectancy of 30 to 40 years. They would anticipate taking out five of the trees within the next 5 to 10 years.

In April of 2002 the executive decided to approach the Council and ask for the removal of some pines as indicated six years before. This time it seems the trees would be felled but the Council did not have sufficient funds to cover the cost.

By the Club offering to pay \$20,000 towards the cost of removal in 2008 the Council it seems are starting to demonstrate a wiliness to remove at least some of these trees.





## **A "New Generation"** **Artificial Surface**

By 2006 it was becoming evident that the much vaunted sand filled artificial surface on "C" green was not only being surpassed by more modern technology but the green itself was nearing the end of its useful life.

The Club Executive set about calling in quotations and opinions on the several new artificial surfaces available. There were failures with new artificial greens

being experienced by other clubs that were sorted through. Prices were gathered, talked through, and finally presented to the members at a Special General Meeting in November 2007. The recommended option which was given full approval by the members was a Greenweave woven carpet.

After some minor delays the new "Tiger Turf" was installed and ready to use in June 2008. The full cost was \$150,838. A substantial grant of \$100,000 towards the cost was received from the Portage Licensing Trust.

The technology used is quite different



to that used for the old "Astrograss" surface. Briefly, the compacted sand under Astrograss is replaced with a 7mm stone chip. It is compacted and levelled with a sophisticated machine which is guided by a laser beam. After levelling is completed the perfectly flat surface is sprayed with a "two-pot" resin to fix it in place while leaving the surface porous for rainwater to pass through.

A polypropylene underfelt is then laid as with a domestic carpet, and the top finished carpet is made from a woven green polypropylene yarn. Domestic carpets made this way are generally referred to as "Wilton" woven carpets as opposed to the normal "tufted" carpet.

Put all the technical details aside and the final result is very close to a "first-class" grass green. There have been no adverse comments on this new surface which like the original has made Blockhouse Bay Bowls the envy of all other Auckland Clubs.





## Historical Calendar of Events

- 17th Dec. 1956  
Initial formation of Men's Bowling Club in Pohutakawa Garage
- 14th May 1957  
Cash in Bank £20-7s-6d
- 20th Aug. 1957  
Initial formation of Women's Bowling Club
- 1st Feb 1958  
Agreement with the Auckland City Council to lease land and assist with construction of a Bowling Club for both men and women. Grants of £1000 and later £1500 were expected from the Council Grants Committee to assist.
- August 1959  
Tender for pavilion steelwork accepted. Cameron Bros. Engineering
- 31st October 1959  
First bowl played—Official opening of "A" green.
- 1961  
Terry Indoor Bowls started. Good revenue source. Run by George Richardson.
- 14th July 1962  
Auckland City Council assist with the completion of the new pavilion.
- 29th September 1962  
Official Opening of the Pavilion
- 1963  
A shed was purchased from Auckland Harbour Board for £105 to be used as a soil and implement shed. The concrete floor was laid by members.
- 1966  
The Blockhouse Bay Community held a "Queen Carnival". The Bowling Club entry was a Miss A Smythe.
- 20th June 1968  
Quotations called to construct a third "all weather green". Cost was \$9000. Grants sought from ASB and Golden Kiwi Lottery Board. No success.
- 1969  
Johnathan Hunt MP donated a Trophy to the Ladies—"Graded Drawn Fours"  
A member, Bob Eccesfield, donated a trophy for a Saturday novelty game—"Poms versus The Kiwis"  
The Johnson Cup for Veterans was presented by Mr Hanson  
A "Ways & Means" committee was formed to to raise funds for important projects such as the planned extensions to the pavillion.
- 1971  
Pavilion extensions and the resiting of the soil shed with roof raised approved.
- 1973  
Special gratitude expressed to Colin Gordon, who whilst being a member of the Glen Eden Bowling Club, voluntarily completed electrical work in the Club lounge, thus saving the BHB Bowling Club hundreds of dollars.
- Oct 1976  
Approval given to Indoor Bowling Club to put down a wooden floor in the hall over the concrete floor.



1978

Six bus shelters purchased at \$15.00 each delivered, to be used around the greens.

1978

Lion Breweries provided architectural design services and financial assistance to install cool room and beer tanks subject to the Club being granted an "ancillary license". This was approved from July 1979.

1980

Merv Hinton to clear back area, now "C" green, to provide more parking at a cost of \$150

A stainless steel bench was installed in the kitchen by Tom Vincent at a cost of \$250. (Really worth \$1000)

1982

The parking area was levelled and metalled at a cost of \$1834

Removal of the lounge partition separating the Ladies and the Mens Clubs suggested, provided a separate Match Committee room is built.

1983

The Piper family donated a trophy for a competition between Men & Women. "Punch" who was a valued and active member had "passed away" the year before.

May 1983

A 25th Jubilee "Project" approved to set up a new soil shed and ancillary equipment. Total cost \$30,000.

1984

Existing soil and implement shed to be replaced with a larger shed built with concrete blocks.

A crib wall, estimated to cost \$8000 was also needed along the Western boundary. The ACC could not offer money but would instead provide PEP labour to make "crib" blocks and dig foundations. Tom Vincent made a "block mold" at a cost of \$7500. The Council were paid \$5500 to supply professional engineering and supervision of construction.

This whole exercise worked out to be considerably less expensive than paying Gibbons Construction who had quoted \$58,399.90 for the same job.

The soil shed reconstruction was on hold until the wall was built. In the meantime soil was being barrowed through the lounge to the greens.

6th June 1985

A document, "Future of the Club" was prepared and presented to members by a sub-committee chaired by A.A. Dodds (Club President 87/88)

It was noted that the members were ageing and less inclined to do the hard manual work required.

A Council house on the Eastern side of the entrance is in bad shape and therefore likely to be demolished.

It was noted that 1/3 of total income is derived from bar sales, so a bigger and better lounge is necessary.

Friday night "nibbles" well received but something "hot" would be welcomed in the winter months.

Need to improve beer handling equipment overdue.



If and when the Club grows with the installation of three greens, extra seating will be necessary and the kitchen would need relocating and upgrading to cope with at least 200.

Hall hireage rates considered to be too low.

Indoor Bowling Club has a membership of 100 after 20yrs. 70% are also members of the two Bowling Clubs. When running open tournaments they can cater for 112 players at one time. Income from Indoor Bowls for last five years, \$5400.00. All equipment belongs to the Men's Bowling Club.

1986

Membership remained closed from 1983 with both Clubs together, totalling almost 300 members.

Planning in place to convert greens to Cotula.

Work commenced on the cool room and bar alterations. The estimated cost was \$10,688.90.

Priorities set for:-

Third green with artificial surface. (Estimated cost \$100,000)

Relocation of kitchen

Parking areas

Member, Les Sherwood, donated a trophy for "Men's Championship Triples"

3rd Aug 1988

Approval to install gaming machines sought from members.

The cost of a reconditioned machine was \$4500, a new machine cost \$9000. The license fee was \$400 while the annual fee was \$100 for each machine installed.

Approved and two machines were purchased.

13th June 1989

Members Pauline and Gordon Wilkinson donated \$10,000 to assist with the cost of building foundation of the new "C" green.

27th May 1989

Proposed alterations to the interior of the Club Rooms started to stall when representatives of the Women's Club at a combined meeting said that they were advised by their solicitor to listen but not to vote on any proposals.

Two further attempts were made to get formal approval from the Women's Bowling Club without success despite the fact the Ladies had verbally given their approval. According to the minutes no reply was ever received from the BBWBC.

Sept 1989

Auckland City Council agree to lend BHB Bowling Club a sum of \$80,000 for two years at 10% interest. The money was required to help finance the new "C" green.

9th to 21st Jan 1990

XIV Commonwealth Games—The BHB Bowling Club hosted the Canadian Team of 7 Men and 7 Women plus 2 Managers.

Canadian flags were flown, and regular competitions were arranged together with sightseeing tours.

5th July 1990

A plan to redesign the pavilion was accepted by both Clubs but still never formally agreed to by the Women's Club.



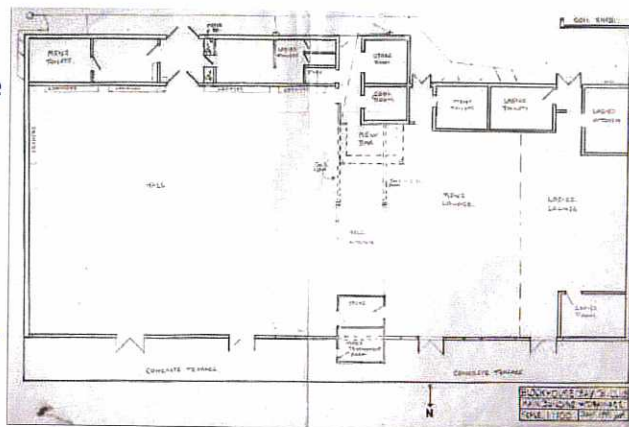
1st March 1990

Auckland City agree to extend two year loan to five years

8th Sept 1990

A Special AGM was held to consider and approve the new concept for the pavilion as illustrated. All members were sent a small copy of the plan and a larger copy was displayed on the Club notice board.

A quotation from Batley Builders was accepted for a total of \$55,383.75 incl. GST. in October 1990.



1990

The Council Parks Dept supplied 350 plants and shrubs for the banks and perimeter of the Club grounds.

1993

Alterations to interior of the Clubhouse completed with all members being extremely impressed.

1994

Council agree to install lighting on RHS of entrance and to seal remainder of driveway.

1995

Old shed removed from under the Totara trees at top of drive.

2000

ASB make a grant to assist with makeover of "B" green.

Replacement of toilet facilities completed. The services of Al Grace, Brian Harris and Arthur Lane were acknowledged.

The BHB Soccer Club were invited to make use of the Club facilities.

2001

The efforts of Tom Vincent regarding his untiring efforts on the "B" green makeover were formally acknowledged.

A further three poker machines at a cost of \$5000 each were purchased.

2nd Feb 2002

A touring party of twenty-four Bowlers from Jersey (Channel Isles ) were hosted by the Club.

March 2002

The subject of amalgamating the Men's and the Women's Clubs was raised. "B" green drainage completed.

Mrs Colin Thomson donated a trophy to replace the shield used for Men's Championship Fours.

Aug 2002

The existing gaming machines to be phased out by 2004 and replaced with more up-to-date models.

Dec 2002

Installation of Sky television postponed because executive could not justify cost benefits.



Nov 2003

New cool room installed behind the bar.

April 2004

A cost of under \$10,000 for some additional shelters was submitted by Tom Vincent, Al Grace, George Wallace and Bill Fergusson.

Approval was given and these would be installed before the winter.

The Turf institute rated the Club greens in the "Top Ten" in Auckland

New carpet laid in the lounge. Approach made to Portage Trust for assistance to purchase Chairs and Tables at a cost of \$21,555

Sept 2004

A plastic awning installed to provide an outside lounge area for smokers.

April 2005

New 60inch Sony LCD TV was installed in the lounge. The executive accepted an offer from Robyn Cross to pay the Sky reception fee for twelve months.

April 2006

At a Special AGM formal approval was given to amalgamate the two Clubs under a revised Constitution.

Aug 2006

First edition of Club bulletin, "Roll-Up" , published and edited by Roger Pye.

5th May 2007

Plans for Kitchen and Bar upgrade presented to members.

June 2007

Blockhouse Bay Bowls named "Club of the Year—2006/07" at Auckland Bowls annual awards luncheon.

3rd Sept 2007

New tables installed in the Hall.

Avondale Community Trust agree to pay up to \$27,000 for installation of lights over the carpark by "C" green.

3rd Dec 2007

New Club shirts and logo for amalgamated Club approved.

31st Jan 2008

A tour party of forty members from "The Friendship Foundation" of Jersey (Channel Isles) visit again.

March 2008

After thorough research by George Wallace and Allan Smith a decision was made to replace the Astrograss on "C" green with a Greenweave woven carpet surface at a cost of \$150,833. A generous grant of \$100,000 by The West Auckland Trust was an important contribution.

June 2008

Blockhouse Bay Bowls named "Interclub of the Year"

July 2008

Alterations to the Kitchen completed.



## Life Members

★ Deceased

### Women's Club

**LILLIAN. BOOKER ★**

1957 Foundation Member - 1957-58 Fund raising Committee - Rejoined Club in 1960 - Executive Committee 8 years - Match Committee - Umpire and Coach  
1968 - Life Member

**VENA. MARCH ★**

1957 Foundation Member - Executive Committee 16 years - Match Committee 5 years - Trading Table - Umpire and Coach - 1961-62 Club President - Club Patroness  
1975 - Life Member.



**DAISY POLKINGHORNE ★**

1957 Foundation Member - Fund raising Committee - Club Executive 11 years - Secretary 10 years - Treasurer for 3 years - 1959-60 President - Match Committee - Grading Committee - Umpire and Coach - Centre Delegate for 14 years - Centre Executive Committee - 1977-78 Centre President - Club Patroness 2 years  
1975 - Life Member.



**JULIE, NICHOLLS ★**

1957 Foundation Member - 1960-61 Fund raising Committee - Rejoined - Joined Club Executive 1964-65 Club President - Match Committee - Grading Committee - Social Committee - Centre Delegate  
1984 - Life Member.



**LILLIAN. FERGUSON ★**

1963 Joined Club - Club Executive for 10 years - 1973 - 74 Club President - Match Committee - Tournament Committee - Grading and Social Committee - Trading table 15 years and Centre Delegate  
1984 - Life Member



**HAZEL. PRICE ★**

1971 Joined Club - 1975 Club Executive - Secretary 8 years - Match Committee - Social Committee 3 years - Centre Delegate for 21 years - Centre Executive/Match Convener for 8 years - Umpire and Club Patroness 6 years - 1983-84 Club President  
1986 - Life Member.



**SHEILA. LEAVER ★**

1979 Joined Club - 1986 elected to Executive - Treasurer 14 years - Match Committee 6 years - Grading Committee 13 years - Monday Indoor Bowls Convener 6 years - Terry Indoor Bowls President 5 years - For several years Sheila wrote scripts, then produced and acted in Skits which were performed on opening day - 1989-90 Club President.  
2004 - Life Member





**BERYL McLEOD**

1983 Joined Club - 1989 elected to Club Executive Committee - Secretary for 16 years - Tournament Committee 4 years - Monday Indoor Bowls Committee 7 years  
2004 - Life Member.



**DOROTHY MOODIE**

1977 Joined Club - 1991 Club Executive 15 years - Match Committee 8 years, 3 years as Convener - Tournament Committee 2 years, 1 year as Convener - Winter Tournament Convener 3 years - Grading Committee - Umpire - Coach - Selector - 11 years Centre Delegate - 3 years Centre Executive - Centre Match Committee 1 year - 1993-94 Club President - 2005 - 06 Senior Vice President - 1992 Foundation Member of Western Interclub Bowls - 3 years Chairperson and Delegate 10 years - Produced the skits for several years - Floral arranging and raffles - 2006 - Life Member.



**JOSETTE. LEVESQUE (Josie)**

1984 Joined Club - 1989 Club Executive - Social Committee Convener - Tournament Convener 8 years - Match Committee 2 years - Grading Committee 6 years - Selector for Junior players 2 years - Kitchen Duties for Men's Wednesday Tournaments for 6 years - Tended the Club Gardens for 13 years - Josie enjoyed taking part in the Skits performed on opening day - Organized Club Raffles - 1997-98 Club President

2007- Life Member

## **Men's Club**

★ Deceased



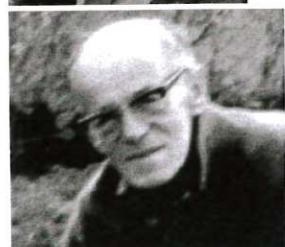
**GEORGE WRIGHT**

1956 - Foundation Member.  
1968-69 Club Executive - 1979-80 Club President - Match Committee - Social Committee - Greens Superintendent - Works Committee and Centre Delegate.  
1980 - Life Member.



**VIC LAY. ★**

1956 - Foundation Member - Club Executive Committee 11 years.  
1967-72 Club Secretary 5 years. 1972 - Life Member.



**CYRIL BUCKMAN ★**

1956 - Foundation Member - Tournament Committee - Hall Manager - Publicity Officer and Coach. Very active physical worker. Helped with the formation of the first greens. Involved in regularly cutting and rolling the greens. 1974- Life Member.





**RICHARD SHADBOLT (Dick) \***

1956 - Foundation Member - 1957-58 Works Committee - Dick rejoined BHB Bowling Club.  
1983- Life Member.

**JOHN LUPTON \***

1958-59 - Member of the Club Executive - 1962- 1970 Treasurer 8 years.  
1979 - Life Member



**WALTER PIPER. ( Punch ) \***

Club Executive Committee - 1971-72 Club President - Tournament Committee - Social Committee - Works Committee and Centre Delegate  
1979 - Life Member.



**BILL HARVEY**

Bill joined BHB Bowling Club in 1963. Club Executive Committee - Tournament Committee - Match Committee - Centre Delegate - Umpire and Coach - 1972-73 and 1984-85 Club President  
1990 - Life Member



**LEO MANN \***

Club Executive Committee - 1964-1967 Secretary 3 Years - Match Committee - Social Committee - Hall Manager and Umpire - 1970-71 Club President  
1982 - Life Member

**RICHARD HOWELL. ( Dick ) \***

Dick Joined BHB Bowling Club in 1964. Elected To Executive Committee - Lounge Manager  
1983 - Life Member

**S.R. WATTS \***

Club Executive - 1988-96 Secretary 7 years - 1990-91 Club President  
1995 - Life Member

**J.R.C. BROUWER**

Club Executive Committee - 1970 to 1980 Secretary for 10 years  
1980 - Life Member.



**COLIN. GORDON**

Club Executive - Bar Manager and Hall Manager 8 years - Colin, a Builder and Electrician by trade, over the years he has given his time working on the extensions and the alterations to the pavilion - 1993-94 Club President. 1995 - Life Member



## Past Club Executive Officers - Men's Club

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1958/59	S.K. Ewing	F. Johnson	L. Rose
1959/60	S.K. Ewing	F. Johnson	L. Rose
1960/61	S.K. Ewing	D. Grubb	L. Rose
1961/62	W.G. Winchcombe	D. Grubb	L. Rose
1962/63	A. Smith	F. Johnson	J. Lupton
1963/64	W.H.S. Hill	W. Winchcombe	J. Lupton
1964/65	G.C. Richardson	J.L. Mann	J. Lupton
1965/66	G.C. Richardson	J.L. Mann	J. Lupton
1966/67	P. Adamson	J.L. Mann	J. Lupton
1967/68	P. Adamson	V.C. Lay	J. Lupton
1968/69	G. Wright	V.C. Lay	J. Lupton
1969/70	G. Wright	V.C. Lay	J. Lupton
1970/71	J.L. Mann	V.C. Lay	J.R.C. Brouwer
1971/72	V.E. Piper	V.C. Lay	J.R.C. Brouwer
1972/73	W.A. Harvey	J.O. Currie	J.R.C. Brouwer
1973/74	L. Menzies	J.O. Currie	J.R.C. Brouwer
1974/75	G.P. Selak	J.O. Currie	J.R.C. Brouwer
1975/76	D.O. Yates	J.O. Currie	J.R.C. Brouwer
1976/77	P.E. Wood	J.O. Currie	J.R.C. Brouwer
1977/78	W.T. Webb	O.F. Eustace	J.R.C. Brouwer
1978/79	J.O. Currie	O.F. Eustace	J.R.C. Brouwer
1979/80	G. Wright	R.P.F. Dixon	J.R.C. Brouwer
1980/81	J.T. Small	R.P.F. Dixon	W.L. Hirst
1981/82	A.R. MacLean	R.P.F. Dixon	W.L. Hirst
1982/83	T.H. Vincent	R.P.F. Dixon	W.L. Hirst
1983/84	R.J. Sadler	R.P.F. Dixon	W.L. Hirst
1984/85	W.A. Harvey	R.P.F. Dixon	M.J. Challinor
1985/86	R.C. Scott	G.A. Vincent	G.P. Selak
1986/87	W.L. Hirst	G.A. Vincent	G.P. Selak
1987/88	A.A. Dodds	G.A. Vincent	G.P. Selak
1988/89	T.H. Vincent	R.P.F. Dixon	S.R. Watts
1989/90	R.J. Sadler	R.P.F. Dixon	S.R. Watts
1990/91	W. Caskie	R.P.F. Dixon	S.R. Watts
1991/92	S.R. Watts	B.L. Fox	S.R. Watts
1992/93	D. Cole	B.L. Fox	S.R. Watts
1993/94	C. Gordon	K. McCarthy	S.R. Watts
1994/95	L. Vine	K. McCarthy	J. Archer
1995/96	J. Lees	K. McCarthy	S.R. Watts
1996/97	J. Bell	B. Cashmore	J. O. Currie
1997/98	J. Bell	B. Cashmore	J. O. Currie
1998/99	J. Hulse	B. Cashmore	J. O. Currie
1999/00	R. Cross	B. Cashmore	J. O. Currie
2000/01	R. Cross	B. Cashmore	J. O. Currie
2001/02	F. Francis	B. Cashmore	J. O. Currie
2002/03	R. Harris	B. Cashmore	A. Smith
2003/04	R. Harris	A. Duthie	A. Smith
2004/05	B. Smith	A. Duthie	A. Smith
2005/06	B. Smith	A. Duthie	A. Smith



## Past Club Executive Officers— Women's Club

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
1958/59	B. Rose	D. Polkinghorne	D. Polkinghorne
1959/60	D. Polkinghorne	L. Garrard	D. Polkinghorne
1960/61	D. Collett	L. Garrard	A. Ferguson
1961/62	V. March	H. Parry	M. Scott
1962/63	M. Schlaadt	J. Holmes	J. Buckman
1963/64	E. Cummings	C. Barr	J. Buckman
1964/65	J. Nicholls	C. Barr	J. Buckman
1965/66	V. March	L. Smythe	J. Buckman
1966/67	M. Schlaadt	D. Polkinghorne	J. Buckman
1967/68	E. Cummings	D. Polkinghorne	J. Buckman
1968/69	G. Craig	D. Polkinghorne	J. Buckman
1969/70	M. Menzies	D. Polkinghorne	J. Buckman
1970/71	L. Smythe	D. Polkinghorne	J. Buckman
1971/72	L. Smythe	D. Polkinghorne	J. Buckman
1972/73	A. Miller	D. Polkinghorne	E. Gordon
1973/74	L. Ferguson	D. Polkinghorne	E. Gordon
1974/75	I. Jeyes	L. Smythe	M. Howell
1975/76	E. Abbott	H. Price	M. Howell
1976/77	D. Ha'uh	H. Price	M. Howell
1977/78	M. Howell	H. Price	O. Whalley
1978/79	J. Webb	H. Price	O. Whalley
1979/80	G. Yates	H. Price	M. Howell
1980/81	J. Davis	H. Price	M. Howell
1981/82	A. Thomas	H. Price	M. Howell
1982/83	F. Hill	H. Price	M. Howell
1983/84	H. Price	M. Smith	M. Howell
1984/85	V. Mains	M. Smith	E. Gordon
1985/86	V. Watters	M. Smith	E. Gordon
1986/87	O. Whalley	M. Hewitt	E. Gordon
1987/88	J. Small	D. Vincent	E. Gordon
1988/89	M. Hewitt	D. Vincent	V. Vincent
1989/90	S. Leaver	B. McLeod	V. Vincent
1990/91	J. Johnson	B. McLeod	V. Vincent
1991/92	E. Gordon	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1992/93	V. Vincent / M. Kime	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1993/94	D. Moodie	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1994/95	B. Sergeant	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1995/96	M. Taylor	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1996/97	Y. Martin	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1997/98	J. Levesque	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1998/99	G. Shepherd	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
1999/00	L. Engel	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
2000/01	C. Vincent	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
2001/02	A. Turner	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
2002/03	A. David	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
2003/04	F. Jacomb	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
2004/05	C. Cundall	B. McLeod	S. Leaver
2005/06	G. Carlsen	D. Smith	L. Brewin



## **Past Club Executive Officers- Post Amalgamation**

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer
2006/07	P. Cheesman	A. Duthie	A. Smith
2007/08	P. Cheesman	A. Duthie	A. Smith
2008/9	R. Harris	A,Duthie	A. Smith

## **Successful Club Bowlers**

**Blockhouse Bay Bowls has a list of Bowlers who by reason of their own skill and ability have achieved multiple successes on their way to the pinnacle of their bowling careers.**

**All members who are able to win five Club Championship titles are presented with a "Gold Star". After each further five Club Championship Titles that member is given a "Bar".**

**One Blockhouse Bay Club member, Fred Francis, has so far managed to accumulate 44 major Club Championship titles. This achievement means that Fred now has a Gold Star and seven Gold Bars.**

**Doug Cole has the unique distinction of winning both the Junior and Senior Single Championships in the 1982/83 season.**

**Blockhouse Bay Bowls are proud of their "Five Star Winners". They are listed as follows :-**

G. Wright (Two Bars)  
 F. Francis (Seven Bars)  
 W. Harvey (One Bar)  
 D. Cole (Two Bars)  
 T. Walley  
 S. Whynn (Two Bars)  
 M. Jacomb (One Bar)  
 T. Vincent  
 M. Vine  
 R. Bannan (One Bar)  
 R Hoggart  
 J. Anstis  
 L. Gilroy  
 G. Lake  
 R. Batley

R. Wills  
 D. Matulich (One Bar)  
 G. Wallace  
 L. Brewin (Two Bars)  
 K. Seaman (Two Bars)  
 J. Page  
 G. Sheperd  
 J. Levesque  
 D. Smith  
 W Frederickson  
 V. Megson  
 M. Thumath  
 P. Vine  
 R Scott



## Are You An Active Member

This poem was first printed in a sub-committee report to Bowling Club Members on the "Future of the Club" in 1985

Are you an active member?  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you just contented  
Your name is on the list.

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock?  
Or do you simply stay at home  
Then criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part  
And help the work along?  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belong?

Do you push the cause along  
And really make things tick?  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

Think it over, member,  
You know the right from wrong.  
Are you an active member,  
Or do you just belong?





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