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# A Welcome Message from our Bowls President

It's a great honour, and privilege to be President of Mornington Bowling Club in this our Centenary year.

Since 1917, there have been 68 Presidents before me. I won't name them all, but one I would like to mention is A.J.Kirton who, according to our honour boards, served from 1924 – 1949, 25 years as President, this guy is my hero.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our forbears; the 46 men that established the first 4 rink green in the November of 1917, but sadly, soon after, they had to close as the task of watering by hand proved too much for them. A permanent water supply was installed in 1921 and the green was re-opened on 30th January 1922 with a one rink match against a team from Camberwell.

1923 saw the opening of the Mornington Croquet Club on what is now known as Green 3. Ladies, still not allowed to bowl, would play croquet whilst the men bowled.

After many years, the Ladies finally won their battle, and a Ladies Bowling Club was formed in 1947 on the old croquet green. They would be known as 'Associates'.

In 1951 the inaugural meeting was set up between Rosebud, Mornington, Frankston, and Sorrento (Sorrento did not attend), and the Peninsula Bowling Association was formed. The first trophy, known as the Hart Cup, donated by Ted Hart (Fitzroy BC), was contested by the four clubs, and would continue every Wednesday afternoon.

By 1956, the association had achieved the R.V.B.A. requirement of no less than three clubs, with a total membership of not less than 200 for 4 of its 5 years prior to 1956. This meant the Association could send a councillor to the RVBA, this being Harry Beck (Rosebud BC).

As part of our Centenary celebrations we are introducing the 'Centenary Cup', a trophy that will be contested, annually, over a two day competition by the same four clubs. Also included will be Mornington Civic Bowls Club, as they were once part of our club, and the Mt Martha Bowls club who we have a very strong relationship with.

Mt Martha now play a big part in our yearly calendar, 'The Winter Challenge', a Trophy donated by NAB, is contested over four twelve end games during the winter months, two at each club, Mornington BC being the current holder. Also we have Mornington/Mt. Martha mixed medleys, integrated teams of five. We play fours, triples, pairs and singles in a format much loved by both clubs.

Please take a bit of time to read this book. Apart from the obvious amount of hard work put in by the collators, you will find a lot of interesting, and sometimes surprising facts about Mornington Bowling Club.

**Ray Metherell**  
*Bowls President*

# Foreword

This booklet is the first attempt, to my knowledge, from anyone to put together some sort of historical record of the Mornington Bowling Club. It would have been a much easier task had someone put together something when the club reached its Jubilee year (or at some time not too much longer after that). It would also have been easier had we not thrown some of our history into the ‘dumper’ a few years ago.

Nevertheless, we have been able to unearth quite a lot of interesting information and anecdotes about the club, its members and some of its operation up until now. This has been achieved partly through the painstaking efforts of Susan Gullidge as she laboriously waded through the minutes of committee and board meetings stretching back over approaching 80 years. I think she has unearthed some interesting facts, stories and other evidence that reflects something of our past, as a club, and how we arrived at where we are today.

Aside from these minutes, we have gained further material from anecdotal evidence, interviews with people with long term associations with the club, old newspapers, memorabilia retained by people including photographic records they’ve kept, and the material displayed on the walls of the clubrooms including that found on the honour boards.

Val Wilson and the Mornington Historical Society provided some helpful advice and were able to produce copies of newspaper articles from the Peninsula Post, especially as they related to developments back in 1917.

We were also provided with an excerpt from a book ‘Saints By The Sea’, a Mornington Anglican Church parish publication from the 1990s edited by Ruth Carter which provided us with further detail on the life of their beloved Vicar during the period spanning WWII.

While we have focused on some of the history surrounding the club, it is by no means complete. Eventually, the research process has to cease in order to finish off what has been written and included to meet production and publishing deadlines. As a result, a number of leads and potential sources of information have not yet been followed up (e.g. RVMYS regarding F. M. Linley, Mornington Citizen’s Band regarding A. T. Pattinson, living former members who have a tale or two to tell, etc.). There are also more newspaper articles to be searched digitally via the TROVE website at the National Library of Australia than we’ve had the time to do thoroughly. We also have the potential to create bios of other people, especially those who are Life Members (some are no longer with us but there are people around who knew them well enough to be able to help us with some of the information we need, and there are others still living, e.g. Mr. Cyril H. L. Davis and Mrs. Hazel Davis are possible, especially while we have such ready access to Alex whose involvement with the club reaches back



further than anyone else; Ruth Davies while we have son Graeme living nearby and still involved in bowls; and possibly Cliff Goding, Ron Weymouth and Alec Coates). We may tackle some of this and include it as addendums, either prior to the distribution of this booklet or subsequently.

Along the way, we discovered that some of what was believed to be true about club history can be brought into serious question. F. M. Linley was not the first president of the club as claimed on the photograph in the clubrooms. A. J. Kirton probably didn't commence his presidency of the club until 1927 (Ed: *Sorry Ray.*) and our honour board may well have a couple of names missing off it as a result. The government website containing the details of former parliamentarians suggests that A. J. Kirton's second marriage began in July, 1911. His first wife died in April 1911 (Ed: *Wow, that was quick*). Newspaper public notices tend to confirm that he didn't marry for the second time until July, 1912. I think this is far more likely.

Newspapers are not always correct either. In one article, F. M. Linley was attributed as having donated £20 to the club. The following week, an apology appeared in the paper, with the amendment suggesting that he had "lent" the club £200. The truth of the matter was more likely that he bequeathed to the club a sum of £208/13/2 from his estate (source: an even later article again).

Throughout, I have often broken the rules associated with the accepted historical research process so that reliable conclusions could be made for inclusion within these documents.

Any glaring errors or omissions I will take responsibility for, and we will undertake to correct these within a reasonable time frame and then post a revised edition of this booklet on our club website. Faulty memories, including mine, and misunderstandings will have spawned a few more errors.

Hopefully, from here on, we as a club will take a little more care in maintaining and archiving our history (Ed: *The purchase of a fire-proof safe for storage of some records may be part of the solution. In addition, some of our records could be gradually converted to and stored in appropriate electronic formats.*). This is just as important as being responsible custodians of the club and its facilities so that others may enjoy the benefits that we enjoy today.

**Steve Missen**

April 29th, 2017

# Acknowledgements

Lots of people have helped in the production of this booklet, none more so than Susan Gullidge (Acting Board of Management Secretary and Membership Officer) who, aside from wading through minutes of meetings, also did much of the proof-reading and suggested many of the editor's comments that appear.

Susan is part of a Centenary Committee that also includes Ray Metherell (Bowls Committee President), Heather Hayes, Neil Hayes (current Board Chairman) and myself. This committee has met regularly many times, done considerable work and offered many suggestions towards achieving this Centenary Booklet. They have also organised and delivered on lots of other detail. It couldn't have been completed, and would have been the poorer for it, without them.

Our thanks are due to Richard Shanasy who has provided us with some of the aerial photos that are contained within this booklet. We're also planning on hanging one or two of these in the clubrooms.

We were pleased to conduct several interviews with both Bill Saunders (at 96 years old, the oldest living member of the club which he joined in 1967) and Alex Davis (almost 87 years old, and whose involvement at the club goes back to 1955/56 when he helped his Dad in the construction of the clubrooms, although he didn't join the club himself until 1960). Both of these gentlemen readily provided access to copies of their memorabilia including copies of newspaper articles and photos, much of which is of significant value to the club if we are to maintain some sort of history. We were also privileged to conduct interviews with Marj Lippiatt, Betty Paddle and Eve Hannes (all in their 90s).

Many people provided us with photographs or access to their albums which we've been able to make scanned copies of for future reference and access. Thank you, in this regard, to Robyn Williams, Stan and Sandra Glasser, Marj Lippiatt, Norm Etheridge, Russell Manners and Doug Brough (who provided a considerable quantity of memorabilia, including photographs on a memory stick). While we haven't used all of this material in the booklet, we will be retaining it in the archives and displaying some of it at the functions being held later this year.

A number of people who've been involved with the club for significant periods of time were asked to provide some reflections on their time at the club. You'll encounter these as you work your way through the booklet. Thank you to the following people for taking the time to do this: Robin Blampied, Doug Brough, Bob Churcher, Barry Emerton, Ken Fyffe, Valda Lechte, Betty Paddle and Barbara Smyth. Thank you also to Valda Lechte for interviewing Marj Lippiatt so that we could produce a bio of Marj and her husband Kel Lippiatt, and to Ken Fyffe for arranging interviews with Betty Paddle and Eve Hannes.

A special thank you here to a few people not associated with the club. Ray Gibbs, a keen local historian provided advice about where to source material (Trove NLA digitised newspapers database) and forwarded some of this material to us. The Mornington Historical Society through Val Wilson provided advice and copies of articles from the Peninsula Post, especially those from 1917. Christine Manktelow of St. Peter's Church of England, Mornington searched their parish archives for us and provided information on Rev. H. O. Watson, and information contained in the Remembrance Book on Jack Glasser whose ashes are buried in the Garden Of Remembrance located within the churchyard.

Thanks also to Cameron Lee who modified, using his computer graphic skills, our club logo and letterhead to reflect the fact of our Centenary occurring this year, and provided the various sizes and quality of images needed for the various purposes. Martin Cheeseman was, as always, supportive in collecting and providing various resources.

Next to last, thank you to Rob Curtis who not only provided us with a copy of Boronia Bowls Club's 50th (Jubilee) Anniversary booklet to help us with our ideas and what to include, but also spent considerable time negotiating the three sponsorships and associate advertising that will help contribute towards offsetting the cost of producing this booklet.

Finally, thank you to my wife, Robyn, for putting up with me as I focused so heavily on the task of producing and editing the booklet, especially over the last two months.

We think this covers all those that contributed in some way but please accept our apology if you have been omitted. It is nothing more than an oversight. Our thanks go to you too.

**Steve Missen**

# Year by Year Highlights

The original inhabitants of the land were the Bunurong people (also spelt *Bunwurrung*, *Boonwerung*, *Bunurowrung*, *Boonoorong* and *Bururong*), Indigenous Australians of the Kulin nation, who were thought to number about 500 prior to contact with Europeans. Their numbers were decimated by diseases contracted from Europeans, to which they had no natural immunity, and oppression/skirmishes (and worse) that reduced their numbers significantly. The cliff top where our club is located was most probably an aboriginal camp at some point.

**1861** The first European settlers came to the area in the 1840s looking for both timber and fish, but also took up pastoral leases. The township was declared and named Mornington in 1861 after the 2nd Earl of Mornington who, at one time, had been British Foreign Secretary.

**1864** September 24th – A public meeting was held to “apply for the whole of the Esplanade frontage to be permanently reserved”. This request was immediately granted by the Lands Department (now the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning). This was quite an unusual occurrence as much of the Australian coastal strip was set aside for public use (maybe for a Life Saving Club, a Yacht Club or Sea Scouts or similar, but not for use by sporting clubs such as a Bowling Club).

## **FROM MBC WEBSITE (Author unknown)**

*An aboriginal camp site, located on a cliff top overlooking Port Phillip Bay saw the introduction of Lawn Bowls to the Mornington Peninsula when the MORNINGTON BOWLING CLUB was established there in 1917.*

*This club was formed on the 1st June 1917 and opened with a four rink green in November of that year, but the task of hand watering by watering can proved to be too big a job for the members and the club closed. A permanent water supply was not available until 1921.*

*Another meeting was then held which confirmed the minutes of the 1917 meeting and the green was re-opened on the 30th January 1922 with a one rink match against a team from Camberwell.*

*The year 1925 brought an element of interclub competition when the Frankston Bowls Club was founded and established on the Frankston foreshore.*

*Because of the poor quality of both roads and transport of the day, bowlers living at the southern end of the Peninsula found it infinitely more convenient to travel across*

*the bay by ferry to play at the Queenscliff Bowls Club, one of the oldest clubs in Victoria having been established in 1883, just three years after the formation of the Victorian Bowls Association.*

*In 1934 the Flinders Council approved and constructed a seven rink lawn green in the David McFarlane Reserve at Sorrento.*

*It was not until nine years later in 1947 that a fourth club was established on the foreshore at Rosebud opposite the main shopping centre. The founding President and Secretary of that club Mr F E Wood and Mr G H Richardson then went on to serve as the founding President and Secretary respectively of the Peninsula Bowling Association which in turn was founded on the 25th September 1951.*

*The idea of an association had been spoken of between the members of the four clubs on the Peninsula, however it was not until after Ted Hart (Fitzroy BC) presented a cup for an annual competition to be conducted between the clubs that positive action was taken to form an association.*

*On September 25th 1951 at a meeting convened by Harry Beck (Rosebud BC) and attended by representatives of Rosebud, Frankston and Mornington clubs (Sorrento did not attend the inaugural meeting) the Peninsula Bowling Association was formed with F E Wood (Rosebud BC) being elected as its first President.*

*The 'Hart Cup' was contested between these clubs in the format of a pennant competition. The competition was introduced and played on Wednesday afternoons between the four member clubs of the new Association :- MORNINGTON, FRANKSTON, SORRENTO and ROSEBUD. Wednesdays were selected as businesses normally closed on that day, the reason being that banking facilities at that time were only available at the major townships, which necessitated a trip to that town by business owners to conduct their weekly transactions.*

*By 1956 the Association had achieved the RVBA requirement of having not less than three clubs, with a total membership of not less than 200 for four of its five years prior to 1956. In achieving this, the newly formed Association was now qualified to send a councillor to the RVBA. Harry Beck (Rosebud BC) was elected as the Peninsula's first Councillor.*

*The 1950's saw six new clubs established :- HASTINGS – 1953, DROMANA – 1954, SOMERVILLE – 1956, RYE – 1958, MAIN RIDGE – 1959, and WEST ROSEBUD – 1959.*

*Season 1954-55 saw the introduction of a Saturday Pennant competition. 1955-56 was also the last season in which the Wednesday competition was played.*

*The 1960's saw a rapid growth in the population in the area, this being largely due to its attraction to the many people who were approaching retirement. The Peninsula with its cheap land, relaxed style of living, and a mild climate combined with splendid beaches and its close proximity to Melbourne had long been a favourite holiday area for Victorian holiday makers.*

*This period saw yet another nine clubs established : - LONG ISLAND – 1962, YAMALA PARK – 1964, FRANKSTON RSL – 1964, RSL PARK – 1965, MOUNT ELIZA – 1960, CARRINGTON PARK – 1968, ROSEBUD COUNTRY CLUB – 1968, KARINGAL – 1969, and ROSEBUD RSL – 1977.*

*In 1970 the FRANKSTON BOWLS CLUB was renamed the CITY OF FRANKSTON BOWLING CLUB and in 1978 was relocated to its present location. This site was developed into a magnificent complex and was chosen to be the host venue for the 1980 World Bowls Championships.*

*1980 also saw the establishment of the MOUNT MARTHA BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB and in 1982 the formation of the MORNINGTON CIVIC BOWLS CLUB brought the number of member clubs of the Peninsula Bowling Association to 21.*

**1916** An application was made for permission to establish a bowling green.

**1917** **June 1st** – A bowling green was proposed sometime prior to this date (see Peninsula Post article published on 1st June). The inaugural meeting of the Mornington Bowling Club, organised and convened by Mr. F. M. Linley was held and the first Committee was elected (further details contained in Peninsula Post article published on 8th June).

The first Committee elected was:

President, Mr. L. J. Flannagan (who was also President of the Mornington Progress Association at the time; he, apparently, was an architect and did the design work on A. J. Kirton's home purchased in 1930 at 832 The Esplanade when it was subsequently renovated);

Vice Presidents, Messrs J. G. Barrett and F. M. Linley;

Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. T. Edgar; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. O'Gorman (licensee of the Royal Hotel at the time);

Committee, Messrs. Corney, McArthur, Nunn (almost certainly Robert Nunn, the son of Allen. Allen Nunn & Son were storekeepers in Mornington from the 1880s onwards. Nunn's Walk, Nunn's Reserve, and Nunn's Road were all named in recognition of Robert Nunn's contribution to the community which included 4 times as Shire President.), Thos. Male Sen.

(almost certainly Thomas Male, head of one of the pioneer families in the district. Males Road is located in the Moorooduc area) and Grantley (possibly Frederick).

This Committee subsequently met and drew up a list of rules and regulations for the operation of the new club on the understanding that these would then be presented to a general meeting of the Club for discussion and adoption.

**June 18th** – Tenders closed for supply of fencing (see advertisement in Peninsula Post from June 15th)

**July 14th** – Correspondence from J. R. O’Gorman, Secretary Mornington Bowling Club, dealt with at Shire of Frankston and Hastings Council meeting. Asked if they would be willing to sell the building on Old Baxter’s Flat Race course, and if so, at what price. Council passed a motion to the effect that they did not wish to sell the building (as reported by The Mornington Standard newspaper).

**July 16th** – Department of Lands grants Permissive Occupancy under the Mornington Foreshores Committee of Management to Mornington Bowling Club for an area 150 ft x 250 ft at £2 per annum.

**September 7th** – Report of developments at the Club including the statement that: *“The Mornington bowling green is showing a nice carpet of grass, and it is anticipated that bowlers will be able to play early in November.”*

**November 16th** – A further report of developments at the Club, this time including the statement that: *“The Mornington bowling green has received a final top-dressing for this season, and it is probable that opening day will be fixed for a date about the second week of December next.”*

**November 27th** – First general meeting of members is held at the Mechanics’ Hall. The rules and regulations as drawn up and adapted from established clubs by the previously elected Committee were adopted. 38 memberships (around 50 expected) at £2 2s paid up initially with a few outstanding subscriptions still to be collected. Several donations of £5 each had also been received. It was also agreed that debentures at £5 each be issued bearing 5% per annum to help meet immediate liabilities (see Peninsula Post article of 30th November).

**December 12th** – A green containing 4 rinks (estimated cost £100) was officially opened. This was the first official day of bowls on the recently built/developed greens. Hon. A. Downward unfurled a flag donated by Mrs. Flannagan (wife of President) and officially declared the bowling green open to the applause of those present. Mrs. Flannagan then played the first ‘Jack’

- 1917 cont.** amidst applause and Mrs. Blacker trundled a bowl. Teams from Malvern, Albert Park and Armadale participated on the day (see Peninsula Post article of December 14th).
- 1921** The Club restarted once Mornington received the promise of its' own water supply which helped to make green maintenance considerably easier. A couple of years prior to this, members had installed a tank at the Royal Hotel for the purpose of helping with the watering of the green.
- 1922** The annual subscription fee was raised from £2 2s to £3 3s (a 50% increase) and a visitors fee set at 10s.

*Sign #1 on the wall of the MBC clubrooms, 1917/1922*

**THIS CLUB WAS FORMED BY 46 MEMBERS ON 1ST JUNE 1917  
AND OPENED WITH A FOUR-RINK GREEN  
IN NOVEMBER OF THAT YEAR, BUT THE TASK OF WATERING  
BY WATERING CAN PROVED TOO MUCH. MORNINGTON GOT ITS  
WATER SUPPLY IN 1921 WHEN ANOTHER MEETING WAS HELD  
WHICH CONFIRMED THE MINUTES OF THE 1917 MEETING  
AND THE GREEN WAS RE-OPENED ON 30TH JANUARY 1922  
WITH A ONE RINK MATCH AGAINST A TEAM FROM CAMBERWELL**

- 1923** The annual subscription fee was reduced to £2 2s again (Ed. *Not surprising really*). Visitors fee was also reduced to 5s. Some friction occurred between the Bowling and Croquet Clubs over control and payments to greenkeeper. An adjoining croquet club came into existence in 1923.
- 1924** Electric lighting installed on green.  
Prior to there being other bowling clubs on the Mornington Peninsula, Mornington and Queenscliff clubs were known to visit one another with the aid of the ferry service for competitions from time to time (source: Dr. Anthony Moore).
- 1925** **April 24th** – Need for a bowling green in Frankston first raised. It was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Lieut. Colonel Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Moulder, that steps be taken to secure a bowling green for Frankston. Cr. Bradbury mentioned the fact that when previous action was taken the Mornington Bowling Club had offered to pay half the cost of construction. They did this because they were anxious to see a club at Frankston with whom they could play matches. Personally, the speaker thought that Frankston should stand on its own feet. (*Hear, hear*) (as reported about



the Frankston Progress Association meeting by The Frankston Somerville Standard newspaper).

Two extra rinks were added bringing the total to 6 rinks.

**August 20th** - Authority was given by the Department of Lands and Survey to occupy an additional area of 100 ft x 66 ft.

Frankston Bowling Club was formed and began operation enabling competition with a neighbouring bowling club for the first time.

**1926 August** – Mr. A. J Kirton elected to council. He served on Mornington Shire Council from 1926 to 1952 and was twice president (1927–28, 1947–48).

**September** – Mr. Kirton was endorsed as Nationalists candidate for the seat of Mornington against the sitting member, Mr. Downward, who was the Minister of Lands.

**1927 October** – An association consisting of the Chelsea, Carrum, Frankston and Mornington Bowling Clubs, under the name of the Peninsula Bowling Association, was formed. Councillor A. J. Kirton (Mornington) was President and Mr J. A. P. Ham (Frankston) Secretary. Competition matches for trophy and pennant were arranged, the first of the series of games being played on 22nd October.

**1924-49** A. J. Kirton - President of the Mornington Bowling Club for more than 20 consecutive seasons (see later note regarding doubt about when his Presidency commenced).

**1930s** All accounts had to be passed by the Board before payment.

**1932** President A. J. Kirton elected as MLA for Mornington after having been a losing candidate in both 1927 and 1929. Retired from politics 1947. (Ed. *Isn't it rather strange that he was never made a Life Member of MBC? Perhaps they didn't have such an honour prior to 1950.*).

AGM bank finances were £21.4.5 (\$35.84)

**1934** MBC hosted a rink of players that had recently toured England and Scotland (J. Murray, J. Whalley, T. Tatchell and W. Marsh) defeated a Mornington team (Young, Lynch, J. Simpson, Kirton), 27-13.

**1935** Mr. Kirton re-elected to Legislative Assembly.

AGM bank finances O/D £9.14.10 (\$15.78) – back in credit by November 1935

**1936** AGM bank finances £12.6.1 (\$19.94)

**1938** A donation of 10/6 (85c) was required to be paid by each member towards the MBC Carnival.

Prizes totalled £19.19.00 plus the Royal Cup distributed as follows:

Best rink:	1st	6 guineas	2nd	4 guineas
Pairs	1st	4 guineas	2nd	2 guineas
Singles	1st	2 guineas	2nd	1 guineas

**1930s and 1940s** New members could only be taken on (approved for membership) at the AGM.

**1940** **September** – Special meeting – Greenkeeper fired and given one week’s pay in lieu of notice.

Proposed new greenkeeper to be paid £4pw with duties to include full property maintenance and the serving of afternoon teas on all days where bowls are played.

**1941** **May** – still no permanent g/keeper appointed.

**June** – temporary g/keeper employed at £2pw.

**July** – new g/keeper appointed at £4.10pw.

**1942** AGM – A levy of £1 on all members to meet current club expenses.

Moved Mr. Watson, Seconded Mr. Baker “that the matter of wearing galoshes on the green be left to the committee.”

**1944** **September** – G/keeper resigned. President tried to dissuade him but was given a tirade of abuse!

AGM - The admission of lady members was deferred and passed back to the Committee to discuss and report back to a general meeting of members.

Lady bowlers – “in the event of any lady bowlers wishing to play, the club to accommodate them if the circumstances permit.”

**1945** Croquet club clubhouse purchased for £11 (\$17.82).

**August 20th** - Department of Lands grants Permissive Occupancy under the Mornington Foreshores Committee of Management to Mornington Bowling Club for an area of 100 ft x 66 ft at £2 per annum.

**August 27th** – “After considerable discussion it was recommended that the club cannot see its way clear at present to admit ladies as members of the club. Lady bowlers will be welcome if room is available.” AGM – Above put to members.

**1946** AGM “Power Electric Mower” purchased at £75.16.0 and “demonstration be asked for”.

**October** – Alterations to pavilion cost £39.10.0 and plate glass £5.

**December** - £50 for completion of tea room, installation of electric light and gas and water connections. First insurance policy taken out to the value of £250 - £225 on buildings and £25 on plate glass.

Union sets marginal rate for a Greenkeeper at 50s per week (to operate from Jan 2nd 1950).

**1946-47** 65 members. New tea room added to club house.

**1947** AGM – “The Secretary moved as a recommendation to the General Committee that a Ladies Bowling Club be formed on the old croquet green. This was seconded by Col. Stahle (Ed. *Probably should read either Lt. Col. Stahle or Lee Stahle although his actual name was Leon*) who promised to help financially, if needed. Other supporters were P. Ford, E. Bishop, S. F. Bishop, C. Fielding and the President”.

Croquet Green – price for 3 rinks, material and labour - £40. It was moved that only 2 rinks be prepared with the cost not to exceed £15. Due to the short time the rink would be open, fees for the first year to be £1.1.0. Ladies to be Associate members.

Annual subscription was raised (set at) to 4 guineas.

Greenkeeper pay of £6pw to include croquet green and surroundings.

New lavatory built/provided at a cost of £30.

**December** – Permission was given to the Secretary for a 3 month trial to establish refreshments in the form of Temperance drinks.

A Special General Meeting was held to move that Sunday bowling be permitted from 2.00pm – 5.30pm effective 4th January 1948.

MBC approved admittance of Associates. Committee decided to limit the number of Associate members to 32. Associates were to have no voice in the management of the club. Rules and Bylaws fully listed.

**1948** Two members (Thos Silling and Wilfred Pitt) requested a Special General Meeting at which they proposed the following motion be brought: “That a member being elected as President of the Mornington Bowling Club, shall not be eligible (sic) to continue in that Office after two years, and shall become a Past President of the Mornington Bowling Club.”

**1948 cont.** (Ed. *Was this a reaction to the fact that A.J. Kirton had been president for over 20 years? Or perhaps even an attempt to move him on?*)

E. W. S. Bishop requested his dissent to Sunday bowling be noted on religious and other grounds.

Ladies rules of play drawn up and incorporated into the minutes. New lavatory at a cost of £30 provided.

**January 8th** - The opening meeting of the lady associate members of the Mornington Bowling Club took place.

**April 15th** - The first tournament of the Mornington Ladies' Bowling Club was scheduled for last Monday April 12th, but owing to rain, had to be postponed. The trophy for the tournament was provided by Mr. Ward of the Mornington Bowling Club (also one of the coaches of the ladies). "*Keen interest is being taken in the Ladies' Club, and new members are being welcomed each week.*" The secretary is Mrs. Goldberg (as reported in The Frankston Standard). Ladies began operations with separate competitions held on separate days to the men.

**1949** Motion: "*That the ladies be permitted to entertain one rink of the Mordialloc Lady Bowlers on the green on Wednesday, 9th inst.*"

Ladies Green: "*That it was estimated that it would take £50 to put the ladies' green in order and the sub committee recommended that no action beyond periodic cutting of the grass be taken as the expenditure was not justified at the present time.*"

"The Hon. Secretary reported the offer of 'Wolfdene' to the club as a site for bowling (green and clubhouse) by J. Chapman (Schmid), Estate Agent, Mornington. Resolution: "*That the agent be informed that the club is not interested in the proposition.*" Moved: Carson, Seconded: Lyne. Carried.

**1951** Mixed bowls "*permissible*" on Fridays and Sundays.

**1952** Additions to existing club rooms completed.

20' x 16' extension to 'Tea Room'.

Subs – men £5.5.0, women £2.12.6, Green fees set at 4s.

Billiard table installed in clubhouse.

**1953** President Leon R. D. Stahle (1892 – 1987) awarded a C.B.E. (Ed. *It says M.B.E. in some meeting minutes. Honour board is correct and we were able to confirm this through a number of resources including the Australian War Memorial. He was a Lt. Col in the Australian Army and a POW in Changi.*)

*There is a sketch available of him drawn by Murray Griffin in 1942 while he was a prisoner. There is no detail as to why he received this award apart from the phrase 'mentioned in dispatches.').*

**July** – “Immediate Past President of the Associates becomes a member of the Committee without election.”

Days of play – “Associates shall not play on the greens Saturday, Wednesday or holidays or days other than those set aside for them.”

**November** – Bulk goods for use in the kitchen to be placed under lock and key (Ed. *Dishonesty is not a new thing, obviously*).

P.T. instructor Ted Larson, a former North Melbourne ruck man and defender, knows the value of bowls as a therapeutic aid. This is probably the reason why Mr. Jim Wilson (Jim is one of our Life Members), of Mornington Bowling Club, coached ‘Mary-port’ patients for a pairs tournament that was to be held around Christmas time. The story was told briefly in the November “Rehabilitée”, a breezy little magazine produced and edited by patients at the Rehabilitation Centre in Mount Martha. Ted and Jim received kudos for implementing a valuable idea in a sport that could prove to be a very popular therapy.

**1954** Billiard table sold (Ed. *That didn't last long!*).

**1953/54 & 1954/55** Club member L. R. D. Stahl C.B.E. was president of the P.B.A.

**1955** A telephone was installed for the Secretary's use.

£3 refunded towards rental.

Ladies allowed to increase membership to 40.

*“It was decided that new players arrange to cater for themselves on a Thursday to allow ladies to be free for their own games.”*

**November** – Motion put “*That we make formal application to Licencing Court for Liquor Licence.*” Carried 8-2.

**1956** **April 26th** – Meeting of members called to discuss concerns about the outmoded clubroom facilities and the way forward including financing any project. Committee was requesting permission to prepare plans and investigate finance options. A call for members to take up a Debenture Issue (£10 each) as a means to raise the necessary funds so facility upgrades could occur was made. Special meeting also discussed a loan of £2,000 at 5.5% interest over 15 years.

**1956  
cont.**

Ladies invited to the Board meeting to hear views of committee regarding the new clubhouse and to give suggestions.

President C. H. L. Davis won P.B.A. Champion of Champions.

Specifications and plans developed for new clubhouse.

Financing of new Clubhouse – Introduction of £10 joining fee for new members - contribution of £5 per member called for - £10 levy also called for to be repaid at a later date.

September extract from P.B.A. report: “*Refreshments as far as Mornington is concerned be biscuits and cheese – this club not sympathetic to elaborate catering.*” (Ed. *I don't think we've changed our position on this too much.*).

December – Member Cliff Goding (owner/operator of Moorooduc Timber) offers to discount timber for the new clubhouse.

*Sign #2 on the wall of the MBC clubrooms, 1957*

**THIS PAVILION WAS ERECTED BY  
THE VOLUNTARY EFFORTS AND  
ENTHUSIASM OF MEMBERS AND  
ASSOCIATES SUPERVISED BY THE  
PRESIDENT CYRIL H.L. DAVIS WHO  
OFFICIALLY OPENED IT 5TH OCTOBER 1957**

**1957**

New clubrooms proposed at a cost of £2,750 to be built to lock-up stage by October 1958 to replace oldest/poorest facilities on the Peninsula (according to the Committee). Total cost £4,500. An application to Mornington Peninsula Shire for a loan of £2,000 was made.

Peninsula Post edition February 1957 – letter from club sent to editor protesting bad taste of paragraph and that all members resent the inference (Ed. *We have not been able to locate the offending article.*).

**April** - A green is set aside for pennant practice.

P.B.D. made suggestion to clubs for Saturday Pennant – MBC in favour of 1 x A team and 1 x B team for 1957/58 season.

**August** - new clubroom building commences.

Membership £7.7.0

Electric lights for night bowls were erected.

Night bowls fees £2.2.0 for members, £1.1.0 for Associates.

AGM - Commemorative plaque to be affixed to new pavilion and inscribed as follows: "*Pavilion opened 5 October 1957; erected with voluntary labour and donations.*"

**October** – Moved that Mornington Bowling Club takes steps to obtain a tobacco licence.

Permissive occupancy granted to Mornington Shire Council for the property (1 acre, 2 roods 0 perches or thereabouts) at a rental of £10 pa by Department of Crown Lands and Survey.

Club undertakes to pay £105 on the first days of December and June each year for the next 15 years to council in fulfilment of the Permissive Occupancy Agreement.

Foreshore Reserves Committee – 10 guineas rental payable annually with fees being subject to annual review.

Greenkeeper wages set at £16.10.0pw

Shire Council directed club to insure the newly erected clubhouse for £6000 and to lodge the policy and renewal certificates received from time to time with council.

**1957-58** Croquet Club and pavilion – taken over so Green No. 3 comes into existence (was originally ladies' green when ladies' club commenced.).

**1958** **January** - "*Tobacco sales are the making of quite a successful venture and is appreciated by members who are availing themselves of this facility.*"

**April** - New green commenced 7 rinks 115' x 112' (up until this point had only one large green now referred to as Green No. 2) which is now referred to as Green No. 1.

**September** - Smaller croquet green now referred to as Green No. 3 (used up to this point for associates) had work commenced on it.

Approximate cost of ditches £147.

Subs set at £8.8.0

**October** - Associates

a) Limited to 60 members

**1958**  
**cont.**

- b) Nominations for membership passed to Associates to accept
- c) Future nominations limited to associates who are already a bowler and whose husband becomes a member at the same time (Ed. *So if you were a widow or single – TOUGH LUCK!*)
- d) **December** – No Associate bowling after 5pm.

**1959**

Club requested a grant of £79.10 from Council to offset the cost of materials for the replacement of 155 ft of tea-tree hedge with a timber fence at the front of the property. Council agreed to grant £70 to meet accounts from local timber merchants with the understanding always being that all labour was to be provided by club members.

Annual subs £8.8.0. Joining fee £10.0.0

Green fees 3/- per day, 15/- per week, 25/- per fortnight and 30/- per month.  
Locker fees 7/6

**June** - 2 sets of carpet bowls (mats, bowls, kitty) purchased. Indoor bowls was a success – between 16/6/59 and 22/9/59 a total of £78.2.6 had been banked.

**September** - 4 infrared heaters purchased to heat clubrooms.

**1960**

A further 177 ft of tea-tree hedge is replaced with timber fencing with club members supplying the labour and council granting £112 to offset the cost of materials.

**May** - Indoor bowls fees 1/6 per day to include afternoon tea; 1/- per night

**June** - Second mat and 2 sets of bowls purchased.

In 1960 nominations for office bearers closed at the time the AGM commenced, i.e. 8pm closed – AGM commenced 8pm.

AGM – Motion was put to include social members at 25% of the annual subscription. Carried unanimously.

**1961**

Motion for cigarette vending machine to be obtained was lost.

Associate membership number raised to 65 with further names placed on a waiting list.

Fees £8.8.0

New member Harry V. Jordan (Ed. *Possibly father of Kevin.*).

New tables and chairs purchased.



**1962** MBC recognised need for extra facilities/land to meet needs. An area known as Flinders Park between Tyabb Road, Yuilles Road and Government Road (Moomba Street) was suggested by the club. The club's plans envisaged 2 X 7 rink greens and a pavilion on an area 320 ft by 290 ft (2.18 acres) in Dallas Brookes Park.

Celebration dinner and function held at Kirk's on 17th April. Members, wives, associates and husbands charged 10/- per head and club subsidised up to 10/- per head.

Solo afternoons commenced and 4 card tables were purchased.

Tenders for extensions and alterations received. Club accepted tender for £1667 from G. E. Martin.

Mornington Shire Council granted a small extra portion of land to the club.

MBC made arrangements with National Bank of Australasia for an overdraft of £1300. All general committee members to be joint guarantors.

Motion: "That the Mornington Shire Council be written to asking that land be reserved for 2x7 rinks and a pavilion at the new sports area on the Tyabb Road".

Increase in Associates to 75 with 15 social members.

**October** - Membership 180 plus 75 associates playing on 18 rinks. Motion to close membership at 200 plus associates 75 with 15 social members. Waiting list created.

A previous request to Mornington Shire Council for a future site for bowling was refused. A second deputation requesting a site for future bowling was made.

**1963** The Manager of the National Bank of Australasia withdrew his membership application, so a motion was put to move the Club's accounts to the Bank of NSW, who accepted the account and granted an overdraft of £1000 for 3 years at 5.5% with committee members as guarantors.

Greenkeeper lost interest, and so his contract was terminated. A committee member was appointed as Greenkeeper.

Associates purchased a piano for £75.

**1964** Club member A. Young represented the Club in a Metropolitan v. Queensland match played at Burwood Bowling Club.

**1964 cont.** A donation was made to the Mornington Bush Nursing Hospital (now The Bays) – (Ed. *Was this the start of the Club’s association with The Bays Hospital?*).

New poles purchased for outside lights.

The following quote appeared in the June 1964 minutes (Ed. *Sound familiar?*).

“The necessity for wearing formal bowling attire on the occasions of club competitions – semi - finals and finals – was defended on the grounds that the wearing of formal bowling attire brought dignity to the occasions and gave significance to the event.”

**1964/66** Cliff Goding (one of our Life Members, father of Brian, father in law of Marg), held the Club Presidency.

**1965** The end of our financial year changed from 31 May to 30 April.

Subs raised to £9.10.0 (\$19), Locker fee 7/6 (60c), Visitors green fees 3/- per day, 15/- per week, 25/- per fortnight and 30/- per month (a shilling is roughly 8c).

Major purchases were a ‘roll up’ curtain for the servery and 3 oscillating fans installed on the walls.

Thomas and Mavis Muir – parents of Ian and grandparents of Chad joined the club.

**1966 February 14th** – Change from £sd to \$c (decimalization of Australian currency).

Proposal to extend the pavilion to the limits of the northern and western boundary fences to provide additional room/space for associates on the northern end and the members along the western side.

Greenkeeper tendered his resignation, which coincided with the start of MBC’s first bowls carnival.

A shutter was installed at a cost of \$50.

**1965/66** Annual report – 186 full members (8 super veterans), 8 members on leave of absence and 6 social members. Room to enrol 6 new members before maximum is reached.

**1967** A house at 11 Northcote Terrace was purchased for the new greenkeeper with a mortgage of \$7,000. Members’ debentures totalling \$2,600 (\$100 each) @ interest of 6% pa were raised. The greenkeeper paid \$15pw rent.

**May 8th** – Jack Glasser nominated and approved for membership. Moved: Mr. Gordon Ryan, Seconded: Mr. Prior.

**October 16th** – Bill Saunders nominated and approved for membership. Moved: Mr. O'Donoghue, Seconded: Mr. Goding.

Golden Jubilee of the Club celebrated.

**1969** Soft drinks now 10c per bottle.

Jack Glasser submitted letter of appreciation for letter of congratulations from club – this could well have been either for winning the club singles championship for the first time or it may have been related to a first time selection to represent Victoria. The Glasser family scrapbooks contain a number of letters along these lines.

AGM – Recommendation that No. 3 green be converted to artificial – deemed impractical and an unwarranted expense.

Rule 47: Motion passed to permit mixed bowling for trophies on one Sunday per month.

Fees: Subs - \$20, Joining fee \$30.

Visitors pay green fees – 30c pd, \$1.50 pw, \$2.50 pf, \$3 pm

**1969/84** An unprecedented (and unlikely ever to be repeated) string of Premierships in A (or Div. 1) occurred over this period. Our men's top side playing in the top grade of bowls on the Peninsula won 8 Premierships in a row, eventually only losing in the Grand Final to the City of Frankston in 1977/78. Our team then followed up by winning a further 6 Premierships in a row before losing again to the City of Frankston in the Grand Final of 1984/85.

In 1970/71, our team went through the season undefeated.

In 1971/72, although not able to repeat the feat, they were not required to play either a Semi Final or a Grand Final as they were 'up' a sufficient number of points earned during the season and, as a result were not required to play either final, winning 'outright'.

In 1972/73, we fielded two teams at the top level, calling them our A1 and A2 teams. The A2 team won the Premiership.

In 1974/75, we again fielded two teams at the top level. At the end of the season they played off in the Grand Final with the A2 team winning the Grand Final by a narrow margin.

**1969/84 cont.** In 1975/76, the two teams again played off in the Grand Final with the A2 team again winning by a narrow margin.

(Source: Notes on rear of team photo from 1970/71. Details confirmed by Alex Davis and Bill Saunders.)

**1970** Subs \$22, Joining fee \$30.

Club Championships: Can be played on any day so members are not penalised for refusing (or preferring not) to play on Sundays.

Jack Glasser provided a cup for a tournament (which one?).

Membership now up to 170.

**1971** Shorts allowed as approved RVBA clothing.

Permission for dancing one night per week. BYO licence obtained for special occasions.

**November** – Bill Saunders elected as Trustee of the Club.

**December 15th** – First sod turned towards sewerage system installation.

**1972** Subs \$25, Pensioners \$22.

Jack Glasser - Victorian Champion of Champions.

Club loan for present pavilion taken out in 1947 finally paid off in June 1972.

**May** - sewerage installation completed.

**July** - Green 3 fall away measured at 2.75”.

Associates asked permission to be allowed to purchase an oven.

**1973** Green fees up to 40c.

**1974** Alterations to kitchen carried out.

Extension to ladies’ toilet completed.

Subs \$27, Joining fee \$35, Pensioner subs \$22, Green fees 50c.

Purchase of typewriter for secretary undertaken.

- 1975** New round pegs on greens, plastic table numbers purchased, 12 new umbrellas purchased.
- Subs \$30, Pensioner subs \$25, Joining fee \$40.
- Extension to men's toilets (Ed. *Still one of the best views in town.*).
- July/August** – Article appears in press on Glasser family (Ed. *No idea which newspaper and haven't been able to view a copy of this article.*).
- 1976** Completed upgrading and extension of water service and sprinklers.
- AGM recommended “That we initiate a Veteran's Badge to be issued to those members 70 years and over”. Considered not necessary in this club!
- New ceiling fans installed.
- Jack Glasser runner up in State Champion of Champions.
- Proposed that information on the proposed new bowling club at Mt Martha be placed on the noticeboard – over the next few years, Mt Martha used MBC clubrooms for meetings and fundraisers – a forerunner of our close association!
- November** – New member Kelvin Lippiatt.
- Associates to be advised that authority is required from members for any amount to be spent over \$30.
- BYO licences now in force for special functions.
- Moved that we dispense with Electric Light Bowls and move to Twilight Bowls instead – Carried.
- 1977** Security lights erected on greens.
- Twilight bowls with Dromana had 93 participants.
- Electric lights removed.
- Dividing wall between hall and sunroom removed.
- Pennant results 76/77 season – A1 finished on top of the ladder, A2, B1, B2 and C finished second.
- Fees: Subs \$35, Pensioner \$30, Joining fee \$50, Locker \$2.
- Three additional fans installed.
- Duplicator purchased at a cost of \$100.

- 1978**     **February** - Jack Glasser has now played 103 interstate games.  
 Fees: Subs \$45 to include RVBA levy, Pensioner \$40, Joining fee \$50.  
 AGM motion to change the name to Mornington Bowls Club lost.  
 Steel electric light poles removed at a cost of \$450.  
 Dishwasher: “The General Committee has investigated the matter and has decided that at this time a dishwasher is not practicable.”
- 1979**     190 members – no details appear regarding associates.  
 P.B.A. – A motion proposing partial zoning for Pennant was lost.
- 1981**     MBC, at this juncture, was the only bowling club in Mornington and with membership capped at 200 for men and 180 for associates (ladies). Associates had a waiting list of 20.  
 Engineering Dept. of Mornington Peninsula Shire had a plan for a “future bowling club” on Tyabb Road Farm.
- 1982**     **September 1st** – Notice placed in original Mornington Leader advising of a meeting to be held at Uniting Church regarding the formation of a second bowling club.  
**September 21st** – Of the 60 present at the meeting, 40 were interested in joining the new club, insufficient to be viable. However, the club was formed with 82 founding members – some of whom moved from MBC.  
 MBC offered Green No. 3 for coaching and 40 people turned up on the first day.  
 A vote was taken by the ladies to see how many were interested in doing the dishes on Saturdays (Ed. *Why would they be?*)  
 P.B.A. Pairs (winners Jack and Ray Glasser), P.B.A. Singles (winner Alex Davis), Ray Glasser (State selection), Country Week Fours (runners up Howard Stewart, Tom Bartle, Allan Garlick and Jim Ellis), A1 and B1 Pennant Premiers, A2 runners up. 16 Super Veterans.
- 1983**     Mornington Civic continued to do coaching at MBC, and also used the facilities at the club on Sundays to play social bowls.  
 Measure for dress length located in ladies’ locker room. “Need someone to measure for you.”

**1984**     **May 28th** - Mornington Shire proposes change to occupancy arrangement to a permit issued by council with site rental fixed at 3-5% of the site value (in line with charges levied against other sporting bodies). (Ed: *We'd be struggling if we had to pay site rentals of this order now.*)

Loading sign requested for outside club entrance.

Capitation fees for R.V.B.A. amounted to \$181.

Kitchen alterations undertaken.

Two kero heaters purchased in an endeavour to reduce heating costs.

Motion to "*Reward Pennant rink with highest winning margin.*" Carried.  
Chickens to be awarded effective 6th October.

Total cost of building alterations \$9757.

Bar – cash drawer needed (Ed. *What were they using?*)

Russ Gannon – new member and bowler (older members will remember him).

Smoking: "*Concern voiced at Associates rules on smoking in the clubhouse at tea times. Refrain from Smoking notices had not been sanctioned. Decided that no overtures would be made on this matter.*"

**1984/85**     B. S. Nicholls (1922 -1998) elected President. Flying Officer Bobbie Sydenham Nicholls served as a pilot in the RAAF during WWII. He flew Halifaxes, a heavy bomber, with No. 640 Squadron (RAF) based out of England and was awarded a DFC in 1945. Post war he worked for the Australian Electoral Commission in various roles including as Divisional Returning Officer in the Mallee (based in Mildura) and as Australian Electoral Officer for Western Australia where he was heavily involved in the redistribution of electoral boundaries around 1980. He was also awarded an MBE in 1981 for his long period of public service.

**1985**     Jim Alexander was greenkeeper.

Liquor licencing hours extended to 7 days.

Con Van Haaster becomes new member (husband of Trudi).

Royal Hotel discontinued discount for purchases. Bottle beer price increased to \$1.60.

Pennant placings: A1<sup>1</sup> finished top of the ladder– lost to C of F, A1<sup>2</sup> – 8th, A3 – 7th, B1 – 4th, B2 – 9th.

**1985 cont.** AGM - Motion: That the club be incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 – Carried.

Subs 1985/86: \$70, Pensioner \$65, Joining fee \$50.

Wally O'Shannassy – Social member.

Quote for installation of gas to reduce heating costs \$3000. In addition, furnaces \$900, stoves \$600ea, piping \$3 pm.

R.V.B.A. and P.B.A. fees totalling approx. \$1600.

Jim Alexander, greenkeeper received a pay rise from \$6.95 ph to \$8 ph.

Ladies advised by letter that a feasibility study be carried out re installation of a dishwasher.

Brian Goding approved for membership

**1986** Vandalism on Green 3 – spotlight to be installed.

Bar operations progressing well.

Dishwasher installed at a cost of c.\$8000 (Ed. *Must have been a pretty good one.*).

Vale: Cliff Goding.

Fees: Men - \$80, Ladies - \$40, Pensioner - \$75, Joining fee - \$50, Locker - \$3

Maximum membership - Men and Ladies 200 each.

AGM: Kel Lippiatt voted in as President.

R.V.B.A. became an Incorporated body.

**August** – Invitation received to the dedication ceremony of the POWs Wall and Garden memorial.

**September** – Ken Fyffe admitted for membership (as of March 2017, is currently longest serving active club member, also a Life Member).

Lapsed BYO licence cancelled.

**October** – Meeting called by Chair of the Bingo Committee following complaints about his handling of the funds. In the ensuing discussion the Bingo Chair could not satisfactorily explain or verify the funds raised. He was asked to resign. If he failed to do so, expulsion from the club would be



considered. Discussion continued and a Committee member stated that there was a discrepancy “of at least \$5000”. Bingo Chair agreed it could be so. Bingo Chair agreed to resign.

**1987**     **1 June** – Inaugural meeting of the Committee of Management

Committee members:

John Martin (husband of Carlene)  
Mrs. F. Newbegin  
Don Smyth  
Mrs. Margaret Hall  
R. Dollman  
Mrs. Marj Lippiatt  
F. Parsons  
Mrs. Isobel Orr  
Kel Lippiatt  
Mrs. Mary Berry

This committee is made up of Men’s and Ladies’ Bowls Committee members.

Green fees \$1.50.

First photocopier purchased replacing Gestetner.

**August** – Horst Carl Hannes (husband of Eve) admitted as a member.

**October** – President J. Martin advised Committee of correspondence received from the Shire informing the club that they had 10 years to vacate the premises.

Bingo Committee had raised \$17,500 in a 9 month period.

Greenkeeper is Jim Alexander.

**1988/89** Proposal and responses to a Labor led State Government which wanted to relocate the club to make the property/foreshore more accessible to the public (proposed 10 year lease to give club time to relocate). Strong support for club to remain in its current location from Councillor Geoff Weber, in particular, and local Liberal member Robin Cooper. Strong rumour existed coming from a number of sources that the area was going to be turned into a car park for the Royal Hotel.

**1988**     Fees – \$65, Social \$22, Joining fee \$40.

**1988 cont.**      **June** – Letter from Shire advising that the Council had agreed in principle to set aside Pines Reserve as a future bowling site for the use of MBC.

Eve Hannes admitted as member.

**October** – Committee of Management renamed to Board of Management.

Response to President’s letter re compensation if the club is forced to relocate. Advised club “could” receive compensation on a 2 – 1 basis. “Although foregoing has not been confirmed, at least we do have some recommendation on paper, for what it’s worth.”

Since J. Martin took over the running of the clubs’ Bingo games, \$49,500 has been paid into club funds.

**1989**      New PA system purchased and installed.

Break-in occurred and TV stolen. Harding and Trapp offered to install their own TV with their own advertising display at a cost of \$1 per month with no additional cost to the club. Accepted (cost of replacement TV would have been around \$1000).

**April** – President said there was a strong possibility club would not have to move.

Fees \$75, Social \$25, Joining fee \$40, Locker \$3.

**May** – Meeting with Shire arranged re move. Petitions coming in from other clubs in support. Council gave full support to stay in situ. Ministerial meeting with Mrs. K. Setches (relevant Minister) sought.

AGM – Lady President Mrs. M. Hall becomes Chair of BOM.

**October** – Minister Mrs. K. Setches visited club and after inspection advised that club could remain at present site subject to a lease being drawn up by the Shire and the Club.

**1990**      Liquor licence costing \$868 purchased.

After further break-ins an alarm system was installed.

ANZ Bank advised that a \$150 sponsorship is available if a stand with pamphlets could be located in the clubhouse.

K. Lippiatt and W. Leak installed a new hot water service.

A quote was received to extend No. 2 green to full length north/south and new ditches \$15,800 – Actual cost was \$17,150.

Fees raised to \$90 on advice of auditor. All other fees unchanged. Green fees \$2.

Through a member, Coca Cola supplied a bottle fridge for the bar 'free of charge'.

**October** – Investments totalling \$107,930.17 and working account \$6,436.

Special General Meeting held to discuss changes to construction.

Proxy vote lost.

New photocopier purchased.

**1991** Club looking into ways to raise membership.

Work on No. 1 green progressing.

**April** - Ron Weymouth approved for membership.

Grand Hotel considering offering club 10% discount on liquor supplied (still supplying liquor until First Choice opened).

Mornington Peninsula Shire – Club rental \$2183 to 31/12/91

Greenkeeper's Award – 3% Occupational Super.

Kel Lippiatt - Bar Manager – hours M 11 – 7, T 3-7, W/Th 11 – 7, F/S 11/9, S 12 – 8

Free cash register installed in bar.

New locks to be fitted to bar and duty barman is responsible for locking clubhouse.

New front gate installed at \$165 - \$130 received in donations towards this.

R.V.B.A. warning on smoking – agreed area near bar to be designated smoking – all other areas non-smoking (Ed. *The poor barman!*)

Blakeley Case (former Bingo Chairman in 1986) "President Scurrah, who attended the court representing the Club reported that after being convicted, Blakeley was ordered to repay \$11,000 to the club from the sale of his house. Solicitor Koliass has been requested to act for the club in this matter and he advises that the club has no alternative but to wait until the house is sold which may be in the distant future."

"Secretary to make a Titles Office search to confirm details of war service loan and joint ownership of property."

**1991  
cont.**

A legal caveat was placed on Blakeley's property signed by the relevant parties on December 30th, 1991 to help ensure payment of restitution. New Westinghouse fridge purchased for kitchen \$840.

New mower for surrounding lawns acquired \$555.

Grand Hotel notified us of a price increase of 5c a bottle. Bar Committee set new prices.

New member David Gillan.

Complimentary drinks for sponsors and special guests available under strict supervision of a responsible member and must be entered into the book kept in the bar.

**1992**

Caveat placed on the Blakeley property. This was withdrawn after all outstanding monies had been paid on January 31st, 1992.

Quote for work on No. 2 green \$11,400 – to include No. 3 green \$15,650 - latter accepted. Work to start in March.

“Members to be permitted to practice in non-bowls attire while organised games are in progress, providing they do not play on the same green”.

Club's 75th Anniversary – mixed bowls and barbeque. 75 year badges \$5, glasses \$4.

Jack Glasser's achievements – suitable photo to be hung in recognition (Ed. *This is still located there.*).

Investments \$171,045 and working account \$16,945.94.

New sign at front gate cost \$420.

Greenkeeper Jim Alexander complained about wages of \$504.05pw.

Bequest from the Fox family of \$57,700 received.

Bar receipts for quarter totalled \$16,424 – 25% profit margin.

Building plans submitted to Dept. of Conservation and Environment approved.

Fees: \$100, Social \$25, Joining Fee \$40, Locker \$3.

Joe Brough (Uncle of Doug) joined Committee of Management.

Plans and specifications for alterations to cost \$974.

Smoking confined to ladies' and men's locker rooms.

Cleaner employed once a week @ £20.

Proposed plans of new building unveiled for inspection and comments from members.

**December** – Tom Muir (father of Ian) resigned.

**1993** New greenkeeper Geoffrey Tozer employed at a wage of \$515pw.

New club lease signed (duration 21 years).

Reconstruction of No. 3 green \$6,600.

New building -

Architect's fees \$600

Building fee \$780

Scaffold fee \$168

Footpath \$250 (subject to refund)

Inspection fees \$25

Steel plans \$581.30

Stumping \$15,200

Subs \$110, Social and Junior \$25, Joining fee \$40, Green fees \$2.50.

No smoking in main hall.

Permanent shelters installed North and South of all 3 greens.

Sewerage plans \$770.

New workshop and men's toilet erected at a cost of \$17,385.

Moved: "That the club adopt the mixed opening procedure set out by the R.V.B.A. for the club's opening on Saturday 4 September 1993." Carried.

Quote from R.L. and R.J. Carroll for \$17,691 for construction of cool room, bar, tournament office and verandah and a new room at the rear of the building, plus \$3,863.21 for extras. Included in the quote was the demolition of a pergola and the removal of concrete in front of clubhouse.

Opening day proposed as 20/03/94

3 new Indoor Bowls mats \$2,740.65.

Donations of \$830 from Vic Health grant and \$325 from Shire.

**1994** Investigate supplying soft drinks in the bar at minimum prices.

Victorian flag given to club – third flagpole needed.

Smoking ban – council has supplied no smoking signs and any smoking complaints could be directed to the council health department.

Subs raised to \$120.

Estimated costs to update kitchen, improve ladies' toilets and meeting room \$40,000.

Kel Lippiatt made a Life Member.

**March** – Inaugural Jack Glasser Day tournament takes place.

New kitchen floor - \$2,600, 1st section of cabinets \$4,950, 2nd section of cabinets \$7,650, roller door for kitchen \$350.

Liquor licensee changed from Sydney Scurrah to Brian Goding.

Objections received by Board re ladies smoking in locker room.

Ken Fyffe requested electric hand dryers – not warranted at present (Ed. *Still waiting on this one.*).

Geoff Tozer received an \$8pw rise.

New club furniture – 168 chairs @\$45, 12 tables @\$174, 9 folding tables @\$219. Total \$11,619. Paid for by MBC but purchased through the Shire and remains the property of the Shire for use by club members.

**1994/95** Major upgrade to buildings carried out by Bill Saunders (builder), Bill Leak (plumber) and Kel Lippiatt (drainer), Allan Denham and others. Extra 4 metres added along ocean side and view optimised with windows, etc. When carrying out the work including installation of plinth boards, marijuana plants were discovered growing underneath the building (rightly or wrongly attributed to some of the local young people) as this area was not blocked off (source: Bill Saunders). There was considerable difficulty getting plans approved by the Lands Department and Council. Other building improvements and maintenance issues were dealt with from time to time over subsequent years, often with Bill Saunders at the forefront going about his business in his usual quiet and unobtrusive way. Bill and Grace seem to have done a lot for the club over something approaching 40 years. At the time this history was written Bill Saunders is the oldest living club member and Life Member at 96 years of age having served 4½ years in RAAF signals during WWII at Port Moresby and in Darwin).

**1995** New members John and Gloria Evans.

Jack Glasser Shield to be placed in main hall.

Installation of automatic watering system at a cost of \$8,130, plus \$813 for rain detector.

Allan Denham provided 25 wooden spoon holders – these are still in use today.

AGM – reduced liquidity due to spending of \$55,877 on building and \$11,619 on furniture.

Greenkeeper Geoff Tozer received \$10pw rise.

Purchase of cordless phone @\$350 (!!!) (Ed. *Expensive by today's standards.*)

New bar fridge cost \$800.

Brian Goding resigned as Chair and licensee. Russ Gannon took over as licensee.

*Sign #3 on the wall of the MBC clubrooms, 1995*

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**1996** Casual labourer employed for a maximum of 50 hours at \$8ph.

New sun shelters and storage shed.

AGM – No nomination for secretary, no nomination for treasurer – nominations called from floor. Alec Coates accepted nomination as treasurer.

**1996  
cont.**

Planning permit for shelters and shed issued with conditions.

New members Heather and John (Jack) Missen.

New mower cost c.\$8,000.

New telephone number 03 5975 2470 (Ed. *This is still our number.*).

New shed c.\$6,000 and shade sails \$5,860.

Port Phillip Security Services appointed at \$24.60pw. Chubb contract cancelled.

**1997**

3 tables and 24 chairs at a cost of \$2,149.

Bar profit 1/4/96 – 31/1/97 \$3,934.

**April** – Frank Gregory new member.

AGM – no nomination for secretary.

Subs \$130, Green fees \$3.

Greenkeeper's salary \$600pw effective 1/7/97.

Credit balance \$13,485.69 and investment \$5,000.

**1998**

New members Col Walden, Valda Lechte.

AGM – Bill Saunders made life member. Vale Joe Brough.

No nomination for secretary – nomination from floor Alf Bawden.

Stan and Sandra Glasser move to Echuca, but offer to continue Jack Glasser Memorial Day.

Greenkeeper \$610pw.

Smoking ban in clubhouse.

New PA system.

Jack Glasser Day - BYO lunch (!!!!)

Total deposits \$36,036.

New members Bob and Marie Churcher.



- 1999** Refurbishing of Greens 1 and 2 costing \$21,250.  
Subs \$140, Green fees \$3.50.  
\$965 for elimination of disease in greens including the purchase of a new hose.  
New scoreboards – plastic not suitable and electric too expensive.  
Scoreboards could be assembled by obtaining pre-cut framing from Capital Aluminium and numbers from Ballis plastics at c.\$100 each (Ed. *Are these the ones still in use??*)
- 2000** Lan and Peter Hyde admitted as members.  
Noel Simpson and Rita Joynson admitted as members.  
Alec Davis made Life Member.  
ABN applied for.  
Increase in bar prices.  
All accounts to be transferred to one account with Bendigo Bank.  
Annual subs remain at \$150, Green fees \$3.50.  
Geoff Spencer joins BOM.
- 2001** Fax machine installed.  
Jack Missen is at the club on Tuesdays and assists with machine repairs and maintenance.  
Disabled parking spaces appear outside club.  
Monthly Sunday exchange visits with Mt. Martha commenced 25/03/01.  
Marj Lippiatt made Life Member.  
Green fees \$4.  
Geoff Spencer appointed as Public Officer.  
AGM - Absentee votes approved.  
Phone incorporating answering machine purchased.

**2001  
cont.**

“Possibility of ladies amalgamating with men, perhaps next year. One affiliation fee. Presently breaking the law if we don’t allow ladies to play with men in Pennant. Saturdays are free for working women to play Pennant. Clubs need to be aware that following the changes to the Constitution (R.V.B.A.) females will be able to play in all R.V.B.A. events including Pennant, but only if they are affiliated to the R.V.B.A. prior to participation.”

Lan Hyde affiliated to R.V.B.A.

**September** – Board secretary resigns.

**October** – Chair and Deputy Chair resign.

Membership drop – club in survival mode.

Membership 165.

Treatment of lady P.B.A. member still poor. Ladies still unwelcome to play on Saturdays. Being told R.V.B.A. Pennant has full control of the greens. Club to encourage ladies to play Saturday afternoons.

Lease renewed for another 11 years to December 2012 at a rent of \$750pa.

Meeting with Mornington RSL to discuss possible merger. Majority of members in favour.

Geoff Tozer (greenkeeper) pay set at \$640pw.

Expenditure starting to exceed income and will eat into term deposit.

Discrimination – Club starting to move through since new ruling. Some problems with men’s selection committee. P.B.A. gave out incorrect information and had been reprimanded. Lan now playing Pennant.

**2002**

Membership down to 133.

Letter from RSL saying they were now staying put.

Loss for 2001/2 could be \$12,000, using up all working capital. Term deposit needed to keep afloat.

Greenkeeper employment terminated effective 10/05/2002 as too expensive at \$640 per week.

Three tenders received for greens contract. Geoff Tozer’s tender accepted at \$22,500pa.

Security patrols cancelled – monitoring only to reduce costs from \$117pm to \$35pm.

Vale John Brough.

Funds at AGM \$13920 – finances still a worry.

New members Bob and Vera Cornwell, Wilma Callaghan, Judith Whitehead.

85th anniversary sponsors were The Dava Hotel and Mornington Mazda.

Men can now be affiliated to V.L.B.A.

Barbara Gillan made Honorary Social Member.

**2003** Second approach for RSL merger. RSL refused permission to bring pokies.

Funds \$17,175 should allow club to operate for next financial year.

It was suggested that hiring of hall could occur with the fee set at \$200.

Geoff Tozer granted new 2 year contract @ \$21,500pa, but no green rolling on Pennant days. Members to undertake this task.

Valda Lechte filled vacant Vice Chair position.

RSL again decided not to pursue merger.

Funds up to \$30,328 – suggested moving \$20,000 into Sandhurst account.

Green fees \$5 – raffle \$1.

**2004** New liquor licence @ \$51.50 would cover normal operations and functions.

Year end funds \$29,888 – an increase of \$12,713.

An experiment with tiffdwarf grass underway on Green No. 3 which was dug up and re-surfaced by hand with labour provided by members at working bees (source: Bob Cliffe).

Resurfacing of Green 3 with tiffdwarf grass was at a cost of \$3,000.

Subs stay at \$150, Social increased to \$40.

Geoff Tozer's contract extended for two years to 12/05/2005.

Grant of \$2,429 received from Vic Health for shade umbrellas.

**2004  
cont.**

Multifunction printer/fax purchased.

Col Walden won the club men's singles championship, the men's pairs and the mixed pairs. It is unlikely that this has ever been done before or since (source: James Wright).

Frank Gregory presented with award by R.V.B.A. (Ed. *We are still unaware of the reason for this award.*).

**2005**

**January 26th** – Club marched in Australia Day Parade (photographic evidence available).

Committee expressed concern that G. Tozer was not doing the work specified under his contract.

Funds at 31/05/2005 amounting to \$46,126.

AGM - Betty Paddle, Grace Saunders and Alec Coates made life members.

Pat Sieger (now Cliffe) new member.

Stockdale and Leggo sponsored new signs at club entrance.

New sign erected asking for Pennant players and new bowlers.

BOM AGMs changed from first Sunday in May to first Saturday in May.

Meeting with Mornington Peninsula Shire re proposed new lease at a rent of \$1,870 pa. Lease would be 5 years initial +5 years renewal +5 years option. As club is on Crown Land, matter would need approval from the Government.

**2006**

**January** – Funds now \$62,053 – increase due to bank interest and functions.

Three corner windows tinted at a cost of \$1,340.

Reconstruction of No.1 green with tifdwarf. Quote received of \$19,635.

Subs - \$150, New bowlers \$90, New bowlers 1/1 – 31/3 Affiliation only of \$30.

AGM – Ladies section unable to appoint a President or Vice President or Tournament Committee.

A joint tournament committee was introduced.

Uniform – “Pennant players to wear MBC coloured shirts with logos from sponsors.”

New members Don Archibald, Adam Virgona, Georgie Agnew, Trevor Martin and Bruce Rigby.

Signs to be placed on Greens 1 and 2 in honour of Frank Gregory and Kel Lippiatt and unveiled on opening day by Hon. Robin Cooper OBE MLA.

Frank and Peter Cook championed the introduction of Barefoot Bowls, despite some opposition. Barefoot bowls commenced. Has been running continuously now for over 10 seasons. Typically it has been run on Friday evenings through the Daylight Savings period. Local hotels (The Royal and Kirks unhappy about the introduction of Barefoot Bowls as if cut into their takings/business).

**November** – Noel Simpson now Ladies' President.

Men having difficulty in filling their three nominated Pennant teams and asking if women would be prepared to play.

Three men affiliated to play women's pennant.

Donation of \$3,000 from Col Walden for 8 new scoreboards.

Seven new shelters installed at an approximate cost of \$6,500.

Major purchases - new ducted heating system, two new ovens.

“What is now referred to as Green No. 3 was once separated from Greens 1 & 2 by a fairly substantial fence with entry involving two steps up a path from the level of the other greens. This barrier really gave the impression of a remote area and consequently became unpopular which resulted in little use and became known by the present title of “Siberia”. Because of this stigma it was avoided and got very little use so the play concentrated more on greens 1 & 2 and green 3 became even more neglected.

It became virtually unplayable until approx. 2006 when the decision was made to tidy the area as the club membership was increasing and more greens were needed.

At the time when maintenance was done by volunteers and members, Don Archibald and Barrie Emerton removed the fence and levelled and landscaped the space between Greens 2 & 3. This space had become a no-mans-land and a repository for rubbish which included sheets of old corrugated iron, etc. which are still buried under the pleasant current grassed area that exists today.

Plans were and probably still are to make this into a recreational area with seating and planting for shade but at the moment levelling, grassing and the

**2006 cont.** resurrection of Green 3 are a far cry from the original dilapidated eyesore that was “Siberia”.

A concentrated effort has now made green 3 an accepted playing surface and is now an active part of regular club activities.” (Source: Barry Emerton)

**2007** Barefoot bowls \$5 and sausage sizzle \$2.

New members Robyn Williams, John Fensham, Susan and Wayne Gullidge (Ed. *Wayne and Sue still have their welcome letters although Wayne’s shows the wrong year!*)

Total funds now \$73,202 and make it possible for the BOM to commence planning improvements to bowling and clubhouse facilities.

90th Anniversary glasses purchased at a cost of \$420.

90th Anniversary Celebrations occurred.

Tifdwarf grass installed on both main greens, the main advantages of this being able to bowl all year round and reduced water usage given the serious drought that was occurring. This may have been a contributing factor to the partial demise of indoor carpet bowls during the winter (honour board has winners 1977-2008 only). Another factor may have been that many of the keen indoor bowlers had aged somewhat.

Replacement of No. 2 green with synthetic being considered.

AGM – The Chairman spoke of the difficulties the ladies were experiencing in appointing office bearers for a bowling committee and the decision to work with an amalgamated committee until such time as the ladies could elect their own.

Wednesday winter bowls to be mixed.

No smoking signs erected.

Wheelchair access grant approved \$2,200.

Quote for installation of tifdwarf for No. 2 green \$12,100.

Club hire \$350.

Suggested that bar security to be tightened.

Major purchases – Blinds at a cost of \$2,460, air conditioner for bar, water tanks and plumbing, dishwasher, water fountain, new crockery \$945.

- 2008**     **January 26th** - Club marched in Australia Day Parade (photographic evidence available).
- No. 2 green re-sowed.
- Major purchases – large amount of money spent on water for greens (owing to Millennium drought), smooth roller.
- The 2000s drought in Australia, also known as the Millennium drought is said by some to be the worst recorded since European settlement. The year 2006 was the driest on record for many parts of the country. The drought began in 1995 and continued Australia wide until late 2009 with the final drought-declared areas ceasing to be eligible for government assistance in early May 2012. With the official end of the drought declared in 2012, the Federal Government had provided \$4.5 billion in drought assistance.
- 2008/09**   Mornington Bowling Club – Men and Ladies amalgamated in to the one organisation with a single BOM and Bowls Committee making us the first club on the Peninsula to do so.
- 2009**     MBC was the only club on the Peninsula to attend the Unification meeting in Melbourne.
- Club started a greenkeeper tender process and appointed Darren Morgan (still currently our greenkeeper).
- New aluminium seats and Shadex shelters purchased at a cost of \$55,000.
- 2009/10**   Unification of Men and Ladies (Bowls Victoria).
- 2010**     Shire took Heritage photos of club and grounds.
- Major purchases - new benches and seats, new cash register, 20 new rakes.
- Smoking signs installed.
- 2011**     New constitution approved by members.
- Sponsorship advertising displayed on TV in clubroom for the first time.
- 2012**     **February** – MBC supports submission of nomination of Jack Glasser to Bowls Australia Hall of Fame (Ed. *There has been no action from them to this end so far*).
- June** – New procedure for handling invoices and receipts.
- July** – Rules and guidelines for Tradies drawn up.

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*Developing a new green at a working bee in 1957 (note the old croquet clubhouse in the background, the croquet green which became Green No. 3 is behind it). One of the many undertaken by members over the years to help improve the facilities.*



*Opening Day in 1957 highlighting the new clubrooms built by Cyril Davis with help from Alex and others.*



*L to R: Lowe, Dorrington, Hayes, Kebley, Walker (Sec.), Hall, Soutar, Jane (President), Mills (Vice President), Edwards, Bartholomew (Mornington Ladies who took part at the Opening Day of the Club for Associates in 1948)*



*MBC Associates – Inaugural presentation afternoon held at the home of the President, Mrs. Jane, on June 22nd, 1948. L to R: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Soutar, Mrs. Kebley, Mrs. Walker (secretary), Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Mills (vice-president), Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Jane (president), Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Kelleher (vice-president).*



*Team Photo – P.B.A. Pennant ‘A’ (or Division 1) – 1970/71*

*Back Row: Alex (A C) Davis, Charlie Ward , Bill (W) Saunders*

*Middle Row: Bill McRoberts, Dick (R) Chapman, Oliver Cameron, Jack Fayers,  
Noel Gellie, Norm Parker, Ray Glasser, Charlie Head*

*Front Row: Jack Glasser, Jack Bradshaw, Herb Davey, Keith Robinson,  
Jack McCleery, Cyril (C H L) Davis, Howard Stewart, George Shell*

*This team won 18 straight games in the 1970/71 season to finish unbeaten (total shots up 512). They had such a margin that the rules said that they were not required to play either a semi-final or grand-final because they could not lose the championship from this position. To our knowledge, only Bill Saunders, Alex Davis, and Ray Glasser are still living.*

*They formed the nucleus of the team that won the 14 pennant flags out of a possible 15 (8 straight, a miss, and then a further 6 straight, between 1969/70 and 1983/84).*



*L to R: Ruth Davies (a 6 x club ladies singles champion), Grace Saunders, Eve Hannes and Marj Lippiatt (P.D.L.B.A. Fours Champions 1992/93)*



*Opening of extensions and renovations to clubrooms in 1995 (see plaque on wall related to this, Bill and Grace Saunders in middle).*





*September 2006 – Opening day including green naming.  
L to R: Norma Gregory , Marj Lippiatt, Frank Gregory (speaking) and Kel Lippiatt.  
Marj, Kel and Frank are all Life Members of the club.*



*L to R: Carlene Martin , Kath O'Shannessy, Robyn Williams and Susan Gullidge (note the variety of headwear being worn here).*



*Jack Glasser - gentleman and champion bowler (12 x club men's singles champion, Vic. Masters champion in 66/67 and Vic. Champion of Champions 1971/72, Victorian representative on 117 occasions).*



*L to R: Chad Muir (6 x club men's champion), Gloria Evans (6 x club ladies' champion, including 2016/17), Ian Muir (men's club champion 2016/17).*



*Grace Barker (5 x club ladies' singles champion). In 1967/68 she then went on to win the P.D.L.B.A Champion of Champions). Here, as the reigning Ladies' champion, she is pictured delivering the first bowl on Opening Day 1963/64. She looks pretty dressed up here, as people were more inclined to do in those days.*



*Cyril (also known as C. H. L. Davis, husband of Hazel, father of Alex), putting away his bowls after Opening Day on September 2nd, 1963. Cyril was a builder and responsible for building what was the beginnings (part of) what we now know as our clubrooms (see plaque on wall in clubrooms).*





*Seventy nine members of the Mornington Bowls Club celebrating a little e*





*early so that this photo could be included here (Saturday March 25th, 2017).*



*Revue/Concert - One of the social functions that were popular for many years at the club took the form of a concert where people performed acts of all kinds. Someone told us that these were so popular that, sometimes, they were spread over two evenings.*



*Fancy dress evening - can someone enlighten us as to what the theme was? Ian Muir and some of the other guys look to be pretty dubious characters here.*





*Barefoot bowls - fun for the participants, great advertising for the club and a wonderful source of income (but a considerable amount of hard work for somebody most Friday nights during the Daylight Savings period).*



*Clock-wise from left rear: James Wright, Doug Phillips, Georgie Agnew, Susan Gullidge, Paula Pumpa, David Pumpa, Trish Clegg, Wayne Gullidge, Debbie Thyer, Leonie Witts, Renate Rees, Russell Rees, Ray Metherell, Viv Metherell, Maureen Badger, Joy Curtis (enjoying each other's company on Wangaratta trip January, 2017).*



*Above photo proves that age (all are in excess of 90 years old) is no barrier to playing lawn bowls – photo taken February, 2017 (L to R – Doug Phillips, Jack Missen, Vera Cornwell and Bob Churcher). Doug is notorious for the frequent upshots he plays while Vera is much feared as a lead bowler. Below is Doug Brough who, like Jack and Bob (above), is deadly with a bowling arm. Tony Hunt looks on as these two skip teams on President's Cup Day in February, 2017.*





*Jack Glasser Day has been an annual tournament held every March since 1994. Winners, as it happens this year, were Stan Glasser (son of Jack), Sandra (daughter in law of Jack), Sharron (grand-daughter of Jack) – all City of Echuca – and Graeme Davies (family friend, formerly a member at MBC, now a member at Mornington Civic) who played in teams with Jack going back over many years. Graeme's mother Ruth, is a 6 time club ladies' singles champion at MBC, the last time in 2005/06. The photo below is an aerial view taken on the same day (March 19th, 2017) while the tournament was in progress.*







*Ladies PDLBA Pennant Winners (1978/79) Back Row: Kath Lacy, Vaun McGlead, Marie McDonald, Wilma Richards, Ivy Bradford, Mollie Wills, Cassie Head, Muriel Mumme, Roma Garlick, Ruby Rodger, Isobel Coombe Front Row: Thelma Russell, Isobel Orr, Min Stewart, Jean Gellie, Mary Weidner, Hazel Davis, Ada Howse*

*This team won the second in a run of four P.D.L.B.A. Division A Pennant Championships in a row by the club.*



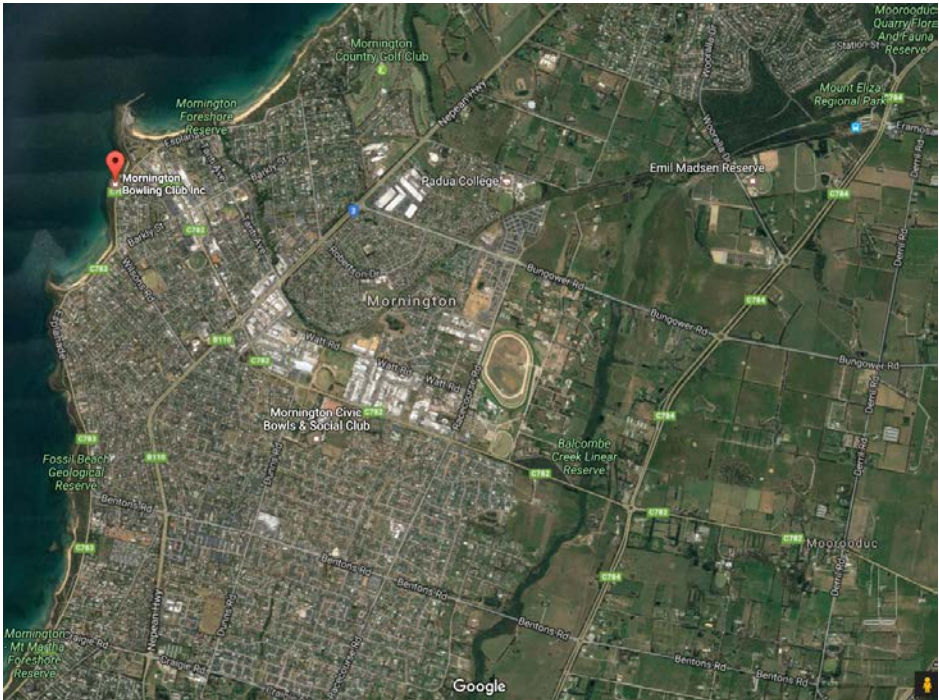
*An inside view of the clubrooms as they appear today.*



*An outside view of the clubrooms as they appear today.*



*Bowls stickers currently being used in 2017 - a bit of free advertising too.*



***Where is Mornington Bowling Club?***

*Above is Google's satellite view of where we are - approximately 700 metres south of Schnapper Point and the Mornington Pier and a kilometre north of Linley Point and the Linley Point Boat Ramp.*





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## Year by Year Highlights - continued

- 2013** New air conditioning installed at a cost of c. \$25,000 along with 8 new scoreboards costing \$3,652.
- New mower costing \$6,900 purchased.
- April 5th** - Grant of \$2500 to MBC announced in media release by David Morris MLA.
- Trial game of 3 x 8 ends enjoyed by most.
- Rumours that members are not paying for drinks from the bar. Tighter controls implemented.
- 2014** Grand Hotel were unhappy that we no longer purchased liquor from them. They would not price match and withdrew their sponsorship.
- New lounge furniture (5 sets) purchased at a cost of \$500.
- Abuse of selectors by some members occurring. Letter sent out to all members and announcement made by President that this was neither fair nor would it be tolerated.
- Scoreboards upgraded.
- New glass washer \$2,838.
- New TV purchased.
- Rear door to ladies cloakroom reopened.
- Extra new lockers purchased.
- New lock for bar door installed. RSA holders only to go behind bar.
- ‘Twisty singles’ tournament run by John Evans proved very popular.
- Barefoot bowls – Corporate bookings take off after advertisement placed in the Mornington Leader newspaper.
- 2015** Quote for synthetic surrounds \$7,000 – edging extra. Work completed by volunteers (Ed. *We know there were many others who contributed to this but Vern Broome and Wayne Gullidge did a lot of the finishing off of this task.*)
- Locker fee increased to \$10.
- U3A – 12 people have registered for the next bowls course we’ve offered.

Sub-committee formed to look into the feasibility of installing a synthetic green.

Internet banking introduced.

Move to MYOB from Quickbooks for accounting purposes. KOUNTA system also installed in bar.

EFTPOS now available too.

Kitchen upgrade – Shire will pay 50% - quotes being obtained.

Defibrillator installed and training provided.

New bar accessible from outside set up for use on barefoot bowls evenings – donations of \$1,500 received towards cost.

Outdoor blinds purchased at \$4,900.

Clubhouse painted by Shire.

Tatts tickets for highest winning rink in each division.

Security cameras installed and security box. Only IT manager to have access.

All purchases over \$50 need authorisation by a Board member.

Green 3 levelling and edges cost \$1,750.

## **2016**

'Beach Spirit' newsletter to list expenditure as members don't know what improvements have been funded from Barefoot Bowls and Functions income.

Change to Paramount liquor for bar supplies.

Specification for kitchen revised, CAD drawings done and kitchen installed at a cost of \$50,000. Shire refunded \$25,000 to club.

New lounge and outdoor furniture purchased.

Proposal to hold Centenary dinner and inter-club bowls competition.

Two new stoves including their installation cost \$4,057.

New sponsorship fees - \$185 per day and \$380pa per advertising sign. Sponsorship year to run from AGM – AGM.

New bar committee formed.

Replacement of meter for backflow system cost \$1,545.

# Mornington Bowls Club in 2017

The first planning for our proposed centenary celebrations began last year. The following functions were proposed initially:

Thursday June 1st June – Members Centenary Dinner

Saturday September 2nd - Centenary Gala Dinner

Thursday Sept 7th and Friday 8th Sept - Centenary Cup Bowls Tournament (major sponsor for this inaugural tournament is Conley Luff Real Estate).

Some doubts were initially raised about the viability of the June 1st function owing to the fact that many members take a holiday during the winter months. By the time you read this, the event will have taken place and members will have enjoyed a delicious two course meal, followed by dancing to music from DeJa Vu. December 12th still remains the date of the actual Centenary of organised bowls being played for the first time at MBC.

Membership fees for the 2017/18 season have been set at \$160pa (an increase of \$10 on the previous season which was due to the increase in affiliation fees. Prior to this there has been no increase for about 15 years). This is still cheap by comparison with other local clubs (add a further \$10pa for a locker). New members (since 2016) are also provided with a club shirt as part of their first year of club membership. The fees are kept low because of frugal and careful management practices, income from hires and barefoot bowls, sponsorships and advertising, donations, bequests, and because club members provide labour and expertise (catering, cleaning, bar supervision/management, grounds maintenance including gardening, mowing, line marking, rink setup, tournament/event coordination, site improvements, painting, repairs to plant, machine maintenance, small equipment manufacture, liaison with potential hirers, drawing up rosters, setting up and decorating for events/days,...).

Our current membership stands at 191 with approximately 1/3 of these being ladies.

Coaching is done by a panel that includes: Doug BROUGH, John EVANS, Marg FOX, Wayne GULLIDGE, Tony HUNT, Chad MUIR, Roy MUNDY, Bernie O'CONNOR, David PUMPA, Brian PYNE and Jeff SEAGER who have all been active throughout recent years providing coaching to new players and others needing help with their technique.

The major tournaments (regular events) run annually by MBC include:

- President's Day which appears to have commenced over 10 years ago (originally there used to be separate Men's and Ladies President's Day tournaments). The format currently involves teams of mixed 4s playing 2 x 15 ends, with all P.B.D.

clubs along with the Flinders clubs and some individuals being invited to enter teams with entry fees set at \$60 per team. Prize money is allocated to two game winners based on total shots up and first and second games winners based on shots up if they've not won the overall prize. The amounts paid in prizes depend on the number of teams who enter. Both morning and afternoon teas are provided by the club on this day.

- Mornington Summer Classic which commenced 6 or 7 years ago. The format also involves teams of mixed 4s playing 3 x 10 ends, with all P.B.D. clubs along with Finders clubs and some individuals being invited to enter teams with entry fees set at \$80 per team. The substantial prize money of \$2000 is allocated to three game winning teams based on total shots up with there being a winner and a runner-up, along with 1st, 2nd and 3rd game winners who haven't won a prize already, again based on shots up. A fan of the cards also provides the members of one team with prizes. The event is currently sponsored by Conley Luff Real Estate and the club provides a lunch and morning and afternoon tea on the day.
- Our Jack Glasser Day tournament run in honour of the most successful bowler to play at the club has now been running every year since 1994 (Jack passed away in 1993). The format used here involves mixed 4s playing 2 x 15 ends with all P.C.B.D clubs being invited to enter teams with entry fees set at \$60 per team. Prize money is allocated to two game winners based on total shots up, as well as 1st and 2nd game winners based on shots up. Both morning and afternoon teas, and lunch are provided by the club at this particular event. Co-incidentally, in 2017 Stan (Jack's eldest son), Sandra (Stan's wife) and Sharron (Stan and Sandra's daughter and hence Jack's grand-daughter), all now from the City of Echuca club, joined Graeme Davies (ex. MBC, and now a member at Mornington Civic, who played in MBC teams with Jack in the past) formed a team and won the tournament.

Doug Brough has been acting in his usual efficient and thorough way as the Tournament Director for a number of years for all three of the above events and works in co-operation with a counterpart from the Mount Martha BC to carry out the same functions for both the Mornington/Mount Martha Challenge and the Mount Martha/Mornington mixed medley events.

Mornington/Mount Martha Winter challenges (mixed 4s team events) occur on 4 occasions per year through the winter months, with 2 being held at each club. This regular event has been running for 3 years now (Mt Martha have a 2 -1 record against us in these events). The Mount Martha/Mornington mixed medleys occur on 3 occasions per year such that in alternate years two are held at one club and one at the other. The format for these involves varying numbers of ends of singles, pairs, triples

and fours repeated a number of times over as the draw requires and is usually restricted to 40 players per club. Each team contains either 3 members from Mornington and 2 from Mt Martha or vice-versa. This provides us with wonderful opportunities to meet and spend time with people from the other club.

Pennant competitions are held on Saturdays (4 x mixed teams of 4 players in higher Divisions or 3 x mixed teams of 4 players, and even 2 x mixed teams of 4 players in some of the lower divisions) with the club being represented in the 2016/17 season in Divisions 2, 4, 5 and 6. Divisions 4, 5 and 6 made the finals with Division 5 finishing as Runners Up against Hastings. Tuesdays (4 mixed teams of 4 players in higher Divisions or 3 mixed teams of 4 players in some of the lower Divisions represented the club in the 2016/17 season in Divisions 1, 3 and 5. Divisions 3 and 5 made the finals). We also had a Men's team and a Ladies' team entered in the Wednesday night Twilight 5s competitions with neither team figuring in the finals.

The club runs a number of intra-club tournaments for the participation of members only. These include the President's Handicap, 100 Up, Singles (Men and Ladies), Pairs (Men and Ladies), Mixed Pairs and a Novices singles event depending on the number of new bowlers who join the club and meet the criteria. These are all keenly contested.

Quite a few members also enter (or potentially can enter) other tournaments at other clubs by invitation (or just play at other clubs socially with friends) or can represent their club when they win the right to do so. These include the P.B.D. Champion of Champion Singles (both Men's and Ladies events), P.B.D. Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours (both Men and Ladies events), P.B.D. Mixed Pairs, P.B.D. Under 25 (Men's and Ladies) and P.B.D. Novice Singles (Men's and Ladies). Should they win these events, they can go on to represent the Peninsula and their club in competitions at an even higher level, including Country and State levels.

Social bowls currently occurs on Wednesdays and Saturdays (alternating nominated and club selected pairs, triples or fours depending on numbers wanting to play and green availability). They can also occur on special days such as AFL Grand Final Day, Melbourne Cup Day, Australia Day and others depending on demand.

Carpet bowls used to be very strong through the winter period. It still runs but is not as well subscribed to since the implementation of the tiffdwarf greens, and as some of its stalwarts have aged and dropped out.

Many different kinds of social functions have been held over the years including Cards (e.g., Crazy Whist), Fancy Dress, St. Patrick's Day (Ed. *I wonder who was responsible for implementing this one?*), Cup Eve Dance, Supper Dance, Cabaret Dance, Australia Day, Spit Roast, Ron Hines' Restaurant, a Christmas function just prior to Christmas, New Year's Eve, Trivia Nights, Concert/Reviews, Bus Tours, Country Trips (e.g. Wangaratta) and Restaurant Dinners (e.g. The Cuckoo, Olinda). On Monday mornings they used to have Card and Sherry mornings according the Vera Cornwell. Vera assures us that she was there only to serve out the sherry (Ed. *Should we believe all of her story?*).

Barefoot Bowls continues to be a runaway success having operated since 2006. Businesses, community groups, groups of friends or family and individuals either sign up beforehand (or even just turn up on the chance of there being room). This relies on the efforts of people like Paul Richards, who has done an exceptional job this year (others like Ray Metherell and Ken Weatherley have done fantastic jobs co-ordinating this in previous years) with the support of a team of helpers (supervising the bowlers, cooking sausages and serving food, serving in the bar, etc.) to ensure its success. It typically operates throughout the season during the Daylight Savings Period on Friday evenings from 5:00pm onwards. There are benefits to the community such as the chance to try bowls, undertake some recreation and enjoy the social opportunities participation provides. The benefits to the club include the potential to attract new members and the income generated towards meeting our bottom line.

The club is also able to hire out our facilities for corporate, other club and private events. This includes Weddings, 21st birthday and other parties, Anniversaries, Companies and other organisations such as schools for meetings, end of year break ups or social functions. Again this presents the potential for invaluable publicity for the club and generates further income. We are indebted to people like Brenda Pyne as well as those who undertake bar duty for these functions, for the liaison and hard work they do to help make this happen as smoothly as possible.

A sponsors evening is held at least once a year where sponsors are invited to send along a team of 4 from their workplace or office to play barefoot bowls for an evening and to be provided with refreshments and nibbles. Club members attend to help supervise, teach and encourage the players. This is one way for the club to say thank you, gives them something in return and, hopefully, a fun night out into the bargain.

Our current sponsors include Conley Luff Real Estate, Allison Monkhouse Funeral Directors, Baker's Delight, The Bays Hospital Group Inc., Bendigo Bank, Beleura Village Mornington, Bell Potter Securities Ltd, Bossports, Brad's Meats, Choice Flooring, The Dava Hotel, Farrell's Bookshop, Guiseppe on Wilsons Road Pizza and Pasta, Lawson's Hairdressers, Leaf and Bean, Mornington Cinemas, Mornington Mazda, Mornington Toyota, Roberts Beckwith Partners, SeaChange Properties, Stress Free Books Plus, Tobin Brothers Funerals, Torny's Golf and Bowls and White Lady Funerals.

About a third of Victoria is Crown Land and, as such, is owned by the government. The Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure in Victoria is the responsible department when it comes to Crown Land located in Victoria. Our bowling club is sited on Crown Land but it is the Shire of Mornington that has been delegated to hold responsibility for its management by the State Government.

We have a Lease Agreement on the property and its buildings made with the Shire which gives us a 5 year lease followed by the option to renew for a further 5 years, and an option to extend for a further 5 years. As part of this agreement, we are required to pay a Lease Rental per annum for using the property and the buildings. The amount of

this rental is a fixed yearly amount set by the Shire which remains the same throughout each 5 year period. This type of arrangement also applies to other organisations such as football and cricket clubs, tennis clubs, yacht clubs, scouting groups and the like that are located on and using facilities situated on Crown Land. This arrangement was first proposed back in 2005, when the Shire undertook the task of developing a consistent and fair approach to arrangements, but was only fully implemented in 2008. This means our Lease Agreement will need to be fully renegotiated again next in 2023. Such an agreement gives our organisation considerable security, with the current rental being set at 'a very reasonable' \$1830 per annum which helps us, as rate payers, to feel like we are getting some real benefit from the property rates we pay.

The other advantage is that the Shire now takes major responsibility for providing both the labour and the cost of materials for things like replacing roofs laced with asbestos (including rear walls), boards of the plinth, spouting and downpipes, fences and completion of internal and external painting, etc. They also contribute, for example, by matching our contribution towards the upgrade of the kitchen which amounted to around \$25,000 when a major upgrade occurred there last year. Prior to this, members completed tasks like these and others with the cost of materials only offset in part by the Shire. There is no doubt that for us, as a club and as members, this is a much improved arrangement.

Despite anything else we might write, say or do, a club like ours only survives ultimately because of the goodwill of members, their willingness to take on volunteer roles, including membership of either the Board or the Bowls Committee, and to work as co-operatively and cohesively as possible. Thank you to those who have taken on these roles and responsibilities, both now and in the past, and for representing the interests of all club members. We really do appreciate you. We have lots of wonderful people around our club who bring all sorts of different gifts and skill sets to the table, and who are already contributing in an incredible variety of ways. Whatever you do though, enjoy playing the game, and appreciate, above all else, the good things that happens and the great people.

**Steve Missen**

*April 29th, 2017*



# Notable Club Members

## ALEX DAVIS

Alex (born 1930) joined his father Cyril, a builder, in his building construction business in 1955 after working for Sutex (then known for ladies stockings and men's clothing) and at his uncles' garage. Dad, while living in Northcote, built a house at Mount Martha, largely during weekends. He helped his Dad with the construction of the Mornington Bowling clubrooms in 1956-57. These are partly what we have at our disposal today although there have been considerable additions, especially in 1995, and renovations since. He later, aged at around 25, found work at Freat and Ride (Timber Merchants, 73 Barkly St) in Mornington where he worked in the store in sales and in the timber yard under manager Des O'Donahue. It was Des, a very good bowler and also an MBC member, who coaxed him into playing bowls. Alex took over Des' job as manager when Des left to live in WA. Alex retired from his role at the timber merchant in his early 60s.



Cyril and Hazel, Alex's parents, both made considerable contributions at the club over many years. Cyril, aside from being the builder of the original pavilion, was president of the club for three seasons (55-58) and club singles champion on 5 occasions. He also looked after the greens for a number of years in a voluntary capacity. Hazel was president of the Associates for two seasons (61-63), club singles champion twice, secretary for three seasons and was made a Life Member of the Associates. This is by no means an exhaustive list of their achievements with the club as the old honour boards will testify.

Alex actually joined the club as a bowler for the first time in 1960 (aged 30). In his first year with us, he won what was known as the B singles championship, along with the 100 Up and President's Handicap tournaments, an amazing performance in itself.

In 1962/63, his third season with the club, he won the club singles championship for the first time. He went on to win it a further three times, the second where he won over Jack Glasser in 1972/73, a third in 1987/88 and for the last time in 1990/91. Four club championships won spanning a period of nearly 30 years. Given that we had so many champion bowlers through this period, this achievement is special. He won the PBA Singles Championship five times, PBA Pairs once, PBA Triples twice and PBA Fours once. He also frequently finished as either a semi-finalist or runner-up in tournaments, at both the regional and local level, against quality opposition. He was also frequently selected in PBA Representative teams against other associations or teams.

One of his greatest achievements was being part of the winning Mornington team in the Age 'Medallion' Fours in successive years (1974/75 and 75/76) with Howard Stewart, Tom Bartle and Ray Glasser. He often played as a third in any of the fours teams representing the club, but skipped teams as well. He played a lot of his bowls at Mornington with Howard Stewart and Ray and Stan Glasser, and with Graeme Davies and Bill Bramstedt at Mornington Civic.

From the club's point of view, the A Pennant team's performances in winning 14 of a possible 15 championships for 1969/70 through to 1983/84 will almost certainly never be matched. In 1970/71 they won all 18 matches played finishing a total of 512 shots up to win the championship without any need to play either a semi-final or grand final match. The following season they didn't go through the season unbeaten, but again won by such a margin that they were declared champions without the need for finals matches. Alex was part of every one of these teams, along with Jack Glasser, George Shell and Bill Saunders. He was also a member of our team when we lost to City of Frankston in 1977/78 and again in 1984/85.

Alex also served two seasons as club president, two as treasurer and held other offices including vice-president. He was made a Life Member in 2000.

A story that Alex remembers relates to his Dad coming across a utility building (aka a dunny) being discarded from a site which he and Dad then moved on the back of a truck to the bowls club. Alex fell off the back of the truck while they were undertaking the task of getting the building off the truck and placing in in its new location. As a result Alex had to spend the night in hospital but recovered quickly.

Alex left the club in 2000, partly because he felt it was losing its competitive edge and he wanted to continue enjoying the cut and thrust of competition bowls at a high level, to play at Mornington Civic until 2007 when problems with his hands meant he could no longer handle the bowls comfortably. While playing at Civic he won the PBA Veterans Pairs twice (2004/05 and 2006/07 with W. (Bill) Bramstedt, who has also been a member at Mornington. Alex also played in their Division 1 side right through till retiring and was part of their winning Grand Final team in 2003/2004. He has the longest association with MBC of any currently living person.

## KEN FYFFE

Ken, like Doug Brough, joined the club in 1986, and so, because Doug had a break in his involvement, is the longest continuous and still actively involved member of the club.

Arch Condie, who appears to have represented Victoria in his younger days, was his coach when he first joined the club. Subsequently, he played in Pennant teams for 27 years and remembers losing 4 Grand Finals over this period (Ed. *He tells us that he had more success at football but did not elaborate.*). He has also assumed the role of team manager on many occasions.



He served the club for around 18 years with a team of people cleaning the clubrooms, no doubt saving the club quite a few dollars (Ed: *Rather an understatement here!*). In addition to this, he has conscientiously served as the club's Welfare Officer, a position he still currently holds, which involves following up (contacting) members who are doing it tough for one reason or another or we've not seen for a while for whatever reason.

Over the years of his involvement, he attended many working bees involving all sorts of activity including green levelling and planting (especially when the tiddwarf grass was installed), and facilities and grounds maintenance.

He has fond memories of his long involvement with the club and says that it has been a very enjoyable time and that he's met lots of wonderful people. He singled out for special mentions, the Glasser family (Jack, Stan and Ray) as champion bowlers and people, Frank Gregory for turning the club around financially in the early 2000s, Kel and Marj Lippiatt for their hard work on behalf of the club over a considerable time, Bill and Grace Saunders as great contributors over a long period, Betty Paddle and Eve Hannes for their tireless work as administrators, and Brian and Brenda Pyne for their ongoing service to the club.

On social bowls days when it is designated 'nominated triples', he often teams up with his good mates Robin Blampied and Ken Weatherley. They form a feared unit, and have frequently picked up one of the prizes on offer.

In 2013, Ken was duly elected as a Life Member of the club.

## JACK GLASSER

(Club Member 1968 – 1993) – based largely on an article titled ‘Vale Jack – Master Bowler’ that appeared on the front and a following page of the Peninsula Bowling News Vol. 1 No. 1 on Wednesday October 11, 1993. We’ve added a few bits and corrected some errors of fact.



Jack Glasser was 79yo when he passed away but his memory will live for ever. Those of us who were lucky enough to have met Jack would all agree that he was the true gentleman - a man who would compliment you on a good shot, a man who would be the first to congratulate you if you ever beat him (very rarely did anyone do that), never an audible curse, calling for shots with hand signals rather than yelling instructions, and always in control of any situation (never any sign of panic). The composure that man had on the green was the envy of us all. Jack started his bowling career out West Coburg way where he managed to win 3 Club Championships plus the Victorian Masters Singles in the season 1966/67 immediately prior to joining Mornington - his son Ray managed to put the ‘Glasser’ name on the honour board at Richmond Union again when he won the same event in the 80’s.

Jack was selected to represent his state on 117 occasions and along the way collected many more major titles. In fact, by his 50th wedding anniversary he had notched up 52 major titles, most of those while a member of the Mornington Bowling Club, where he won his first club championship in his first season (1967/8) there. In Jack’s first 9 years at Mornington he won the club championship no fewer than 8 times (the young Alex Davis took the title in 1972/3; Alex says he was very hard to beat and he would know having frequently been one of Jack’s opponents in all the years Jack was a member at the club).

Between the seasons 1967-68 to 1983-4 the Glasser family won 12 club singles championships out of the 17 possible with Jack winning 9, youngest son Ray 2 and eldest son Stan 1. Jack won it again in 1986-7, 1989-90 and 1991-2 to give him a total of 12 club championships at Mornington plus 3 at West Coburg, a grand total of 15 (Ray has 3 at Mornington and Stan 1).

But wait, there is more to come - P.B.A. Champion of Champions 5 times, Group 7 Champion of Champions 4 times, P.B.A. Singles Champion 4 times, Zone 7 Singles Champion once, Victorian Champion of Champions once, Runner up Victorian Champion of Champions once, P.B.A. Pairs Champion 7 times, P.B.A. Fours Champion 7 times, Group 7 Fours once, Vic. Country Fours once, P.B.A. Veteran Singles 4 times, P.B.A. Vet Triples once and P.B.A. Triples once. It should also be pointed out here that all of the tournaments Jack played in competed for his time. He would have been unable to play lesser tournaments when he was engaged in competition at the top level. We wonder how many more club and local events he would have won had he not been playing so much at the State and National level.

His contemporaries at State level included Glyn Bosisto, John Dobbie, John Snell, Ray Laycock, Don Woolnough and Dennis Dalton, all high performers. In 1966/67 he reached the semi-finals of the National Invitational Singles Championship held in Canberra and in 1969/70 he was a quarter finalist in the Australian National Singles Championship held in Brisbane. He was part of the Victorian team (winning 4 out of 5 matches as skip) that won the National Interstate Fours title in 1976/77. He also has a Sunshine Coast singles title and also finished runner-up in that tournament twice. This is not a complete record of his achievements by any means. His performances at intra-club tournaments get no mention here, partly because the record would be far from complete (and also too numerous to mention).

It would be a serious omission if Jack's participation in our Pennant teams was not mentioned here. Soon after he joined the club, Mornington's 'A' Pennant team began a period (1969/70 – 1983/84) where we won 14 of the 15 P.B.A. Premierships on offer losing only to City of Frankston in the Grand Final in 1977/78. This included the performance where the team went unbeaten in 1970/71 and, under the rules in operation at the time, were so far in front that they were not required to play finals matches. The following season they didn't quite manage to repeat their unbeaten run but still finished so far in front that no finals matches needed to be played to decide the Premiership. The club again won the A Pennant in 1986/87. Jack was a member of all 15 A Pennant winning teams through this period, and no doubt played his part in helping to achieve this including all of the coaching he did, especially with new bowlers as they joined the club. Doug Brough remembers being coached by him at the time when Doug first joined the club back in 1986.

With all of those fantastic performances and the memories of the way he conducted himself, Jack Glasser is certainly missed by the club he loved so fondly and proudly and also by every bowler far and wide who knew the doyen of the greens. Those of us who didn't know him are, at the very least, in awe of what he achieved. Will there ever be another Jack Glasser at MBC? Unlikely.

His ashes are interred in the Memorial Garden adjacent to Anglican Church, Mornington after the funeral held on August 2nd, 1993. An appropriate entry for Jack appears in their Book of Remembrance. At the time of his death he lived at 13 Downward Street, Mornington. He was survived by his wife, Louisa, and three sons – Stanley, Ronald, and Raymond.

## FRANK GREGORY

Frank (born 1922) was a kindly man who went about his tasks in a mild and unassuming manner. These personal attributes tended to obscure notice of his real contributions to our club. He was also a member of the RSL Bowling Club in Caloundra Queensland where he had a nearby residence in which he and his wife enjoyed the Queensland winters.



He championed, along with others including Peter Cook, the introduction of Barefoot Bowls, despite some opposition. Barefoot bowls commenced in 2006 and has been running continuously now for over 10 seasons. Typically it has been run on Friday evenings through the Daylight Savings period. Local hotels (The Royal and Kirks) were apparently unhappy about the introduction of Barefoot Bowls as it meant a cut to their takings/business. Frank apparently told them to “go and get stuffed” when they expressed their opposition/concerns (source: Geoff Tozer). Barefoot Bowls is a great source of income for the Club, an opportunity to promote the club and encourage new members to join. To operate properly it relies on the selfless people who organise it. Ray Metherell did a wonderful job of this during the 2015/16 season and Paul Richards has matched that this past season.

Frank coached many of the newcomers to the club as they started out playing and, at one point, was shouldering nearly all of the coaching done at the club. When Ian and Chad Muir, father and son respectively, joined the club in 2006, Frank became their initial coach. Ian remembers that Frank, despite being well over 80yo at the time, could still bend down properly to deliver his bowls in a manner straight out of the coaching manual. He must have been a very good coach too, as Chad has since won 6 club singles championships and Ian, not to be totally outdone, is the current club champion. Later, he was part of a team that ran a regular after school program from 6:00pm to coach youngsters including the offer of a can of Coke and a sausage sizzle as incentives. The kids apparently loved the whole idea (source: Paula Pumpa) and were keen to participate.

He was one of a core group or people who helped the club to get back on its feet at a time when it was a low ebb in the early 2000s. This involved a massive amount of selfless time and energy doing all sorts of activities, practical and otherwise, which helped achieve a better Club.

He had the honour of having Green 1 named after him with the ceremony for this being performed on September 2nd, the Opening Day of the 2006/07 season (see photo included in the photos section). Just prior to his death in 2008, the Board of Management bestowed a Life Membership of the club on him. This was subsequently ratified by members at the 2009 AGM. His popularity and the respect he earned in the way he conducted himself were second to none. As a result of the esteem in which he was held, many Club members were in attendance at his funeral in August, 2008.

## EVE HANNES

Eve's husband, Horst, took up bowls in the year or so before they moved to Mornington. After they moved to Mornington, he then joined the bowls club in August, 1987. At the time, Eve did not have any strong desire to be involved but was ultimately persuaded to join too in June, 1988.



She served terms on the Ladies Bowls Committee as President (1999-2001), Secretary (1996-98 and 2007/08) and Treasurer (1992-96 and 1997/98). In her time as treasurer, she effectively did the job from 1992 through to 1998 as the lady who'd taken over between terms from her became ill. Eve work tirelessly and effectively for the benefit of the club in her various administrative roles.

Eve played in pennant bowls teams for many years and was rewarded when she was part of the winning P.D.L.B.A. B1 team in 1991/92. She also carried out the duties associated with being the Team Manager for this team. In the following season (1992/93) she was a member of our winning team in the P.L.B.A. Peninsula Fours tournament, along with Marj Lippiatt, Grace Saunders and Ruth Davies as skip.

Many people around the club will be aware that the second-hand shop that operates out of a room off the NW corner of the clubrooms is called 'Eve's Trading Room'. Here people can purchase second-hand goods like books, board games, jigsaws and clothes, including club uniforms and other bowls gear. Essentially it is a 'white elephant store' with people donating quality goods to it with all profits going back to the club. Eve ran this operation for many years taking over the responsibility for it from Eileen Cutler. It was these sorts of enterprises and other measures that kept the club afloat through the difficult period in the early 2000s.

She has been elected as a Life Member.

## A. J. KIRTON

Alfred James Kirton (1877-1960) started his working life in Ballarat as a 12yo in the employment of a draper. On moving to Melbourne as a 15yo, he worked in a warehouse and then as a traveller for a linen draper.

His first marriage in c.1901 produced two daughters but his wife died as a result of giving birth to a stillborn child in April, 1911. He remarried in July, 1912, this union producing a son and a further two daughters.



In 1913 he purchased a bakery business which he ran until 1921 and then sold. During this time he held office for a period as President of the Master Baker's Association. There are a number of documents attesting to the fact that he fought for a fair go for his bakery colleagues including tackling issues surrounding the price of wheat. He also served a couple of terms as a Nunawading councillor representing the Surrey Hills riding.

Prior to his 'retirement' to Mornington, he undertook the subdivision of several parcels of land in the Balaclava and Doncaster districts. Some of his other later business interests included being chairman of Edments, Ltd (1936-50) and he was a director of this company until 1959 (Ed. *Some of us can remember the Edments chain of gift shops*).

From 1926 until 1952, when he chose to retire from office, he was a Mornington Shire councillor and served two terms as the Shire President (1927-28 and 1947-48). The honour board at the Mornington Bowling Club suggests that he was club president from 1924-1949. Newspapers, if they can be trusted, cast some doubt on when he first became president. If they are to be believed, then he did not become the actual president until 1927 (the boards should probably read 1920-21, F. M. Linley; 1921-22, W. Howlett; 1922-23, Dr. Hartridge; 1923-24, W. Watson; 1924-26, J. Howlett; 1926-27, A. A. McMillan; 1927-1949, A. J. Kirton).

In 1927, when the first incarnation of the Peninsula Bowls Association (PBA) comprising the Carrum, Chelsea, Frankston and Mornington clubs came into being, A. J. Kirton was elected its first president. He also put up £25 for the purchase of a trophy as prize for a three rink pennant competition between these clubs with the stipulation that a club needed to win it three times in order to retain the trophy permanently. Mornington won this pennant competition each season over the first four years it was played for. Where that trophy is would be anyone's guess.

Aside from being a keen and more than capable bowler (club singles champion in 1938/39 and 1942/43), A. J. Kirton was a keen golfer and won a number of club events. He also served a period as the Mornington Golf Club president. Another organisation that he held dear and was president of for a period was the Peninsula Development League.



In 1927, he had the first of three tries at winning the Mornington seat in the Victorian Legislative Assembly (lower house). Representing the United Australia (aka Nationalist Party) Party, he went down to the sitting member, Alfred Downward representing the interests of the Country Party, who retained an absolute majority and had already been the local member for almost 33 years. Two years later, with the sitting member choosing to retire, A. J. Kirton tried again with his major opposition this time coming from Alfred's son, Herbert. This time Kirton held a big lead after the initial distribution of votes but went down narrowly by 296 votes as the Labor party candidate's preferences largely went to Downward. Not to be discouraged, Kirton presented for a third time in 1932, where he won with a clear majority. He then held the seat for 15 years before choosing to retire in 1947. In the interim, he resigned from the Nationalist Party, sat briefly as an independent, and then joined the Country Party in 1939 (prior to the 1940 state election). The fact that he represented both his Shire as a councillor and held the seat of Mornington as an MLA for such long periods of time is probably evidence of the fact that he worked tirelessly for the interests of local people, especially the farming community, throughout his representative career.

The home, which he purchased and lived in from 1930, can be found at 832 The Esplanade in Mornington near Mills Beach. Externally, it largely retains how it would have looked when last lived in by the family. It has been described as follows:

“A grand seaside mansion overlooking magical Mills Beach and the azure waters of Port Phillip Bay, Brixham-on-Sea represents an important piece of local history and a fine example of a Neo-Tudor English villa set among 1,438sqm of magnificent gardens complete with a swimming pool and large triple garage.”

## F. M. LINLEY

Frederick Murray Linley (often just referred to in documents as F. M. Linley) appears to have lived in Castlemaine, spent an interim period in a suburb of Melbourne and eventually moved to Mornington some time before 1915. He apparently had a career as a Commercial Traveller with horticultural products, with his interest particularly relating to the Mildura area with its grape and citrus crops.



Having conceived the idea of the Victorian Launch Club, he became its First Commodore in 1905. This club, the first power boat club in Victoria, ultimately became the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club. He left £100 in his will for the purchase of a trophy known as the Linley Cup where yachts competed in a race from Williamstown to Mornington which he proposed be held every Easter.

Our club was one of a number of organisations he had a huge hand in founding. While he is sometimes described as the first President of Mornington Bowling Club and we've had memorabilia displayed that would suggest this, in fact, he could be more correctly described as the founder since he circularised people with a possible interest in joining and establishing a bowling club, and convened the first meeting on June 1st, 1917. In actual fact, Mr L. J. Flanagan was elected the President at that meeting and F.M. Linley was elected as one of the vice-presidents. He did become the President of the club for the 1921/22 season and remained an active member of the club until his death in 1929.

Whilst a resident of Mornington, he also founded the Mornington Progress Association in 1914 and became a Shire Councillor. He was especially interested in growing and developing a prosperous community. During WW I, he spent considerable time travelling to various states in Australia raising funds to help the war effort through various programmes including selling war bonds and promoting the Commonwealth button fund.

Previous to arriving in Mornington, he had also held office as the secretary of the Australian Industries Protection League. He belonged and held office in a number of other local organisations including the foreshore committee, horticultural society and development league. For many years he made strenuous efforts to have a deep sea port established at Crib Point, get the railway to Mornington electrified and to achieve the nationalisation of the Point Nepean Road. He also compiled a booklet for the development league which was sent overseas to encourage settlers to come and live on the Mornington Peninsula.

In his will he left £200 to the Mornington Bowling Club which would have been a sizeable sum at the time. He also left a sum in his will for the purpose of building a memorial to Matthew Flinders which can be found on top of Schnapper Point. The point on the south end of Fisherman's Beach is known as Linley Point (includes a lookout) and the nearby boat ramp is referred to as Linley Point boat ramp.

## KEL AND MARJ LIPPIATT

Kel Lippiatt joined Mornington Bowling Club 1976. Prior to this, he also played football for the Mornington Football Club where he captained their 1950 Premiership winning side.

Marj Lippiatt joined the club in 1977. Grace Saunders, Jess Davey, Fay Nubecan (Ed. *not sure of that spelling*) were also members, as were Kath Lacy and Mary Weidner (who later transferred her membership to Mornington Civic). The coach at the time was Charlie Ward.



In the late 80s, the Labor Government wanted to acquire the land on which the club was built and were 'encouraging' the club to move elsewhere. Robin Cooper, the MLA for Mornington in State Parliament at that time, and Geoff Weber (Shire Councillor) helped to prevent this from happening to the relief of the members.

Kel was a great worker, particularly outside doing gardens and maintenance, etc. At one stage he back-hoed what was known as the Snake Pit which referred to the area between Green Nos. 2 and 3 where the sand box is now currently located. He also regularly cleaned the septic tank, rarely with any help (Ed: *I wonder why?*), and certainly no pay. He was also greenkeeper and did maintenance for many years where he sought and accepted lots of advice and help from Neville Beasley.

Kel played during the same period as people such as Jack, Stan and Ray Glasser, Norm Bramstedt, Lawrie Robinson, Neville Beasley, Sid Scurrah, Howard Stewart and Bill Saunders. Other members important at the time Kel joined were Alan and Roma Garlick, Ken Watts, Charlie and Cassie Head, Cliff Goding, Sid Hutchins and Jack Trew.

Marj and various ladies' teams regularly went to W.A., Tasmania, Sydney and Brisbane to play in carnivals. Kel would often drive up in the second week of these, and Marj and he would then take a holiday before returning to Mornington.

They were both part of many of the successful Pennant winning teams in their time at the club. Kel also won the 1982/83 PBA Pairs title playing as lead for J. A. Waters. The following season he skipped a winning Victorian Past Presidents Association Fours team that included J. Millington, W. Ould, Arch Condie and Alf Bawden as substitute.

Marj had a very good reputation as a lead. She usually played as a lead or second and was part of the 1988/89 Anniversary Fours team with Carlene Martin and Kath Lacy with Mary Weidner as skip. The following season she was part of the winning VLBA Group 9 Shield team with Evelyn Smyth and Mary Berry with Margaret Hall as skip. Then in 1992/93, she was part of the winning Peninsula Fours team with Grace Saunders and Eve Hannes with Ruth Davies as skip. She then played in the winning 1997/98 Anniversary Fours team with Mary Berry and N. Morrow with Evelyn Smyth as skip.

Kel served a term as club president in 1986/87, while Marj was the Ladies treasurer from 1984 through to 1992. Both were members of the inaugural Committee of Management (later renamed the Board of Management) formed on June 1st, 1987 (note that this was exactly 70 years to the day after the club was first formed).

Kel, elected a Life Member in 1994, took on a significant role in the major building upgrade that took place during 1994/1995. A wall plaque is testament to this. On opening day, September 2nd of the 2006 season, he was again honoured in having Green 2 named 'The Kel Lippiatt Green' after him.

Marj was elected a Life Member of the Ladies in 2001 and, at present, resides nearby at Corowa Court.

## BETTY PADDLE

Betty joined the club in 1986 (Ed. *She still has possession of the receipt for her membership subscription paid at the time.*). For in excess of 20 years she has been a wonderful contributor with the Ladies right up until the men and ladies amalgamated into the one body at the end of 2008 leading into the 2009/10 season. She completed terms as President (1995/97), Vice President (2 years), Secretary (1999/2001) and was Treasurer (2007/08) at the time when the amalgamation occurred. She was President in 1997 when the Ladies (Associates) organised and celebrated their 50th Anniversary (Jubilee).



In 1995/96 she represented our Ladies in the winning Peninsula Fours team along with Edie Nicol, Joan Allen (Edie's daughter) and Margaret Hall who skipped the team. She helped run, assisting Mary Berry, or ran a very healthy indoor bowls competition for many years and was our Indoor Bowls champion on three occasions (1994, 2000 and 2001).

Her exceptional memory helped us in the identification of many of the team members in some old Associates team photographs that were lacking the names of those pictured.

Betty is held in high regard by many for her tireless work as an administrator of the Ladies component of the club. When the club was at a low ebb through the early 2000s, members such as Betty and Eve Hannes, often provided prizes out of their own pockets and donated essential goods and equipment for use by the club. Betty says that, despite some tough times, she has formed some wonderful friendships with people through the Mornington Bowling Club. In 2005 she was elected as a Life Member.

## MR. A. T. PATTINSON

Arthur Pattinson, often simply referred to as A. T. Pattinson, was a native of Sydney with a distinguished record in both the Boer War and WWI. He served as a warrant officer first class and gained his commission with the 17th Light Horse from Echuca. A born organiser (as you'll see later), his worth and ability soon became evident, and apart from undertaking the role of secretary at the Echuca Athletic Association and the R.S.L., he also became Captain/Coach of the Echuca Football Club, and later on of the Rochester Football Club. His ability in the field of sport merited his inclusion into League ranks with the St. Kilda Football Club (played 4 games in 1909), later on transferring to the Association ranks with Footscray (Ed. *His name is not listed with those who are supposed to have represented the club when it was part of the VFA prior to 1925.*).



In 1905 he became an amateur hurdle champion, and followed this feat by winning the pole vault championship in the same year and repeated this in the following two years. Some 10 years later, he jumped 19ft. 6in. to win the broad jump championship with the A.I.F. in Egypt. On his return from the war he became captain of the Golden Square Fire Brigade and led this branch of public service in many competition victories.

He became a highly respected member of the community in Narrandera from 1923, having arrived with a caravan in which they camped on the river flat beside the local cricket ground. A party of footballers met Mr. Pattinson and he was persuaded to stay in town rather than choosing to move on.

Mr. Pattinson, as a Boer War and WWI veteran, was one of those who helped to set up the Narrandera sub-branch of the The Returned Sailors and Soldiers Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA) in 1926, the forerunner of what was to become the Returned Services League of Australia (RSL). He was secretary at the time and remained so for many years, despite some rather tough years for the organisation. He was always known as 'Patto' by members. Not content to sit idly by, given he was too old to enlist in WWII, he joined the Volunteer Defence Corps (V.D.C.) and was one of the most active members in it. There were many tales told of their experiences during the time the V.D.C. was in operation, some of which were very humorous. 'Patto' did a tremendous amount of work on behalf of the V.D.C., and made many articles of equipment before the real articles became available. When they did materialise, the members were more familiar with their use than they otherwise would have been. He was a man in every sense of the word, always leading an active life, and with no one enjoying all the drills and outings associated with the V.D.C. more than he.

His other involvements in the town included providing leadership as well as being drummer and drum major in the Citizens' Band, helping all members to be the best they could be, establishing and training a senior cadet corps at the local High School where he was well liked and respected by the boys for the training imparted, tutoring numerous children to swim in the Lake so that there were no casualties during his time (from only 25% being able to swim when he arrived, it was estimated that at least 95% of the children over 11 year of age could swim at his departure), and physical drill and other training to members of the Catholic Youth Movement. If this wasn't enough, he also helped out the Girl's Hockey Club with training, was a football delegate to the S.W.D.F.L, Hon. Treasurer of the Swimming Club (and with the support of the Town Clerk, the Lake was made into a safe swimming venue), Captain/Coach of the water polo team and served time as an alderman for a short period in Council from 1941. Mr. Pattinson and the community were both well aware that he could not managed all this without the support of his wife, who had been his mainstay for the past 40 years. She had apparently always been encouraging and supportive of his activities.

Mr. A. T. Pattinson and his wife 'retired' to Mornington towards the end of 1946, having spent the previous 23 years in Narrandera, NSW.

On arriving in Mornington he became involved, among other things, in both the Mornington Citizen's Band and the Mornington Bowling Club. He continued his long-time interest in young people by helping to provide leadership and training to the younger band members. He also became a keen bowler and, in 1950, he created a season record by captaining 25 winning teams. In this same year he finished runner up in the club singles championship to J. Wilson who, as a result, won his third club singles championship in succession.

Mr. A. T. Pattinson served as secretary of the club in 1950-52 and was later made a Life Member of the club.

He and his wife lived at 14 Kent Street in Mornington for at least some of the time they were in Mornington but the house they would have lived in is no longer there.

## BILL AND GRACE SAUNDERS

Bill (born 1920) and Grace (born 1940, passed away just after Christmas in 2016) Saunders are one of five couples to date who've been associated with the Mornington Bowling Club long term where both partners have gone on to be nominated and confirmed as Life Members, Bill in 1998 and Grace in 2004.



Bill, a builder by trade, moved to Mornington around 1951 but didn't join the club (take up bowls) until 1967. Grace joined a couple of years later.

16th October, 1967 – Bill Saunders nominated and approved for membership. Moved: Mr. O'Donoghue, Seconded: Mr. Goding. (Ed. *Carried, one would assume*).

Bill enjoyed early success winning the PBA Pairs in 1969/70 with Jack Glasser as his skip. They repeated this feat twice more, in 1970/71 and 1972/73.

Then it was the PBA Fours in 1972/73 playing as lead in a team with Oliver Cameron, Phil Kent and Howard Stewart as skip. Not satisfied by this, he was again part of a winning PBA Fours team in 1983/84, again playing as lead, in a team including Gary Dicketts and Louis Le Franc with Jack Glasser again as skip.

Probably his greatest achievement as a bowler was being part of the winning Victorian Country Fours (they subsequently finished as runners up to Burwood in the State Title) as lead in a team that comprised Eric Ross and Jack Glasser, with Ray Glasser playing as skip. On the way there, they'd won both the PBA and Group 7 tournaments.

Bill also enjoyed being the club's men's singles champion in 1977/78. He was also part of two PBA Veteran's Triples titles in consecutive years (1994/95 and 1995/96) with Tom Bartel and Des Clark as skip.

Grace was pleased to be part of a winning PBA Fours team in 1992/93 playing as lead with Eve Hannes, Marj Lippiatt and with Ruth Davies as skip.

From the club's point of view, the A Pennant team's performances in winning 14 of a possible 15 championships from 1969/70 through to 1983/84 will almost certainly never be matched. In 1970/71 they won all 18 matches played finishing a total of 512 shots up to win the championship without any need to play either a semi-final or grand final match. The following season they didn't go through the season unbeaten, but again won by such a margin that they were declared champions without the need for finals matches. Bill was part of every one of these teams, along with Jack Glasser, George Shell and Alex Davis. He was also a member of our teams when we lost to City of Frankston in 1977/78 and again in 1984/85.



Both served terms as Presidents of the respective organisations that comprised the Mornington Bowling Club (Bill once in 1994/95 and Grace for three separate periods, 1997-99, 2002-2004 and 2007/2008). Bill also served a couple of periods as secretary of the club (2002-04, 2006-8).

A major upgrade to the clubrooms was carried out under the supervision and using the expertise of Bill Saunders (remember that he was a builder by trade), with the help of Bill Leak (a plumber) and Kel Lippiatt (a drainer), Allan Denham and others in 1995. A further 4.5 metres was added along the ocean side of the building and the view optimised with suitable windows, etc. When carrying out the work including installation of plinth boards, marijuana plants were discovered growing underneath the building (rightly or wrongly attributed to some of the local young people) as this area was not blocked off (source: Bill Saunders). They experienced considerable difficulty getting plans approved by the Lands Department and Council.

Other building improvements and maintenance issues including painting were dealt with from time to time over subsequent years, more often than not with Bill Saunders at the forefront going about his business in his usual quiet and unobtrusive way. Bill and Grace seem to have done a lot for the club over something approaching 40 years. At the time this history was written Bill Saunders is the oldest living club member and Life Member at 95yo having served 4½ years in RAAF signals during WWII at Port Moresby and in Darwin. Unfortunately, Grace passed on just after Christmas in 2016. They were well known for organising all sorts of social functions including sausage sizzles, concerts, special occasions (Australia Day, Cup Day, Fancy Dress), as well as being on deck for all the competition and social bowls events. Grace was the Licensee under the Liquor Licensing Laws over a number of years (incl. 2006). They are some of the many people to which those of us enjoying the facilities nowadays owe a great debt.

## REV. HAROLD OWEN WATSON

After doing his theological and associated training in Melbourne, and then spending 20 years serving mainly in Gippsland parishes, Rev. Watson (born 1882 in Warrnambool), was inducted at St Peter's Church of England, Mornington in May 1936.



During his incumbency, in addition to the regular local services at St Peter's and Mt Eliza, there were a number of special services linked to many world events (e.g. the Coronation of George VI in 1937, a thanksgiving service in 1938 to mark what seemed to be 'peace' in Europe after a threat of war, the evacuation of Dunkirk, the fall of Singapore, the start of the third year of war and finally, in 1945, D Day in June and VE Day in August.

The war years saw a number of young men of the parish, including the Rev. and Mrs. Watson's two sons, serving overseas. They both served in the R.A.A.F., with the younger of the two suffering the experience of spending three years as a POW in Italy and Germany (Ed: *No doubt the Vicar and his wife endured considerable suffering over this too*).

Despite the war, church activities continued (e.g. confirmation services, a Young People's Fellowship was established, record attendances at Sunday School with over 100 names on the list, the annual Summer Fair and Autumn Flower Shows). The St Peter's vicar continued taking a service at Mt Eliza every Sunday, but in 1937 a 'St. James the Less vestry' came into existence, the first move towards their ultimate independence from St. Peter's.

In his younger days Rev. Watson was a very capable footballer and cricketer, and was to the fore in all kinds of athletics including boxing. Not surprisingly, he later took up lawn bowls and became a keen member, and was for a time on the committee, of the Mornington Bowling Club.

On Monday January 21st, 1945, he won the singles championship of the Mornington Bowling Club. His play through the season had been of the highest order to reach the final. A large number of spectators were in attendance and were treated to thrills a plenty and a wonderful match between Rev. Watson and H. Davis. Both players bowled exceptionally well, with the result in doubt right to the finish. Long-time members of the club regarded it as the finest exhibition of bowling seen on the Mornington green. After 40 ends, the scores were locked at 30 all. The last end was exciting with fortunes alternating several times. It looked as if Davis had the game won when he drew right on the jack, but Watson, with a beautiful yard on delivery which trailed close to the jack, secured the critical shot and thus won the coveted honour, the match and the championship.

Rev. Watson successfully defended his title in February of 1946, although we don't know any of the detail associated with this, to again be the club singles champion.

Splendid attendances on the part of local players and visitors were witnessed on Easter Saturday 1946 with rink competitions arousing keen interest. The team skipped (led) by Rev. H. O. Watson won the trophy that was up for grabs on the day. This was to be his last game of bowls.

After taking four services at St Peter's and another at Mt Eliza on Easter Sunday 1946, Rev. Watson became ill and died a few weeks later. He was a much-loved pastor during the trial of the war years but did not live to share much of the peacetime with his people. After a service at St Peter's, he was buried at the Mornington cemetery.

## **KEN WEATHERLEY**



Ken, now in his mid 70s, joined the club for the first time during the 2002/03 season. In the time since, he has been a member of the Bowls Committee on many occasions. During his membership of the Bowls Committee the current club shirts were designed, produced and introduced. Friday night Barefoot Bowls, of which he was the co-ordinator for several years, was introduced and has proved to be a real success and has now be running for in excess of 10 years. The Ladies and Men's Committees also amalgamated during this period and mixed bowls was introduced for all events (aside from club Ladies' and Men's singles and pairs tournaments). Previous to this, Tuesday had been set aside for Ladies only events and Wednesdays and Saturdays essentially for Men only. In Ken's opinion, all of these initiatives have proved very successful and have made for a stronger club member wise, as well as socially and on the green.

From season 2005/06 till 2015/16, Ken served the club as its Sponsorship and Advertising Officer, liaising with various local businesses and organisations regarding sponsorship, advertising and signage. During this period, in excess of \$177,000 was raised to the benefit of the club, an incredible effort completed with considerable success by Ken.

He has been a member of the Friday morning work crew involved in mowing and edging lawns, and maintaining gardens for approximately 10 years. Anyone watching him tackle a hedge or a bush with a pair of hand shears could only be in awe of his ability and staying power with such an instrument.

Ken participated in Pennant bowls for at least 10 years, played in a number of losing Grand Final teams, and was finally rewarded in season 2011/12 when he was part of our winning B3 (Division 4) Pennant team along with current club members Doug Brough, Bernie O' Connor, Brian Pyne and Geoff Spencer. Again in 2013/14, he was a member of the Division 7 team when it won the Grand Final, this time in a team that included current club members Dennis and Liz Smith, Ron Hines, Doug Munro, Col Walden and Phil Wilson. He frequently plays social bowls when it is designated 'nominated triples' with his good mates Robin Blampied and Ken Fyffe. They form a formidable unit to be feared, believe me!

In 2015/2016, he was duly elected a Life Member of the club.

# Reflections from long standing Club Members

## **ROBIN BLAMPIED** (*Member since 2003*)

Early in the 2000s, the club went through a very low and lean period of its history – a period when it lost a number of members to more successful clubs, financially could not afford to employ a full time Green’s Curator and received no Shire Council Clubhouse and surrounds maintenance support whatsoever. This meant that the club relied solely on its members to assist with the preparation of the greens for play, and to carry out all maintenance and cleaning of the Club and surrounds.

It should be noted that at this time the ladies were not permitted to play Saturday pennant and men were not permitted to play in the Tuesday pennant and, at the Club level, ladies were not allowed to join the men for Wednesday social bowls. Further, at this time there was no winter bowls because the ‘English Bent’ grass could not handle the conditions.

Faced with these circumstances, the ‘Board of Management’ of the day commenced the following programs and initiatives which have helped make the club what it is today:

1. In order to make the greens playable all year round, each green in turn was converted from the existing ‘English Bent’ to ‘Tifdwarf’ which we enjoy today. This work was carried out by volunteers over the period from 2002 to 2006. Winter bowls then commenced from 2004.
2. In 2008, the lady members were invited to join with the men in participating in the Wednesday social bowls. Further changes took place in 2009 when, after the ‘equal rights’ legislation was passed in Parliament, both Men and Ladies could play in the Saturday and Tuesday pennant teams.
3. The letting of the Club House for private functions commenced in 2004/05 and Barefoot bowling on Friday evenings during the summer months commenced in 2006 – both these activities, as they do today, required volunteer helpers.

A major boost to the Clubs’ finances came about in 2007 when the Shire Council changed the Clubs’ Leasing agreement and became responsible for all the major maintenance of the Clubhouse, fencing and paving.

**DOUG BROUGH** (*Member from 1986 -1994 and then 2005 to current*)

Dad (John Brough) was a very active member for many years from the early eighties till the year 2000.

His brother (and hence my uncle), Joe Brough was a member from 1988 to 1996 during which time he served on several Committees including a stint as President in 1993/94.

I joined around 1986/87 but left to join Mt Eliza in 1994. I then played at several other clubs and returned to the Mornington club in 2005 when we moved back to live in the Mornington township again. I have served the club and it's members on many Committees including roles as President from 2008 to 2010 and as PBD club representative. For a number of years I've carried out the tasks associated with being a Tournament Director. This has involved organising the Club's special tournaments including President's Day, Mornington Summer Classic and Jack Glasser Day. It also involves working with a counterpart from the Mt. Martha Club to organise the Mt. Martha Challenges and Mt. Martha Medleys that occur regularly throughout the year.

*(Ed. Anyone who has participated in any tournaments organised by Doug will be well aware of the tremendous effort it takes to organise these and recognise what a very competent job he does in keep everything moving smoothly, and participants happy and satisfied.).*

My son, Phil Brough, joined in 2008 but left in 2012 when he moved to live in Ballarat where he now bowls at the Sebastapol Club.

My brother in law, Dave Gillan, was a long-time member of the club serving as Greens' Director for many years (*Ed. Dave passed away earlier this year.*).

**BOB CHURCHER** (*Member since 2000*)

When I joined the club some 17 years ago, it was struggling both from a low membership, and financial problems. This was despite the tremendous efforts of the “old guard”. In fact, the two main greens of the Club are named after Frank Gregory and Kel Lippiatt, both of them great workers on our behalf, but like some of the other men, they were of the opinion than men’s and women’s events should be kept separate, but with the ladies catering for all special events.

This led to a period of disruption and even the loss of some of our senior ladies. At about the same time it was becoming clear that “discrimination” in Australia was no longer acceptable. Your Board was also trying to get some clarity on what government departments (such as the Port Philip Authority, the Shire Council, the Roads Board, the Liquor and Smoking laws, and the Water Authorities) would allow us to do.

The Board also realised that with our facilities and our location, we had a great place to promote functions and things like Barefoot Bowls, etc. With the hard work of many, many Club members, these arrangements have been a financial success and have given us a Club we can be proud of and continue to enjoy.

## **KEN FYFFE** (*Member since 1986 and Life Member*)

When I joined the Club in 1986 it was large and successful. In fact, so successful that a new Club, Mornington Civic, had been formed to cater for the influx of bowlers.

Our teams were very good, often winning Division 1 Premierships. With members like Jack Glasser, sons Ray and Stan, Bill Saunders and David Hunter, they were hard to beat. Jack Glasser won twelve Club Championships. The Jack Glasser Day tournament, celebrated in March for many years, is held to remember his contribution to the Club. Gloria and Chad each with six championship wins may surpass him one day!!

Our greens were considered the best on the Peninsula and our number three green was used by Division one. Years ago we could only bowl from September to April as our old style English bent grass could not be played on in the winter. The new tiffdwarf grass greens were planted over a four year period 2002 - 2006, enabling year round bowling.

The Club House was extended in 1995 due to the efforts of Bill Saunders, Kel Lippiatt, Bill Leak, Allan Denham and others. We relied very heavily on volunteer labour. That is why I cleaned 12,600 toilets over an eighteen year period (Ed. *One sustained effort.*).

The Club has been through some difficult times. In the early 2000's we had falling membership and a poor financial situation. There was even talk of joining with the RSL. Thanks to the work of Frank Gregory, Bill and Grace Saunders and others, the Club introduced paid functions. This, along with barefoot bowling under the leadership of Ken Weatherley and a team of workers, increased Club sponsorship and advertising, turning the Club finances around.

Excellent work by chairman Brian Pyne, treasurer Vern Broome (a top operator) and other members, meant that the Club ran very successfully.

Now we have a great Club with growing membership and a strong financial situation. After 100 years, the Club is in excellent shape. Best wishes for the future.



**VALDA LECHTE** (*Member since 1998 with a focus on the Associates here*)

I joined in late 1998 although I still played pennant for my previous club until the end of that season. I knew more of this (Ladies') section than the Committee of Management although I later attended those meetings representing the Ladies' Committee.

At the beginning of my time at Mornington it was in financial difficulty. I seem to be attracted to clubs with no money - Glenhuntly (which closed), Carnegie (which amalgamated with City of St. Kilda and was renamed Glen Eira Bowls Club) because Carnegie's finances were in trouble, so it did not surprise me that Mornington also was experiencing financial stress.

Mornington's membership was low and the executive positions were difficult to fill. After a little while I accepted the position of Secretary (Ladies' Section) with Betty Brennan as President and Joan Bramstedt as Treasurer.

We had all held those positions before (at other clubs), and so knew a little of what we should do. We knew about our financial situation by that time and we contemplated whether we should have one general committee for the whole club. This is the format Glenhuntly adopted, as they also were short of members. It would not interfere with the bowls format, including ladies' and men's pennant. However that year it did not come to fruition but the following year the PBA and PDLBA recommended all clubs accept men and ladies to work with one general committee. At one stage when we were really struggling, the RSL offered to join with us but we were concerned we would lose our independence, so we rejected their offer.

As is the case now, when I joined Mornington Bowling Club it was a very proud club, and was always beautifully presented, in spite of its difficult financial situation including perfect table settings, clubroom floral decorations. The members worked really hard to maintain the quality that was expected. The members gave of themselves without exception, financially and workwise. Food preparation was excellent. Many members provided the prizes for the day and the prizes for the special days were exceptional. More sponsorship was needed but we managed.

Mornington Council then advised that they would maintain the exterior of all clubs within their municipality, thus eliminating those costs to clubs, a great factor in the Mornington Bowling Club's resurrection.

Barefoot bowls was introduced which was very successful. Mornington Council allowed our clubrooms to be hired to the public and this enhanced our finances considerably.

The sincere friendships formed with many members still remain. My very best wishes for the next 100 years to Mornington (On The Beach) Bowling Club.

**BETTY PADDLE** (*Member since 1986 and Life Member*)

*Introduction by Ken Fyffe - Betty has served as both President and Secretary for several years (not at the same time). She worked very hard in the catering area as it was all done by volunteers in the "old" days. For many years she played indoor bowls, and I saw about twenty trophies on display in her home. This is her amusing story. Enjoy.*

Dear Bowlers,

I was invited to put in a few words in the booklet on the 100th year anniversary of our Club.

I can only think of a funny story which happened about twenty years ago. We played indoor bowls, or some call it carpet bowls and were invited to play at Cerberus. We accepted, had a good game (a win), and were treated to a most beautiful supper. It was getting late, time to go home, but we got lost. We were picked up by the Military Police, had a good laugh and got escorted off Cerberus grounds. You can image that we got home late, but a good time was had by all.

Well people, now you know when you play bowls, anything can happen.

**BARBARA SMYTH** (*Member from 1993 - 2007*)

We had 4 teams in Pennant who had mixed fortunes. We made many great friends and enjoyed playing for Mornington.

Tournaments were held monthly and we also entered teams and played clubs on the Peninsula.

Our Guest days were special. We all made up teams from our friends at other Clubs. Betty Paddle was sponsor and great fun was had by all.

We also had social days and Championships. Our yearly concerts were enjoyed by family and other clubs and ran for 2 nights. We also had a deb set - Men as ladies and girls as men - hilarious!

We had several dances a year, on New Year, Cup Day and Xmas.

Tournaments were very well attended - 21 full rinks and the Ladies, about 8 of us catered.

Our indoor bowls was also very busy over winter.

We played Pennant Tuesday, Social Thursday and Sunday.

Tournaments were held twice monthly and were always full.

We had Championships and Trophies.

Once a month we had Chicken Dinner and played bowls and sometimes had a game night. They were always great fun and well attended.

We certainly used the Club to the full and loved our time there.

# Outstanding Achievements – Men

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>1950/51</b>	Wednesday Pennant (‘Hart Cup’ - Permanent Retention)	–
<b>1951/52</b>	Wednesday Pennant	–
<b>1953/54</b>	Wednesday Pennant	–
<b>1955/56</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	C. H. L. Davis
<b>1956/57</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	C. H. L. Davis
<b>1960/61</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	C. H. L. Davis
<b>1961/62</b>	PBA A and C Pennants	–
<b>1963/64</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Fours	D. Brown (S), F. Marchesi, L. Hammond, A. Decker
<b>1964/65</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	A. Young
	PBA Singles	A. Young
	Zone 7 Singles	A. Young
	PBA Pairs	D. O’Donohue (S), A. Young
	PBA Fours	Joe Wills (S), G. Richards, H. Watts, Jack Wills
<b>1965/66</b>	PBA Pairs	D. O’Donohue (S) , A. Young
<b>1966/67</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	G. Shell
	PBA Singles	G. Shell
	Zone 7 Singles	G. Shell
	PBA Pairs	D. O’Donohue (S), G. Hendrie
<b>1967/68</b>	PBA B Pennant	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	PBA Singles	J. Glasser
	Zone 7 Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	N. Gellie (S), N. Barcham
	PBA Fours	C. Davis (S), W. McRoberts, L. Mountford, A. Francis

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>1968/69</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	Zone 7 Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	PBA Singles	H. Stewart
<b>1969/70</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Singles	H. Stewart
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), W. Saunders
<b>1970/71</b>	PBA A Pennant (Undefeated)	–
	PBA Singles	A. Davis
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), W. Saunders
<b>1971/72</b>	PBA A and B Pennants	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	Zone 7 Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	Victorian Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	R. Brindley (S), P. Keogh
	PBA Fours	J. Glasser (S), A. Davis, C. Head, J. Pengelley
<b>1972/73</b>	PBA A and D Pennants	–
	PBA Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), W. Saunders
	PBA Fours	H. Stewart (S), W. Saunders, O. Cameron, P. Kent
<b>1973/74</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	Zone 7 Singles	R. Glasser
	PBA Fours	J. Glasser (S), C. Head, D. Orr, N. Gellie
<b>1974/75</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), R. Glasser
	“Age” Medallion	H. Stewart (S), A. Davis, T. Bartle, R. Glasser
<b>1975/76</b>	PBA A and C Pennants	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	Zone 7 Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	Runner-Up Victorian Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser

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	PBA Singles	R. Glasser
	Zone 7 Singles	R. Glasser
	PBA Fours	J. Glasser (S), R. Glasser, O. Cameron, N. Gellie
	“Age” Medallion	H. Stewart (S), A. Davis, T. Bartle, R. Glasser
<b>1976/77</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), S. Glasser
<b>1977/78</b>	PBA B Pennant	–
	PBA Singles	A. C. Davis
	PBA Pairs	H. Stewart (S), T. Bartle
	PBA Fours	J. Glasser (S), S. Glasser, A. Howse, R. Merrett
	PBA Veteran Triples	G. Mitchell(S), C. Ames, H. Caldwell
<b>1978/79</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Singles	R. Glasser
<b>1979/80</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	R. Glasser
	Zone 7 Champion Of Champions	R. Glasser
	Victorian Champion Of Champions	R. Glasser
	PBA Singles	R. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	R. Glasser (S), L. Heath
<b>1980/81</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), M. Roscholler
	Runner-Up Mazda Victorian Singles	R. Glasser
	“Age” Medallion - St Kilda Medal	G. Davies
<b>1981/82</b>	PBA A and B Pennants	–
	PBA Singles	A. C. Davis
	PBA Pairs	J. Glasser (S), R. Glasser
<b>1982/83</b>	PBA A Pennant	
	PBA Pairs	J. A. Waters (S), K. S. Kippiatt

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<b>1983/84</b>	PBA A Pennant	
	PBA Triples	H.E. Stewart (S), A. Garlick, B. Yott
	PBA Fours	J. Glasser (S), W. Saunders, G. Dicketts, L. Le Franc
	PBA Veterans Singles	D. A. Condie
	PBA Veterans Triples	D. A. Condie, C. N. Head, L. Heath
<b>1984/85</b>	PBA Pairs	R. Glasser (S), S. Glasser
	Group 7 Pairs	R. Glasser (S), S. Glasser
	PBA Fours	R. Glasser (S), J. Glasser, W. H. Saunders, E. Ross
	Group 7 Fours	R. Glasser (S), J. Glasser, W. H. Saunders, E. Ross
	Victorian Country Fours	R. Glasser (S), J. Glasser, W. H. Saunders, E. Ross
	PBA Veteran Singles	H. E. Stewart
<b>1985/86</b>	PBA Division 2 Pennant	–
	PBA Veteran Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Veteran Triples	S. Scurrah (S), L. Harris, M. D. Millar
<b>1986/87</b>	PBA A Pennant	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	Zone 7 Champion Of Champions	J. Glasser
	PBA Veteran Singles	J. Glasser
<b>1987/88</b>	PBA Division 2 Pennant	–
<b>1988/89</b>	PBA Division 2 Pennant	–
	PBA Champion Of Champions	R. Glasser
	PBA Pairs	G. Dicketts (S), T. Bartle
<b>1989/90</b>	PBA Triples	A. Davis (S), W. Cole, L. Robinson
	PBA Veteran Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Novice Singles	P. Hudson
<b>1990/91</b>	PBA Pairs	B. Ivers, W. J. Ould
<b>1991/92</b>	PBA Division 4 Pennant	–
	PBA Singles	A. C. Davis

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<b>1992/93</b>	PBA Pairs	A. Davis, S. Hargreaves
	PBA Triples	D. Smyth, J. Glasser, S. Glasser
	PBA Veteran Singles	J. Glasser
	PBA Veteran Triples	T. Bartle, W. Cole, J. Glasser
<b>1993/94</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	D. Wellington
	PBA Triples	D. Wellington (S), A. Davis, L. Robinson'
	Vic. Past Presidents Assoc. Fours	K. Lippiatt (S), J. Millington, W. Ould, A. Condie, A. Bawden Sub
<b>1994/95</b>	PBA B2 Pennant	–
	Victorian Country Pairs	D. Wellington (S), D. Smyth
	PBA Veteran Triples	D. Clark (S), T. Bartle, W. Saunders
<b>1995/96</b>	PBA Veteran Triples	D. Clark (S), T. Bartle, W. Saunders
<b>1996/97</b>	PBA Novice Pairs	G. Tozer, R. Braakhuis
<b>1997/98</b>	PBA Champion Of Champions	W. Leak J.P.
	PBA Pairs	W. Leak (S), B. Goding
	Group 7 Pairs	W. Leak (S), B. Goding
<b>1999/00</b>	PBA Under 35S Singles	G. Tozer
<b>2007/08</b>	PBA Keith Young Award	D. Hunter



# Outstanding Achievements – Ladies

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
<b>1954/55</b>	Peninsula Champion Of Champions	Mrs. R. Mills
<b>1955/56</b>	Pennant	–
<b>1956/57</b>	PDLBA A and B Pennants	–
<b>1957/58</b>	Peninsula Fours	V. Davey, G. Goding, D. Veal, D. Birrell (S)
<b>1958/59</b>	PDLBA B Pennant	–
	Peninsula Pairs	H. Niblett, M. Swingler (S)
<b>1959/60</b>	A Pennant	–
	Pensula Fours	B. Bishop, H. Davis, M. Hancorne, E. Wurm (S)
<b>1960/61</b>	Peninsula Singles	G. Barker
	Peninsula Pairs	T. Russell, D. Stahle (S)
<b>1961/62</b>	PDLBA B and C Pennants	–
<b>1962/63</b>	A Pennant	–
<b>1963/64</b>	PDLBA Div. 3 and 4 Pennants	–
	Peninsula Fours	R. Bell, V. Ralph, T. Russell, G. Barker (S)
<b>1964/65</b>	Peninsula Pairs	D. Shell, D. Tancoe (S)
	Mixed Fours	L. Cox, R. Mills (S)
<b>1966/67</b>	A Pennant	–
<b>1967/68</b>	B Pennant	–
	Peninsula Champion Of Champions	G. Barker
<b>1970/71</b>	C Pennant	–
	Peninsula Fours	D. Shell, I. Mcniven, A. Clarke, W. Ditterich (S)
<b>1971/72</b>	Peninsula Singles	I. Bradford
	Peninsula Fours	H. Carter, J. Dublet, T. Russell, M. Wills (S)
	Madge Williams Shield (Peninsula)	L. Argent, K. Nield, G. Goding, I. Bradford (S)
<b>1973/74</b>	State Fours Peninsula Section	K. Jordan, W. Richards, J. Dublet, I. Bradford (S)
	VLBA Group 9 Shield	J. Gellie, W. Richards, I. Bradford, M. Mcdonald (S)

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<b>1974/75</b>	PDLBA Pairs State Pairs Peninsula Section	H. Davis, T. Russell (S) B. Bennetts, T. Cornwell (S)
<b>1975/76</b>	PDLBA Champion Of Champions	C. Head
<b>1976/77</b>	PDLBA A Pennant State Pairs Peninsula Section	– C. Head, R. Garlick (S)
<b>1978/79</b>	PDLBA A Pennant	–
<b>1979/80</b>	State Fours Peninsula Section	H. Davis, M. McDonald, J. Gellie, I. Bradford (S)
<b>1980/81</b>	PDLBA A Pennant	–
<b>1981/82</b>	PDLBA A Pennant State Pairs Peninsula Section Anniversary Fours	– N. Gordon, Lena Campbell (S) I. Orr, J. Gellie, M. Berry, I. Bradford (S)
<b>1983/84</b>	State Pairs Peninsula Section	M. Hall, I. Orr
<b>1984/85</b>	State Pairs Peninsula Section	E. Alderson, P. Nicholls, M. Weidner (S)
<b>1986/87</b>	Peninsula Triples	B. Timms, M. Hall, I. Orr (S)
<b>1987/88</b>	PDLBA B Pennant Peninsula Fours State Fours Peninsula Section	– C. Martin, J. Gellie, R. Rodger, R. Davies (S) D. Duchatenier, P. Clark, R. Davies, J. Gellie (S)
<b>1988/89</b>	State Singles Peninsula Section Anniversary Fours	C. Martin C. Martin, M. Lippiatt, K. Lacy, M. Weidner (S)
<b>1989/90</b>	PDLBA A and B2 Pennants VLBA Group 9 Shield	– E. Smyth, M. Lippiatt, M. Berry, M. Hall (S)
<b>1990/91</b>	District Champion	C. Martin
<b>1991/92</b>	PDLBA D Pennant District Champion Peninsula Fours	– M. Weidner E. Nicol, K. Lacy, C. Martin, M. Weidner (S)

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<b>1991/92</b>	Anniversary Fours	L. Andrew, J. Millar, E. Hamilton, May Jones (S)
	Mixed Charity Fours	M. Allison, E. Smyth, D. Smyth, A. Davis (S)
<b>1992/93</b>	Peninsula Fours	R. Davies (S), G. Saunders, E. Hannes, M. Lippiatt
	Marie McDonald Triples	F. Newbegin (S), J. Davey, K. O'Shannessy, R. Davies Sub
<b>1993/94</b>	State Fours Peninsula Section	E. Smyth, J. Bramstedt, B. Timms, M. Hall (S)
	State Fours Group 9	E. Smyth, J. Bramstedt, B. Timms, M. Hall (S)
<b>1995/96</b>	PDLBA B2 and C Pennants	–
	District Champion	R. Davies
	Peninsula Fours	M. Hall (S), B. Paddle, J. Allen, E. Nicol
<b>1997/98</b>	Anniversary Fours	E. Smyth (S), M. Berry, N. Morrow, M. Lippiatt

# Outstanding Achievements – Combined

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
2009/10	PBA Division 5 Pennant	–
	PDBA Group 9 Pairs	G. Evans, B. Halsall
	PBA Men’s Singles	C. Muir
	Group 7 Men’s Singles	C. Muir
2010/11	PBA Division 4 Pennant	–
2011/12	PBD Division 3 Pennant	–
	PCR Novice Ladies Singles	P. Pumpa
2012/13	PBD Division 2 Pennant	–
2014/15	PBA Champion Of Champions	C. Muir

## Mornington Bowling Club Singles Champions (more than 3 times)

### **MEN**

Jack Glasser	12	(first in 1968/69, last in 1991/92)
Chad Muir	6	(first in 2006/07, last in 2015/16)
Cyril H.L. Davis	5	(first in 1954/55, last in 1960/61)
M. Butterfield	4	(first in 1926/27, last in 1932/33)
Alex Davis	4	(first in 1962/63, last in 1990/91)

### **LADIES**

Ruth Davies	6	(first in 1993/94, last in 2005/06)
Gloria Evans	6	(first in 2006/07, last in 2016/17)
Grace Barker	5	(first in 1962/63, last in 1967/68)
Carlene Martin	4	(first in 1987/88, last in 2009/10)

# Mornington Bowling Club Greenkeepers (Curators)

*Part time and full time, paid and volunteer have been included remembering that lots of help has been provided by club members over the years.*

Harry Smart, Cyril Davis (Alex's father), Russell Bowdern (Feb 1966 – 81, who came down from Kerang to do the job, did his Green-keeping qualification at Burnley Horticultural College while on the job and is currently the Greens Director at Mount Martha BC), D. Green (81/82), Jim Alexander (82/91), Geoff Tozer (92-08, tiffdwarf grass installed on all three greens during his watch) and Darren Morgan (2009-current).



# List of Clubs currently part of the Peninsula Casey Bowls Region

## **CLUBS - PENINSULA CASEY - FLINDERS BOWLS DIVISION**

Balnarring	Mt Martha	Sorrento
Dromana	Rosebud	Village Glen
Flinders Golf	Rosebud CC	West Rosebud
Main Ridge	Rye	

## **CLUBS - PENINSULA CASEY - PENINSULA BOWLS DIVISION**

Baxter Village	Hastings	Mt Eliza
Belvedere	Karingal	Somerville
Blue Hills	Koo Wee Rup	Woodlands Park
Blue Hills Rise	Mornington	Yamala Park
City of Frankston	Mornington Civic	

# Mornington Bowling Club Life Members (as of the annual meeting in May 2016)

## LADIES

Daisy Stahle  
Thelma Russell  
Hazel Davis  
Ivy Bradford  
Jean Gellie  
Isobel Orr  
Cassie Head  
Mary Berry  
Marj Lippiatt  
Betty Paddle  
Grace Saunders †  
Eve Hannes

## MEN

H. E. Davis †  
Norm Fretwell †  
Arthur T. Pattinson †  
J. H. Scott †  
Jim Wilson †  
B. Walker  
E. J. Stanton †  
H. T. Davey †  
George Chapman †  
G. Kent †  
J. Kelleher †  
C. P. Cook †  
Leon R. D. Stahle (C.b.e) †  
George Shell †  
Jack E. Mccleery †  
Charlie N. Head †  
W. (Bill) Saunders  
Alex Davis  
Cliff Goding †  
P. A. Kent †  
J. Tighe †  
Kel Lippiatt †  
Sid Scurrah †  
Alec Coates †  
Frank Gregory †  
Ron Weymouth  
Ken Fyffe  
Ken Weatherley

