

## **Bowls in Northam 1905-2005**

### **Mens Bowls 1905-2005 - Ladies Bowls 1938-2005**

On the evening of Monday the 26th of June 1905 a group of Northam men gathered at the Commercial Hotel in Fitzgerald Street of Northam to find the interest in the forming of a Bowling Club. H P Colebatch, journalist and the owner of the local newspaper the "Northam Advertiser" and also the Vice President of the Western Australian Bowling Association, was voted to chair the meeting. Apologies for non-attendance and sympathy for the movement were received from the Hon. George Throssell, Member of Parliament representing Northam, J T Reilly, W J Stewart and others. J B Ackland moved that a Bowling Club be formed and that a general meeting be called of all interested Northam residents for Monday July 5th to constitute a Club. This was seconded by C H Whiteford and carried unanimously. To select the site for the new Club, to enroll foundation members and to make arrangements for the laying of the green, the following gentlemen were appointed. The Mayor of Northam O L Bernard, J B Ackland, C W Whiteford, J Rodgers, E T Henley, J J Keating, A Gordon, P Howard and H P Colebatch.

(These notes, and most of those until 1934, were taken from the research carried out by Stan Greay for the Jubilee Carnival of 1956. He obtained this information by painstakingly reading past copies of the Northam Advertiser, which published all the sporting events of the day very well. The reason for this work was that all copies of Minutes of the Northam Bowling Club until the year 1934 had been lost. From 1934 onwards the notes and comments have been obtained from Minute Books, which had been saved, past copies of the "Northam Advertiser" and older members - LCM)

#### General Meeting July 5 1905

A large and representative gathering of interested persons convened at the Avon Bridge Hotel to complete the work of forming a Bowling Club in Northam. H P Colebatch was voted into the chair and J J Keating as secretary. The members of the preliminary committee reported that upwards of forty gentlemen had signed the roll of membership.

##### Election of Foundation Office Bearers

Patrons - G Throssell, C E Dempster, J Byfield, W J Stewart, O L Bernard, H Teasdale-Smith

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - J B Ackland, G L Throssell, E A Lockyer, J T Reilly, Dr Dunlop

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - R A Strachen

Auditor - W H Phillips

Committee - Dr Rockett, A Gordon, F Crosoer, J Rodgers, P Gray, P Howard, J J Keating, H Sergeant

It was resolved that a Bowling Club be formed and called the Northam Bowling Club, and the rules of the Perth Bowling Club be adopted subject to any alterations as local conditions may suggest.

The question of land was discussed at length and on the motion of P Howard, seconded by J Ackland it was unanimously resolved that the Club purchase a block of land in preference to leasing land from the Northam Town Council or the Crown.

A site committee consisting of J Ackland, J Rodgers, the President H P Colebatch and the Secretary A A Meeres was appointed to select a site and report to a meeting on Thursday July 8th.

The necessity of the planting of the grass for the Bowling and Croquet Greens was emphasised by several members, the desire being to have the Greens playing before Christmas. The Committee was instructed to apply to the W A B A for affiliation.

#### Committee Meeting Monday July 19 1905

The President H P Colebatch reported to the meeting that the site the Committee had chosen was in Duke Street with a right of way to Wellington Street, opposite the Court House. They were Lots 6,7 and 8 and the price was 150 pounds plus 15 pounds for the right of way to Wellington Street. The Committee approved this action. E Lockyer and J Ackland were appointed Trustees of the property of the Club.

It was resolved that the Club issue 40 debentures of 5 pounds each bearing 5% interest per annum. Twenty of these were taken up forthwith. A Ground Committee consisting of H P Colebatch, A Gordon, H Sergeant, C W Whiteford and A A Meeres was appointed to carry out all necessary work in connection with the laying of the Greens.

#### July 26 1905

A Campbell, one of the Founders of the Perth Bowling Club came to Northam to supervise the laying of the Green and recommended that two rinks be laid with sods of couch. The couch sods were made available by a local landholder. Previously the members had removed the topsoil, leveled the subsoil then replaced the topsoil.

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August 5 1905

Stormy and wet weather has delayed the planting of the Green, raising doubts about playing Bowls before Christmas.

December 23 1905

The Greens have made rapid progress in the last few weeks and are nearly ready for play. It is intended to cut the grass in the next day or two and next Wednesday the Committee will meet to try the Green and decide upon the Opening Day.

January 6 1906

During the week there has been a good deal of practice on one of the three Rinks. Two Rinks have been lightly top dressed to fill in the hollows. Next week the other Rink will be treated. It is confidently thought that all Rinks will be in good order for the Official Opening planned for Foundation Day holiday January 26th, which would fall on Monday January 29th.

January 13 1906

The building of one wing of the Pavilion is proceeding at great pace on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings by a group of energetic workers under the direction of C W Whiteford. The wing consists of two large and lofty rooms. The green is looking well after the top dressing. It was inspected by two Perth bowlers H Hodgson and J Stevenson, who expressed surprise at the rapid growth of the grass.

January 24 1906

All is in readiness for the Official Opening on the 29th at 3pm by the Hon. George Throssell, Member for Northam. The Green is in good order and 4 Rinks will be available for play. A Ladies Committee has been formed and is working for the success of the Day. The left wing of the Pavilion is completed. Large marquees have been erected for the accommodation of the visitors on the day.

"Opening of the Northam Green"

This was the heading of an article found by the writer in a copy of the Northam Advertiser dated Saturday February 10th 1906 describing the Opening of the Northam Bowling Club on Foundation Day Monday 29th 1906 by the Hon. George Throssell. This publication takes up a full page (the size of the pages in those days was nearly twice that of the present local paper, the Northam Advocate, of 1995 - LCM) in the Northam Advertiser. It commences with a poem, a historical record of the game of Bowls dating back to the year 1300, describing Greens, pointing out how players should conduct themselves in the Game of Fours, a history of the Northam Bowling Club as has been written up to now in the previous pages, and an account of the Opening. It was such an interesting article it has been included here even if very extended.

"One swallow does not a summer make, nor one touch a game"

"Life, like the game of Bowls, is but an end  
Which to play well, this moral verse attend  
Throw not your bowl too rashly from your hand  
First let its course by reasons eye be planned  
Lest it rolls useless o'er the verdant plain  
Like heedless life - that finishes in vain  
Know well your bias, - here the moral school  
Scarce needs a comment on the bowling rule;  
Play not too wide, with caution eye your cast,  
Use not extent of green or life to waste:  
Nor yet too straight - in life observe the same,  
The narrow-minded often miss their aim:  
Bowling too short you but observed the green,  
Like him who loiters on life's public scene;  
Who'er at bowls or business causes strife,  
Will rubs on greens receive - and eke in life,  
One bowling trick avoid in moral play,  
Ah, never, never block your neighbour's way;  
These rules observed, a man may play his game  
On bowling greens - or through the world with fame"

Next came a history of the ancient Game of Bowls -

The literature of the game of Bowls carries us back to a period before the Christian era, Herodotus "the father of history" says (Beloes translation) that the Lydians, during a great scarcity of corn which lasted eighteen years, invented bowls and dice, with many other games. There are many evidences of the ancient popularity of the game in Continental Europe, amongst the more convincing of which are the stone bowls and the remarkable statuette of "The Bowler" which has been unearthed within comparatively recent years from the ruins of Pompeii.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

In England bowls appear to have been played from a very early date, and well-authenticated records of some of the existing English bowling greens show that they have been in existence for the past 1300 years. The fact that Admirals Drake and Hawkins and their companions were playing bowls on Plymouth Hoe when the Spanish Armada was sighted has been frequently alluded to. When others would have hurried to their ships, the impertable Drake is credited with the remark: "There will be plenty of time to beat the Spaniards when we have finished the game". Wright in his history of "Domestic Manners and Sentiments" says "a bowling green was the most important part of the pleasure garden in the 16th and 17th centuries, and bowls and exercises of a similar character were the favourite amusements of all classes" By an act of Parliament passed in the reign of Henry V111, none but the gentry were allowed to play at bowls, and though the Act became obsolete in the succeeding reign, it was not repealed until 1845 or nearly ten years after Queen Victoria ascended the throne. Latterly the game has made wonderful growth in England and Scotland. In the latter there are about 400 clubs with an aggregate membership of nearly 40,000. Whilst in England at a recent tournament at Blackpool over 100 players took part, and the electric light was called into requisition. That the ancient game of bowls differed largely from the modern may be taken for granted. Like most other things it has been subjected to constant improvement. The original bowls were of stone and round, but that wooden bowls have been in use for several centuries may be gathered from the following advertisement quoted by Ashton from a 17th century newspaper. "Lost out of Bowls House, belonging to Pemlico Green in Hogsdon, near Shorditch, two pairs of lignam vitae bowls and one pair of reddish wood". Bowls were made with a bias long before the reign of Queen Elizabeth 1st. In the play "The Taming of the Shrew" Shakespeare makes Petricio pleased with the meek submission of the wayward Kate say "Well forward thus the bowl shall run"

And not unlikely against the bias"

And the unhappy Queen of Richard 2nd when asked to play bowls replies -

"Twill make me think the world is full of rubs

And that my fortune runs against the bias"

The Shakespearean allusions to the game are almost innumerable. In "Loves Labour Lost", Costard the clown says of Sir Nathaniel, the curate "He is a good neighbour and a good bowler"

Perhaps the direction in which the game has made most rapid progress is in the character of the greens themselves. The old "crown greens" of England are rapidly giving place to the level swards, but as recently as 1894 a prominent English bowler E J Ayers speaking of the level greens of Scotland said "To my mind the dead level they appear to aim at in laying out their greens by the aid of the spirit level tends to sameness of play. Inequalities of the surface if not too great are distinctly interesting. Moreover the Scots divide their greens into sections or "rinks" about 20 feet wide but the Midland and Southern English usually play all over the shop"

A year or two ago a Mr Royal, a prominent Nottingham bowler and the head of a big manufacturing firm, was on a visit to Australia, and in conversation with H P Colebatch (who wrote this article in 1906) on the Perth green declared that the Scottish game as played in Australia was superior to that played on the "crown" greens of England and it is interesting to record that since his return the club of which he is President, in common with many other English clubs, has adopted the Scottish game in its entirety. Latterly an immense stimulus has been given to English bowling as a result of the famous cricketer W G Grace who with the aid of the Earl of Jersey has given the game a vogue, which it never before enjoyed.

"Hints for Beginners"

Anyone can play bowls and everyone who really tries can play reasonably well. Like every other game it is not worth playing badly. There is no royal road to success. Practise and persevere, that which is easily gained is lightly valued. Always obey the Skipper even when you think he is wrong. If he is a more experienced player than yourself the chances are that he is right. Instead of questioning his judgment try to find his reason for it.

Learn to play on both hands. The difficulty of playing on the backhand is purely imaginary and frequently arises from the erroneous assumption that the delivery imparts bias to the bowl. The man who plays on one hand can never take a prominent position in a team and will always be at a disadvantage in singles.

Have at least one pair of bowls of your own and get accustomed to them. Strange bowls are as disconcerting as an unsuitable billiard cue. In playing a full rink - four a side - it should be the first object of every player to keep the game alive. If there is too much delay players have to wait too long for their shots and it is apt to become tedious. When sufficient bowls are available and time for practise is short, pairs or singles offer more scope but the "full rink" when properly played is the ideal game.

Directly one head is finished the leader of the winning side should take possession of the mat and jack, the seconds should record the score, and the thirds kick back the bowls, placing the leaders bowls handy to the mat. From then to the finish of the head every player should be ready.

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When his immediate predecessor is on the mat he should be standing four feet behind it - bowl in hand - and directly the mat is vacant he should step up to it and receive his Skippers instructions. By following this practise the game moves along quickly and each player has the advantage of seeing exactly the course taken by the preceding bowl.

"Why we play bowls"

First to exchange the vitiated atmosphere of the office or shop for Gods free sunshine, to fill the lungs with pure air, to rest the tired eyes on the green grass, to feel the springy turf beneath the feet and to enross the worried mind in the interests of the game. And next for exercise. This is not of a violent order, but in this warm climate it is quite sufficient even for a vigorous young man. There is more exercise in bowls than in aimlessly walking about, or sleeping, or eating and drinking or watching other people indulge in more strenuous pastimes. And lastly and all the time for good fellowship. To enjoy ourselves and make pleasure for others.

### Founders of the Game of Bowls in Western Australia

The first Bowling Club formed in Western Australia was that formed in Perth in 1895. The founders were Messrs. W Savage, J G Warner, A Campbell, T B Jackson, R A Dixon, J Wilson and R Laing.

The West Australian Bowling Association card for 1905-06 shows that there are 12 associated clubs. The aggregate membership is well over 1,000. Outside the metropolis there are clubs at Albany, Busselton, Boulder, Kalgoorlie and Northam.

### The Official Opening Of The Northam Green

On Monday January 29th 1906, the Green was officially opened by the Hon. George Throssell. J G Warner unfurled the Club Flag. Fifteen metropolitan bowlers were present, and there was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen, resident in Northam and District. The Northam Advertiser publication shows photos of a group of bowlers and their names, of the Hon. George Throssell, a group with the club flying on the Club Pavilion in the background, the marquees, the bowling green and of Mrs J S Nicholls, the winner of the Ladies competition.

The group of bowlers pictured, were - Dr. Rockett, Messrs. Edmiston, Prince, Howard, Brophy, Hodges, George, Crosoer, G L Throssell, McNulty, Cobb, Gay, J Rodgers, C H Whiteford, Brown, AA Meeres, Stewart, Colebatch, Donovan, White, Philips, Keating, Ackland, Phipps, Blackall, Rogalasky, H Rodgers, Power, Strachan, Gordon and Nicholls. (This publication of the opening, the poem, the history of the game of bowls, hints for beginners, why we play bowls, was written by the President H P (Hal) Colebatch, journalist and owner of the Northam Advertiser - LCM).



Mr. H P (Hal) Colebatch, the first president of the Northam Bowling Club, owned, and was editor of the local newspaper, the Northam Advertiser. Hal was a member of the Legislative Council in the State Parliament from 1912 to 1923. He was Agent General for Western Australia in London from 1923 to 1927 and again from 1933 to 1939. He was a Senator representing Western Australia from 1928 to 1933.

Hal Colbatch was later to become **Sir** H P (Hal) Colbatch when he was knighted in 1928 for his services to the State of Western Australia.

### February 10 1906

Kings Park Bowling Club was the first visitor to play a match against Northam on the new green. They won by two points.

### March 7 1906

Fremantle Bowling Club, with their club champion J E Gustafson playing, were the next visitors, winning 134 to 80.

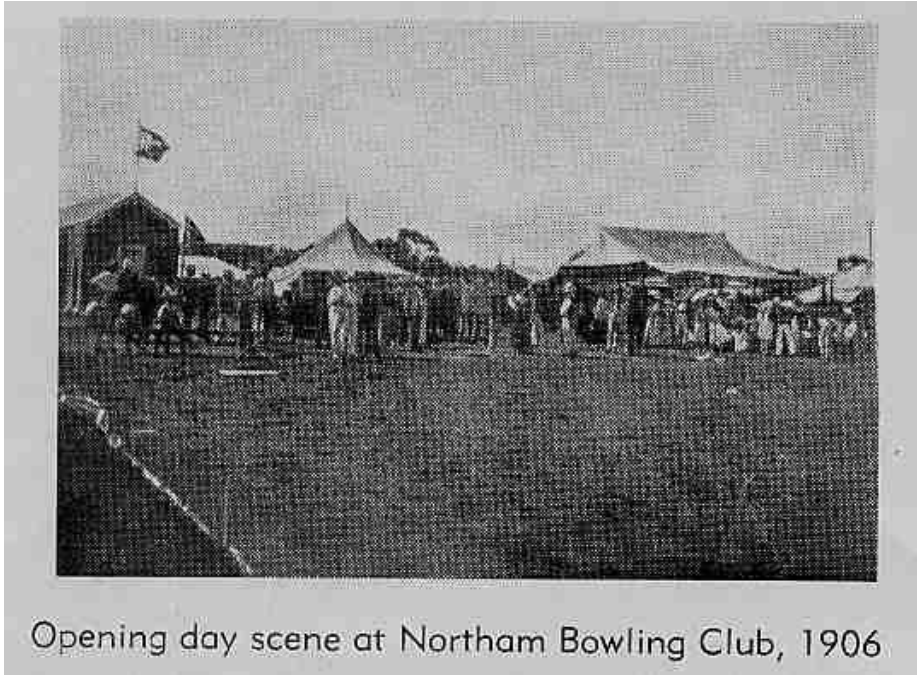
### April 4 1906

Northam Club paid a visit to the Perth Bowling Club and lost 69 to 112.

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May 5 1906

The first organised club competition was conducted on the Northam greens. F Crosoer and Parr won a Pairs Event. Runners- up were Simons and R Strachan. Trophies were a gold medal presented by a Perth admirer and a pair of bowls donated by Alcock & Co.



Opening day scene at Northam Bowling Club, 1906

The original Clubhouse is on the extreme left, with the flag flying

Special General Meeting May 19 1906

The President H P Colebatch reported the reason of the meeting was to place before members recommendations to improve the greens and surrounds before the next bowling season. He told the meeting that since its inception it had acquired the freehold of the land, erected fences, formed the whole of the green and croquet lawn, turfed half the green, built one wing of the Pavilion and planted a number of trees. The green was 125 feet square and the croquet lawn 80 feet by 60 feet.

Annual General Meeting September 1906

The President in his report stated that there were now **51 financial members**. Five matches had been played against other clubs and the club intended installing electric lights for night play.

Election of Officers 1906-07

Patron - George Throssell

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - W J Stewart, T Harkness, G Throssell, J B Ackland, E A Lockyer, J Reilly, S Solomon, F Crosoer, Dr Rockett

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - W H Philips

Committee - P Howard, C George, B Brown, A Gordon, P Lyon, J S Nichols, F Broomhall, C H Whiteford

Championship Winners 1906 -07

Club Singles - H P Colebatch

Club Pairs - Rogalasky, P Clark

November 12 1906

The President H P Colebatch called on Sir James Mitchell to officially open the new bowling season and at the same time the Northam Bowling Club. Even though this would be the second time, as he said, Sir James was a strong advocate of the Goldfields Water Scheme and without this supply of water the Northam greens would not have been possible.

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January 5 1907

A farewell was tendered to foundation member F Crosoer at the Commercial Hotel. Dr Rockett, Messrs. W H Philips, M Coomber, P Howard and R Strachan supported the toast

January 20 1907

The lighting of the green was completed under the supervision of the Town Council Engineer R McDonald. This comprises 24 lights, 6 tantalum 25 candlepower and 18 incandescent 16 candlepower. The lights cover 4 rinks.

January 23 1907

The croquet lawn was now ready for play and a meeting was called at the residence of Mrs Colebatch to elect office bearers. **Only the wives or daughters of bowling club members were permitted to play croquet.**

February 6 1907

The President and Vice President of the West Australian Bowling Association presented a trophy valued at 15 guineas to the winners of a carnival to be held at Easter between the country and metropolitan sides in Perth.

February 9 1907

The President and Secretary of the Northam Croquet Club welcomed 200 ladies and gentlemen to the official opening of the Croquet Lawn. Tenders have been called for the installation of lighting of the Lawn. Night play on the Bowling Green was proving popular with 25 members playing on Monday night. Committee defined the Club costume or dress is white trousers and shirt, with maroon tie.

February 23 1907

A match, played at Northam in a temperature of 105 degrees, against Busselton was won by the more experienced visitors, the Busselton Club being two years older than Northam

Special General Meeting July 1 1907

The President put a recommendation of the committee to the meeting that the club proceeds with the completion of the Pavilion, with the members being asked to pay their subscriptions in advance to finance the building. The meeting passed this recommendation. Membership now stands at 80. A send off was tendered to R A Strachan who was being transferred to Katanning.

July 20 1907

The building work on the Pavilion has commenced. Trees and shrubs have been planted and a hedge planted along the front fence.

An application to the W A B A has been made for an Eastern Districts Pairs Competition and an Open Singles Event, both country and metropolis members being eligible.

Annual General Meeting August 23 1907

Election Of Officers 1907- 08

Patron - Geo. Throssell

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - W J Stewart, T Harkness, G L Throssell, J Ackland, E A Lockyer, S Solomon, J T Reilly, Dr. Rockett.

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - W H Philips

Committee - P Howard, C George, B Brown, A Gordon, P Lyon, J S Nichols, F C Broomhall, C H Whiteford.

Championship Winners 1907-08

Club Singles - R Millington

Club Pairs - Ware, Lake

October 5 1907

During the celebration of Northam Week a bowls carnival was held at the club with players from Perth, Fremantle, East Fremantle, Subiaco, Guildford, Claremont and Leederville. The winners of the inaugural Eastern District Pairs Event were Messrs. Ware and Lake with R Millington winning the singles. These players being from the Northam Bowling Club.

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October 9 1907

The Hon Geo. Throssell opened the 1907-08 bowling season with nearly 300 members and visitors being present. The Northam Brass Band, conducted by Mr Lupp performed at the opening. The President in his speech stated that the club was now two and a half years old, had over 100 members and was one of 20 clubs in WA, which owned their own property. The present cost of this property amounted to 750 pounds.

February 22 1908

Railway officials along with the Commissioner of Railways played a match against the Northam Club under lights. Northam won.

February 26 1908

The Freemasons Club visited Northam Club for a match and won 66 to 64

February 29 1908

The Goldfields Water Scheme has been connected to York and meetings have been conducted, including a party from Northam Club, concerned with the formation of a bowling club in York. At a General Meeting of interested men it was resolved to form a York Bowling Club.

April 22 1908

Twenty members from the Northam Club attended the Easter Carnival in Perth. In the metropolitan versus the country match 120 players took part. Metropolitan won 332 to 302.

June 3 1908

At the closure of the season on Monday June 1st a match was conducted between 24 metropolitan players and Northam. The match was won by metropolitan 144 to 141.

Annual General Meeting October 14 1908

In his address at the meeting the President H P Colebatch congratulated James McManus on his enterprise of constructing and planting a bowling green on his Irishtown farming property.

Election Of Officers 1908-09

Patron - Geo. Throssell

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - J B Ackland, W J Stewart, E A Lockyer, G L Throssell, S Solomon, J T Reilly, T Harkness, Dr Rockett.

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - J O'Halloran

Committee - P Lyon, P Howard, H Monger, A Hemingway, A Gordon, H Leeder, F C Broomhall, R Millington,

Championship Winners 1908- 09

Club Singles - R Millington

Club Fours - H Leeder, J McManus, J Foley, H Monger



A photograph obtained from the Northam Historical Society. No names are available, but the date of the event in which these bowlers competed is the Northam Bowling Club Championship Fours 1907-08.

Copies of four photographs came from the numerous collection housed with the Historical Society.

The society is striving for funds to preserve all these old relics, depicting the history of Northam, before it is too late - LCM

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### November 25 1908

A reporting in the Northam Advertiser on this date shows a smoke social was held to farewell two foundation members in A Gordon and J O'Halloran, who gave up the game of cricket to join the Bowling Club in 1905 and play bowls. Also the paper stated that the opening of the 1908-09 bowling season was conducted by the Hon. George Throssell. In attendance on this day were the President and the Vice President of the W A B A Messrs. E A Evans and D Roberts.

### March 13 1909

17 Northam members went to York by "Drag" to attend the opening of the York Bowling Club. The Green was officially opened by local resident F Monger M L A. Membership is 40.

### June 9 1909

The Northam Advertiser reports a match was played on Mr J McManus's green at Irishtown between a Northam and a Metropolitan side. Northam won 50 to 30.

### Annual General Meeting October 9th 1909

#### Election Of Officers 1909-10

Patron - Sir James Mitchell

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - Dr Rockett, W J Stewart, T Harkness,

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - S L Hosie

Committee - H Monger, J McManus, H Leeder, R Millington, F C Broomhall, P Lyon, A Gordon, A Bremner

#### Championship Winners 1909-10

Club Singles - R Walker

### November 14 1909

The Hon. George Throssell performed the official opening of the season with members and guests totaling between 400 and 500.

Thanks were extended to the churches of Northam for loaning seating to the club on the day. The President H P Colebatch expressed satisfaction that the club was progressing so well, stating that Northam bowlers had done everything themselves in setting up the club, asking for nothing from the Government, the Town Council or the Public. They had purchased their own land and paid the same price for water and electricity as everyone else.

### January 5 1910

As in previous summers the Northam green has been the chief centre of local attraction during the Christmas and the New Year holidays, with the result that bowls were, subject to inclement weather, played virtually "morning noon and night". Mr. Swain, a skipper from Kings Park Bowling Club and visiting Northam for ten days and playing on the green expressed the opinion that the Northam Green was as good as Kings Park, which was judged last season as the best in the State.

### Annual General Meeting October 1 1910

40 members were present. **Membership now totals 82.**

The President reported with regret the passing on of the Patron of the club since its inception, Mr. George Throssell. It was unanimously resolved that a record be placed in the Minutes of the N B C of the high appreciation of Mr. Throssell's assistance over the life of the club, and that a copy be forwarded to his family.

#### Election Of Officers 1910-11

Patron - Sir James Mitchell M L A

President - H P Colebatch

Vice President - Dr Rockett, Dr Frost, W J Stewart, J McManus, T Harkness.

Secretary - A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - H Monger, F Broomhall, P Lyon, H Leeder, T Dunkley, W K Potter, B J Weaver, J Foley.

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### Championship Winners 1910-1911

Club Singles - B J Weaver

Club Fours - R McPherson, E Edmeades, W Watts, W R Walker

### October 24 1910

The Club's Patron Sir James Mitchell M L A officially opened the season.

Never before had the greens presented such a gay appearance. The weather was perfect, the lawns, banks and flower gardens were in the pink of condition. Flags were hung across the grounds in rich profusion. (It must be remembered that as well being the president, Hal Colebatch was the owner - editor of the local paper, the Northam Advertiser. He was also a journalist, and thanks to him most of this history of the early years of the Northam Bowling Club was reported in the paper each week - LCM)

### January 1 1911

There was a big muster of 40 players engaged at bowls from 10am to 10pm in competition on this public holiday.

### January 4 1911

R J Millington of the N B C acquitted himself well in the Australian Championship Singles Event in Adelaide, getting as far as the fifth round. He was defeated by Dewar, one of the strongest singles players in N S W. A bowling green has been laid down in Toodyay and is in readiness for play. The opening ceremony is scheduled for Saturday January 21st.

### March 25 1911

A team of metropolitan bowlers representing the W A B A and led by the President of the Association Mr. W Berry visited Northam, being the first time such an event had taken place in Northam. A large program of play and entertainment was arranged.

### April 19 1911

A large contingent of Northam players attended the Eastern Carnival in Perth, Northam winning the final against Boulder in the Country Clubs Competition 39 to 37. This entitled Northam to hold for the year a silver cup donated by the President and Vice President of the W A B A.

### April 22 1911

A public farewell was tendered to Dr. Rockett who is going to England for health reasons and also to obtain more knowledge in medical science.

### June 7 1911

The wind up of the season was a match held between the Metropolitan and Northam sides which Northam won 71 to 62. On the Monday holiday a match was played on Mr. James McManus's green at Irishtown that Northam lost 36 to 43.

### Annual General Meeting September 13 1911

The President H P Colebatch reported to 40 members that the club had a most successful year, the Balance Sheet showing a profit of 85 pounds 9 shillings and 10 pence. The surplus of assets over liabilities stands at 295 pounds 16 shillings and 1 penny.

### Election Of Officers 1911-12

Patron - Sir James Mitchell

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - J McManus, W J Stewart, T Harkness, Dr Rockett, Dr. Frost.

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - H Monger, J Foley, W K Potter, T Dunkley, P Lyon, B J Weaver, F C Broomhall, H G Leeder.

### Championship Winners 1911-12

Club Singles - B J Weaver

### January 3 1912

New Years Day play proved very popular with 32 players taking part, as well as a large gathering of spectators.

### January 29 1912

This Monday Foundation Day holiday was the sixth anniversary to the day of the opening of the Northam Bowling Club. A large number of players took part in morning and afternoon play

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### March 6 1912

A cup donated by Mr Marwick of York, to be known as the Marwick Cup to be competed for in matches between York and Northam during the season, the winner to hold the Cup for 12 months.

### April 13 1912

Northam performed well at the Easter Carnival in Perth winning the Country versus the Goldfields trophy outright having won it for the third time.

### September 11 1912

The Committee has been working on preparations for a Carnival commencing on October 21st. The Carnival was suggested by the President of the W A B A, Mr. Berry, who has donated a shield valued at 29 guineas as first prize in a Fours Competition. Trophies to the value of 75 pounds will be distributed.

### Annual General Meeting September 1912

The President in his report stated that the club had improved its financial position of assets over liabilities, which now stands at 361 pounds 6 shillings and 4 pence. **The club now has 80 financial members.**

#### Election Of Officers 1912-13

Patron - Dr. Rockett

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - W J Stewart, J McManus, T Harkness, P Lyon, Dr Frost

Secretary - A Meeres

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - H Monger, H Leeder, W Potter, T Dunkley, J Foley, E Edmeades, W A Watts, F C Broomhall.

#### Championship Winners 1912-13

Club Singles - J Morrell

Club Fours - R McPherson, B P Chidlow, W Foreman, W A Watts.

### October 26 1912

A Caretakers Competition held by the W. A. B. A. in Perth was won by the Caretaker of the Northam Bowling Club, Mr Leonard.

40 pounds was spent on erecting a Visitors Room, gravelling the walks and other improvements in preparation for the inaugural Northam Carnival. At the Carnival a Busselton Team won the Open Fours Event and so secured the Berry Shield.

### March 26 1913

A contingent of Northam Bowlers competed in the Easter Carnival in Perth, which was boosted by representative teams from Victoria and South Australia. W A more than held their own. In the Cup Competition, Country versus the Goldfields, Kalgoolie won.

### April 8 1913

In the second game for the annual Marwick Cup, Northam versus York, the car taking the Northam players to York broke down. York would not think of claiming a forfeit and the game was played on another day which Northam won, making it back to back win. The best result over five years retains the Cup.

### June 1 1913

A meeting of people interested in the formation of a Bowling Club in Beverley resulted in the forming of a Club and the commencement of the laying down a green.

### September 24 1913

Beverley have purchased a block of land and put down a four rink green, which will be ready for play this season.

### Annual General Meeting October 1 1913

The Balance Sheet showed receipts of 662 pounds and expenditure of 672 pounds. 48 pounds was spent on additions to the Pavilion, with these additions the Club House now offers accommodation far in excess of that provided at the majority of city clubs.

#### Election Of Officers 1913-14

Patron - Dr. Rockett

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - W J Stewart, T Harkness, P Lyon, J McManus, Dr. Frost.

Secretary - E A Middleton

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Committee - A Meeres, E Edmeades, W A Watts, B P Chidlow, H Leeder, Humble, T Dunkley, W K Potter.

Championship Winners 1913-14

Club Singles - J Millington

Club Fours - N Kennedy, J Foley, D Donavan, J Millington.

**(1914 - This year saw the formation of a Bowls League comprising the Clubs of Beverley, York and Northam. It was named the Eastern Districts Bowling League (E D B L) and the main function being a Pennant Competition played between the Clubs over the Bowling Season. Other Events were later introduced. The earliest Minute Books were found by the writer were 1926 and copies were discovered until 1972 when a new book was commenced in 1973. During the changeover of executives in 1987 this Book was lost somewhere in Meckering – LCM)**

January 28 1914

The eighth anniversary of the formation of the Club was celebrated with a Fours Competition. Six teams took part and played each other. In a toast to the Club the President referred to the life of the Club. He said that only three of the foundation members of the Club were present on that day.

March 14 1914

Nine Northam members paid a visit to the newly established Beverley Bowling Green. The club was formed in August last year and have four well grassed rinks, which draw perfectly on both hands. The green has been fenced and a Pavilion of two rooms and veranda erected. George Broun is President and there are 45 financial members. Acetylene gaslights have been installed for night play.

March 24 1914

Northam played York again in the Marwick Cup Competition. Northam won and therefore hold the Cup outright. Beverley is to be included in the future competitions and Hal Colebatch has donated a Trophy to be played for by the three clubs under similar lines to the Marwick Cup.

Annual General Meeting September 1914

The President Hal Colebatch reported on a successful bowling season, having won the Berry Shield at the Easter Carnival and the Marwick Cup outright against York. 132 pounds was received in subscriptions. Trophies valued at 65 pounds were donated during the year.

Election Of Officers

Patron - Dr. Rockett

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - Dr. Frost, J McManus, P Lyon, W J Stewart, T Harkness.

Secretary - B P Chidlow

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - J Foley, A Meeres, W K Potter, T S Dunkley, F Joedan, F C Broomhall, R McPherson, Dr Donavan.

Championship Winners 1914-15

Club Singles - E O Tresise

Club Pairs – F C Broomhall, R Millington

Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1914-15

York Bowling Club

November 7 1914

Sir James Mitchell officially opened the 1914-15 season. Players were present from York, Beverley and the metropolitan area, comprising 64 players for the day.

June 15 1915

The Annual Northam Carnival attracted record entries being 59 Metropolitan, 8 York and 4 from Bunbury. 100 players took part, 20 teams in the fours, 34 in the pairs and 64 players in the singles. No Carnival held in the State had ever attracted so large an entry.

Annual General Meeting October 1915

The President H P Colebatch reported that owing to the Great War the Club had experienced a large decrease in membership

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Election Of Officers 1915-16

Patron - Dr. Rockett

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - Dr Frost, W J Stewart, T Harkness, J McManus, P Lyon

Secretary - B P Chidlow

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - W K Potter, A Meeres, E Edmeades, T S Dunkley, J J Golding, W Sutcliffe, J Millington, N C Kennedy.

### Championship Winners 1915-16

Club Singles - E O Tresise

### Eastern District Bowling League Pennant Winner 1915-16

Northam Bowling Club

#### April 2 1916

The Colebatch Shield played for between the sides of Northam, York and Beverley and was won by Northam.

#### June 7 1916

Due to the Great War the W A B A had decreed that all formal carnivals and social functions should be stopped for the duration of hostilities. Northam did not arrange a program but issued a general invitation to all city bowlers to come to Northam for a roll-up. The result was a contingent of 54 bowlers from the metropolitan area and a party from York.

#### Annual General Meeting October 11 1916

The retiring inaugural President, after eleven years at the helm, H P (Hal) Colebatch reported in his speech of another decrease in membership due to the war, and a big decline in bar sales. Despite this the Club had paid its way. After the election of officers kind references were made to Hal Colebatch for serving the Club as President since its inception in 1905.

### Election Officers 1916-17

Patron - H P Colebatch

President - T Harkness

Vice Presidents - J McManus, W J Stewart, H Monger, Dr Frost, Dr Rockett

Secretary - J Richardson

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - P Lyon, W K Potter, A A Meeres, E Edmeades, H N Kennedy, J J Golding, D G Carter, B P Chidlow.

### Championship Winners 1916-17

Club Singles - E Edmeades

### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1916-17

Northam Bowling Club

#### April 11 1917

The Easter Carnival in Perth was recommenced with 12 players from Northam attending. Kalgoolie won the Country Districts Championship. E Edmeades of the Northam Club won the Singles Championship. He was currently Northam and Eastern District Champion.

#### May 23 1917

The Club was experiencing difficult times financially and an appeal was made to members to pay a levy of one guinea (one pound one shilling - LCM). A resolution was passed that all new members pay an entrance fee of one guinea. The President T Harkness was tendered a farewell party due to his transfer to Albany.

#### Annual General Meeting October 16 1917

### Election Of Officers 1917-18

Patron - H P Colebatch

President - Dr. Rockett

Vice Presidents - J J Golding, W J Stewart, P Lyon.

Secretary - J Y Richardson

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - B P Chidlow, D J Carter, W Watts, A A Meeres

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Championship Winners 1917-18

Club Singles - E Edmeades

### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1917-18

Northam Bowling Club.

### Annual General Meeting October 10 1918

#### Election Of Officers 1918-19

Patron - H P Colebatch

President - Dr. Rockett

Vice Presidents - J J Golding, W J Gillett, W K Potter, P Lyon, N Kennedy

Secretary - J T Knight

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - C H Mills

Committee - D J Carter, F H Eastman, L Haining, A J Iverney, H Withnell, A Hunter

### Championship Winners 1918-19

Club Singles - W A Watts

Club Pairs - D J Carter, G Coxon

Club Fours - G Cock, A Inverey, W Watts, J J Golding

### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winners 1918-19

Northam Bowling Club

### Annual General Meeting November 12 1919

#### Election Of Officers

Patron - H P Colebatch

President - J J Golding

Vice Presidents - Dr. Rockett, W J Gillett, A A Meeres

Secretary - G Coxon

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - F E York

Committee - B P Chidlow, W A Watts, J Williams, L Haining, A Hunter, A Broom, A Baynes.

### Championship Winners 1919-1920

Club Singles - W A Watts

Club Pairs - W H Foreman, B P Chidlow

### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1919-1920

Northam Bowling Club

### November 19 1919

Today was the first time for many years that official invitations had been sent out for the opening of the bowling season. There were 14 new members this year so far. Improvements have been made to the Croquet Lawn. The privileges of playing croquet are open only to the wives and daughters of bowling club members. The Northam Bowling Green has been reduced in size to comply with the W A B A regulation size of bowling greens.

The Mayor of Northam, J Byfield, performed the official opening of the 1919-20 bowling and croquet seasons.

### January 9 1920

A new rule was instituted re the choosing of Pennant sides. Four Skippers were chosen and then each Skipper will choose his own side.

### Annual General Meeting October 1920

In his report the President J J Golding stated that at the beginning of the season the committee had set a target of reducing the overdraft by 50 pounds and they had reduced it by 100. The croquet lawn has been enlarged for the coming season and as the Great War was over the club was hoping for a large increase in membership.

#### Election Of Officers 1920-21

Patron - A A Meeres

President - D G Carter

Vice Presidents - W J Gillett, J J Golding, B P Chidlow

Secretary - G A Coxon

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - F York

Committee - W A Watts, R Forward, F M Roberts, F Cock, J Williams, A Broom, C Wells, R Millington.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Championship Winners 1920-21

Club Singles - W A Watts

Club Fours - R McPherson, W H Foreman, R Millington, W Watts.

Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1920-21

Northam Bowling Club

### November 24th 1920

On opening day a Ladies Competition was held on the croquet lawn. A visiting team of South Australian bowlers played a match against Northam in the afternoon, which Northam won 79 to 63.

### March 30 1921

During the Easter Carnival in Perth the Northam Club again acquitted themselves well. The team of W Watts winning the Country Fours.

### Half Yearly Meeting April 16 1921

The President D G Carter opened this inaugural meeting of the Club. The previous executive with the idea of presenting Club business to members twice yearly had introduced this idea.

**A member gave notice of motion that at the A G M he intended to move that Ladies be admitted to the Northam Bowling Club** (this did not come to fruition until 1938- LCM)

### June 8th 1921

Northams Annual Carnival was commenced in pouring rain on Friday with over 100 bowlers from the metropolitan area. On Saturday the green was still under water but this was scraped off and the green was rolled. Play commenced at 2pm. 18 clubs were represented with six Club Presidents being present.

### Annual General Meeting September 28 1921

#### Election Of Officers

Patron - A W Byfield

President - B P Chidlow

Vice Presidents - D G Carter, J J Golding, W A Watts. Secretary - G A Coxon

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - W Scott, R Forward, A A Meeres, A V Patterson, F R Roberts, J G Dempster, F Chidlow, A Broom, L Boas

#### Championship Winners 1921- 22

Club Singles - W A Watts

Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1921-22

Northam Bowling Club

### October 29th 1921

At the official opening of the season the President B P Chidlow stated that it was the clubs ambition to raise the membership from the present number of 70 to over 100. Subscriptions were 2 pounds 2 shillings and bowls could be hired for 7 shillings & 6 pence per year.

### January 18 1922

President B P Chidlow was pleased to announce that the membership of the Club now stands at 101. The installation of more powerful lights has proved a great success.

### April 22 1922

The Easter Carnival in Perth saw a thrilling match between two teams skippered by two of the best bowlers in the state. One W Watts of Northam and the other J E Gustafson. Watts finished up losing 24 to 26, this being his first loss for the year.

### Annual General Meeting October 12 1922

#### Election Of Officers 1922-23

Patron - A W Byfield

President - W A Watts

Vice Presidents - B P Chidlow, R Forward, W J Gillett.

Secretary - G A Coxon

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - F Roberts, A Broom, J G Dempster, L Boas, A Hunter, A V Patterson.

#### Championship Winners 1922-23

Club Singles - W H Foreman

Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1922-23

Beverley Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### January 17 1923

A farewell was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Watts who are leaving Northam to live in Armadale. Mr. Watts the present Club President has been a member since the clubs foundation. Mrs. Watts is a keen croquet player and is President of the Ladies Croquet Club.

### Annual Half Yearly Meeting March 24 1923

R Forward was elected as President in place of W Watts

### Annual General Meeting September 19 1923

The President R Forward reported on a successful year. The Bank overdraft now stood at 101 pounds. A lot of money had been spent on improvements. The Pavilion had been painted and renovated, with the Bar and Meeting Room being lined. (The present site of the Bowling Club had been purchased for 150 pounds plus 15 pounds for the right of way from Duke Street to Wellington Street - LCM)

#### Election Of Officers 1923-24

Patron - A W Byfield

President - J J Golding

Vice Presidents - R Forward, B P Chidlow, W J Gillett

Secretary - G C Coxon

Treasurer - W H Foreman

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - F Roberts, A Broom, H Mathews, J G Dempster, J W Purslowe, W Willcock, B W McIlwraith, Rev. W Watson

#### Championship Winners 1923-24

Club Singles - F Chidlow

Club Pairs - F Chidlow, J Smith

#### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1923-24

Northam Bowling Club

### March 29 1924

Entries for the Australian Bowling Carnival held in Perth at Easter constituted a record with 128 teams nominating for the Fours and over 400 for the Singles, the winner of which would be the Australian Champion. This was won by J E Gustafson of the Perth Bowling Club.

A special train was chartered to transport the bowlers from the Eastern States.

### Annual General Meeting September 17 1924

The President J J Golding reported on the Balance Sheet, which showed receipts of 970 pounds 13 shillings & 4 pence, expenditure of 909 pounds 18 shillings & 1 penny and a profit of 60 pounds 14 shillings & 1 penny. The Bank overdraft stands at 47 pounds 12 shillings & 2 pence. An honorarium of 10 guineas was voted to the Secretary Mr. Coxon who declined the offer. It was left to the Committee to purchase a suitable gift in place of for him. Mr. Golding declined the office of President stating he thought that the position should rotate

#### Election Of Officers 1924-25

Patron - W J Gillett

President - A Hunter

Vice Presidents - J J Golding, R Forward, B P Chidlow

Secretary - G A Coxon

Treasurer - A Broom

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - F Roberts, J W Purslowe, W Sale, J A Rogers, C W Stewart, W Willcocks, P Lyon, Abbott.

#### Championship Winners 1924-25

Club Singles - F Chidlow

Club Pairs - R McPherson, A K Stewart

Club Fours - R McPherson, A Hunter, B P Chidlow, F E Broomhall

#### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winners 1924-25

Beverley Bowling Club

### November 22 1924

At the official opening of the season the President regretted that the greens were not in top condition. He explained that in future the Club would employ a full time greenkeeper instead of a Town Council employee on a part time basis. Bowling members were always complaining that the Council took him away to less important work, when he should have been working on the green.

Mr. G Coxon was presented with a gold watch for his services as Club Secretary.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

May 6 1925

The Annual Carnival attracted record entries with 130 visitors from the metropolitan and neighbouring clubs. There were 64 teams of Pairs and 44 teams of Fours. It was estimated that 300 bowlers took part and the finals could not be finalised until Tuesday.



Photo from the Northam Historical Society depicts the winners of the Electric Light Championship. Fours 1924 – 25. The Northam Bowling Club Team is – seated – Jesse Moore – standing, from left - J W Purslowe, who was father to T H (Bert) Purslowe.

Names of the other two are lost

Annual General Meeting October 20 1925

The President A Hunter reported that the Club made a profit of 40 pounds during the past year. The Club gained 19 new members but through transfers lost 17.

Election Of Officers 1925-26

Patron - W J Gillett

President - F C Broomhall

Vice Presidents - A Hunter, R Forward, B P Chidlow

Secretary - G A Coxon

Treasurer - A Broom

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - F Roberts, J W Purslowe, W Sale, W Parry, P Lyon, J J Golding, G A Collins, J A Rogers.

Championship Winners 1925-26

Club Singles - J J Golding

Club Pairs - F C Chidlow, J Smith

Club Fours - W J Stewart, K Stewart, R McPherson, J A Rogers.

Pennant Winner 1925-26

York Bowling Club

December 12 1925

**A three rink green was officially opened at Bakers Hill**

December 15 1925

A Charity Carnival was conducted at the Northam bowling Club to assist local charities and it yielded 150 pounds.

April 7 1926

The Northam Bowling Club was successful in winning outright the Cup presented by the West Australian Bowling Association in the Competition between Country Clubs at the Easter Carnival in Perth

May 5 1926

The Annual Carnival was a success again and conducted in ideal weather. This year over 130 visiting bowlers representing 20 clubs made the journey to Northam, whilst in addition there were nearly 100 lady visitors, many taking part in Croquet Competitions. The Carnival was extended to Tuesday and Wednesday for the Singles Competition

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting September 15 1926

In general business at the meeting one member said young players should be encouraged and should be coached by older players. There game could be improved by playing with more experienced players but it was found that first grade players kept to themselves.

#### Election Of Officers 1926-27

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J K Moore

Vice President - F C Broomhall, R Forward, J J Golding

Secretary - G A Coxon

Treasurer - G A Collins

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - B P Chidlow, W Sale, J W Purslowe, P Lyon, C K Stewart, W Willcocks, J A Rogers, A Broom.

#### Championship Winners 1926-27

**Club Singles - F C Chidlow**

**Club Pairs - F C Chidlow, J Smith**

**Club Fours - F C Chidlow, R Forward, J Smith, H Hitchcock**



**F C (Fred) Chidlow, pictured on the left, created history in the Championship Events held in the Season 1926-27. He won the Singles, Pairs and Fours Championships.**

**Creating another record, with partner J T Smith, pictured on the right in the photo, as well as winning the 1926-27 Pairs Championship, they had also won the Pairs in the season 1925-26, were Runners-Up in 1924-25 and were the winners in 1923-24. Three Pairs Championships in four years.**

**(The photo is inserted in this document in 1904, and no bowler has ever equaled Fred Chidlow's feat of winning all those championship events in the one season. That is 78 years.**

**Fred was a descendant of William Chidlow, who arrived with first settler of Northam John Morrell -LCM)**

#### Eastern Districts Bowling League Pennant Winner 1926 -27

York Bowling Club

**A Journal containing Minutes of the Eastern Districts Bowling League had been saved by a future President of the League Lindsay Adams, commencing in 1926 and concluding in 1972 when the book was filled. All records from 1972 until 1986 were lost in a change over of secretaries at Meckering in 1987. From this old ledger it was revealed that the League Northam was involved in was formed in 1913, comprising the Clubs of York, Beverley and Northam.**

**This operated as such, with the addition and deletion of other clubs such as Pingelly, Bakers Hill and Kellerberrin until the name was changed to the Avon Valley League at the A G M in 1949.**

**A Pennant Competition was commenced in the 1914-15 season and has continued, except for a break during the Second World War. Clubs to join the Avon Valley League have been Cunderdin -1950, Meckering - 1951, Quairading - 1952, Goomalling -1953, Brookton - 1957, Toodyay and Dowerin - 1959 and Wundowie - 1960 gave the League a total membership of eleven clubs which caused the Pennant Competition to be played in three zones.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**East Avon League was formed in 1962 with Quairading and Cunderdin clubs zoned to join that League. In 1964 they transferred to the Upper Great Southern League. Each season Championship Events are conducted in the League comprising Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles.**

### Special General Meeting November 24 1926

The President Jesse Moore stated that as membership of the Bowling Club had grown to 130 and Saturday afternoon was now a gazetted holiday, more members were turning up for play than there were rinks available. The executive was faced with the prospect of providing more rinks. The meeting resolved that a study begin immediately with a view of acquiring an adjoining property, which will provide for an extra four rinks.

### May 12 1927

The Annual Carnival attracted 300 bowlers and croquet players. Trophies for the carnival were valued at 7 guineas for the Pairs, 10 guineas for the Fours, 5 guineas for the Singles and the Consolation Fours 6 guineas.

### Annual General Meeting N B C September 14 1927

The President Jesse Moore reported on the progress made by the Club over the past year. The extension to the Croquet Lawn and the Bowling Green along with the purchase of an adjoining property had cost 900 pounds. Subscriptions were raised from 2 pounds 5 shillings to 2 pounds 10 shillings.

#### Election Of Officers 1927-28

Patron - W J Gillett

President - B P Chidlow

Vice Presidents - J J Golding, R Forward, J K Moore

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - G A Collins

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - W Sale, P Scarterfield, G Coxon, J A Rogers, P Lyon, A Broom, A Abbott

#### Championship Winners 1927-28

Club Singles - D G Carter

Club Pairs - J A Rogers, R McPherson

Club Fours - R McPherson, J A Rogers, W Beer, C Waters

#### Pennant Winner 1927-28

Northam Bowling Club

### October 5 1927

To help raise money for the proposed extensions to the club it was resolved to conduct a Country Carnival on the property of Mr. Roy Forward at Noggojerring. The public was invited and many sporting events have been arranged and will chiefly be of the humorous nature. The principle event being the Noggojerring Derby, which is open to Draught Horses only and must be ridden by boni-fidi bowlers.

The Carnival was a great success with a net profit of over 100 pounds being cleared.

### December 7 1927

The new Pavilion being built at the Northam Bowling Club is taking shape and will prove a fine acquisition to the club grounds.

### January 11 1928

The new Pavilion is near completion. The new green and enlarged croquet lawn are ready for top dressing and things are almost ready for the adding on of two more bowling rinks.

### February 19 1928

**The bowling fraternity suffered a severe shock in the demise of one of their esteemed and popular members, Mr J W Purslowe. As a token of respect it was decided to close the greens on Thursday and Friday.**

### May 9 1928

The 1928 Carnival, which commenced last Saturday was a record in many respects, the numbers from the metropolitan and country clubs were greater than ever before. Along with the ladies, numbers totalled over 400. The nomination of 108 Pairs was a state record and 66 Fours a record for Northam. Singles entries were 101. The President of the W A B A Mr J Holdcraft in responding to the welcome said that it was the greatest carnival outside the metropolitan area and the new Pavilion the most commodious in the State.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 15 1928

The membership now stands at 134, being the largest membership of any country club in Australia, and it was the premier club of the State.

#### Election Of Officers 1928-29

Patron - W J Gillett

President - B P Chidlow

Vice Presidents - J J Golding, R Forward, G A Coxon

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - G A Collins

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - W J Beer, D G Carter, J A Swinhoe, J A Rogers, P Scarterfield, F C Broomhall, A V Patterson, G Christmass

#### Championship Winners 1928-29

Club Singles - F C Chidlow

Club Pairs - J Gordon, R McPherson

Club Fours - J A Rogers, R McPherson, W Beer, C Waters

#### Pennant Winner 1928 -29

Northam Bowling Club

### November 10 1928

**The Northam Bowling Clubs Foundation President, Sir Hal Colbatch, who had recently been knighted, officially opened the 1928-29 bowling season. In his address he described the formation of the Club and its history over the years, he having served as president for eleven years.**

Also present were the President G H Onley and the Secretary Josh Hamilton of the W A B A. The Clubs delegate to the Association Lionel Boas was also present.

### November 21 1928

The Northam Bowling Club now has two teams, "Red" and "Blue", in the Pennant Competition. Pingelly Bowling Club has joined the E D B L.

### January 16 1929

On Wednesday evening the first of what promises to be a successful series of competitions was decided, the Electric Light Spoon Competition.

### March 16 1929

A Special Committee Meeting was called to arrange for the Centenary Carnival (this being the 100th year of the founding of Western Australia). This was expected to be conducted over one week of bowls.

### May 8 1929

Northam conducted a successful Carnival to celebrate the Centenary of Western Australia. The President of the W A B A stated in his speech that the annual Northam Carnival was one of the chief events on the Bowling Calendar.

On the Sunday (bowls were not played on a Sunday in W A - LCM) visitors to the Carnival were taken on a trip to Muresk. Muresk was in its second year of existence as an Agricultural College.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 14 1929

The Balance Sheet showed a profit of 459 pounds. During this past year a tennis court was laid out, and opened for play on the Club's grounds. Subscriptions were 1 pound 1 shilling (1 guinea), for members and 10 shillings & sixpence (one half guinea) for associates.

#### Election Of Officers 1929-30

Patron - W J Gillett

President - G A Coxon

Vice Presidents - B P Chidlow, J J Golding, F J Miller

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - J W Swinhoe

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - R Forward, W Beer, G Christmass, P Scarterfield, J K Moore, F Broomhall, J Gordon, J A Rogers, L Boas.

#### Championship Winners 1929-30

Club Singles - J K Moore

Club Pairs - D Carter, W Delaney

Club Fours - J A Rogers, P Sutton, F Jessup, W Beer

#### Pennant Winner 1929-30

Beverley Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

May 7 1930

Northams Carnival attendance was down slightly this year due to a Carnival being held by the Kitchener Park and Subiaco Bowling Clubs at the same time.

Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 20 1930

Membership of the Club now stands at 111(down on two years ago when it was 134. The depression was just commencing). The Bank overdraft is 1200 pounds. Expenditure for the year was 880 pounds and income 1,000 pounds.

Election Of Officers 1930-31

Patron - W J Gillett

President - F J Miller

Vice Presidents - G A Coxon, B P Chidlow, J K Moore

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - J Swinhoe

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - G Christmass, J J Gordon, P Scarterfield, K Holmes, R Forward, J A Rogers, W Beer, P Lyon.

Championship Winners 1930-31

Club Singles - J K Moore

Club Pairs - R McPherson, H Rutherford

Pennant Winner 1930-31

Northam Bowling Club

November 8 1930

Dr. F G Carter, President of the W A B A, opened Northams 1930-31 bowling season.

The Northam President F Miller told the gathering that the Club now had 120 members, was the largest country club in the State and had been in existence since 1905. The Club had 14 rinks, croquet lawns and a tennis court, all of which had been accomplished without any outside assistance.

May 6 1931

Almost a record crowd attended the Annual Carnival. Visitors said jokingly "they had come away trying to escape the depression"

Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 20 1931

The President F J Miller reported that the Club had been through a difficult year. Membership had decreased considerably and the Balance Sheet showed the Club had sustained a loss of 52 pounds.

Election Of Officers 1931-32

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - F J Miller, B P Chidlow, J J Golding

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - J W Swinhoe

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - P Lyon, P Scarterfield, H Scott, W Beer, J Gordon, G Christmass, W Delaney, G W Veale

Championship Winners 1931-32

Club Singles - J K Moore

Pennant Winner 1931-32

Northam Bowling Club

November 14 1931

Mr Lionel Boas, Northams delegate to the West Australian Bowling Association for the last twenty one years officially opened the 1931-32 bowling season.

January 10 1932

The N S W Bowling Association is to conduct a Carnival, the largest ever held in Australia, to commemorate the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Players will come from all Australian States, New Zealand, Britain, Canada, South Africa and Fiji.

Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 28 1932

The President J A (Bert) Rogers reported on another poor year financially even though a small profit was achieved. A sports function held at the Race Course raised 39 pounds. The old Pavilion was sold for 75 pounds.

**Mr. G A Coxon, Committeeman for many years, Secretary and President was honoured for his services to the Club by being elected as the first Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Election Of Officers 1932-33

Patron - W J Gillett

President - G Christmass

Vice Presidents - F J Miller, N C Scott, J A Rogers

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - J W Swinhoe

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - G W Veale, F C Broomhall, B Broomhall, H Dray, W Delaney, D E Goldsmith, P Lyon, H Rutherford.

### Championship Winners 1932-33

Club Singles - F C Chidlow

### Pennant Winner 1932-33

York Bowling Club

### November 9 1932

Mr J Hammill, President of the West Australian Bowling Association, performed the official opening of the 1932-33 bowling season

### December 7 1932

A foundation member of the Club Mr. H G Withnell opened the greens for night play on Friday evening.

### April 22 1933

A visiting South Australian side playing a match against Northam won 84 to 81.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 23 1933

### Election Of Officers 1933-34

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J K Moore

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, B P Chidlow, J A Rogers

Secretary - E G Evans

Treasurer - J W Swinhoe

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - G W Veale, F J Miller, P Lyon, F Chidlow, B W Broomhall, E J Gloster, P Scarterfield.

### Championship Winners 1933-34

Club Singles - L Tierney

Club Pairs - M F Edmondson, W Dawson

### Pennant Winner 1933-34

Beverley Bowling Club



Another photo from the Northam Historical Society which pictures, from the left – W Beer, leader – R McPherson, measurer – W Rutherford, scorer - J A Rogers, skipper. They were the winners of the 1933-34 Eastern Districts Bowling Association Fours Championship and also the Northam Bowling Club 1934 Carnival Fours Shield, which is pictured. The Carnival Fours Shield has been held since the first Carnival, which was held in 1906. J A (Bert) Rogers had been president in 1931 – 32, had a few years on committee, then went on to become president of the Club for eleven years. He became a leading bowler.

### October 28 1933

The 1933-34 season was officially opened by the President of the W A B A, Mr. J Hammill. The Member of Parliament representing Northam, Mr A R J Hawke was also present

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 28 1934

The retiring President J K (Jesse) Moore was in the Chair and the following members were present - Messrs. F Miller, B P Chidlow, E Gloster, A Broom, M F Edmondson, P Lyon, W Beer, E Dear, D E Goldsmith, Cock, Harris, F E Baseden, Bromilow, W J Gillett, McLernon, A Breeze, H Scott, M Sermon, Horn, Hartley, W Mathews, G Christmass, J W Swinhoe, P Scarterfield, J A Rogers, Jackson, Penny, Ferguson, K Coxon, R G Evans.

Apologies were received from Messrs. G C Curlewis, F C Broomhall and B W Broomhall.

#### Election Of Officers 1934 - 35

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, B P Chidlow, E J Gloster

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - J W Swinhoe

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - D E Goldsmith, F Chidlow, W Beer, H Bromilow, N C Scott, F Harris.

#### Sub-Committees for 1934-35

Refreshment Committee - J W Swinhoe, N C Scott

Green Committee - P Lyon (Chairman), F Harris, D E Goldsmith

Match Committee - Blue Faction - B P Chidlow, W J Beer, F Chidlow

Red Faction - G Christmass, E G Gloster, H J Bromilow.

Social Committee - J A Rogers (Chairman), E G Gloster, B P Chidlow, G Christmass, W J Beer, H J Bromilow, F E Baseden, N C Scott, F Harris, D E Goldsmith

Club Handicappers - B P Chidlow, G Christmass

#### Profit and Loss Account 1934-35

<u>Expenditure</u>	pounds, shillings, pence - Income	pounds, shillings, pence	
To Wages	217 / 13 / 11	By Subscriptions	163 / 7 / 6
" Interest	67 / 13 / 3	" Donations	
" Rates & Taxes	51 / 1 / 0	Sundry	4 / 4 / 6
" Capitation Fees	2 / 10 / 0	Prize Fund 8 / 18 / 6	13 / 3 / 0
" Telephone	7 / 10 / 1	" Tennis Court	2 / 10 / 0
" Liquor Tax & Permits	12 / 8 / 10	" Croquet Club	25 / 0 / 0
" Insurance's	13 / 2 / 2	" Community Singing	2 / 1 / 3
" Counter Lunches	7 / 17 / 5	" Competitions	68 / 15 / 6
" Depreciation	15 / 18 / 0	" Discounts	2 / 0 / 3
" Top Dressing	25 / 17 / 0	" Entertainment	1 / 10 / 1
" Prizes	33 / 17 / 0	" Receipts	
" Repairs &		Electric Lights	19 / 0 / 0
Replacements	9 / 5 / 0	" Gross Profit	
" Ice	16 / 3 / 0	From Trading	181 / 17 / 4
" Electric Light	26 / 14 / 1		
" General Expenses	17 / 3 / 6		
" Levy Account	19 / 15 / 0		
" Exchange	14 / 0		
" Stamps &		" Net Loss	<u>77 / 18 / 0</u>
Stationary	<u>11 / 19 / 11</u>		<u>557 / 3 / 2</u>
	557 / 3 / 2		

The overdraft at the National Bank at the commencement of the year was 1,141 pounds 16 shillings & 9 pence and now stands at 1,184 pounds 6 shillings & 7 pence. Bar receipts totaled 544 pounds as compared with 575 pounds in the previous year. The wages bill had been reduced from 273 pounds to 217. Subscriptions had fallen from 191 pounds to 163 this year. This was the first time in the Clubs history that a financial statement had been submitted on which the only liability shown was to the Clubs Bankers.

In moving for the adoption of the accounts George Christmass said the main drop in revenue was in bar receipts. The margin of profit had dropped from 235 pounds to 182. The percentage was much lower than anticipated and the matter certainly warranted the attention of the incoming committee.

Fred Chidlow suggested that no member nominate for a position on committee unless they were willing to work for the club all of the time - not some of the time.

One member suggested to the incoming committee to close one of the greens and that the greenkeeper work on the greens in the morning, and then at night serve behind the Bar.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The incoming President J A Rogers was not in favour of this retrogressive step in sacrificing the greens any more than we had done.

Mr Penny, in the matter of raising funds said he thought they could consider the matter of a Bowling Club Ball near the end of the season.

J A Rogers in the Carnival Singles and Fours won the main trophies at the Annual Carnival, with a Fremantle team winning the Carnival Pairs.

### Championship Winners 1934-35

Club Singles - W Beer

Club Pairs - G Christmass, F Baseden

### Pennant Winner 1934-35

Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting October 11 1934

A new member nominated at this meeting was T H (Bert) Purslowe who was destined to play a major role in the distant future of the Northam Bowling Club.

The greenkeeper Mr Daniels was made full-time as from October 11th. Mr. Bromilow asked for an expression of opinion re the capability of the greenkeeper. The chairman of the greens Mr. P Lyon expressed entire satisfaction with him.

It was resolved that the opening of the season be performed by the President of the W A B A on Wednesday October 31st at 3-30pm. Invitations to be sent to Wyalkatchem, Merredin, Kellerberrin, Corrigin, Pingelly, Beverley and York. Also to the Mayor and Mayoress of Northam Mr and Mrs Northey, the Town Councillors and the Member for Northam Mr A R J Hawke and Mrs Hawke.

### Special Committee Meeting November 5 1934

The meeting was called to decide on the opening of Night Bowls. It was resolved that the opening be performed by the Patron W J (Bill) Gillett on Wednesday November 14th. Mr. Goldsmith offered the trophy, valued at 10 shillings & 6 pence for the event. Nomination fee to be 1 shilling per pair and that the price of supper be 6 pence.

F Baseden was appointed to take charge of the croquet competition.

### Committee Meeting November 12th 1934

It was resolved that all subscriptions paid by installments be paid on December 1st, January 1st February 1st and March 1st in advance. Any member in arrears is excluded from all of the Clubs privileges.

A Notice of Motion was moved rescinding the Club by-law which allowed the Ladies on the green only one day a year, further stating "that providing there are twenty or more, ladies be admitted to special greens set aside for them on two days per week, and a fee of 20 shillings for members wives and 30 shillings for others be charged. There is to be no general mixed bowling except on special nights"

### Committee Meeting January 8 1935.

**A letter of congratulations was sent to Bob McPherson on his winning the State Singles Championship Plate.**

### Special Committee Meeting April 1 1935

N C Scott stated that it was shown everywhere that ladies were contributing to the success of bowling clubs, both socially and financially, and he moved that a Mixed Fours Event be included in the Carnival as well as Ladies Events.

### 30th Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 3 1935

The President J A Rogers reported to 25 members that membership had increased from 63 to 76 and the loss of last year had been turned into a profit of 3 pounds 9 shillings & 7 pence this year. He pointed out that the subscription of 2 pound 10 shillings entitled members to 6 pound 11 shillings & 4 pence worth of services and something had to be found outside of subscriptions. It cost 480 pounds a year to maintain the Club and receipts from subscriptions only amounted to 180 pounds. The overdraft with the Clubs Bankers had changed from 1184 pounds in 1934 to 1134 pounds in 1935.

Social visits had been made by members of the South Perth, the Maimed & Limbless and the Mount Lawley Bowling Clubs.

A letter was received from Mrs. Temperly requesting that the Tennis Court be hired out to her party again for 2 pound 10 shillings a year.

The secretary of the Croquet Club wrote seeking permission to erect a shelter shed on the croquet lawn.

Rule 28 was changed from reading 25 financial members to form a quorum for general and special meetings to now read 25% of financial members.

Mr. Bromilow asked what was the intention of the Club re allowing the ladies to form a Bowling Club. F Baseden moved that the ladies be permitted to play and to pay a green fee of 6 pence. The President pointed out that the matter should be done properly as was moved at an earlier meeting, and commences with 20 ladies at a fee of 1 guinea. Both motions lapsed for the lack of a seconder.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Election Of Officers 1935-36.

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - B P Chidlow, G Christmass, E J Gloster

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - G Christmass

Auditor - G C Curlewis

Committee - F E Baseden, W J Beer, P Lyon, J Swinhoe, H J Bromilow, D E Goldsmith, F Chidlow, F Harris.

### Championship Winners 1935-36

Club Singles - H Rutherford

Club Pairs - W Stewart, M F Edmondson

### Pennant Winner 1935-36

Northam Bowling Club

### Special Committee Meeting November 8 1935

The President stated that before discussing the reason for calling the meeting - the proposed Continental Concert - he would like to answer some critics who had said that the Bridge Nights were a waste of lighting and did not pay. He pointed out the monthly cost of lights was 9 shillings. The Bar takings for September, when there were on Bridge Nights, was 18 pounds. The takings for October, when Bridge Nights were conducted were 45 pounds.

W J Beer donated a set of Bowls, valued at 6 guineas, to be used for a raffle. Tickets to be sold for 1 shilling each.

Newly Elected Members. - Carl Hubble, Rev. Reedy



Photos of the Greens and the new Pavilion. The original Pavilion was sold for 75 pounds 1932

The bottom photo shows the bowling costumes of the day.

(Photos were loaned by Joan Williams; whose father, Jack Higgs, was a club member – LCM)

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special Committee Meeting November 15 1935

**It was carried unanimously that long serving J J Golding be elected a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club**

### Special Committee Meeting November 22 1935

The President explained the reason for the meeting was the clearance applied for by J McGowan to the Perth Bowling Club with which he wished to play bowls the next day. The secretary stated he was not financial and after some discussion it was resolved that clearance would be granted on condition he pay half the club subscription for the year of 1pound 5 shillings

### Committee Meeting November 25 1935

President J A Rogers (Bert) reported on a visit he and G Christmass had made to the W A B A regarding the slashing of dates of the Northam and Metropolitan Carnivals which were affecting Northam. The W A B A would report back. He also pointed out that those players entering in the Australian Bowling Carnival being held in Perth to check the markings on their bowls to see they conformed to Australian Bowls Council requirements.

Claremont Bowling Club wished to make a visit on Sunday March 22nd. Bert Rogers pointed out that we had already refused the Victoria Park Bowling Club on a Sunday as the Clubs Liquor License did not permit the serving of liquor on a Sunday, so must refuse their visit also. Northam was quite willing to entertain them on any other day.

The Club decided to combine with the York Bowling Club with a visit to the Fremantle Bowling Club on Wednesday March 25.

Newly Elected Members - Clive Moseley (Secretary of the Northam Road Board for many years -LCM), F Cock.

### Special Committee Meeting April 8 1934

President J A Rogers reported the meeting was called to discuss the Australian Bowling Carnival programme that had allotted Thursday April 23rd for Northam to entertain 80 Eastern States Bowlers.

Bert Rogers had taken it up with the Mayor of Northam who had suggested the Town Council combine with the Northam Bowling Club and make the luncheon a Civic Reception in the Town Hall on an equal share basis. The W A B A offered that if the cost exceeded 10 pounds they would come to the Clubs aid. Bert Rogers estimated that the cost would be 20 pounds. He suggested a voluntary levy of 2 shillings & 6 pence per member to help pay for this. All visitors and bowlers to be given tickets for afternoon tea, and any others attending to pay 6 pence.

A notice was to be placed on the Notice Board that the levy was to be paid forthwith. Also those unfinancial members were ineligible to enter any Carnival Events

### The Programme for the 1936 Northam 30th Anniversary Carnival

Mixed Pairs Competition - Nomination 2/6 per pair

Local players to start at 5-30pm and visiting players later.

Game of 7 up, on knockout system.

Reception to visiting bowlers at 8-30pm in the Club Pavilion.

#### Saturday May 2nd

Carnival Pairs - commencing at 9am

15 Heads, Final 21Heads. Trophies valued at 6 guineas and 2 guineas - Nomination 5/-.

#### Sunday May 3rd (bowls were not played on Sundays. Ed)

Visiting bowlers will be given a trip to Muresk Agricultural College. Afternoon tea provided for visitors. Local bowlers pay 1/-.

Community Singing in the Town Hall at 8-30pm under the Baton of J A Rogers Esq.

#### Monday May 4th

Carnival Fours - Commencing at 9am

20 Heads to be played. Trophies valued at 8 guineas and 2 guineas.

Winning Team to hold the Northam Club Shield, valued at 15 guineas, for 12 months. Shield must be won by any one club two years in succession or three times in all to become the property of that Club.

Nominations- 12/- per Team, which includes green fee.

#### Tuesday May 5th

Carnival Singles Commencing at 9am

Game, 21 up. Trophies valued at 4 guineas and 1 guinea. Nomination-2/6

#### Wednesday May 6th

Handicap Singles - Commencing at 9am

Game 21 up. Trophies valued at 2 guineas and 1 guinea. Nomination-2/6

Ladies Handicap Singles Sweepstakes plus 1 guinea from D Goldsmith -Nomination 2/-

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

(The programme goes on to say- LCM)

Fourteen Rinks in Perfect Condition

Lighting for Night Play - Perfect

Competition is Optional After 9pm Each Day

### Conditions

Played under A B C Rules and Regulations

Tennis Court - Croquet Lawn

During the Carnival Ladies will be catered for with Croquet Competitions.

Full information from the Clubs representative in Perth

L T Boas - Phone B1380 Bagot Road Subiaco or

Club Rooms Phone Northam 111

### Committee Meeting July 20 1936

It was resolved that the Championship Singles Match between Rogers and Chidlow be played on Wednesday July 22nd weather permitting. George Christmass to decide on the suitability of the weather. The winner of this match is to play W Stewart on the same afternoon. Stewart to play Rutherford on Saturday afternoon.

It was resolved that the Municipal Council be instructed to connect the Bowling Club to the newly installed deep sewerage system under the Councils terms and conditions of repayment

The cost of maintaining the croquet lawn was estimated to be 50 pounds over the year and the amount received from the Croquet Club was 25pounds, and was not enough. The Croquet Club to be advised that 50 pounds was required in the future.

Re subscriptions Rule 5 - Notice of Motion to be moved at the A G M raising subscriptions from 2 pounds 10 shillings to 3 pounds 3 shillings, or 3 guineas.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 12 1936

The President J A (Bert) Rogers reported on a successful year with the profit being a tidy 41 pounds. Bank overdraft stands at 1145 pounds. 17 Committee Meetings were held during the year.

Some members complained about the Club Championships being conducted in the depths of winter. Bert Rogers explained that although from a bowling standpoint, this was undesirable, they could not have afforded to waste valuable summer months with Championships as the visiting matches from other clubs were a valuable source of revenue to the Club. He also stated that the Bridge Evenings were not well supported by members which was discouraging to the organisers

There was heated discussion over the Notice of Motion raising the fees but the Committee pointed out fees had been kept down during the depression and now that things were improving had advocated the increase. They cited that the fees at the Golf Club, which only gave four months play for 2 pounds 10 shillings whereas bowls were played for twelve months. Social membership of 25/- remained the same.

Some members expressed concern at the Club only receiving 7 pounds 12 shillings for the hire of the Tennis Court. They thought it could be turned into a croquet lawn and so derive more revenue

### Election Of Officers 1936-37

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, B P Chidlow, F J Miller

Secretary - R G Evans

Treasurer - G Christmass

Committee - F E Baseden, W J Beer, P Lyon, H J Bromilow, C O Mosely, B W Broomhall, M F Edmondson, A V Holmes.

### Championship Winners 1936-37

Club Singles - W Stewart

### Pennant Winner 1936-37

Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting September 29 1936

The question of Capitation fees to the W A B A was raised and discussed. It was resolved that in future the fees be paid on all members as per Rule 16 of the W A B A, which only excludes non-active life members.

It was resolved that the opening of the 1936-37 season be performed by the newly elected President of the W A B A, W Christie on Wednesday October 21st. The secretary was instructed to issue the usual invitations for the opening. The visitors were to be issued with afternoon tea tickets worded "Afternoon tea with the compliments of the Northam Bowling Club".

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The meeting decided on a bar attendant roster with either one or two Committee members being responsible for bar service on each night (except Sundays when there was no trading)  
It was moved that Mrs. Hicks and party be granted the use of the Tennis Court for six months at 5/- per Saturday afternoon.

Newly Elected Member - George Errington

### Committee Meeting November 21 1936

A letter from the Clubs Bankers requesting a reduction of 50 pounds off the overdraft was discussed. The Treasurer G Christmass pointed out that although the financial position was about 50 pounds better off than last year a certain amount of money had to be incurred to maintain the property in good order. The matter will be further considered with a view of reduction in June next year.

Re Charabanc to York. G Christmass pointed out that owing to the fact that several members failed to make the trip after saying that they would, the money received was 28/- short of the hire charge. It was resolved the Club would pay the difference.

Re Club Blazers. It was moved that W Beer and P Scarterfield be asked to submit patterns in three Club colours.

Due to transfer R G Evans tendered his resignation as Club Secretary.

The sub-committee, which was formed to meet the Croquet Club to discuss the increase of the rental to 50 pounds, reported back stating they had been offered 35 pounds. F Baseden moved that this be accepted for this year but next year the rental would be 50 pounds. This was carried.

The payment of subscriptions by instalments was altered to allow for payments of 15/9 on the 15th of January, February, March and April.

### Committee Meeting January 1937

**As a token of appreciation of his long and valued service on the Committee and the past ten years as Club Secretary Mr. R G Evans was elected as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club**

Due to his resignation there was a shuffle of positions on committee. G Christmass was elected as Secretary and F J Miller was elected as Treasurer.

Newly Elected Members - G G Nicholson, Cedric Perrin.

### Committee Meeting March 15 1937

F E Baseden was asked to submit an estimate of the cost of work necessary to renovate the Buildings, which due to the depression had been allowed to run down.

It was resolved that this years Carnival Programme be similar to last year, except the Sunday visit would be to Key Farm at Toodyay. Luncheon would be available in the Pavilion costing 1/6.

The Water Supply Department informed the Club that if it were prepared to take 1,000,000 gallons of water per year a reduction in the cost per gallon would be given.

It was resolved that half a gross of Club Spoons be purchased at 3/9 per dozen.

### Committee Meeting August 2 1937

A letter from the Accountant with the Water Supply Department stating that the Clubs request for the reduction in water rates could not be granted.

The Treasurer was of the opinion that the Clubs financial position was not improving and they could not afford the 40 pounds 10 shillings to renovate the Club Buildings. He suggested, to save money, the eight-rink green be abandoned. The treasurer's report was held over to the next meeting.

F E Baseden stated he could do the work for considerably less and the Club could pay him back at 1pound per week.

D Goldsmith moved that F Baseden proceed with the work and that the Club organise a fund to obtain the necessary finance. Carried.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 7 1937

The President J A Rogers reported on a good year although the Treasurer did not paint the same rosy picture. A profit of 35 pounds was made for the year. Rates and taxes had cost the Club 73 pounds, water charges 63 pounds and the Bank Overdraft stands at 1,093 pounds.

The Club should be reducing the overdraft by 50 pounds a year, the buildings needed painting and a kitchen for the ladies required erecting.

It was suggested a membership drive be made with the enticement of the first year's subscription being only 1 pound.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Election Of Officers 1937-38

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - B P Chidlow, F J Miller, G Christmass

Secretary - C O Mosely

Treasurer - F J Miller

Committee - F E Baseden, M F Edmondson, G A Coxon, O W Willshire, W J Beer, B A Pritchard, G Starsmore, F Jessup.

### Championship Winners 1937-38

Club Singles – F C Chidlow

### Special General Meeting October 8 1937

To attract new members to the Club, Rule 5 of the Constitution was altered to add after the words 3 guineas the words "provided that only one half of the annual subscription shall be payable for the first year of membership"

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Schofield for his kindness in donating to the Club timber and iron for the proposed new kitchen.

A sub-committee was formed to select the site, type of construction and to proceed with the construction of the new kitchen.

Newly Elected Members - T Brew, Bill Whyte, Angus Cooke, Bob Counsel, W H Lee, J McEvoy, E G Chidlow, L Schofield, A F Miller, C J Breeze, J E Carter, J H Shaw, A N Way, C R McCleod.

### Committee Meeting February 21 1938

The efforts of O G Willshire to raise funds by the running of a "Plum Pudding" is recorded in the Minutes. This meant a certain amount of members putting in a 1/- per week for ten weeks. The estimated profit with 120 members competing would be 32 pounds 10 shillings.

The new kitchen has been completed and it was resolved to add 40 pounds to the Insurance Policy to cover this addition.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 16 1938

The President J A Rogers pointed out that the Club had a most successful year. After spending a considerable amount on renovations and the building of a new kitchen the Club was in a better financial position than 12 months previously.

He made mention of the Ladies Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Christmass that had carried out the catering on the social visits and other occasions. They had raised funds by conducting Bridge Evenings for the furnishings in the new kitchen.

**He also said with sorrow the loss to the Bowling Club and to Northam of two members Mr. W A Penny and Mr. Pearson Lyon. Mr. Lyon had been a foundation member of the Club and was elected to committee in 1908. He was in sole charge of the greens for many years. The Club had expressed its sympathy to the bereaved relatives.**

The Treasurer in his report stated that the Club had made a profit of 65 pounds for the year.

### Election Of Officers 1938-39

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - B P Chidlow, G Christmass, W J Beer.

Secretary - C O Mosely

Treasurer - F J Miller

Committee - F E Baseden, M F Edmondson, F C Chidlow, W H Mathews, G E Starsmore, B W Broomhall, R C Bott, N C Scott.

It was moved by O G Willshire that the Committee be empowered to draft conditions allowing Ladies to be admitted as Associates of the Northam Bowling Club. After discussion it was resolved that the ladies Committee be treated to lunch at the Log Cabin. The men would pay their own way.

Action was taken to form a subsidiary Tennis Club, limited to 20 members at 1 pound 5 shillings each per annum. An advertisement to be inserted in the press inviting those interested to meet at the Bowling Club on Thursday September 29th at 8pm/

### Championship Winners 1938-39

Club Singles - B Broomhall

Club Pairs – W Stewart, W Mathews

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Pennant Winner 1938-39  
Northam Bowling Club

### Special Committee Meeting November 15 1938

A sub-committee which was formed to decide the fate of the Tennis Court submitted a recommendation as follows "that the Club construct a night Tennis Court, in bitumen, at an approximate cost of 150 pounds and that it be put in hand immediately or postponed until September 1939".

After much discussion it was resolved that the question of the hard court be referred to the Annual General Meeting next year.

### Committee Meeting November 21 1938

**President Bert Rogers puts the recommendation from the A G M to decide the formation of a Ladies Bowling Club. It was moved M F Edmondson seconded G Starsmore that a meeting be convened of interested Ladies to form a Ladies Bowling Club subject to the following conditions. The fee for members' wives or of members household 10/6, other Ladies 1 guinea. Rinks to be available for play on 2 days and 2 nights per week (if greens available). A minimum of 3/- per night to be paid for electric light. No mixed bowling to be allowed except on occasions arranged by this Committee. The Ladies Club to be a separate body to the Northam Bowling Club.**

**The meeting was held between the Committee and interested ladies and a Ladies bowling Club was formed.**

**(It certainly took a long time for this occasion to come about, which had been submitted many times over the years. The Northam Golf Club allowed the forming of a Ladies Golf Club in 1915 - LCM)**

### Foundation Members of the Executive of the Ladies Bowling Club

**President - Mrs. Moseley / Mrs. Christmass**

**Vice President - Mrs. Neil**

**Secretary - Mrs. Crowle**

**Committee - Mesdames Paton, Williams, Christmass, Willshire, Jessup, Hartley.**

**The first playing date was fixed for December 13th 1938**

### Special Committee Meeting September 4 1939

Re proposed purchase of a Billiard Table. The Secretary submitted details of the various tables that had been offered to the Club. After discussion it was moved by F E Baseden seconded by M F Edmondson that George Christmass endeavour to ascertain the condition of the Capel and Katanning tables and submit a report to the A G M.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 15 1939

The Vice President G Christmass presided over the meeting owing to the ill health of J A Rogers who did not re-nominate. He reported on a good year with a profit of 86 pounds and the lowering of the Bank overdraft from 1,027 pounds to 965 pounds.

General Business - Alteration to Rule 8 governing Country Members was altered to now read "a person living over 5 miles from the Northam Post office is eligible to become a Country Member". The fee was fixed at 1 pound 11 shillings and 6 pence (31/6).

The action of the Billiard Table report to be left in the hands of the incoming committee.

### Election Of Officers 1939-40

Patron - W J Gillett

President - G E Christmass

Vice Presidents - J A Rogers, W J Beer, F E Baseden

Secretary - C O Mosely

Treasurer - F J Miller

Committee - S H Read, L Crowle, W H Mathews, B W Broomhall, M F Edmondson, B P Chidlow, G E Starsmore, H Rutherford.

### Championship Winners 1939-40

Club Singles - B Broomhall

Club Pairs - W Stewart, W Mathews

Club Fours - W D Oliver, G Starsmore, C O Mosely, F Vinslade

### Pennant Winner 1939-40

Beverley Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting January 31 1940

The purchase of the Billiard Table to be left over indefinitely. The Tennis Court to be leased to Mr. Wall and his party for the sum of 25 pounds for the season and limited to 20 players.

Single bottles of beer to be sold for 1/6 per bottle, two or more for 1/4 each.

It was resolved that an invitation be extended to officers and men of the A I F, who are members of other bowling clubs and stationed at the Northam Army Camp to avail themselves of the Clubs facilities.

Newly Elected Member - Claude Roediger

### Special Committee Meeting January 31st 1940

The President explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of a refrigerator. A sub-committee was formed to get quotes and then purchase it. G Christmass told committee Mrs. Young had loaned the Club 200 pounds at 4% interest paid back quarterly over two years to purchase the refrigerator. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs. Young for her kind offer, and also to F Miller who arranged the loan with Mrs. Young.

It was moved that the price of bottled beer be reduced to 1/3.

**Mr. Read asked on behalf of the Citizens Welfare Committee (an organisation set up to look after the welfare of servicemen stationed at Northam Army Camp during the War years, especially whilst they were on leave - LCM), for permission to erect a Hall on the Clubs property to be used as a dance hall for servicemen of the A I F whilst on leave. The Club granted permission and a committee of four was formed to watch the interests of the Club during the building of the Hall**

### Committee Meeting February 10 1940

The President George Christmass announces the passing away of a long serving member and a past president, Mr. B P Chidlow, and Mr. J Foley.

50 pounds was given to the Commonwealth Government as an interest free loan as part of the War Effort. Mrs. Young advised Committee that she would forego the interest on the 200 pound loan to the Club to purchase a refrigerator.

**In May 1940 under the chairmanship of Dr. K G Aberdeen, the Citizens Reception Council was formed in Northam for the purpose of arranging entertainment for the troops on leave from the Northam Army Camp. As a suitable building was not available in Northam the Council asked permission to build a Hall on the property of the Northam Bowling Club. It was built and was named the "Buffet" or "Bocro". Some 20 Northam Organisations assisted in the entertainment and meals for thousands of troops by providing kitchen staff and dancing partners.**

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 13 1940

The President George Christmass reported on a successful year with the best ever Carnival. A profit of 60 pounds was made and the Bank overdraft now is 921 pounds. There was 175 pounds owing to Mrs. Young and 50 pounds had been given to the Commonwealth Government as an interest free War Loan.

#### Election Of Officers 1940-41

Patron - W J Gillett

President - G E Christmass

Vice Presidents - J A Rogers, F E Baseden, W J Beer.

Secretary - B W Broomhall

Treasurer - F J Miller

Committee - W D Oliver, J H Read, S Devine, W H Mathews, L W Crowle, C Paton, W J Stewart, G E Starsmore.

#### Championship Winners 1940-41

Club Singles - W H Mathews

Club Pairs - W Stewart, W H Mathews

Club Fours - W D Oliver, G E Starsmore, C O Mosely, F Winslade

Due to the War, York delegates expressed some doubt as to whether their Club would be able to muster sufficient players to take part in Pennant Matches

#### Pennant Winner 1940-41

Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting December 16 1940

**The Club loses two more members in M F Edmondson and O Northey.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The Greens Committee reported that the greens had been suffering on account of water restrictions. The water Supply Department was experiencing a shortage of manpower due to the War. Miss. Forward had formed a party of 25 and had leased the Tennis Court. It was moved that the price of one bottle of beer be 1/6 and two or more be 1/4 per bottle. The Treasurer presented a gloomy outlook. At this time the Club had only 59 financial members. Of last years members 8 had resigned, 8 had left the district, 2 have died and 22 have not paid any portion of this years subscription. On the bright side the Town Councils Sewerage connection fee has been reduced from 64 pounds to 47 pounds per year.

### Committee Meeting February 17 1941

George Christmass reported that a new fence was required between the Club and Mr. Daly costing 26 pounds. Mr Daly. said that he could only afford 8 pounds.

The Committee approved the spending of 30 pounds to renovate the two Rooms (which were used as caretaker's quarters - LCM). Also all damaged chairs to be handed over to Mr. Hill of Selby Street to be repaired.

Four new 1,500 candlepower lamps are to be purchased and all shades repaired over the greens. Later figures show the cost of renovations and improvements to the Rooms cost 51 pounds.

As Sunday 23rd was declared a National Day of Prayer it was agreed that no play would be held on the bowling greens, croquet lawns or the tennis court.

After a long discussion re the maintenance of the greens it was moved by S Devine seconded by W Mathews that the greens be cut, rolled and watered in that order each day.

Newly Elected Members - Frank Kings, Abe Broomhall, W Witton, T Harrison, Rev. Lynch.

### Committee Meeting May 19 1941

The President George Christmass was congratulated on the efficient way he and his team ran the Carnival. In reply he stated he owed a lot to his team and also his wife, who is Social convener, for all the meals provided. The Bar Trading Account for the Carnival showed a net profit of 71 pounds.

### Committee Meeting June 16 1941

The Greens Committee was authorised to purchase the necessary equipment to convert the present roller into an electric driven machine.

A letter was sent to the Citizens Reception Committee, who conduct Buffets in the Hall for servicemen, expressing concern at the trouble caused by a few of the soldiers. They were asked to take up the matter with the Military Authorities.

It was resolved that the Storage room be lent to the Citizens Reception Committee for the holding of army personnel hats and greatcoats, whilst the servicemen were at the Buffet. The room had to be under supervision of a soldier, detailed from the Army Camp for this specific purpose.

### Committee Meeting August 12 1941

**It was moved that this Committee recommend to the A G M that F J Miller, past Committeeman, Treasurer and President over many years be elected as a Life Member of the N B C.**

W H (Bill) Mathews, for the Greens Committee reported that they had sent the roller to Perth to be converted, at a cost of 64 pounds. It was moved that the report and action be endorsed.

It was resolved that F Baseden and S LeLievre look into the question of suitable Honour Boards for the Club and report to the next meeting.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C September 12 1941

The President George Christmass welcomed 33 members and stated that this years report was the president, secretary and treasurers combined. Membership has risen to 96. During the year 23 members were elected, whilst owing to deaths, resignations and transfers the Club had lost 22. The Ladies Bowling Club gained 6 members.

The financial statement showed a loss of 16 pounds. The main reason for this was the extra expenditure on the big green, manures, wages and the conversion of the roller to electricity.

The Committee have proposed to build a Memorial Rose Garden called the "Rosary" in recognition of the services given by deceased members of the Northam Bowling Club.

**Mr. F J Miller was elected a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club for his service to the Club over many years as Committeeman, Secretary, Treasurer, President and Secretary of the Eastern District Bowling League**

#### Election Of Officers 1941-42

Patron - W J Gillett

President - G E Christmass

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Vice Presidents - J A Rogers, F E Baseden, W H Mathews

Secretary - W D Oliver

Treasurer - S LeLievre

Committee - S Devine, W Stewart, G E Starsmore, H L Melrose, T H Harrison, R J Keating, L Crowle, B W Broomhall

Championship Winners 1941-42

Club Singles - J K Moore

Club Pairs - J A Rogers, R McPherson

**The Eastern Districts Bowling League due to the War decided to go into recess for the duration of hostilities.**

### Committee Meeting September 15 1941

Newly Elected Members - J Scarff, J H Bowen, Morris Loton, Charlie Wilkerson, Doug Rew, Keith Sermon. It was moved that new member J Lyon, who is the Clubs Solicitor, be made an honorary member and the Club pay his fee which is to be charged to legal expenses.

The work on the Memorial Garden is proceeding well. Contractor Mr. Brooks is engaged on the project. 123 pounds has been donated for the garden but another 7 pounds is required.

Permission was granted to build a 6 foot wide shed to house the motor.

**The President announced the death of a present Committeeman in Mr S Devine.** Elected to take his place was Mr McClements.

### Committee Meeting December 15 1941

Newly Elected Members - V Elder, V Miller, G C Martin, J Read, D H Sloan, E A Case

The Chairman of the greens reported that there was a fungus attacking the greens. A method of treatment was proposed and to be put in hand immediately.

The Memorial Garden was progressing satisfactorily. 124 pounds had been collected leaving 16 pounds outstanding. Another 10 pounds would still be required. Mr Daniels, the greenkeeper, had at last mastered the electric mower. G Willshire had built the 2-foot shed and was to be warmly congratulated for his work. J A Rogers has donated a fan for the card room.

### Committee Meeting January 19 1942

The Chairman of the greens committee had more bad news of the big green. Despite having had expert greenkeepers inspect them they all had given differing opinions. He asked permission to close the top green for three weeks. After lengthy discussion the motion was put and carried.

It was moved by J Rogers seconded by W Stewart that it be placed on record our appreciation to Mr. Baseden and Mr. Willshire for mowing and rolling the greens during the illness of the greenkeeper

### Committee Meeting February 16 1942

Newly Elected Member - J P Shaw

The greens committee chairman was pleased to report that the top green was showing excellent progress and will be in good order for the Carnival. The bottom green is not quite satisfactory. The Memorial Garden is still not completed.

It was resolved that the boy be paid 5/- each Sunday for cleaning out the Buffet.

### Committee Meeting March 16 1942

Despite assurances from the greens committee that the greens would be suitable for the Carnival others thought differently and it was moved W D Oliver seconded by T Harrison and carried that there be no Carnival this year

### Committee Meeting May 18 1942

A Dart Competition was being formed in Northam and the Bowling Club was invited to enter two teams of four members each.

### Special General Meeting June 29 1942

G Christmass explained that the reason for the meeting was to alter the Constitution, and he moved a motion, which was seconded by S LeLievre that Rules 5, 6 and 15 be rescinded and the following take their place.

Rule 5 - Ordinary Members shall pay an annual subscription of 3 pounds 3/- and non-playing members an annual subscription of 1 pound 5/-. Provided that the annual subscription of new members shall be one pound 11/6 for the first year of membership only. The Committee may in special cases accept payment of any subscription quarterly, half yearly or annually in advance.

Rule 6 - The payment of an annual subscription shall entitle a member so paying to the rights and privileges of the Club from 1st December to 30th November in the next successive year.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Rule 15 - The Club shall be governed by a President, three Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Assistant Secretary and eight Committee-men, all of whom shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Month of December of each year. This was passed, as well as a motion "that a levy equal of a quarter subscription be on all members of the Bowling Club, to be paid not later than the 1st September 1942".

### Committee Meeting July 20 1942

**The President in addressing the meeting drew the members' attention to two recent deaths of club members in the persons of H Mathews and Bert Holmes, the latter being so unexpected, as Mr Holmes was quite young.**

The greens committee chairman reported that the seed had arrived for the lawn. Also the planting of the roses in the Memorial Garden was in hand.

Levies paid to date 45 totaling 31 pounds 1/11.

### Committee Meeting November 15 1942

The greenkeeper Mr. Daniels tendered his resignation owing to his having been called up for army service. It was resolved that he be granted leave of absence during his time of service.

Newly Elected Members - C W Davey, W J Seater, O P Hansen, A Wickenden

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 18 1942

President G Christmass welcomed 33 members to the A G M. He was sad to say there was no Carnival this year, but pleased to announce a turn around in profitable trading. A 16 pound loss the previous year was turned into a profit of 133 pounds this year. The 200 pound loan from Mrs. Young had been liquidated during the period and the bank overdraft stands at 978 pounds.

A cool drink counter has been established for sales to non-members and especially to those visiting the Buffet.

The Bowling Club is proving an asset to the Town and a practical help to servicemen on leave from the Northam Army Camp

J A (Bert) Rogers presented Mrs. Christmass with a Trophy as an appreciation of her excellent services to the Club as Social Convenor over a very long period of time. Mrs. Christmass suitably responded.

**For his services to the Club over a very long period of time Mr. A Broom was elected a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club**

#### Election Of Officers 1942-43

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, F E Baseden, W H Mathews

Secretary - T Harrison

Assistant Secretary - O Willshire

Treasurer - S LeLievre

Committee - W J Stewart, B Broomhall, A B Broomhall, H Atkinson, W D Oliver, K Box, H L Melrose.

#### Championship Winners 1942-43

Club Singles - T Harrison

Club Pairs - T Harrison, B Broomhall

Club Fours - J A Rogers, R McPherson, H Atkinson, R Bott

**Eastern Districts Bowling League in recess for the Duration of War**

### Committee Meeting December 21st 1942

The secretary was asked to inform the W A B A that the Northam Annual Carnival would be held over the period Friday to Thursday April 30th to May 6th 1943'

Lal Bidstrip was engaged as greenkeeper.

It was decided to hold the following Christmas holiday competitions.

Christmas Day Pairs - sweepstakes - at 3-30pm

Sunday - open

Monday - progressive pairs at 1-30pm - to be 7 games of 5 heads each.

O G Willshire offered to repair the broken seats if the material was supplied. Offer was accepted with thanks.

War Savings Certificates were being issued as prizes to the winners of competitions

Newly Elected Members - V J Rogers, W Silverstone, C Grainger, W J Martin, R Steele, G Polain, J P Hasset, H J Byfield

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting February 15 1943

**Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to our late member Mr Jim Bowen.**

It was moved that subscriptions must be paid before intending members are put up for ballot.

It was decided to run the "Bowen Handicap" in honour of the late Jim Bowen. Conditions 21 heads, 3 bowls each and to be completed by the Wednesday before the Carnival - April 28th.

Newly Elected Members - J McKay, J Higgs, J A Smith, Len Withnell, Cresswell, Schorer.

### Committee Meeting May 21 1943

The President reported on a successful Carnival. A letter of thanks and 5 guineas was sent to Mr. Reeves for helping out with the preparing of the greens over the Carnival.

Under existing conditions regarding the Carnival Fours any Club Team winning the Shield in successive years or three times in all retains the Shield. Having won the Fours in 1933, 1936 and this year 1943 the Kings Park Bowling Club holds the Shield outright.

The prices to be quoted in the future for intending visitors to the Carnival next year for private board are - Bed and Breakfast - 5/-. Full Day - 10/-. Special arrangements for a week or more.

The Citizens Reception Council, which conducts the entertainment for servicemen in the Buffet on the Club's grounds were thanked for arranging to have the pathway cement slabbed

Newly Elected Members - Thomas Lynch, Bill Page.

### Special Committee Meeting November 3 1943

The meeting was called to formulate a plan for competition fixtures owing to the restrictions on night play brought about by the shortage of manpower to run essential services like power and water. The Government had brought in the War Effort Restriction Act. The President hoped they would be lifted before the Annual Carnival. Sunday play was now in force

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 15 1943

**For his untiring work for the Club over many years Mr F E Baseden was elected a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club**

#### Election Of Officers 1943-44

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, F Baseden, W Mathews

Secretary - T Harrison

Assistant Secretary - O Willshire

Treasurer - S LeLievre

Committee - W Stewart, B Broomhall, A B Broomhall, H Atkinson, K Box, R Keating, L Aslett, Rev. Lynch

#### Championship Winners 1943-44

Club Singles - S LeLievre

Club Pairs - T Harrison, W Mathews

**Eastern Districts Bowling League in recess for the Duration of War**

### Committee Meeting April 17 1944

Reports from the various committees states that everything is in order for the Annual Carnival. Sheets show that accommodation at the Town's seven hotels and private houses had booked in 141 persons.

**It was moved that a record be placed in the Minutes of the Clubs appreciation of the great success of Northam Bowlers in winning the Bignell Shield at the recent Country Week Carnival in Perth.**

**Northam scored 15 points and the Club holds the Shield for 12 months. The successful bowlers were -**

**Country Singles Champion - J A Rogers**

**Runner-up - W D Oliver**

**Country Fours Champions - T Harrison, W Mathews, W Beer, W Stewart**

**Country Fours Plate - J A Rogers, R McPherson, H Atkinson, B Broomhall**

### Committee Meeting May 15 1944

President J A (Bert) Rogers reported on a very successful Carnival. Profit from Bar Trading was 11 pounds. Afternoon teas, Community Concert and competitions amounted to 56 pounds.

Re accommodation - Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Nedlands who were allotted to Mrs. Timms did not arrive. It was moved that Mrs. Timms be reimbursed an amount of 30/- and an account for same rendered to Mr. Thomas.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

It was moved that a Special General Meeting be called to discuss the purchases of vacant blocks of land on the East side of the Club House. Also the proposal to build two store sheds - one for the storing of bar stock and the other for machinery

### Special General Meeting June 2 1944

Twenty eight members met to discuss the purchases of land and the erecting of store sheds.

It was moved W Beer seconded G Christmass and carried that this meeting empower the Committee to purchase the blocks of lands adjacent to our grounds. Having a 99ft frontage and a depth of 198ft on the Eastern side facing Duke Street. The present owner being F Edmondson, who is prepared to accept 80 pounds.

It was moved R Keating seconded R Bott that the Committee be empowered to erect sheds for bar stock and implements.

### Committee Meeting June 19 1944

Newly Elected Members - G Winning, Dick Townsend, Bill Dyer, Percy Norrish

It was resolved that the Secretary write to the Nedlands Bowling Club referring to the failure of Mr Thomas to pay for his private booking for the Carnival.

It was resolved that the building of the new sheds is left in abeyance, but rather a temporary shed be erected. This work and the matter of fencing the new block are left in the hands of Bert Rogers and George Christmass.

A Social Members list was voted on by committee with T Graham, S Abbot and A Roberts being elected. One applicant was blackballed. (most clubs had that rule in electing members, with committee members voting by secret ballot. If one vote was against, the application failed, or was blackballed. The practice in most clubs now is by a certain majority of votes - LCM)

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Citizens Reception Council requesting them to shift the Buffet to either the Lessor Town Hall or the Friendly Society Hall.

S LeLievre reported having made arrangements for the lease of the Tennis Court to Miss Freind with 20 members at 15/- each. The balance of 10 pounds to be paid by the Citizens Reception Council over the playing season, with servicemen being given the use of the court.

The mower was giving considerable trouble. A second-hand one from the Fremantle Bowling Club was borrowed on trial.

Water restrictions were in force, moving the greenkeeper Mr. Reeves to suggest play be confined to night competitions.

100 pounds was invested in the Second Victory Loan on a term of five years.

Newly Elected Members - C R Hatswell, Bart Tazewell, Ross Clarke

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 10 1944

President J A Rogers welcomed 50 members. No records of the balance sheet have been kept but it must have been a good year as the Bank overdraft was down to 419 pounds.

#### Election Of Officers 1944-45

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, W J Beer, W Mathews

Secretary - T Harrison

Assistant Secretary - O Willshire

Treasurer - S LeLievre

Committee - F E Baseden, R Keating, W Stewart, A B Broomhall, B Broomhall, K Box, H Henley, W Martin

#### Championship Winners 1944--45

Club Singles - No Result

Club Pairs - K Illingworth, N Way

Club Fours - F Chidlow, W Beer, M Sermon, H Hitchcock.

**Eastern Districts Bowling League in recess for the Duration of War**

### Committee Meeting January 12 1945

The President reported that the water restrictions were hitting the greens hard. The club was now on a strict monthly quota. It was suggested the club put down a bore for their own water supply.

Newly Elected Members - Jim Fitzmaurice, L Kings, E F Holt, J Doyle, R Forward, G Holt, Avon Smith, C Starr, M McLennon, Arthur Rose.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special General Meeting August 3rd 1945

The President informed the meeting that the reason for the meeting was to discuss the return of the former greenkeeper Mr. Daniels from active service. He had been granted leave of absence in 1942 when he joined the defence forces. Bert Rogers stated that he had spoken to Mr. Daniels, whose health was not the best, some of the committee and the manpower office. Wally Stewart objected to the way in which the President had only contacted a few of the committee and thought it would have been advisable to have seen all the committee before making any inquiries regarding the position of Mr Daniels. The President resented this no confidence and therefore left the Chair.

It was moved S LeLievre seconded by G Christmass that a vote of confidence be taken in the President. This was carried and Bert Rogers again took the Chair.

It was resolved that the president, secretary, treasurer and F E Baseden meet with Mr. Daniels and discuss the terms of his employment - either part or full time and for him to appear personally before committee at the September meeting.

Bert Rogers reported that the new store shed was in the course of construction.

### Committee Meeting October 15 1945

It was resolved that the proposed Victory Cup Competition be deferred to the next meeting.

Bert Rogers reported that the greenkeeper Mr. Daniels was on three quarter time and seemed to be coping with the workload.

The Ladies Bowling Club was informed that their maximum membership is limited to 25 members. Also their playing days to remain the same as at present - Tuesday and Friday afternoons and Wednesday nights.

It was moved that a recommendation be made to the A G M that the subscription of playing members be 3 guineas

Newly Elected Members - J Ridley, Ken Mayberry

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 15 1945

The report to members stated that membership had increased by 15 over the last year. At the 30th November there were **55 full playing members, 14 first year members, 26 social members and 16 country members. Two active life members, in Messrs Baseden and Millington. Other life members are Sir Hal Colebatch and Messrs. Evans, Coxon, Miller and Broom.**

Owing to severe water restrictions there was very little competitive play during the season. The Championship Singles were not held for the first time in the clubs history.

The Northam Bowling Club won the Bignell Shield for the second year in a row, scoring 12 points.

The Balance sheet shows the Bank overdraft now stands at 309 pounds. Electricity cost 23 pounds, entertainment 48, wages 266, rates and taxes 230 pounds.

The water restrictions meant only 808,800 gallons of water was consumed compared to 1,087,400 gallons last year. Competition fees amounted to 65 pounds

#### Election Of Officers 1945-46

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, W Mathews, W Beer

Secretary - S LeLievre

Assistant Secretary - J Thackrah

Treasurer - G Willshire

Committee - J Shaw, F Baseden, W Coe, C Marr, W Dawson, H Henley, W Whyte, W D Oliver.

#### Championship Winners 1945-46

Club Singles - J A Rogers

Club Pairs - H Henley, W Beer

Club Fours - W Mathews, W Beer, C R Hatswell, W Stewart

#### **Eastern Districts Bowling League in recess for the Duration of War**

**At the Country Week Championships in Perth the Northam Bowling Club won the Bignell Shield in successive years scoring 12 points. Last years winners of the Fours Plate this year won the Fours Championship. Last years winners of the Pairs were Runners-Up this year and King Box won the Singles Championship.**

**Country Singles Championship - K Box**

**Country Pairs - Runners-Up - H Atkinson, F Baseden**

**Country Fours Championship - J A Rogers, R McPherson, H Atkinson, F Baseden**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Country Fours - Runners-Up - T Harrison, W Mathews, W Beer, W Stewart

#### Committee Meeting December 17th 1945

The account for the repairs to the electric mower to be left over to the next meeting, the secretary to interview Northam Machinery Co. in the meantime over the cost of these repairs.

It was passed that in the future, quotes over 10 pounds be first referred to full committee.

It was resolved that a Billiard Table be purchased at a cost of approximately 80 pounds.

It was resolved that W Mathews be paid a retainer to act as refrigeration maintenance mechanic. Also the action of the secretary re the purchase of a typewriter was endorsed. As well that 5 pounds be donated to the Northam Food For Britain Appeal.

The Ladies Croquet Club wrote complaining of the mess made by the fowls from next door on the Croquet Lawn. After some discussion it was resolved that the fence be repaired and Bill Oliver to interview Mrs. White and inform her that if the fowls are not kept out they will be destroyed.

Arrangements were made to visit the Maimed and Limbless Bowling Club and asking those who were willing to take their cars.

Newly Elected Members - R Maddison, W Carson, E Dreyer, Charlie Dallimore,

#### Committee Meeting June 11th 1946

It was resolved that notification of the visit and exhibition at the Northam Bowling Club of the Australian Amateur Billiard Champion Bob Marshall be advertised in the local paper and that 100 tickets be sold at 3/- each. Arrangements were made for Les Eames to prepare the Billiard Table and to attend the Bar during the evening.

Re correspondence from Mrs. Paton concerning an accident she sustained at the Carnival. On advice from the Clubs Solicitor the club was to meet Mrs. Patons claim of 25 pounds.

Mr. Thackrah was appointed treasurer to replace G Willshire who has resigned, and Mr. Walker appointed assistant secretary in Mr. Thackrahs place. A letter was sent to G Willshire accepting his resignation with regret and expressing appreciation of the work done by him as a committeeman.

It was moved and carried that a Lumber Shed be erected costing 24 pounds 10 shillings.

It was passed that a series of Bridge Evenings be held each fortnight. Bert Rogers offered to donate two prizes for the first evening.

It was resolved that a letter be written to Mr. Rabey expressing committees dissatisfaction with his treatment of Mr. Anderson of the Nedlands Bowling Club during the Northam Carnival.

Newly Elected Members - George Errington, M Loton, D Archer, H Hearles, Keith Sermon

#### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 17th 1946

The President J A (Bert) Rogers in his report stated that the previous year had been a successful one from a bowling point of view as indicated by the Clubs success at Country Week, and again at the Clubs Annual Carnival when H Atkinson and J Moore won the pairs. He regretted that some of the clubs functions had not been successful, poor support having been the Annual Dinner, and the two visits by Australian Billiards Champion Bob Marshall. On the other hand, the May Carnival had been the greatest in the Club's history. Comparing the financial position to the previous year Mr. Rogers pointed out the big expenses involved in repairing the mower, building new fences, re boarding the plinths, increased labour costs and purchasing the Billiard Table for 88 pounds. In addition on legal advice 25 pounds had been paid to Mrs. Paton. Approximately 300 pounds had been raised for the Food For Britain Appeal.

It was suggested that 1,000 pounds be spent on improvements to the Club such as a Lounge and Showers.

The Balance Sheet showed a profit of 32 pounds achieved and the Bank overdraft now stood at 272 pounds.

It was resolved that an honorarium of 50 pounds be paid to the secretary.

Patron – W J Gillett

President – J A Rogers

Vice Presidents – G E Christmass, W Mathews, W Stewart

Secretary – S LeLievre

Treasurer – W J Thackrah

Auditor – J T Read

Committee – F Baseden, H Atkinson, W Dawson, H Henley, R McClements, W Oliver, G Starsmore, G Willshire

#### Championship Winners 1946-47

Club Singles - F Chidlow

Club Pairs - S LeLievre, N Way

Club Fours - W Beer, W Mathews, C R Hatswell, W Stewart

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Pennant Winner 1946-47

### **Eastern Districts Bowling League resumes Competitions**

Northam Bowling Club - Red Faction.

**Northam Bowling Club won the Bignell Shield again, represented by W H Mathews, W J Beer, C R Hatswell and W L Stewart. The Shield is now the property of Northam.**

### Committee Meeting December 23 1946

A request was received from Mr Coate of Goomalling regarding the formation of a Bowling Club in Goomalling.

It was moved that the letter be forwarded to the W A B A and Mr. Coate be advised.

It was resolved to advertise in the daily papers for the position of greenkeeper at the Club with a salary of 7 pounds per week subject to the basic adjustments scheme.

Newly Elected Members - G Peters, R Williams, G Dunston, J Doyle, Alan Miller, L Barry, Alan Sermon.

### Committee Meeting March 17 1947

It was moved that the insurance policies be extended to cover all electric motors for fusion

It was moved and carried that the resignation of the President J A (Bert) Rogers be accepted with regret. W H (Bill) Mathews was elected the new President. J A (Bert) Rogers ran a grocery store in the main street, which he had just sold to Mr Horry Rushton. (Bert Rogers served on committee for twenty years, eleven of those as President. He was also President of the Eastern Districts Bowling League - LCM).

**It was passed that Life Membership of the Northam Bowling Club be bestowed on Mr. J A (Bert) Rogers and a Presentation made to him on Saturday May 3rd**

Newly Elected Members - Brooks, Gordon Crawford

### Committee Meeting May 19 1947

It was moved and carried that a letter of commendation be sent to the new greenkeeper Mr Nat Altham for his excellent preparation of the greens during the Carnival. Also that he be enrolled a member of the Turf Culture Association and all fees and expenses to attend conferences be met by the Club. Also green fees for Lal Altham to be paid by the Club.

It was moved that assistant greenkeeper Lal Bidstrip be employed at 25/- per week extra to clean the bar and to be in attendance from 5pm to 6pm daily on Bar duty.

After a demonstration by the National Cash Register Co. it was moved and carried that the Club purchase a cash register to the approximate value of 107 pounds.

It was resolved that the previous motion giving the greenkeeper full authority and control of the greens be rescinded.

A notice is to be posted on the Notice Board notifying members that bottled beer purchased is for consumption off the property.

It was moved that opening day be set aside for the entertainment of all lady helpers in appreciation of their assistance over the years. The club to provide a buffet tea and supper, which is to be catered for.

It was resolved that owing to the altered watering arrangements, night play for men be on Tuesday and Thursday only. Ladies to play on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday nights.

Green fees for singles events to be 5/- and 2/6 per player for pairs and fours competitions.

Mr Thackrah tendered his resignation as treasurer owing to his transfer to Kalgoorlie. W Stewart was elected as treasurer, a position he had filled for many years.

Newly Elected Members - Horry Rushton, Brian Buzzard, George Pavy.

### Committee Meeting November 15 1947

Committee endorsed the purchase of a shed from Muresk for 245 pounds. The dismantling and re-erecting of the shed was left in the hands of the President.

Bill Mathews was elected President of the Eastern Districts Bowling League in the place of Mr Bert Rogers. Northam was requested to field three pennant sides, they to be known as Red, Blue and Gold Teams,

It was resolved that car owners taking players to pennants be paid 4/- per player to York and 6/- to Beverley.

Newly Elected Members - J Reeves (Country), C Reed, Rev. Lenihan, J Hardwick, J Graham.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 20 1947

Bill Mathews presided over 52 members and in his report stated that due to many circumstances a loss of 106 pounds was incurred this year. Expenses rose from 422 pounds to 570 pounds mainly through wages, on account of employing a full time greenkeeper. However this had resulted in first class greens, plinths and banks. The overdraft stands at 578 pounds.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The membership on the 30th November was 150 consisting of 84 full, 13 country, 53 social and 8 life members, these being Sir Hal Colebatch (foundation president), G Coxon, R Evans, F Miller, A Broom, F Baseden, R Millington and J A Rogers.

During the year 28 new members were elected while transfers and resignations accounted for the loss of 22. This makes the membership today the highest of any Bowling Club in W A, Nedlands Bowling Club being the next highest. Northam also had the Ladies Bowling and the Ladies Croquet Clubs.

It was moved by George Willshire seconded by George Christmass that a Half-Yearly Meeting be introduced into the Northam Bowling Club fixtures. Carried.

The Keep-Fit Club had a lease of the Tennis Court for 20 pounds but was unable to meet this commitment so their lease was cancelled. The only revenue was 3 pounds, which was received last month.

### Election Of Officers 1947-48

Patron - W J Gillett

President - W H Mathews

Vice Presidents - G Christmass, W D Oliver, T H Purslowe

Secretary - S LeLievre

Assistant Secretary - K Illingworth

Treasurer - W Stewart

Committee - H Henley, G Starsmore, H Rushton, F Baseden, L McClements, W Whyte, W Dawson, G Willshire

### Championship Winners 1947-48

Club Singles - W H Mathews

Club Pairs - S LeLievre, N Way

Club Fours - F Chidlow, R McPherson, F Watson, R Forward

### Pennant Winner 1947-48

Northam Bowling Club - Blue Faction

### Committee Meeting January 19 1948

Considerable discussion took place in regard to the payment of assistant greenkeeper Lal Bidstrip. Finally it was moved that W Mathews was to interview Lal Bidstrip and advise him that the club can only afford to pay him 2 pounds per week to perform general cleaning and attending the Bar between the hours of 5 and 6pm daily.

J Shaw was admitted to the meeting to present his plans for the modifications of the Clubs Premises and Grounds. A motion of appreciation was carried thanking Mr Shaw for his planning.

Newly Elected Members - Jack Adshead, J Rodgers, Keith Coxon, C Williams, Frank Edmondson, S Mumford. - Social Members - Peters, Cassam, Marshall

### Committee Meeting March 15 1948

The President reported that the plans bring prepared by Mr. Shaw for the proposed alterations to the Clubs Premises and the new Ladies Pavilion would be ready within a short time and the additional land required was available. This land had a frontage of 22ft to Duke Street and was on the market from Mr. Spencer for 24 pounds. Bill Mathews was empowered to purchase the land.

It was resolved that any alterations to the bar before the Carnival be left in the hands of the President and Bar Committee. The Bank Balance is now 305 pounds debit.

Newly Elected Members - F Harwood, H Johnson, J Campbell, Les Aslett, J Pretty, Stan Beard, J Hill.

### First Half Yearly General Meeting May 21 1948

The President stated that the Committees reason for deciding to conduct a half yearly general meeting was to discuss ways of raising funds and also keeping members together during the winter months.

After considerable discussion sub-committees were formed to organise entertainments as follows - Bridge Tournaments - Darts Competitions - Social Dances - Billiards Competitions

A sub-committee was also formed to dismantle and re-erect the shed, recently purchased from Muresk, on the block of land the club had just acquired.

### Committee Meeting October 18 1948

It was resolved that the Ladies Bowling Club be permitted to increase their membership to 35. Whenever a vacancy occurs after reaching 35 that vacancy be not filled except with the approval of this Committee.

It was resolved that the new Pavilion and the present Building be insured against storm and tempest damage.

A letter was received from the Bunbury Bowling club asking if Northam had any old mats available. Bunbury to be advised we only had 4 old mats and they were in use in the bar and kitchen.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

A letter is to be sent to the W A B A resenting the fact that the date of the Annual Carnival had been changed without notice. Labour Day holiday had been moved to the beginning of May, which has resulted in some confusion re the High School holidays

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 18 1948

By Notice Of Motion subscription fees were increased to 4 guineas for full membership. Country and social subscriptions to rise accordingly.

It was moved that the Capitation Fee, 2/-, be paid to the W A B A on an individual basis. Bank overdraft now stands at 295 pounds.

It was moved by Frank Kings seconded by Avon Smith that the Club switch from serving Merredin Beer to Swan Beer. Motion lost.

#### Election Of Officers 1948-49

Patron - W J Gillett

President - W H Mathews

Vice Presidents - T H Purslowe, W D Oliver, A H Rushton

Secretary - S LeLievre

Assistant Secretary - H McClements

Treasurer - W Stewart

Committee - F Baseden, H Henley, W Brown, G Starsmore, C Marr, O G Willshire, R Bignell, H Hitchcock

#### Championship Winners 1948-49

Club Singles - F Chidlow

Club Pairs - S LeLievre, N Way

#### Pennant Winner 1948-49

Northam Bowling Club - Blue Faction

### Committee Meeting April 15 1949

It was reported that a member had written a comment on the Notice board without authority, and it was resolved that the President approach Mr. Brown with reference to this matter.

It was resolved that the 100 pound Commonwealth Bond be redeemed and the amount credited to the N B C account at the National Bank. Also that 10 pounds be placed at the disposal of the President to cover entertainment expenses for visitors during the Carnival.

It was resolved that all drinks of spirits are 9 pence and all other drinks are 6 pence.

**It was moved and carried with acclamation that Mr. Lionel Boas be elected as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club.**

Lionel Boas, the present delegate to the W A B A for Northam, has represented the Northam Club in this capacity since 1921. 28 years

### Committee Meeting June 20 1949

It was resolved that the local radio technician 'Skip' Bailey be paid 4 pounds for his hire of a P A system during the may Carnival.

The Club Secretary S LeLievre tendered his resignation owing to his transfer to Perth. He and his wife were given a send off in the Bowling Club Hall.

The secretary reported on a visit of some Meckering residents who were endeavouring to form a Bowling Club. They extended an invitation to members of the Northam Bowling Club to a public meeting at Meckering with the purpose of forming a Club

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 16 1949

The vacancy of a Trustee caused by the death of B P Chidlow, was filled by W H Mathews, on the motion of J Moore and seconded by G Nicholson - carried.

The Bank overdraft stands at 231 pounds.

#### Election Of Officers 1949-50

Patron - W J Gillett

President - W H Mathews

Vice Presidents - T H Purslowe, W D Oliver, G Starsmore

Secretary - T Paine

Assistant Secretary - H McClements

Treasurer - W Stewart

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Committee - W Dawson, R Bignell, F Baseden, C Marr, W Brown, J Shaw, H Henley, H Hitchcock.

Championship Winners 1949-50

Club Singles - M Brady

Club Pairs - W H Mathews, W Stewart

Pennant Winner 1949-50

Northam - Red Faction

### Committee Meeting February 20 1950

It was moved and passed that the action of the President of purchasing a piano from Tom Murphy be endorsed.

A request from the W A B A for a food for Britain Appeal resulted in 5pound 5 shillings being raised, which was collected by G Starsmore. A Cash Register was purchased costing 201 pounds.

### Committee Meeting October 16 1950

The level of the Tennis Court was raised and converted into a Croquet Lawn.

The Ladies Bowling Club was informed that a "leave of absence" member did not create a vacancy and refused the admittance of another member. The maximum membership is 35.

An approach was to be made to the W A B A with a request for a visit to Northam of the visiting English Bowlers

After some discussion re the engagement of a Bar-Steward it was decided to seek legal advice as to the rate of pay to be offered.

The Secretary reported on an interview with the Manager of the National Bank concerning an increase of the overdraft to 2,000 pounds to cover the cost of engaging a Bar-Steward and building a room for him. It was moved C Marr seconded W Brown that the Steward be engaged and the building erected. Carried.

It was resolved that the price of schooners be increased to 7 pence and glasses remain at 5 pence.

Social visits planned are - January 7th - visit Kellerberrin Bowling Club

- January 14th - entertain the Celtic Bowling Club

- February 11th - visit the Subiaco Bowling Club

The President reported on the condition of the greens and the clubs purchase of a new mower at a cost of 161 pounds. The old mower was to be retained to do the rough work.

Re the erection of the Room for the Bar-Steward, T H Purslowe moved that a busy bee be held each evening at 7-30 to build the Room. Carried.

Newly Elected Members - Jim Doherty, Vern Sunderland, M J Stratton, Percy Norrish, T Senior, G R S Sanders, A J McDowell

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 16 1950

Bill Mathews presided over 55 members

It was moved and passed that as a non-audited statement of receipts and expenditure was submitted the Balance Sheet is to be adopted at a later meeting.

Jesse Moore moved a Notice Of Motion that "no member of the Club be permitted to hold office until completion of three years of membership", seconded by Mr Rabey. Motion was lost.

Jack Shaw moved another Notice Of Motion, seconded by Bill Mathews that " all new members, other than members of other Clubs affiliated with the W A B A be required to pay a nomination fee of 1 guinea". Carried.

**Mr. W Mathews spoke of the invaluable service rendered to the Club over the years by Mr. W Dawson and moved that he be elected as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club, Mr. G Willshire also spoke, and seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation.**

Election Of Officers 1950-51

Patron - W J Gillett

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - W Mathews, H Rushton, H McClements

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - A E Brady

Treasurer - R Bignell

Committee - R Forward, W Dawson, J Beavis, L Shaw, W Brown, L Aslett, A Gale, G Starsmore.

Championship Winners 1950-51

Club Singles - W Stewart

Club Pairs - C R Hatswell, R McPherson

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Club Fours - W Mathews, K Beer, D Beer, W Stewart

Pennant Winners 1950-51

Northam Blue

### Adoption of Balance Sheet General Meeting January 3 1951

**The Balance Sheet, which was adjourned at the A G M as non-audited, was presented with the auditors report for the Year ending November 30th thereon, and read by the secretary. Mr. W Mathews moved that they be received and adopted - seconded by Mr. Bartlett. Carried**

### Committee Meeting January 15 1951

**The President reported that he and many members of the Club had attended the opening of the Meckering Bowling Club on January 13th.**

Bill Mathews reported that the greenkeeper was worried about the state of the greens, owing to the water restrictions that were still in force.

The building plans of the quarters for the Bar-Steward were approved by the Town Council.

The appointment of the Bar-Steward, Mr. Madison, was endorsed. He commenced duty on January 10th at 5 pounds per week.

A letter was received from Holtfreeters advising of a new type of sprinkler available and would give a demonstration at a suitable date.

The insurance on the Buildings was increased from 2,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds.

**The ladies were to be advised that all bowling shoes must be flat and fully flexible from toe to heel, which was to be at least 2 inches wide**

The Sterling Brewery, previously the Redcastle Brewery, advised that it is now producing a bottled lager beer known as Sterling Lager and a monthly quota of 5 dozen is available to this Club.

**The Committee of the Northam Bowling Club rejects a suggestion that a Ladies Bowling League be formed**

Newly Elected Members - Harold Reed, Alan Herridge, Sid Abbott, W H Dean, Jack Antonio, Doug Baker, Bill McClure, H A Home, Les Dowling, W T Davey. Country Members - Jack Morrell, Reg Morrell, Eric Smith. Resignation was received from L C Hitchcock but it was moved that Mr Hitchcock be informed that this year's subscription must be paid before resignation can be accepted.

### Committee Meeting August 20 1951

A letter was received from the Ladies Croquet Club advising that they had agreed to allocate the sum of 200 pounds for improvements to the Buffet Hall used by the Citizens Reception Council during the War for entertaining troops. They stipulated that the Croquet Club Room be lined and ceiled first. The Hall was to be used also by the Ladies Bowling Club. The balance of the money to be used as the Committee thinks.

Roy Forward moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Croquet Club. Discussion then took place re the lighting of the new croquet lawn. It was decided to provide lighting on the largest lawn

The Bar-Steward does not use the Room built for his accommodation and it has been let to Mr. Mesterhazy at a rental of 1 pound per week

A letter was received from Mrs. Glad Elder requesting that the Club pay 11 shillings and 9 pence for the cost of replacing two fancy plates lost during the Carnival. W Brown moved that Mrs. Elder be advised that the Club cannot accept responsibility for the loss of the plates, seconded by R Forward and carried.

Frank Drabble submitted separate quotes for the different work required by the Club on Buildings and Fence.

Ladies Pavilion - Framing up, lining and ceiling two rooms and kitchen, fitting stove, sink and work table and finishing off toilet block - 465 pounds

Lining and ceiling Assembly Hall - 140 pounds

Fencing - 165 pounds

Alterations to Bar and Visitors Room - 135 pounds.

It was resolved that Mr. Drabbles quote of 465 pounds to the Ladies Pavilion be accepted, also the quote of 145 pounds for alterations to the Bar and Visitors Room

A quote from A J Baker & Son to provide extra space in the bar and make provision for three 18 gallon kegs of beer at a cost of 295 pounds was accepted.

It was moved that a circular outlining the work to be carried out, the cost of it and requesting donations to meet the cost of the deficiency.

Newly Elected Members - Jack Gibson, Vic O'Neill, C E Rogers, S D Rogerson, B J Smith, Bill Page.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 5 1951

The President welcomed 57 members present and stated he was pleased to report a successful year. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of 478 pounds plus donations from the Croquet Club of 200 pounds and from members 167 pounds. The Bank overdraft is 787 pounds.

It was moved that an honorarium of 100 pounds be paid to the Secretary.

#### Election Of Officers 1951-52

Patron - W J Gillett

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - W H Mathews, A H Rushton, H F McClements

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - A E Brady

Treasurer - H E Beavis

Committee - R Forward, A Gale, K Smith, G Starsmore, F E Baseden, J B Campbell, A Guthrie, W Witton

#### Championship Winners 1951-52

Club Singles - W H Mathews

Club Pairs - T Nadebaum, T H Purslowe

Club Fours - J K Moore, F Adams, T H Purslowe, T Nadebaum

#### Pennant Winner 1951-52

Northam Bowling Club - Red Faction

### Committee Meeting February 18 1952

Poles for the lighting of the new croquet lawn have been arranged.

The Club was advised that their application for variation of trading hours on Sundays had been received and would be considered in due course.

The Secretary of the Ladies Bowling Club wrote advising that their Club had decided on a donation of 100 pounds to cover costs to the improvements of their rooms in the Club Pavilion.

An offer by Gordon Crawford and Len Rodwell to take charge of the Bar on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons, at 1 pound per shift was endorsed, the arrangement only to apply to the bowling season.

### Committee Meeting June 21 1952

A stage 10 feet by 6 feet by 2 feet high in the Hall and additional lockers provided, both being constructed by members.

A reply at last from the Licensing Court granting approval of the following Sunday trading hours of the Club - 10-30am to 12-30pm and 3-30pm to 5-30pm.

Bill Mathews reported that Jack Shaw had pegged out the new green and was also proceeding with the pegging and leveling of the other greens. Mr. Brooks had been asked to order 600 feet of jarrah for the plinths.

It was resolved to ask Jack Bullock to cart the cinders and to grade the new green level.

The Club had been advised that the "Bent" type of grass would have to be removed on account of it being unsuitable to the climate of Northam. It would be replaced with "Couch" grass.

### Half Yearly General Meeting July 17 1952

President Bert Purslowe welcomed 64 members and guests. The meeting took the form of a Dinner, and a Toast List was arranged to allow for the presentations of reports by the President and the Secretary. Also arranged was a programme of musical items and "Black Magic" by a Magician.

The Loyal Toast was submitted by the President, and drunk with musical honours.

The Toast to the Northam Bowling Club submitted by H McClements and supported by J Walker. The President responded by giving an outline of the Club activities and progress during the past 7 months.

Our Committee Toast - submitted by F Drabble and supported by A Cooke. The Secretary responded by reading the Bar Report and the Financial Statement for the past 7 months

Trophy Winners Toast - submitted by W Wass and supported by D Carter. The Patron of the Club Bill Gillett presented trophies.

Our Ladies Toast - proposed by G Starsmore and responded to by Mrs Shaw.

The President asked for comments on this format and for indication for the future. It was resolved that future half yearly meetings follow the same format.

Donations (including the ladies 100 pounds) amounted to 148 pound 10 shillings, rent 39 pounds. On the 30th June the overdraft stood at 712 pounds.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting October 20 1952

Bert Purslowe reported having purchased a typewriter from the Dowerin Road Board for 20 pounds. His action was endorsed. Bank overdraft now stands at 963 pounds.

**The suggested Rule by the Ladies Bowling Club "that to retain membership of the associates club, members are required to attend at least 12 playing times during the season unless prevented by illness or disability" was approved by Committee, and in the event of Mrs Sunderland returning to Northam special consideration is given to her case for re-admission.**

A letter was written to the Northam Lawn Tennis Club requesting payment of the mower sold them last year for 85 pounds.

It was resolved that the club purchase one gross of club spoons as competition prizes.

### Committee Meeting November 17 1952

The President reported on a meeting between a sub-committee of the Bowling Club and the Ladies Croquet Club. A set of conditions was drawn up which were to be submitted to the Ladies Croquet Club for their consideration.

**The sub-committee met with the Croquet Club with a revised set of conditions. They were -**

**1 - The Ladies Croquet Club shall at all times be subject to the directors of the Northam Bowling Club**  
**2 - The rental to be paid - 125 pounds yearly, in half yearly payments and to be subject to adjustment in accordance with that cost of maintenance of the croquet lawns.**

**3 - All equipment necessary for the playing of the game of croquet to be provided by the Ladies Croquet Club.**

**4 - All sheds and seats, the property of the Croquet Club, to be erected on their lawns but any new shelter sheds to be the responsibility of the Croquet Club.**

**5 - The Croquet Club may install electric lighting for the purpose of night play, subject to the approval of the N B C at its own expense.**

**6 - All electric current consumed to be paid for by the Croquet Club.**

**7 - The days on which the croquet lawns will be available for play to be determined by the Northam Bowling Club green committee. Play not to commence on any day before 10am without special permission having been granted.**

**8 - The croquet lawns to be maintained by the Northam Bowling Club including watering, cutting, rolling and top-dressing.**

**9 - Membership of the Croquet Club and annual fees payable, to be determined by the Croquet Club providing that not less than 60% of the members are wives of financial members of the Northam Bowling Club. No member's wife to be a member of both clubs i.e. Croquet Club and Ladies Bowling Club.**

**10 - A list of members of the Croquet Club to be supplied annually to the Northam Bowling Club.**

**It was resolved that the club adopts a Club Blazer pocket with a Back Swan in a circle and the name Northam over the top. Also a black hatband with the word 'Northam' in gold lettering.**

Members of the Maimed and Limbless Bowling Club were entertained on the 14th as arranged.

Subiaco Bowling Club was informed that Northam could visit that club on the 15th of February.

Arrangements to be made for mixed bowls, dancing and Christmas Carols for Christmas Eve.

A recommendation to the Committee was for the club to try to find water on the property. Two water diviners had stated that ample water could be found within 20 feet of the surface.

An honorarium of 100 pounds was paid to the secretary

Newly Elected Members - A Edgeworth, Percy Jones, Kevin Doherty, Ken James, Alex Smith, John Brew.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C December 19 1952

#### Election Of Officers 1952-53

Patron - W J Gillett

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - H F McClements, K Smith, A P Brew

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - S J Willis

Treasurer - A L McDowell

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Committee - A Gale, G Starsmore, T Nadebaum, F Reynolds, A Simms, E Baker, M Hannagan, F Drabble.

### Championship Winners 1952-53

Club Singles - A B Broomhall

Club Pairs - F Adams, T H Purslowe

Club Fours - T Peterson, T Fahey, R Bignell, D C Couchman

### Pennant Winner 1952-53

Beverley Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting January 5 1953

**Correspondence was received from the Croquet Club stating that under no circumstances what so ever would the Club agree to the most unreasonable conditions as set down by the Committee of the Bowling Club**

**It was resolved that a sub-committee would meet with the Croquet Club and submit revised conditions**  
Bank overdraft 522 pounds.

Newly Elected Members - K W Brew, Roy Balcombe, Mick Hannagan, Jack Smith, A Parkiss, S Goodchild, Sam Currie, F Markey, G D Bradshaw, G Blackburn.

The chairman of the Bar Committee Avon Gale advised that Messrs. Crawford and Rodwell were no longer willing to service the Bar. He had engaged Barry Chidlow to service the Bar on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons at 1 pound per shift. A roster of members was being organised to take over on other evenings.

**For the first time in the history of the Club arrangements have been made for the installation of a Stock Book and the carrying out of a Stock Take each Month**

### Special Committee Meeting March 9 1953

It was resolved that the Fire Insurance Policies of the Northam Bowling Club Buildings be transferred from the Lancashire Insurance Co. to the Manchester Insurance Co.

It was moved and carried that the proposed lighting of the two new greens go ahead with the overhead type of lighting, each green having sixteen lights.

It was moved that the piping for the poles be purchased by Avon Gale second-hand also that Frank Drabble employ the labour and supervise the digging of the holes, commencing tomorrow.

The cost of the Lighting was expected to be approximately 600 pounds

A letter of protest was sent to the W A B A complaining of the holding of their Sumpton Cup on May 2nd, conflicting with the Northam Bowling Club Carnival.

The Bank overdraft now stands at 237 pounds.

Newly Elected Members - P Finch, Bill Woollorton, Les Patton, Pat Keogh, Geoff Martin

### Committee Meeting May 8 1953

A letter to be sent to Watsons Foods Pty. Ltd. thanking them for donating two legs of hams to the Club for the Carnival.

A letter to be sent to the W A B A stating that in future no Association Fixture be held to clash with the Northam Bowling Club Carnival.

It was moved that during Coronation Week on June 2nd the Club conduct a Mixed Bowls Event and Social Evening. An invitation to be extended to the Cunderdin and Meckering Clubs to join in the Competition.

**It was passed that a meeting be formed to formulate Badminton and a Table Tennis Clubs.**

It was resolved that the quote of Les Smith for 100 pounds to rewire the Club House be accepted. Also that fluorescent lights be installed in the Hall, Bar Room and Billiard Room at a cost of 62 pounds 10 shillings

It was moved that some designs of a Club Badge be obtained from Sheridans.

### Half Yearly General Meeting June 26 1953

The President Bert Purslowe in the Chair welcomed 100 members and guests present. Guests of honour, His Worship the Mayor Reg James, the Chairman of the Road Board Tom Letch and Messrs. H Threlkeld and Gordon Wishart of the W A B A.

The Ladies prepared the Dinner and a Toast List was interspersed with entertainment by Dick Southern, Ray Lancaster and magician Jim Fitzmaurice.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

As Bill Mathews was resigning the office of Trustee of the Club, owing to his transfer to Perth, it was moved that Keeble Smith be appointed his successor as Trustee of the Northam Bowling Club.

**The President then spoke of the tremendous work load Bill Mathews had provided the Bowling Club and the Bowling League over many years. The Committee of this Club recommends to this Meeting that Life Membership of the Northam Bowling Club be conferred on Bill Mathews. The recommendation was unanimously adopted**

The members of the many organisations to which Mr. and Mrs. Mathews were involved with over their years in Northam, organised a send off in the Northam Town Hall for Tuesday June 30th.

The Bank overdraft now stands at 693 pounds.

### Committee Meeting September 21 1953

**It was moved by Mr. Nadebaum, seconded by Mr. Brew, that approval be given to the Ladies Bowling Club to bestow Life Membership on both Mrs. Purslowe and Mrs. Boas. Carried**

It was passed that Club support be given to the recommendation from the W A B A that a levy of 1/- per member be struck to finance a State Team of our Champions in Singles, Pairs and Fours to compete in the Empire Games in Vancouver in July-August 1954

It was moved that 200 Club Badges be purchased from Sheridans and sold to members for 4/6 each. Also that a Notice of Motion re Rule 6 of the Constitution be presented to the A G M to close the financial year in November. Also that Bill Mathews be appointed the Clubs delegate to the W A B A in place of S LeLievre.

A letter was received from the Ladies Croquet Club requesting help from the N B C on a 50-50 basis to install lighting on the Lawns. It was pointed out to the ladies of the decision arrived at last year, but the Club would discuss the proposal with the view of helping with voluntary labour. The Croquet Club also asked for permission to admit Social Members. Approval was granted to this request.

The Ladies Bowling Club asked if approval could be given to an increase in their membership to 46 which would allow those now on the waiting list to join. They also requested being permitted to commence play at 2pm instead of 2-30pm, which would allow two sets of Matches to be played. It was resolved that a sub-committee would meet with the ladies to discuss these matters.

The W A B A advised that a suggestion from the Cunderdin Club that all Competition Players wear Name Badges met with the approval of the Executive and would appreciate the view of the Northam Bowling Club. It was resolved that the N B C did approve the suggestion.

Newly Elected Members - J Johnstone, Wally Gregory, Norm French, Wally Grafton.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C November 20 1953

The President Bert Purslowe, in his report stated that the past year had been an eventful one with some major works taking place. The membership stands the same as last year.

**The Club regrets the death of five respected members during the year. Messrs. Frank Smith, W Longhurst, W L Stewart, J H Williams and Angus Cooke.**

New lights were installed over the Greens and the Pavilion was rewired, costing a total of 901 pounds. A net profit of 372 pounds was achieved.

The Notice Of Motion changing the end of the financial year to the 31st of October, and the Notice Of Motion under Rule 15 of the Constitution changing the date of the A G M, were both passed.

**On the recommendation of the Committee Life Membership of the Northam Bowling Club was bestowed on George Christmass for his long and faithful service to the Club since 1923. He has served on all positions of Committee. The Patron of the Club Bill Gillett presented Mr. Christmass with a gold Life Membership Badge.**

Secretary Stan Greay was tendered 100 pounds for his services over the past year and Jack Read was paid 10 pounds as Auditor of the Clubs Books

#### Election Of Officers

Patron - W J Gillett

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - K Smith, A P Brew, A Gale

Secretary - S Greay

Assistant Secretary - S Willis

Treasurer - A McDowell

Committee - K Smith, A B Broomhall, F Drabble, G Starsmore, R Bignell, A H Rushton, R Balcombe, E D Baker.

#### Championship Winners 1953-54

Club Singles - T H Purslowe

Club Pairs - K Beer, T Nadebaum

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Club Fours - T Nadebaum, J K Moore, S LeLieve, N Way

Pennant Winner 1953-54

Northam Bowling Club - Gold Faction

### Committee Meeting November 23 1953

The Northam Bowling Club purchases the property of Mrs. White, which adjoins the Greens, for 800 pounds putting the overdraft at the National Bank to 1,911 pounds.

A letter to be sent to the Ladies Bowling Club allowing them to lift their membership by eleven to 47 members. Also granting them the use of five rinks.

It was moved that the old wooden electric light poles previously used for green lighting be donated to the President for his untiring services to the Club.

It was also passed that the Club purchase a Public Address System.

A circular was sent to member clubs of the A V B L advising that the Northam Bowling Club is making available to all members and their families the facilities of the Pavilion for use in the partaking of their luncheon on the occasion of the Queens Visit to Northam on the 31st of March. It was moved that a Special License be obtained for that day to enable the serving of liquor to visiting members and their families. A sub-committee was formed to decorate the Club Pavilion for the occasion.

It was resolved that the Club conduct a Royal Visit Mixed Fours Event open to members of the A V B L. Games to be played afternoon and evening, commencing at 3-30pm and 8pm respectively. Limited to 26 Teams, 10/- per Team, play to consist of 18 Heads, changing every six ends.

Posters to be printed advertising the May Carnival. Trophies to be increased from the value of 40 pounds, to 60 pounds.

Due to the scare of the Polio epidemic raging in W. A. it was moved that the hand towels be removed from the Club and no further ones issued

### Committee Meeting April 12 1954

It was resolved that the demolition of the house on the property purchased from Mrs. White be left until after the Carnival, and also the two tenders received for the demolition be not accepted.

Permission was granted to the Badminton Club for the use of the hall for the 1954 season.

In answer to an appeal for funds for the Swimming Pool it was replied that the N B C was not in a position to run an Event owing to the lateness of the season, but assistance may be possible during the next season.

**Bert Purslowe and Keeble Smith donated "Honour Boards" for the inscribing of the Singles, Pairs and Fours Championships**

### Special Committee Meeting April 26 1954

The President stated that the reason for the meeting was to finalise the arrangements for the May Carnival. The President of the W A B A, Mr. J L Rae, had been invited to open the Carnival.

Other invited guests were - The Premier Mr. A J R Hawke and Mrs. Hawke, the Mayor of Northam Mr. R B James and Mrs. James, the Town Clerk Mr. N Ridgeway and Mrs. Ridgeway, Chairman of the Road Board Mr. T Letch and Mrs. Letch, the Inspector of Police Mr. O'Brien and Mrs. O'Brien, the Resident Magistrate Mr. Ansell, Patron Mr. W J Gillett and President and Members of the Ladies Bowling and Croquet Clubs

It was resolved that a notice be placed on the Notice Board stating that unfinancial members are ineligible to enter Competitions. Also, that the drinks provided to the ladies of the kitchen staff, are to be only on the order of Mrs. Purslowe.

Luncheon to be provided at 4/6 per head, the playing members receiving first preference. Counter lunches would be provided on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and supper on Friday night. A barbecue would be held on Saturday night, also dancing and social. Community singing would take place on Sunday evening May 2nd.

### Committee Meeting July 19 1954

The President reported on a very successful half-yearly meeting and dinner, which was catered for by the ladies with Mrs. Crawford the convener. Also the planned moving of the sand and store shed, and the carting of fill to level the new block. The house on the new block was sold to W Spencer for removal. He was to leave the block clean.

A sub-committee had met with the Ladies, regarding help with lighting the Croquet Lawn and garden. The sub-committee had agreed to help with the lighting to the extent of supplying and erecting the necessary poles, the top main stay wire and the marconi stays.

The president also reported having made arrangements with the contractor at the Flour Mill to cart sufficient filling for the recently purchased block, The cost would be the difference in time between dumping the filling in the river and carting it to the Bowling Club. It was moved Mr. Brew, seconded K Smith, that the Presidents action be endorsed. Carried.

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The Secretary reported having let the Clubs quarters to Mr. Celenski at 1 pound per week.

**Rule 22 - revised - "The property and effects of the Club shall be vested in the two Trustees for the Members of the Club. Such Trustees shall hold office during the pleasure of the Club, and so long only as they remain members thereof, but they may be removed from office upon a Motion for their removal being passed by a majority of the members present at any meeting. The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club from any liability incurred in carrying out their duties as Trustees"**

**The Club Seal shall be affixed to all Club documents, in the presence of the Trustees.**

**Standing orders were suspended whilst discussion took place re the contravention of the Liquor Act by allowing Ladies on Licensed Premises. When Standing orders were resumed it was moved by Doug Baker seconded by Avon Gale that our Constitution be amended allowing Ladies admittance as members of the Club and that a Special Meeting be called to amend same.**

Name badges are available at 4/3 each. The price of bottled beer is 2/10 a bottle. Debit Balance now stands at 2,020 pounds.

It was resolved that no more social members be accepted for the time being. Also that the quote of F Baseden of 60 pounds for the painting of the walls and ceiling of the Club Hall be accepted.

Newly Elected Members - N Cooper, Doug Morgan.

### Special Committee Meeting October 2 1954

The meeting was called to discuss orders from the Licensing Court re maintenance of Buildings. After lengthy discussion the following resolutions were carried -

- 1 - That F Baseden paint the architraves and windows to match the remainder of the Hall.
- 2 - The Kitchen is painted as per quote.
- 3 - The floors of the visitors and the meeting rooms be sanded and new lino laid.
- 4 - The Main Bar and Entrance Hall be sanded and the lino from the Visitors Room be laid along the front of the Bar.

It was moved F Drabble seconded S LeLievre that a notice be exhibited in a conspicuous position in the Bar, drawing attention to the Bar Staff that they are not permitted free beer. Carried

S LeLievre moved that Rule 22 of the Constitution recently passed in Committee would be presented at the A G M. by Notice Of Motion

It was resolved that the following Ladies be admitted as members of the Ladies Bowling Club - Mesdames. Joy Beavis, Gent, Jean Ridgeway, Eve Males, Nan Barton, Helen Gardiner, Gould, Marshall, Tyndall.

Newly Elected Members - Jack Luscombe, Bob Tyndall, Perrin, Ansell, Allen, Bill Armstrong, Gardiner, Stan Raven, Alan George, Bob Marshall, D Nathan, Bob Cooper, Arthur.

### Special Committee Meeting November 26 1954

The purpose of the meeting, explained the President, was in response to the advertisement for the position of Bar-Manager Steward for the Club. Some 17 applicants were received and narrowed down to two who were interviewed.

On interviewing one, Mr Barry, he wished to withdraw his application as his firm had offered him a raise in wages to retain his services. As Les Foyle, of the Community Hotel Quairading was the remaining selected applicant it was resolved he be engaged on a wage of 17 pounds per week.

It was then resolved that Norm Brew who had been acting as Steward be given a fortnights notice

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C November 26 1954

The President in his report stated that the Club had a successful year. The Balance sheet showed a profit of 545 pounds, the Bank overdraft has increased by 325 pounds to 1,836 pounds. Capital expenditure on Land, Buildings and Plant amounted to 1264 pounds. Bar sales have increased to 7,000 pounds a year and the Club has employed a full-time Bar-Steward Manager in Mr. Les Foyle.

The Club assisted the Croquet Club in their efforts to the lighting of one of their greens by supplying and erecting poles and wires at a cost of 150 pounds.

A Ladies Social Committee was formed during the year with Mrs. Crawford as President and they have provided excellent entertainment during the year at their socials. The funds raised provided new curtains and chrome furniture for the Ladies Room.

The Constitution was altered allowing Ladies to be admitted as Members of the N B C. This now complies with the Licensing Act.

Bert Purslove then asked members to stand in respect of members who had passed away since last year, Messrs. W J (Bill) Gillett, Patron of the Club since 1924, H P Wells and T H (Tom) Peterson.

A Ballot was called for the appointment of three Trustees of the Club and resulted in the appointment of - Messrs. Avon Gale, Keeble Smith and Bill Spencer.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Election Of Officers 1954-55

Patron - F Chidlow

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - K Smith, A P Brew, A Gale

Secretary - S N Greay

Assistant Secretary - S J Willis

Treasurer - G E Starsmore

Committee - S LeLievre, L Smith, E D Baker, R Balcombe, L Thorley, L O'Brien, F Drabble, H Smith.

### Championship Winners 1954-55

Club Singles - F Adams

Club Pairs - F Adams, T H Purslowe

Club Fours - W Grafton, L Smith, J Mullan, A B Broomhall

### Pennant Winner 1954-55

Beverley Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting June 20 1955

It was agreed amongst the Licensed Clubs of Northam that an Association, similar to the hotels Association, be formed with two delegates from each Club being represented.

It was resolved that a quote from refrigeration mechanic and salesman Norm Scadden be obtained for a new refrigeration unit and cold room. His quote was to include an allowance on the old units. It was also resolved that the quote from Holtfreters of 56 pounds for a steel shed in kit form be accepted. Also that the badminton Club be permitted the use of the Hall one night a week for play.

**The Committee resolved to hire the newly imported controversial "Poker Machines" for the Club. They were named Amusement Machines and raised a lot of money for the Clubs and Hotels that installed them. Club records show that the sum of between 150 and 200 pounds a month was raised and this profit was put into a building fund. The machines caused a lot of controversy with some members losing their pay each week.**

Les Foyle the Bar-Manager Steward resigns, new applicants were interviewed and two applicants in Mr. Perry and Mr. McIntyre were to be decided upon. It was resolved that an Architect be engaged to prepare Plans for alterations to the present Buildings. The third Bowling Green having been completed it was decided that materials be procured for its lighting. The Secretary was asked to look into a design of a ladder to service the lights over the greens, also the price of a manure spreader. He was asked to write to member clubs of the league to see if they were interested in combining with the purchasing of a coring machine. The overdraft at the National Bank now stands at 1,107 pounds.

### Special Committee Meeting July 30 1955

President Bert Purslowe outlined that the meeting was to interview Mr. Perry again re the position of Secretary- Bar- Steward. After the interview it was resolved - "We engage Mr. Perry as Secretary-Steward at 1,000 pounds per annum and also to provide housing accommodation. He and his wife will do all work pertaining to the running of the Bar and the cleaning of the premises". They were to be on three months probation.

It was resolved that a Special General Meeting be called to present to members proposals for the alterations to the Clubs Buildings.

### Special General Meeting August 12 1955.

T H Purslowe presided over 37 members and explained the alterations planned for the Buildings. The first priority was a flat for the Secretary-Steward. A quote for the plans had been obtained which was 8,000 pounds, The Bank would only provide portion of the finance, and the remainder would have to come from debentures at Bank interest.

It was moved S LeLievre and passed that this meeting approved of the alterations to the Clubs Premises in accordance with the Plans submitted. It was resolved that a sub-committee of six be formed, with the President and the Secretary ex-officio. A ballot was conducted resulting in the following sub-committee - G Christmass, N Ridgeway, J Johnson, S Raven, W Dickson, D Baker.

Debit Balance stands at 748 pounds.

### Special Committee Meeting October 3 1955

The President outlined the purpose of the meeting was to present a copy of Amended Plans, which embodied joining the residential flat onto the Hall in preference to building a dwelling on the vacant block of land. At this stage it was decided to ask Mr. Perry which he would prefer and he stated that he would prefer to live away from the Premises.

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After more discussion it was moved S LeLievre that the Club negotiate to purchase one or both properties adjoining the Bowling Club. This was seconded by L O'Brien and carried,  
After inspecting the properties and interviewing the owners it was decided to endeavour to purchase both the properties. The meeting was adjourned until next day.

### Resumed Meeting October 4th 1955

**G Christmass reported that the brick house second from the Club Property was for sale at 1,450 pounds cash, and he had obtained a 48 hour option on it. It was moved L O'Brien that the property be purchased for 1,450 pounds and the Secretary secure same with a deposit of 150 pounds, seconded B Brew and carried.**

**The President reported that he and the Secretary had inspected both properties and the House next to the Bowling Club was available for about 1,200 pounds. It was resolved that Bert Purslowe be empowered to purchase this property for around the figure of 1,200 pounds.**

**A Poker Machine was hired and installed in the Ladies Room**

### Committee Meeting October 17 1955

T H Purslowe stated to the meeting he had discussed with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the owners of the property 107 Wellington Street adjoining the Club, the possibility of exchanging their House, for the House the Club had just purchased at 105 Wellington Street, the Club to retain 18 feet of 107 Wellington Street to square off the clubs property. It was moved L O'Brien that the Presidents actions be endorsed and that he continue negotiations along these lines, seconded F Drabble and carried.

It was resolved that the assistant greenkeeper Mr. Frost continue painting the veranda roof and the Billiard Room when time permitted. Also that the Secretary purchase six score boards from Holtfreters.

A Notice Of Motion to be presented to the A G M altering the A G M date to October instead of November, and the closing of the Financial Year from the 31st October to 30th September.

The Secretary-Steward Mr. Perry tendered his resignation.

Newly Elected Members - Ernie Muir, Tom Leggo, E Goyder

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C November 18 1955

The President reported on the events of the past year. Play was commenced on the new green before the wet weather delayed play, until just prior to the opening day on October 29th. Membership now totals 216 men and 91 ladies. The Balance Sheet shows a loss of 55 pounds.

**The dividends from the Poker Machines have been credited to the Building Fund and the Memorial Garden Fund. From these funds the purchase of the property at 105 Wellington Street was financed.**

New arrangements must be made re the running of the Bar due to the resignation of Mr Perry. The refrigeration Unit needs replacing and should the Municipal Cool Storage close down a Cold Room will be necessary. Cost approximately 1,500 pounds. The Bank overdraft stands at 2,107 pounds.

Notice Of Motion - Rule 6 changing the half yearly meeting to March and the annual meeting to October and Rule 15 - changing the end of the financial year to September.

### Election Of Officers 1955-56

Patron - F Chidlow

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - A Brew, J Adams, K Beer

Acting Secretary - S Greay - Secretary appointed December 1955 - R B Curlewis

Assistant Secretary - J Sommerville

Treasurer - G Christmass

Committee - D Baker, H Smith, W Smith, L O'Brien, K Smith, L Smith, F Drabble, B Tyndall

### Championship Winners 1955-56

Club Singles - J Williams

Club Pairs - W Grafton, J Mullan

Club Fours - T H Purslowe, F Adams, S Greay, W Dickson

### Pennant Winner 1955-56

Northam Bowling Club - Red Faction

### Special Committee Meeting December 7 1955

President T H Purslowe explained the purpose of the meeting was to choose an applicant for the position of Secretary- Manager of the Northam Bowling Club. Seventeen applicants had been received and these had been narrowed down to five who were to be interviewed by Committee tonight. They were Messrs. R B Curlewis, F Koenders, F Sadler, W Greenaway and W R Harbourn. After the interviews a ballot was taken and R B Curlewis was successful. He will commence duty on December 17th.

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### Committee Meeting December 19 1955

Debit Balance stands at 1670 pounds. Correspondence revealed that the Ladies Social Club donated 99 pounds to the Club. A request from the Ladies Bowling Club to approve the list of proposed members - Mesdames. - W Gregory, Daly, C M Morgan, Nathan, M Coutes, Allen. It was resolved by committee they be elected as members.

It was resolved that each Pennant Faction appoints one Umpire on a Pennant Day.

The House Committee were authorised to act on the request from the Ladies Social Committee for the installation of a hot water system and a stainless steel sink for the kitchen.

It was moved that from the 1st January 1956 Bill Smith, Carrier, take over the carrying of goods for the N B C from the previous Carrier, "Izzy" Cohen ("Izzy" was the last carrier in Northam to be still using a horse and lorry at this time - LCM)

It was resolved that L Smith and R B Curlewis represent the Northam Bowling Club at a meeting to be held at the Workers Club re the formation of an Eastern Districts Clubs Association.

It was resolved that the Club purchases a new 2hp refrigeration unit with Roneo Control from Norm Scadden at a cost of 254 pounds

It was moved J Adams seconded K Beer, that the Bar be closed on Christmas Day. Carried

Newly Elected Members - S Trill, J Boyes, R J Wallace, W E Spencer, B Buzzard

### Committee Meeting March 2nd 1956

It was resolved that the secretary be authorised to spend up to 50 pounds on having showers installed.

The Club purchased a Cool Room from Manning & Co. for 200 pounds. Considerable work was to be carried out, in great haste, to install this equipment. It was to be installed on the site of the Stock Room. The fireplace in the Main Lounge was to be removed to create an entrance and the roof of the kitchen raised and extended to cover this new Cool Room.

The Honour Boards donated by Bert Purslowe and Keeble Smith are to be unveiled by the Premier of W A, the Hon. A R G Hawke at the Jubilee Carnival held during this year 1956, the 50th Anniversary of the Clubs Opening. They were to be drawn up under the headings of Year, Patron, President, Secretary and Club Champion.

Also to commemorate this Golden Anniversary a special Jubilee Booklet be printed for the May Carnival. The planning of this Booklet was left in the hands of Stan Greay. They were to be sold for 2/- each.

Stan Greay was also asked to purchase a suitable ledger, and endeavour to correlate as much history of the Northam Bowling Club as possible, and to include that history, members of each years executive and championship winners. Stan spent endless hours perusing copies of the local paper, the Northam Advertiser that in the early days of the Club reported very well on all sporting events of Northam and Districts sports.

It was moved that the Club entertain the visiting South Australian Bowlers to luncheon on the occasion of their visit to the Northam Bowling Club on March 24th.

### Committee Meeting April 4th 1956

Arrangements were drawn up for the Jubilee Carnival April 27th to May 4<sup>th</sup>. The sum of 100 pounds was allotted for the trophies. The Premier the Hon. A R G Hawke has been invited to unveil the new Honour Boards.

Extension of bar trading hours to be sought for Tuesday May 1st. The price of Scotch whisky to be set at 1/2 per half measure and 1/10 for a full measure.

**To celebrate this year four Life Members were elected. As a result of a ballot they were - Fred Chidlow, Roy Forward, Bill Beer and Jesse Moore.**

To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Opening of the Northam Bowling Club, a special Carnival was conducted from April 27 to May 4 1956. The Northam Bowling Club was formed in July 1905 and the Opening was performed on Foundation Day January 29 1906.

Stan Greay, committeeman, compiled a history of the Club to 1956, and a booklet was produced containing that history. Below is the format of the Golden Jubilee Carnival.

### **The Golden Jubilee Carnival Souvenir Programme of the Northam Bowling Club 1906-56**

**Friday April 27th to May 4th 1956**

Officials 1906.

Patron - Hon. George Throssell

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - J B Ackland, G L Throssell, Dr Rockett, W J Stewart, T Harkness, E A Lockyer, S Solomon, J T Reilly, F Croesoer,

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Secretary - A A Meeres  
Treasurer - A Strahan  
Auditor - W H Phillips  
Committee - P Howard, C George, B Brown, A Gordon, P Lyon, J S Nicholls, F Broomhall, C H Whiteford

### Life Members as at 1956

<b>R Millington</b>	<b>W J Dawson</b>
<b>J A Rogers</b>	<b>F C Chidlow</b>
<b>W H Mathews</b>	<b>Roy Forward</b>
<b>George Christmass</b>	<b>W J Beer</b>
<b>F E Baseden</b>	<b>J K Moore</b>

### Ladies Bowling Club Officials

Patron - Mrs. W H Mathews  
President - Mrs. T H Purslowe  
Vice Presidents - Mesdames F T Kings, L McClements  
Secretary - Mrs. K T Smith  
Treasurer - Mrs. J A Scott  
Committee - Mesdames G Elder, W K Barton, J M Johnson, N J Ridgeway, W J Dawson, W J Collins, K W Coxon,

### Ladies Croquet Club Officials

Patron - Mrs. Hawke  
President - Mrs. J H Shaw  
Vice Presidents - Mesdames P A Jones, G C Martin, J T Adams  
Secretary - Mrs. M Phillips  
Committee - Mesdames D E Edmondson, J J Delmage, C D Perrin, B Stewart, G Lyall, N H Walton.

### Northam Bowling Club Officials

Patron - F C Chidlow  
President - T H Purslowe  
Vice Presidents - J T Adams, A Brew, K Beer  
Secretary - R B Curlewis  
Assistant Secretary - S M Greay  
Treasurer - G Christmass  
Auditor - J T Read  
Committee - K T Smith, F Drabble, E Baker, H Smith, L Smith, R W Tyndall, L O'Brien, W Smith.  
Delegate to the W A B A - J A Rogers

### Programme

Friday April 27th - Mixed Pairs - 2-30 Start  
Saturday April 28th - Jubilee Carnival Fours - 17 Heads - Final 21 Heads  
Fours Plate - (as rinks available)  
Official Opening at 3pm by the President of the W A B A, Mr Lundy Rae  
3-30pm Afternoon Tea and unveiling of Honour Board by the Hon. The Premier A R G Hawke  
Sunday April 29th  
Continuation of Carnival Fours and Fours Plate - Consolation Events  
Monday April 30th  
Jubilee Carnival Pairs (Section Play) - 17 Up - Final 21 Up  
Tuesday May 1st  
Jubilee Carnival Singles - 17 Up - Final 21 Up  
Ladies Fours Competition at the Meckering Bowling Club - 9-30 Start  
Wednesday May 2nd  
Semi-Finals and Finals of all Events and continuation of consolation events  
Thursday May 3rd  
Ladies Carnival Fours and Plate - Mens Fours at Meckering Bowling Club  
Friday May 4th  
Ladies Carnival Pairs and Plate  
Entry Fees Major Events - 4/- per person  
Trophies for Winners and Runners-Up in all Events

Social Events - Bridge Party Tuesday Evening, Morning and Afternoon Teas, Luncheon and Supper and Liquid Refreshments are available.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The Opening of the Northam Bowling Club Green was performed on the Foundation Day Holiday, which fell on Monday January 29th 1906.

The decision to form a Bowling Club in Northam was decided at a meeting held at the Commercial Hotel on the evening of Monday 26th of June 1905. H P Colebatch was voted to chair the meeting with J Keating as Secretary. It was moved that a Bowling Club be formed and that a general meeting of people interested in forming a Club be called for the 5th of July.

The Northam Bowling Club was formed at a general meeting of interested men on July 5th 1905, when it was resolved to form a Bowling Club in Northam and to adopt the Rules of the Perth Bowling Club. A site-committee was formed to choose suitable land and report back to a meeting on Monday July 19th. Three blocks were purchased in Duke Street, Lots 6,7 and 8 and the price being 150 pounds plus 15 pounds for a right of way to Wellington Street.

### The Foundation Office Bearers July 1905

Patrons - G Throssell, C E Dempster, J Byfield, W J Stewart, O L Bernard, H Teasdale-Smith.

President - H P Colebatch

Vice Presidents - J B Ackland, G L Throssell, E A Lockyer, J T Reilly, Dr Dunlop

Secretary - A A Meeres

Treasurer - R A Strahan

Auditor - W H Phillips

Committee - Dr. Rockett, A Gordon, F Crosoer, J Rodgers, P Gray, P Howard, J J Keating, H Sergeant.



GENERAL VIEW OF CLUB HOUSE WITH SOME MEMBERS, 1956

### Committee Meeting May 6 1956

Newly Elected Members - Mr. & Mrs. Harper, Mr. & Mrs. Risely, Messrs. Robson, R Greenwood, F Brand, Peter Lynch, W Weber, Alan Sermon.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Match Committee Chairman, E Baker and his Committee for their outstanding efforts during the Jubilee Carnival.

The Badminton Club was granted the use of the Hall on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

It was moved that a "Skit-La" Machine be installed in the Club Rooms as a form of amenity, and two dartboards be installed in the Ladies Room for use during the winter months. Also that the 2/- Poker Machine be returned and the jackpot on the 1/- Machine be raised to 6 pounds

It was resolved that the President arranges a farewell night for two stalwart Club members who were leaving the District in Stan Greay and Jack Shaw.

The Committee voted in the affirmative on the Swimming Pool Loan Referendum, and it was moved that the Secretary contact Sandovers re purchasing a Sanding Machine and a Manure Spreader.

**It was moved and passed as a recommendation to the A G M that "the Poker Machines be dispensed with and removed from the Premises"**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special Committee Meeting September 10 1956

It was moved that the Bar be altered according to the Plans drawn up, and subject to the necessary financial arrangements being made with the Bank.

It was also resolved that the proposed shed be built by Mr Dickson as quoted. The price being 382 pounds with all materials used to be new.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 26 1956

The President T H Purslowe reported to the 65 members present of another year of progress and good bowling, He said that he was retiring after six years as President. His achievements, he continued, for the betterment of the Club included a residence for the Secretary-Manager, a Cold Room, new Refrigeration Unit, Sand and Machinery Shed, Bar Renovations, an extra Bowling Green and Green Lighting. The Bank Overdraft stands at 1,113 pounds.

#### Election Of Officers

Patron - F C Chidlow

President - R B James

Vice Presidents - T H Purslowe, A Brew, R Tyndall

Secretary - R B Curlewis

Treasurer - G Christmass

Auditor - J T Read

Committee - K Smith, H Smith, W Grafton, E Baker, J Haslem, F Drabble, K Beer, L Smith.

#### Championship Winners 1956-57

Club Singles - A B Broomhall

Club Pairs - D C Couchman, R Allen

Club Fours - N Way, W Grafton, N Ridgeway, B Brown.

#### Pennant Winner 1956-57

Northam Blue Faction - Blue Faction

### Committee Meeting November 19 1956

Newly Elected Members - B A C Beer, Mr. & Mrs. Morphett, Mr. & Mrs. W J Weir, J Davis, W Chidlow, Mr. & Mrs. F H Hitchcock, Mr. & Mrs. Butt, B Moss, E Lawler, Davies-Moore

It was resolved that the account for the Coring Machine of 435 pounds be paid in full.

### Committee Meeting January 21 1957

Acting on a recommendation from the A G M it was resolved that the Poker Machines be returned to the Hirers in Perth forthwith. (Poker Machines were later declared illegal in W A - LCM).

The Northam Bowling Club met the cost of the visit of the New Zealand Bowlers.

It was resolved that the Club purchases an Ice Making Machine at a cost of 50 pounds.

A notice was placed on the Notice Board, re testing Bowls on the day of the Northam Fours, and that an inspection would be carried out. Those not up to date would be sent to Wright & Fendick for testing for correct bias and restamping.

### Committee Meeting May 20 1957

Under new rules by the Finance Committee the Treasurer has been given the duty of reading the Cash Register and having sole custody of the key. This relieved the Secretary-Manager of this workload and the Finance Committees recommendation was that 100 pounds per annum be paid to the Treasurer out of the salary of the Secretary-Managers. He was not prepared to accept this ruling and tendered his resignation, with regret to take effect in 4 to 6 weeks.

It was resolved that R B Curlewis's resignation be accepted with regret and it to take effect no later than June 30th 1957.

### Special Committee Meeting June 28 1957

The President R B James explained the reason the meeting had been called was to discuss the adjoining property, 106 Duke Street, which was being offered for sale by the R & I Bank. The price being asked was 1,500 pounds. Bert Purslowe reported that with other members of the Committee he had inspected the property and considered it good value to the N B C at that price.

The following Motion was carried "That subject to finance being available by the Bankers of the Club, the property at 106 Duke Street, Northam, be purchased from the R & I Bank of W A for the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds"

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting July 15 1957

It was resolved that the hire charge of the coring machine to other Clubs be 12 pounds per day plus cartage and Nat Althams (Northam Bowling Club greenkeeper) wages at overtime rates.

R B James reported that with the purchasing of the Duke Street property the overdraft now stands at 4,000 pounds. With no revenue from the lucrative money spinners, the Poker Machines, cuts had to be made in spending. The Club could not afford to replace the Secretary-Manager. George Christmass agreed to take on the job for three months at 5 pounds per week.

Brookton Bowling Club applied to join the A V B L. Cunderdin Bowling Club suggests forming another League. A special League meeting was called to discuss these matters on July 25th.

A letter was received from the W A B A advising all Clubs that they had purchased a two storied residence at 9 Francis Street as Association Headquarters at a cost of 7,700 pounds.

It is proposed to increase Capitation Fees by 2/- for Metropolitan Members and 1/- for Country Members. Country Delegates suggested Country Bowlers would feel that they are as interested in the Association as Metropolitan Bowlers and should pay the same. It was decided to leave this matter to Country Clubs themselves.

It was resolved that Mrs. Drabble be appointed Stewardess at 15 pounds per week. Also Mr. & Mrs. Drabble could occupy the house previously occupied by R B Curlewis, at a rental of 2 pounds per week. R B Curlewis had been given one weeks notice of the termination of the lease of 105 Wellington Street.

### Special General Meeting September 6 1957

The President R B James states the reason for the special meeting was a recommendation that came from last years A G M that the election of officers of the Club is carried out by postal ballot. Also to alter the Constitution in regard to the admittance of lady members to the Club, which the Club had been doing, without the proper changing to the Constitution. This would result in either altering or completely renewing the following Rules - 2, 6, 15, 23, 35, and 37.

The Secretary was instructed to write to both the Ladies Bowling Club and the Ladies Croquet Club of the new rules, which were brought in to comply with changes to the Licensing Act. This means that all persons taking part in any activities on the Clubs Premises must become a member of the Northam Bowling Club.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 1957

The President R B James reported on the previous years activities to 47 members. The Bank overdraft stands at 4,220 pounds. Under the new Constitution Club Officials were elected by secret ballot. The Returning Officer was Mr Robson, assisted by Mr Hayes.

#### Election Of Officers 1957-58

Patron - R Forward

President - R B James

Vice Presidents - R Tyndall, A P Brew

Secretary - G Christmass

Treasurer - P A L McDowell

Committee - K Beer, A Gale, W Grafton, A J Haslem, T H Purslowe, N Ridgeway, K Smith, Les Smith, W Spencer

W A B A Delegate - Stan Greay

#### Championship Winners 1957-58

Club Singles - W K Smith

Club Pairs - J Stapleton, J Davis

Club Fours - N Way, W Grafton, K Smith, W Spencer

#### Pennant Winner 1957-58

Beverly Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting December 16 1957

The greens were a problem. The President arranged for the greenkeeper Nat Altham to attend the meeting and explain to committee the treatment and progress of the greens. At that time there were only 9 rinks in play. Northam was not alone, as Goomalling Club sought help from Northam, saying their greens are unplayable and sought permission to use Northams greens to play their Championship Singles, Pairs and Fours

The Northam Bowling Club has arranged an open social day on December 21st in aid of the Cancer Appeal. There will be a hot dog stall, a chocolate wheel with fowls as prizes, the bats to sell a 2/- each. Afternoon tea served by the ladies, a Dutch auction conducted by stock agent Don Martin to which Bill Spencer donated a dressed fat lamb, and a bottle of scotch whisky donated by S Solomon, R B James, R Tyndall, K Smith and A McDowell. The day raised 129 pounds 10 shillings for the Appeal.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Newly Elected Members - Bill Opie, Mr. & Mrs. Lindsay Males, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Collins, Colin Pember, A Baldock, Norm Haddrill, K Plaisted, B Cunningham, Frank Hancock, Jack Sadler, A S Chidlow, R Marshall.

### Committee Meeting May 19 1958

A letter from the secretary of the Ladies Social Club forwarding a cheque for 100 pounds towards the Clubs Funds, and advising that the profit made by the Ladies over the Carnival was 82 pounds. They requested if a tap could be put outside the kitchen door and the floor of the kitchen veranda be paved with cement slabs.

Action would be taken to install the tap and Bert Purslowe offered to donate the slabs.

It was resolved that the Bank be approached for the sum of 750 pounds to remove 4 to 6 inches of the surface of No 1 Green, replace with loam and replant the green with couch grass. Also, that the Club purchase a wireless costing no more than 20 pounds. Bank overdraft stands at 4107 pounds.

### Half - Yearly Meeting June 18 1958

The President R B James presided over 44 members and guests. Before the beginning of toasts they enjoyed an excellent meal presented by the Ladies Social Club.

The President reported that the Club had increased their overdraft limit to 5,000 pounds to firstly replace No1 Green with new soil and grass, and secondly to widen the Eastern Bank on No 3 Green.

A Notice Of Motion was put and carried, to make provision of certain persons being made Honorary Members, such as visiting Members of other Bowling Clubs.

### Committee Meeting August 18 1958

The Northam Town Clerk advised that for the carting of sand for No 1 Green the Council would supply 4 motor trucks, 1 grader, 1 loader, together with the operators, at a cost of 45 pounds.

The Club accepted the offer, which would work out at about 6/- per yard. The Greens Committee also reported that the fence behind No 3 Green had been shifted, the bank widened and finished, slabs laid and all the sods removed from No 1 Green

A request was received from the Kalgoorlie Bowling Club for the hire of the coring machine. Bert Purslowe doubted if their request could be granted.

**A Notice Of Motion to be put to the A G M raising the subscriptions by one guinea. Another one to be put was to make provision in the Constitution for the electing of Life Members.**

Bar Stewardess Mrs Drabble has been diagnosed as having arthritis of the spine and may not return to duty.

Applications were called for temporary Bar Steward and there were five applicants - Messrs. Day, Waenecki, Diggins, Ratcliffe and Miss Holmes. Diggins, Ratcliffe and Miss Holmes were eliminated and Day was asked to meet Committee, and if suitable the salary would be 17 pounds per week

Newly Elected Members - Bob Clark, Jack Dalton, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Cruse, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Day, R G Hough, Garnet Royal.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 31 1958

**Before presenting his report the President asked all to stand in respect to the death of the Clubs Patron Roy Forward.**

In his report he referred to the work carried out by Committee during the year, the new windows in the Main Bar, renovating No 1 Green, the bank on No 3, new seats, an improved watering system. The men entertained the ladies to a dinner where the men prepared the meal, waited on table and cleaned up. The ladies just had to be seated and were waited on in courtly fashion.

Pennants for the coming season were to revert to two sections once more, North and South

Goomalling experienced trouble with their greens and were granted permission to conduct some of their events on the Northam greens.

Toodyay, pending the completion of their new greens were offered honorary membership for one month at Northam.

On the financial side the Club made a loss of 666 pounds, the Bank overdraft now standing at 4,767 pounds.

A Notice Of Motion increased the subscriptions by one pound one shilling (1 guinea).

#### Election Of Officers 1958-59

Patron - M Sermon

President - R W Tyndall

Vice Presidents - W Grafton, W Spencer

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - W J Greenaway

Treasurer - R Marshall

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Committee - K Beer, A Gale, S Gibbons, A J Haslem, A Brewster-Jones, T H Purslowe, N Ridgeway, L Smith, A L Solomon  
Championship Winners 1958-59  
Club Singles - D Beer  
Club Pairs - K Beer, D Beer  
Club Fours – J Williams, A Brabazon, J Higgs, C Brabazon  
Pennant Winner 1958-59  
Northam Bowling Club - Red Faction

### Committee Meeting November 1958

Mrs. Drabble was to be interviewed with regard her intentions of returning to duty, if not the Club to advertise for a Bar-Steward.

It was resolved that the rates to be paid the owners of cars travelling to Pennant Matches be as follows - Quairading - 10/-, Beverley - 7/6, Cunderdin - 7/6, Goomalling - 6/-, York - 5/-, Meckering - 5/-, Kellerberrin - 10/-.

Applications were called for the position of Bar-Steward. There were 13 applicants and from these J L Mitchell was selected. He was required to work 40 hours per week plus cleaning, and was given one day off per week. He was offered accommodation at 106 Duke Street at a rent of 3 pounds per week.

The Patron Mick Sermon was given a party to celebrate his 90th birthday.

The Club advised the W A B A that the N B C was prepared to entertain the visiting South African Bowlers on January 22nd and would like to entertain them to tea if this can be arranged.

The water tap outside the kitchen door and the cement slabs on the kitchen veranda, promised the ladies last year is being attended to.

Bank overdraft stands at 4372 pounds and President Bob Tyndall reported that compared to last years figures this years comparable results were no better and called for stringent measures to reduce costs.

Newly Elected Members - Messrs. Jack Hannagan, Tom Lawrence, F English, J Butterly, T W Booth, A Pedder, G L McDonald, R W Edwards, Ivan Obst, Bob Sheen, C Duffy, C W Morris, J W Little, S Weber, Hec Sands, E M L (Jim) Lawler and Mesdames D Whyte, C Orr, M B Madew, R Lindquist, K Lewer, G Morgan, M Lockyer, H Butterly, A Lane, G Booth, J Willey, O M Elms, J Goddard, H Sands, D Kirk, G Kings.

### Special Meeting April 20 1959

The President stated that as the Golf Club Opening Day was May 2nd and many of the Club Members would like to attend, he suggested the date of Ladies Day be altered. It was resolved Ladies Day be on May 9th and the programme be the same as last year - mixed bowls in the afternoon, dinner for the ladies, served by the men, bowls and social evening. Catering to be for 80 persons, with sufficient curry and rice for 100. Suggested requirements were - 12 fowls, 2 hams, 20lbs of corned beef, fresh pork with salads, salad dressing and fresh fruit. Sub-committees were formed to cover entertainment, catering, tables and waiters.

### Committee Meeting April 27 1959

A letter to be written to Watsons Food Stores Pty. Ltd, thanking them for their kind donation of two hams for Northams Annual Carnival.

Bert Purslowe resigned from Committee in protest against the latest method of allocating rinks. The Chairman of the Match Committee had drawn up a chart showing the rinks on which Teams would play and it provides that Teams will not play more than one game on a rink and not more than one game on a ditch rink. It was moved J Haslem seconded S Solomon that this Committee fully endorse the action of the Match Committee in refusing to alter the rinks after they had been drawn up which was carried. It was resolved that Bert Purslowe be written to, asking him to reconsider his resignation from Committee. Bank Overdraft stands at 3,917 pounds.

### Committee Meeting May 18 1959

After a meeting with the Croquet Club Norm Ridgeway reported their requests, one being improved lighting on the lower lawn.

Suitable lamps could be obtained from the Town Council at 5 pounds and Les Smith would try and secure suitable poles at a reasonable cost.

A letter from Bert Purslowe stating that he is not prepared to withdraw his resignation as a member of the Committee. It was resolved that his resignation from committee be accepted with regret.

The Ladies request for approval to have a telephone installed in their Club Rooms is granted subject to the Ladies Club accepting all financial liability in regard thereto

It was resolved that Don Beer be asked to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Bert Purslowe.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting July 20 1959

A letter received from the W A B A advising that following the poor showing of the State representatives in the Interstate Matches played at Brisbane in May, consideration has been given by Executive to the question of establishing a fund to financially assist the better selected bowlers who cannot afford the travel arrangements interstate, so that W A could be represented by its best bowlers at future Carnivals. The W A B A suggested a levy of 1/6 per member per annum.

It was moved Don Beer seconded Bert Brewster-Jones that the levy be approved provided that the selection committee be 50% country and 50% metropolitan members. Carried.

It was reported that covers were now obtainable which would keep a barrel of beer down to the temperature at which it is taken from the Cold Store for up to 24 hours. The cost of the cover for a ten gallon keg is 4 pounds. It was resolved that the Club purchases one 10 gallon keg cover.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Bert Purslowe wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness and inform him of the success of the temporary bar he had installed in the Hall at the recent social

It was moved that an Amenities Fund be opened with the object of providing funds to purchase a television set. Also the ladies are to be asked to help with the fund.

A letter received from Kays Agency stating that last year they had supplied the Club with one years supply of score cards with local advertising and would like permission to do the same this year. It was resolved that the Club is prepared to accept up to 3,000 score cards this year.

Bank Overdraft back up again to 4,481 pounds.

Newly Elected Members - Messrs. C M Aikenhead, F Ballantine, J A L Cooper, R A Cooper, K Edmondson, C J T (Mick) Hannagan, A P (Percy) Jones, R A McDonald, E E Pike, C F Rogers, Tom Oxley and Mesdames I Aikenhead, M Cooper, H M Grafton, R Logan, M L Oxly, D M Rogers, K Bloomfield. Members elected on October 19th – Mr. & Mrs. Berliner, Mr. & Mrs. Sheriden, R J Bond, Stan McCann, Dave Smith, L Solomon, Arthur Swan and Mesdames M Hannagan, J Williams.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 30 1959

The President Bob Tyndall reported to 52 members that there was a slight improvement financially over last year with a loss of 7 pound 10 shillings this year compared to 666 pounds. But money required to be spent on maintenance of the Clubs Buildings and Plant in the near future and so expects greater support of the Club by members.

#### Election Of Officers 1959-60

Patron - M Sermon

President - R W Tyndall

Vice Presidents - W G Spencer, W G Grafton

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - W J Greenaway

Treasurer - R Marshall

Committee - K Beer, S Gibbons, A J Haslem, S LeLievre, H Smith, K Smith, A Brewster-Jones, L Smith, A L Solomon.

#### Championship Winners 1959-60

Club Singles - S Gibbons

Club Pairs - A G Smith, R Townsend

Club Fours - F Drabble, T H Purslowe, G Christmass, N Brew.

Pennant Winners 1959-60 – Northam Red

### Special Committee Meeting November 9 1959

The Meeting was called to elect the committees for the year. They were Match, Greens, Bar, House and Social.

The Secretary George Christmass appealed for help to assist behind the Bar during the lunch hour on Saturdays, and from 7pm to 11pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays evenings. He stated he had been putting in 14 to 16 hours in the Bar each week which he felt was too much. If there were no help forthcoming, paid help costing 8 pounds a week would have to be engaged.

It was decided to apply to the Lotteries Commission for the Club to be appointed an agent for selling Lottery Tickets.

Bank Overdraft now stands at 4,560 pounds. Subscriptions for the year amounted to 1,153 pounds, Rent 420 pounds, Gross Profit from bar 2,813 pounds. Costs were mainly from wages which amounted to 2710 pounds, Rates and Taxes 162 pounds, Electricity 101 pounds, Telephone 60 pounds, reimbursement from the honour box, for members calls 8 pounds 1/6, Green Maintenance 178 pounds, Green Reconstruction 171 pounds, Bank Interest 231 pounds.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

It was resolved that the rotary manure spreader which had been sent to the Club from Dawsons on trial, be purchased at a cost of 7 pounds 14/-.

**The President stated that as November 14th was the 21st Anniversary of the formation of the Ladies Bowling Club, this Club should recognise the Event. It was resolved that a framed photograph of the Members Bowling Club be obtained and presented in recognition of this occasion.**

**The Ladies Bowling Club was formed on November 21st 1938. The Foundation Office Bearers were.**

**President - Mrs. Moseley**

**Vice President - Mrs. Neil**

**Secretary - Mrs. Crowle**

**Committee - Mesdames. Paton, Williams, Christmass, Willshire, Jessup, Hartley.**

### Committee Meeting January 20th 1960

**A letter was received from the Osborne Park Bowling Club extending congratulations on the success of Messrs. Wally Grafton and Jim Stapleton in winning the State Championship Pairs. The letter was placed on the Notice Board.**

The President reported that the Presentation Photograph for the ladies Bowling Club had been completed. Ross Haddrill had printed the names of the Ladies at no cost. A letter of thanks was forwarded to Ross Haddrill.

The Greens Committee reported that the wooden pegs which had marked the rinks, had been replaced with old combine tynes (these came off a grain seeding machine), which made the shifting of rinks much easier. It was mentioned that with the large amount of Teams expected for the Carnival, arrangements should be made with neighboring Clubs to ascertain if they could accommodate some Teams. Transport also to be arranged.

The Inspector of Police advised that the practice of purchasing jugs of beer just before closing time, and then remaining well after closing time to drink it was against the Law and must cease. It was resolved that no jugs of beer to be sold after 15 minutes before closing time on any day.

It was resolved that our agency with the W A Lotteries Commission be discontinued. Also the annual Ladies Day, when the men catered for a dinner and waited on table in appreciation for their help to be held on May 28th.

The President reported that at a meeting of the Ladies Bowling Club they had decided by 14 votes to 4 not to cater for the Mens Carnival. They had employed caterers for their own Carnival and were satisfied with them. The Ladies Croquet Club would cater for morning and afternoon teas and the ladies Bowling Club would cater for suppers. He also reported that the Ladies had donated a further 12 chairs to the Club.

The Secretary George Christmass asked if it was intended to leave the old chairs out in the weather until they fell to pieces. Bank Overdraft stands at 3368 pounds.

### Committee Meeting May 16 1960

Mr. Les Smith, Chairman of the Match Committee, in his report on the May Carnival wished to thank Mr Gibbons and Mr Marshall for their help in conducting the Carnival. Especially Bob Marshall for arranging the accommodation for the visitors. He also gave the entries for the various Events - 79 Teams Fours, 96 Teams Pairs, 136 Singles, 54 Teams Mixed Fours, 72 Teams Mixed Pairs and 10 Consolation Events were conducted. 8 Teams of Fours were sent to play their Sections at Meckering and expressed satisfaction with the arrangements and the condition of the green. One Team entered in the Pairs comprised Charlie Sweeting, aged 86, and Mick Sermon, aged 92. President Bob presented them with an inscribed memento to mark the occasion. Letters were sent to Meckering, York, Goomalling and Toodyay Clubs for having agreed to make their greens available and entertaining the Lady Visitors.

As very few members patronised the Bar on Wednesday and Saturday nights the Secretary George Christmass suggested the Club dispense with the services of Mr Clark during those hours and he would be prepared to look after the Bar on these evenings for 30/- per week. It was resolved that Mr Clark's services are dispensed with and George Christmass be paid an extra 30/- a week.

A letter was sent to Fogget Jones Co. and Kraft Foods Ltd. for the gift to the Club for the Carnival of one Ham and one box of Kraft Cheese. These gifts were arranged through Club Member and local Grocer Reg Williams.

It was resolved that this years Half-Yearly Meeting be an ordinary one without the dinner, but a light supper afterwards. Also it was moved that an honorarium of 10 pounds be paid to the Greenkeeper Nat Altham and the Bar Manager Mr Mitchell for the extra work they had put in during the Mens Carnival.

It was resolved that the Ladies Day Dinner be changed to a Social with Mixed Bowls in the evening and Supper afterwards.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Jack Haslem stated he had heard rumours of a possible amalgamation between the Bowling Club and the Golf Club and asked the President if any discussion had taken place. Bob Tyndall stated that Jack Hannagan had discussed the amalgamation and thought it a good idea. President Bob agreed with Jack that the matter would have to have the backing of each body at a General Meeting. Jack Haslem moved that it be placed on record in the Minutes that amalgamation has not been contemplated by this Committee, seconded by S LeLievre and Carried

### Half-Yearly General Meeting June 9 1960

**The President Bob Tyndall presided over 28 members and requested those present to stand in silence as a mark of respect to two Members who had passed away since the last meeting. One was Mr J A (Bert) Rogers, a Life Member, and the other, Mr J T Saunders.**

**Bert Purslowe referred to discussions that had taken place over recent weeks amongst members of this Club and members of the Northam Golf Club regarding the possible amalgamation of the two Clubs. He moved that a committee of five be appointed to meet with a similar committee of five from the Golf Club, if agreeable, to enquire into the possibility of an amalgamation and the respective advantages of same. This was seconded by F Drabble and carried. The Committee appointed comprised Messrs. Bert Purslowe, Bill Spencer, Wally Grafton, Dave Kirk and Les Clements.**

A request from the Ladies Croquet Club requesting the use of the Hall on November 20th 1960 to entertain three bus loads of Officials and Visitors who will be here from the Eastern States to compete in the All Australian Croquet Carnival. They also requested the Greens Committee inspect their Lawns as soon as possible with a view of improving them. They now consist of clover and little else.

A letter was received from the Clubs Delegate to the W A B A, Stan Greay, stating that a Motion passed at a Meeting on June 20th which states "that no Country Carnival be allowed to interfere with Metropolitan Association Events". He, along with Bill Mathews had opposed this resolution, but as representation was 33 metropolitan votes, to 17 country, the motion had been carried.

### Committee Meeting July 18 1960

A letter received from the Chairman of the Programme and Planning Committee "Northam Festival Week" advising that it is intended to open the festival with a monster procession on Saturday 17th September, and it is desired to have every business in the Northam district and every occupation and every interest, whether business, professional, sporting, cultural, commercial, industrial or national advertised in some way in this procession, so that it can truthfully be said "This Is Everything That Happens In Northam".

He asked that the attached slip be filled in and returned whether we will or will not take part in the procession and what space will be required for Floats or Cars. It was resolved that the Club would assist if possible.

A letter received from the W A B A setting out the conditions under which the selection of players for Interstate Matches to be played prior to the Australian Bowling Championships at Adelaide in February 1961, will be made. Each selected player would be subsidised to the extent of 50 pounds.

Also the W A B A advised that it had been decided that at future Country and Metropolitan Carnivals, matches be arranged between representative Country and Metropolitan Bowlers. Such matches to take place on Easter Sunday, at one Metropolitan Club. The games shall comprise four matches of singles, four matches of pairs and four matches of fours. To be played at the one club simultaneously from those who attend the Country Week Carnival - by a committee nominated by the Country Leagues - which committee would meet on Good Friday evening.

**Wally Grafton reported that the sub-committee appointed at the half-yearly meeting had met a sub-committee of the Northam Golf Club and discussed the suggested amalgamation of both bodies. Delegates generally favoured the proposal and he asked this Committee to give approval for the sub-committee to continue the discussions. Jack Haslem moved that the necessary approval be given, seconded by Keeble Smith and carried.**

### Special Committee Meeting August 1 1960

**The meeting was called to hear the result of a further meeting between the sub-committees of the N B C and the N G C. Bert Purslowe stated that this meeting was held at the Golf Club to see what facilities are available for the Bowling club if the move was made. It was found that accommodation at the Golf Club is sufficient for both bodies. There is ample area to the North of the Club House for 4 greens, which is not now being used. The Balance Sheets of both Clubs over the past two years showed that the project could be financed. It was resolved that the sub-committees continue discussions to arrive at a prompt decision. Jack Haslem said that some consideration should be given, and a decision made, on the facilities of the Ladies Bowling and Croquet Clubs who may not wish to go to the Golf Club.**

It was moved that the Vice President Bill Spencer contact S LeLievre, regarding his verbal offer to purchase the Bowling Club property. Bank Overdraft stands at 3684 pounds.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting August 15 1960

The secretary reported that the offer made by S LeLievre for the property was a personal one and he was not prepared to proceed with it at present. He also stated that he considered that the Railways Amenities Club would not be interested as they planned a complete sports ground on their Mitchell Avenue site.

A letter from the W A Employers Federation outlining the new award for Club Employees. As the Club was paying Mr. Mitchell 13/- above the award it was resolved to preserve the margin and he be paid 18 pounds 10/- per week. It was also pointed out that at the Annual Meeting of the Employers Federation the rate of assessment for subscription would be increased and our assessment would be 6% of wages paid. It was resolved that the Federation be advised that if that was the case this Club would resign.

### Committee Meeting September 19 1960

A letter received from the Employers Federation advising that the membership fee is not 6% but 6/- percent on wages paid and our fee will be 7 pounds 10/- on wages paid of 2,500 pounds. It was resolved that our membership of the Employers Federation continues.

The Greens Committee reported that Nos 2 and 3 greens were coming along nicely but winter grass on No1 is bad. It was stated that there was a new spray that Cunderdin had tried with success, but it was too late to use now. It was resolved Nat Altham spray a small portion and notes the result. It was suggested that Kleenheat gas might be the answer to burn the winter grass. Bank Overdraft 3,926 pounds.

Newly Elected Members - R N Grigg, G Haywood, Cliff Park.

### Special General Meeting October 17 1960

The President Bob Tyndall explained to the 58 members present that the reason for the meeting was to give preliminary consideration to the question of the suggested amalgamation of this Club and the Northam Golf Club.

He said the financial position of the Club was not good and the prospect of future expense in connection with maintenance on our Buildings was causing the Committee some concern. It was possible that amalgamation of the two Clubs would mean an aggregate reduction in expenditure and the keeping of membership fees within reasonable limits.

**Bert Purslowe pointed out to the meeting the results of the talks between the two Clubs up to the present time and everything seemed very favourable for amalgamation, but this general meeting must decide if the amalgamation was warranted. It was moved that the sub-committee continue with its investigations and act.**

### Committee Meeting October 19 1960

It was moved to act on the recommendation of the Greens Committee and purchase a new 30 inch Scott Bonner Mower through Wally Grafton at a cost of 206 pounds plus tax.

It was moved Wally Grafton seconded S Solomon that the Dart Club be permitted to purchase one 10 gallon keg of beer, at cost, for their annual wind up party. Carried,

Newly Elected Members - Mr. & Mrs. George Overton, Mr. & Mrs. W A Beeck, V Tapping and Mesdames. G A Berridge, N Barret, V A Clarke, V George, P Hughes, E R McGeary, S E Standing, A Tazwell.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 28 1960

The President Bob Tyndall reported that attendances at competitions conducted during the year had been good, the three major events, the Trophy Fours, the Ladies Carnival and the Mens Carnival had all brought record entries. The financial position had shown some improvement with a profit of 421 pounds but this had only been achieved by not carrying out any maintenance other than essential repairs and renewals. A new mower must be purchased immediately.

A Notice Of Motion was passed raising the subscriptions from 5 pounds 5/- to 6 pounds 6/-.

It was moved as a recommendation to the incoming committee that the Club appoint the Chairman of the Match Committee as the Captain of the Club. Which would be a first for the Northam Bowling Club. Also that the Club install lockers for members, to improve the conditions of the Bowl Room.

National Bank Overdraft stands at 3926 pounds.

#### Election Of Officers 1960-61

(The Office of Patron disappears – LCM)

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - W Spencer, W Grafton

Secretary - G Chrissmass

Treasurer - G C Rutherford

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Auditor - R B James

Committee - K Beer, R P Williams, A J Haslem, E E Buxton, A Brewster-Jones, D W Kirk, J L Stasinowsky, Bob Clark, C J T Hannagan

Championship Winners 1960-61

Club Champion - S McCann

Club Pairs - F Adams, P Ferguson

Club Fours - J Williams, A Brabazon, C Brabazon, T Leggo

Pennant Winner 1960-61

Northam Bowling Club - Gold Faction

### Committee Meeting November 21 1960

A letter was received from the Under-Secretary of the Medical Department in Perth stating that he understood there is a possibility of the Northam Bowling Club considering selling, and vacating the area comprising the bowling rinks and if this is so, he would like it to be known that the Medical Department would be interested in investigating the possibility of developing hospital services on the area to be vacated. It was resolved the President Bert Purslowe interview the writer on the matter.

**A letter was received from the Northam Golf Club asking the estimated costs of relocating to the Golf Club and the amount of finance the Bowling Club would contribute, so the Golf Club Committee would have some figures to put to a general meeting of members.**

**It was resolved that the Northam Golf Club be informed that until such time as the Golf Club have a general meeting, similar to the one the Bowling Club had held to have members decide on the move, to gauge if the members of the Golf Club were in agreement with the amalgamation and permission to proceed, this Club had no intention of ascertaining costs.**

The greenkeeper Nat Altham reported that part of the coring machine had broken which he thought would be very difficult to repair. Dave Kirk stated that he had spoken to Brian Holtfreter and showed him the machine. Brian stated that he could weld a plate on the machine and drill another hole for 5 pounds. It was resolved that Brian Holtfreter be engaged to repair the coring machine.

### Special Committee Meeting December 5 1960

**The President stated that he had called the meeting to keep members informed on the possibility of the Club property being required by the Medical Department for Hospital expansion. He reported having had an interview with the Secretary of the Medical Department and there is no doubt that the Department would like to build a modern hospital on the site, and if the Public Works Department agreed on the amount the N B C wished for their property this would enable the Club to set up in a new location, but not necessarily on the Golf Club property. Several sites that might be suitable were mentioned and it was agreed the Committee inspect these at 9am on Sunday.**

### Committee Meeting January 16 1961

A letter from the Ladies Bowling Club stating that they were having their Carnival on the 4th, 5th and 6th of March catered for and wished to know the conditions which would apply to the caterers. President Bert Purslowe reported that the Medical Department had informed him that the taking over of the property had just about reached Ministerial level. We should hear from the Land Resumption Board at an early date. He also stated that he should not be expected to work on the project alone and he would like two other members appointed to act with him. It was resolved that Bill Spencer, Wally Grafton and Secretary George Christmass act with him.

### Committee Meeting February 20 1961

A letter received from the Silver Chain Association requesting a donation towards the cost of establishing a Nursing Service in Northam. It was moved that the W A B A be asked to include the Northam branch of the Silver Chain in the distribution of monies raised from the Charity Appeal.

A letter was written to the Ladies Bowling Club advising them that the caterers could have the use of all the Clubs facilities, including crockery and cutlery for a fee of 5 pounds plus the cost of breakage's.

It was resolved that the wages of the Bar-Steward Mr. Mitchell be increased by 1 pound 10/- per week and the Greenkeeper Nat Althams remuneration be increased to 20 pounds per week with the same conditions of contract as at present.

Bert Purslowe reported that the sub-committee had inspected possible new sites, and from an interview with the Town Clerk of Perth had obtained information re the costs of establishing new greens and clubhouses. He had also obtained a drawing of a building, which should suit this Club.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The Secretary reported that due to new valuations on the property, rates for water and sewerage had increased from 57 pounds last year to 126 pounds this year. It was moved the Secretary lodge an appeal. The Secretary also advised having received an account for 221pounds 10/6 from Master Butchers Co-Operative for work done on the refrigeration system. As the Committee had not approved the work and he was not aware of the arrangement made with the firm he asked for direction. It was resolved that Wally Grafton calls on the firm and discuss the matter.

### Special Committee Meeting June 12 1961

**The President Bert Purslowe stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a letter from the Public Works Department containing an offer for the Club property.**

**The maximum price, which can be justified, is 20,000 pounds. The house on the northeast corner of the Croquet Greens is not required at this juncture and is not included in the Departments assessment. As other properties south of the Club are included in the plan, before any approach is made to the owners of these properties it is essential to know whether the Bowling Club property can be acquired. To assist in the re-establishment of the Club the Department is in the position to consider making available an appropriate area of land from the former proposed Hospital Site in Robinson Street for sale to the Club at valuation.**

After considerable discussion it was resolved that this Committee recommend to a General Meeting of Members that the Club accept the offer of the Department of Public Works subject to a clarification of the following points -

1. The exact boundary of the resumption?
2. Will a suitable water supply be available at the suggested site in Robinson Street?
3. Which of our existing buildings would be allowed to be removed?
4. Will the Club be allowed to put down test bores before finalisation?
5. On what conditions would the Department transfer the area in Robinson Street?
6. What would be the terms of payment for the present property?

It was moved that the half-yearly meeting be held on June 26th, also that a sub-committee meet with the Croquet Club to discuss the future requirements of that club.

The meeting decided that builder members of the Club be asked if they could give an estimate of the construction cost of a suitable new Club Building.

### Half Yearly General Meeting June 26 1961

The President Bert Purslowe welcomed 65 members to the meeting. He stated that the Club had experienced a successful six months reducing the overdraft by 1,300 pounds.

After the Presentations of Trophies he outlined the progress made with the Department of Public Works re the sale of the Clubs property, and a decision on the same must be made tonight.

Members of the Committee had inspected a number of possible suitable sites and all agreed the most suitable was in Robinson Street where portion of property from the Medical Board and a portion from Mr Ainsworth could be obtained.

Club Members and Builders Messrs. Cooper & Oxley had discussed with the Committee and prepared a plan of a building they could erect with the money the Club would have available.

A Plan was available for viewing together with a sketch of the layout of the greens at the new location. After considerable discussion Bert Purslowe moved that -

1. That the offer of the Public Works Department of 20,000 pounds for the Clubs Bowling Greens and Buildings of Town Lots Nos. 137, 138 and 139 be accepted.
2. That the Committee be empowered to sell Town Lot No 136 to the Public Works Department at a price not less than the purchase price paid by the Club.
3. That the land in Robinson Street offered by Mr. Ainsworth comprising approximately three and a half acres be purchased for the sum of 1,000 pounds.
4. That approximately two acres of land adjoining the property referred to in Clause 3 with a frontage of two chains to Robinson Street be purchased from the Public Works Department at a cost not exceeding 500 pounds.
5. That the new greens and Club House be established on the land purchased.

This was seconded by Cliff Park and carried.

Jack Haslem moved, seconded by Fred Killick that if the transfer takes place the Ladies Croquet Club be provided for, carried.

A vote of thanks to the President for his handling of the transactions with all concerned was carried with acclamation.

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### Committee Meeting July 17 1961

**A letter from that Under-Secretary for Public Works advising that the Medical Department is prepared to purchase the whole of the Clubs Land together with improvements for the sum of 24,000 pounds.** While the Club remains in occupation of the properties, the Club will pay a rental. The Club will pay rates, taxes and all charges until the properties are vacated.

An area of two point two acres from the Medical Departments site in Robinson Street will be made available to the N B C at a price of 440 pounds.

If the Club wishes to purchase any of its buildings or structured fittings consideration will be given to such sale at a reasonable figure.

It was resolved that the offer of the Medical Board be accepted. It was also resolved that we request the department to advance the sum of 5,000 pounds and take over the two houses. The payment of interest on such sum is waived. The balance of the purchase money to be advanced, as and when required by the Club.

**Wally Grafton submitted a petition signed by 20 members that a special general meeting be called of members to reconsider the amalgamation of the Bowling Club and the Golf Club. The meeting decided to hold this special general meeting of members on August 2nd.**

### Special Committee Meeting July 31 1961

A letter from the Under-Secretary of Works advising that our proposal to transfer immediately the two portions of Lot 136, for the Department to collect rents in lieu of payment of interest, on the deposit of 5,000 pounds, and the balance of money be paid as required by the Club is acceptable. It is noted that the purchase is to be completed and vacant possession given not later than June 30th 1963.

The President reported he had seen Mr. Ainsworth who had agreed to transfer the whole of the frontage of Lot 22 to the Club subject to the granting of an easement of right of way of 33 feet being given by the Club.

It was moved that Messrs. Perrin Bros. be asked to quote on the earthworks required to lay out the new greens. Also it was resolved that an order be placed with Oliver Bros. for 2,000 running feet of 9 inch by 2 inch Wandoo timber and 400 feet of 6 inch by 2 inch cut to 2 feet lengths. Also that tenders be called for the laying of the plinths - labour only. Also that an application be made to the Water Supply Department for a water service, that an order be placed with Wesfarmers for material to fence the property and that a working bee be held to erect the same. Another motion that an order for a 24 feet by 12 feet by 7 feet 6 inches Springbok Steel Shed.

Lastly it was resolved that the appeal lodged against Water Rates on the Club property be withdrawn.

### Special General Meeting August 2 1961.

**The President T H (Bert) Purslowe welcomed 66 members to discuss a petition under rule 27. The Notice Of Motion was read by Don Beer being "That the motion carried at the half-yearly meeting of members held on June 26th 1961 be rescinded" It stated the clauses to be rescinded which applied to the purchase of land in Robinson Street and the siting of the new facilities on that land.**

**Don Beer stated that the Golf Club is now prepared to discuss the question of amalgamation of the two Clubs and he asked members to vote for the Motion and thus make it possible for discussion to take place. This was seconded by Bill Whyte.**

**After considerable discussion had taken place the Motion was put to the vote and was lost.**

It was resolved that the quote of 850 pounds submitted by Bell Bros. for excavating and leveling for the greens be accepted.

### Special Committee Meeting August 15 1961

President Bert Purslowe stated he had called the meeting because the excavation for the new greens was nearly completed and as some portions of the reduced level was on the hard side, Bell Bros. had suggested that a fall of 6 inches be put on this hard portion and 6 inches of sand laid over this before replacing the top soil which had been stock piled. The extra cost would be 400 pounds.

After discussion the recommendation was lost and Bell Bros. were to carry out just the original contract.

Arrangements were made for Bell Bros. to grade an area 180 feet by 120 feet level to provide for two Croquet Greens at a cost of 150 pound.

### Committee Meeting August 21 1961

A letter was received from the W A B A stating that they had paid 70 pounds out of the Charity Day Fund to the Silver Chain Nursing Service to help set up a nursing service in Northam.

A letter from Bell Bros. stating they would level an area for the Croquet Green at the hourly rates of 6 pounds 10/- for the D7 Dozer and Ripper and 5 pounds an hour for the Grader.

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Also from the Ladies Croquet Club advising they had spent a sum of 649 pounds towards the cost of their Pavilion and Lighting and wished to know their future at the new location. It was resolved that the quote of 805 pounds from Cooper & Oxley for labour only to install the plinths for the new greens be accepted.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 27 1961

The President Bert Purslowe reported that the Club had made a profit of 1,100 pounds over the year. The Bank overdraft now stands at 3,181 pounds.

He gave an outline on the progress of the construction of the new greens and all indications point to them being completed within the estimated budget.

#### Election Of Officers 1961-62

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - W Spencer, W Grafton

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - S McCann

Treasurer - L Clements

Auditor - R B James

Committee - K Beer, E Buxton, C Cadd, J Clancy, C T J Hannagan, A J Haslem, A Brewster-Jones, J Stasinowsky, R P Williams.

#### Championship Winners 1961-62

Club Singles - S McCann

Club Pairs - K Beer, A Beer

Club Fours - W Grafton, C Park, C Cadd, S McCann

#### Pennant Winner 1961-62

Northam Bowling Club - Red Faction

### Special Committee Meeting January 3 1962

The President stated he had called the meeting to consider the position created by the failure of the Bar-Steward Mitchell to attend duty for the past five days.

It was resolved that the position of Bar-Steward be declared vacant. It was resolved after discussion that two weeks pay is paid into Mr. & Mrs. Mitchells joint bank account

### Committee Meeting February 19 1962

Replies to recent advertisements for a Bar-Steward were not satisfactory. Mr Andrews had been engaged on two weeks trial but had proved unsatisfactory. W Smith had been contacted and the position offered to him at a wage of 22 pounds per week.

The Secretary reported that the costs of the new greens to date amounted to 3,852 pounds and the unpaid amounts 2,306 pounds. He asked for direction regarding payment of the following accounts - Cooper & Oxley 155 pounds 10/-, B Culleto 581 pounds 5/- (concreting of plinths), Sandovers 53 pounds 17/2, T H Purslowe 79 pounds. It was moved that these accounts be paid.

Newly Elected Members - Lindsay A Adams, A H Deakin, Colin E Smith, Leo C Morgan, P O'Mara and Mesdames. J Adams, J A Deakin.

### Committee Meeting July 15 1962

The Medical Department paid to the Club the balance of the money owed on the sale. Due to Government policy the money had to be paid before the end of June otherwise it would have been subject to next years budget, which would have been time consuming.

5,000 pounds was paid into the Clubs current account and 14,000 pounds was put on fixed deposit. The Club was granted occupation of the property until June 30th 1963, rent free.

Mr Kelly, of Perth inspected the new greens and his report was not good. The greens, especially No 1, should have 5 or 6 correctly sloped drains installed, preferably in tiles.

All greens are infected with couch mite and should be sprayed. All greens are infected with leaf blotch. They should be watered only once a week.

It was resolved that the drains be installed under the greens, also that the offer of the Shire Council to carry out the leveling of the Croquet Green, which was not completed by Bell Bros., be accepted.

The Greenkeeper Nat Altham was asked to attend the meeting and be informed of Mr Kelly's recommendations. He disagreed with watering only once a week stating that in his view twice a week was required in Northam. He was instructed to try one green with once a week watering.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Newly Elected Members - Bob Herridge, Ken H Richter, S Ryles, B O'Sullivan, D Monk, P Browne, George Evans, G Ferguson, J Hagboon, C F Rogers, Rod Steele, Ted Tait.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 26 1962

Bert Purslowe reported on the financial statement, which showed a profit of 614 pounds 10/-. Membership had fallen. The new greens so far had cost 6,000 pounds and plans and specifications for the new Club House have been prepared. Tom Oxley was at this meeting to explain any queries by members

**Frank Drabble formally moved, seconded by Bill Spencer, that Life Membership be bestowed on Mr. T H (Bert) Purslowe, who had given many years of faithful and dedicated service to the Northam Bowling Club. His efforts in connection with the new location and greens were outstanding. Carried.**

#### Election Of Officers 1962-63

President - T H Purslowe

Vice Presidents - W G Spencer, W Grafton

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - A J Haslem

Treasurer - L Clements

Auditor - R B James

Committee - K Beer, E Buxton, J B Clancy, C J T Hannagan, A Brewster-Jones, G Overton, C W Park, S Weber, R P Williams.

#### Championship Winners 1962-63

Club Singles - K Beer

Club Pairs - T H Purslowe, L Clements

Club Fours - F Collins, R Townsend, N Way, F Waller

#### Pennant Winner 1962-63

Northam Bowling Club - Blue Faction

### Committee Meeting December 17 1962

A letter received from the Town Council advising the Club that storm water from the new greens was causing problems to the houses below the greens.

Bert Purslowe reports on the difference of opinion arising with the greenkeeper over the new greens. He now refuses to supervise them. It was resolved that the Club advertises for a greenkeeper for the greens. It was also resolved that tenders be called for the erection of the new Club House. Tenders to close on January 30 1963.

### Special Committee Meeting January 30 1963

The meeting was called to open the tenders for the erection of the New Club House. They were -

E & L Kalners - 19,850 pounds

Cooper & Oxley - 20,683 pounds

G Spadaccini - 21,389 pounds

Morrison - 21,460 pounds

After telephoning around there was not a great deal of information available re the firm of E & L Kalners. It was resolved that the tender of Cooper & Oxley be accepted.

Mr. Farrell was appointed the greenkeeper of the greens at the new Club. Nat Altham remains the greenkeeper at the old Club.

### Committee Meeting March 18 1963

It was reported that the Bar-Steward W Smith had resigned. It was resolved that the Club advertises for a replacement.

The Greens Committee Chairman Bill Spencer reported that the greenkeeper of the new greens, Mr Farrell, had given one weeks notice. The Greens Committee have made arrangements for Nat Altham, from the old greens, to be paid 23 pounds per week plus 10/- per week car allowance for traveling between the two clubs. Eric Moore has been engaged at 16 pounds per week and a junior Mr Rowlands at 15 pounds per week.

**A social evening was arranged for March 29th to congratulate Stan McCann on his achievement of being runner-up in the Australian Singles Championships**

It was resolved that all Club insurance policies due on the 21st instant be transferred to the A M P Society through their representative Harold Reed.

Newly Elected Members - Barry Parker, G Bone, Gordon J Putland, Frank Gishubl.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special Committee Meeting May 27 1963.

The meeting was called to select a Bar-Steward from the following applicants, who were all interviewed by committee - Messrs. West, Spencer, Tippett, Burcell and Hockley. After an adjournment it was resolved that J Spencer be engaged as Bar-Steward at 22 pounds per week. In the event of J Spencer not accepting the second choice, L Hockley is appointed.

### Special Committee Meeting May 27 1963

Les Clements reported having purchased 1200 cement bricks at a cost of 60 pounds for the new machinery shed. He believed that as the shed was to be built just below the croquet green the shed needed to be of brick to support the earth wall of the green. He estimated the finished shed to cost 150 pounds. Approval was granted to build the shed.

Alterations to the new building were discussed and resolved. An application is to be made to the National Bank to increase the overdraft.

The President reported that the Ladies had informed him that they had 530 pounds<sup>18/5</sup> which they would like to spend on fittings such as a kleenheat stove, big range, electric refrigerator, plate rack and an incinerator for the Ladies Toilet.

It was moved that this committee meet with the Ladies and discuss these matters and they be congratulated on their financial position.

At this meeting with the ladies it was resolved that an electric stove and an extra hot plate be installed. Also that the refrigerator and the cupboards in the present kitchen be reconditioned and used in the new building.



This photo appeared in the "Daily News" on May 1st 1963. A caption stated "Veteran Northam Bowlers" – from left, Jack Higgs, father of Joan Williams and Ken Higgs – Fred Chidlow, who has the distinction of winning the three Championships in 1926 – 27, and a Life Member. On the right is George Christmass, a long serving Life Member of the Club.

### Committee Meeting August 19 1963

Mr Cross had inspected the two pianos belonging to the Club and he assessed their value as trade-ins as being 40 pounds for the Seivert and 80 pounds for the Mignon. The Mignon whilst in poor condition would be reliable if overhauled at a cost of 86 pounds. It was resolved to have the Mignon repaired, the Ladies offering to pay 50 pounds towards the cost.

Bill Spencer reported that the drains under the greens three and four were completed and the machinery shed is practically finished and the men would be ready to commence digging the holes for the light poles if a machine is not available.

A search of the Titles Office by the Lands Department revealed that even though the Northam Bowling Club was incorporated body the name did not include the word "incorporated" on the Title.

It was resolved, upon advice from Messrs. Mayberry, Hammond & Co, that a Special General Meeting would be called, the intention to change the name to an incorporated body. This change be advertised in a newspaper and an affidavit verifying the change filed. The Secretary also stated that over the years some changes made to the Constitution had never been lodged with the Companies Office.

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It was resolved that the offer of George Overton to construct a cattle pit at the front gate be accepted. It was reported that the Bar-Steward had repeatedly failed to carry out his duties. It was resolved his services be dispensed with and when he calls for his pay on Friday he be notified and be paid one weeks pay in lieu of notice. It was resolved that Len Hockley be contacted to ascertain if he is still interested in the position as Bar-Steward of the N B C.

### Special Committee Meeting September August 21st 1963

The President stated that the purpose of the meeting was to interview Len Hockley, who had advised Cliff Park that he was interested in the position. After being interviewed by the committee it was resolved that Len Hockley be engaged as Bar-Manager-Steward.

### Special General Meeting September 16 1963

President Bert Purslowe explained to the meeting the reasons of calling members together were several. The National Bank had pointed out that the mortgage carried by the Bank on the old property did not apply to the new one and under the Constitution the Club the Management Committee does not have the power to borrow money without the authority of a Special or General Meeting. He asked the Secretary to read the Notice calling this Meeting - "That the Committee of Management have the power to borrow 10,000 pounds for the completion of the new Greens and Club House" This was carried.

The Secretary also pointed out that on studying the old Minutes, amendments passed at General Meetings in 1954 and 1956 were not lodged with the Companies Office and were therefore not included in the Constitution. He had typed up a complete new set of Rules which were complete and moved that this Meeting pass a resolution adopting this new set to be lodged at the Companies Office. This was seconded and carried.

The Ladies Croquet Club is very perturbed at the non-planting of their greens after months of waiting. They wished to remain on their present greens for another six months. They were advised the planting would be completed by the end of September and if necessary an application for them to remain on the old greens would be made to the Medical Department.

### Special Committee Meeting October 7th 1963

The meeting was called to decide on the Opening Day of the new Location. It was resolved a Cabaret, known as the "Wake", be held at the old Club House on October 26th and the Official Opening of the new Club House and Greens be held on Monday November 11th 1963.

It was resolved that the President Bert Purslowe is asked to perform the Opening Ceremony and a plaque be affixed to the front of the building to commemorate the Event.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 31 1963

The President reported on a very memorable year with the building of the new Greens and Club House nearing completion. All 18 modern score boards had been donated by members; a considerable amount of equipment had been donated by the Ladies of the Bowling and Croquet Clubs. Also members at the new location by way of working bees had given a great deal of time.

The Balance Sheet showed a profit of 780 pounds plus 580 pounds in interest on monies paid early by the Medical Department. The cost of the new Greens and the Club House to date amounts to 22,033 pounds.

Northam Blue Faction won the Pennant from Beverley. Stan McCann is to be congratulated on being runner-up in the Australian Singles Championships to Bob Marshall of Queensland He said the audit of the Clubs Books entailed a considerable amount of work and he moved that 10 guineas be paid our Auditor Reg James. Carried. Bert did not wish to renominate for Presidency.

#### Election of Officers 1963-64

President - K Beer

Vice Presidents - W Spencer, W Grafton

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - R I Bond

Auditor - R B James

Treasurer - L Clements

Committee - E Buxton, J Clancy, F P Collins, C T Hannagan, C Park, T H Purslowe, V Tapping, S Weber, R P Williams.

#### Championship Winners 1963-64

Club Singles - A B Broomhall

Club Pairs - N Mathews, J Enderby

Club Triples - W Grafton, S McCann, N Brew

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Club Fours - F Collins, T Lawrence, F Waller, K Sermon

Pennant Winner 1963-64

Northam Bowling Club - Red Faction

### Monday November 11 1963 - The Opening of the New Club House and Greens

The following is a copy of the write up of the Opening as reported in the copy of the Northam Advertiser Wednesday November 13th 1963.

Northam Bowling Clubs handsome new greens and clubhouse were officially opened.

They are an outstanding addition to the Towns amenities and were highly praised by speakers at the official opening.

"This is a notable occasion," said Mr. H E Smith, president of the West Australian Bowling Association at the opening.

Outside the new greens in Robinson Street on Monday the variety of car registration plates showed how the occasion had attracted people from a wide area.

The official party included the president Keith Beer, the immediate past president Bert Purslowe and Mrs. Purslowe, the Mayor and Mayoress Mr. and Mrs. Beavis.

Also the member for Northam Mr. A R G Hawke and Mrs. Hawke, Mr. C R Abbey M L A, the president of the Northam Shire Mr. A J Antonio and Mrs. Antonio, the president of the W A B A Mr. H E Smith and Mrs. Smith and the Clubs oldest bowler Mr. Mick Sermon.

Keith Beer welcomed the visitors and members. He said the building project, which had culminated in that day's ceremony, had commenced about two years previously and practically every member had contributed in some way to its completion. Keith Beer paid tribute to the lady members of the club who raised the money to equip their own portion of the clubhouse, to provide chairs and tables for the hall and to equip the kitchen. Keith Beer then introduced the Mayor Mr. Beavis who said he was not a bowler but commented on the good order of the new greens and commended those responsible for the selection of the site. He congratulated all who had any part in the building of the greens and the clubhouse and wished them all enjoyment of the facilities.

Bert Hawke said that although he too was not a bowler he would have to join the club and would challenge Mr. Beavis to a game some time within the next ten years, when they both had become financial members. He congratulated the club members upon their achievement, which was a wonderful addition to the town's amenities.

Before announcing the next speaker Keith Beer said he must announce for Bert Hawke's benefit that Mr. Beavis was already a financial member. Bert Hawke made the obvious response by producing his chequebook and becoming financial.

Mr. H E Smith president of the R W A B A thanked the president and committee of the club for having extended to himself and members of the State Executive of the R W A B A, of whom there were several present, an invitation to attend this notable occasion. The Northam Bowling Club, said Mr Smith had always enjoyed a very high reputation for hospitality and keen competition and he was sure the new greens and clubhouse would enable them to enhance this reputation, Mr Smith appealed to all country clubs to make a special effort to aid the Associations Country Carnival. This appeal he said was not addressed to the Northam Club which was one of only seven country clubs that had helped, but to members of other clubs of whom he saw many in the gathering. He said in the past it had been a source of worry to the Executive that country bowlers had nowhere to go for a game. At last Perth City Council was providing four greens on the Esplanade near the Ozone Hotel and the Association would build a clubhouse where visiting bowlers could obtain light refreshments and have a base of operations. The project was expected to be completed within 12 months.

**Keith Beer said the next part of the program was possibly the most important - the recognition of the work done by Bert Purslowe to bring to fruition the plan to build the new clubhouse and greens by presenting him with a Life Membership Badge.**

From the inception Bert Purslowe had practically eaten, drunk and slept "bowling club" so intense had been his devotion to the project. He spent hours practically every day at the new club.

Tom Purslowe responded saying this was a very happy day. There had been a few headaches that were inevitable in such a big undertaking but they had all been overcome and were now history. The realisation of the idea was not the result of one mans efforts. Everyone had contributed in some way and as typical of the spirit of members he would tell them this that this afternoon the clubs oldest member Mick Sermon, 94, had said he would like to buy something for the club costing about 10 pounds.

He would like to coin a phrase he hoped they would hear frequently. This was "a subscription to Northam Bowling Club was an investment not a cost and furthermore membership was a prescription to ensure good health"

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Bert Purslowe then declared the greens open for play and the clubhouse open for use. He then officially unlocked the front door.

The celebrations were continued in the evening with a cabaret.

### Committee Meeting November 18 1963

Representatives of the A M P Society Insurance were in attendance to work out the insurance on the new buildings and contents.

It was resolved that the Buildings be insured for 15,000 pounds, Stock 700 pounds, Fixtures and Fittings 750 pounds, Burglary 200 pounds on Stock and 50 pounds in cash on hand and 400 pounds on cash in transit. Premium being a total of 68 pounds 13/6.

Stan McCann was appointed as Club Coach of the Northam Bowling Club

As Messrs Hockley and Altham had worked a considerable amount of overtime in connection with the changeover from the old premises it was resolved that an honorarium of 15 pounds be paid Mr Hockley and 10 pounds Nat Altham.

The Secretary submitted an account for 2,299 pounds 12/11 for connection to the main power supply, fittings for the clubhouse and the lighting of two greens. It was resolved that 1,000 pounds be paid on account.

Donations were received from Mr & Mrs Lionel Lawrence 20 pounds, Mr Mick Sermon 10 pounds and Mr & Mrs Keeble Smith 15 guineas to be used for some purpose approved by them.

Newly Elected Members - Harvey Brown, Jack Bulloch, Cec C Coppin, Don Dore, Merv Dudley, Pat Enright, A R G Hawke, Bob Lawry, F H Metcalf, Jack Shipway, G White, Lionel White, L N Williams, Colin Withnell, Len Withnell and Mesdames D Dudley, G E Enright, E A Gregory, I A Healy, J Loneragan, J Rew, E M Shipway, J White, L Withnell, V G Taylor.

### Special Committee Meeting December 21st 1963

The President stated the purpose of the meeting was to give further consideration to Wally Grafton's account and the lighting of the other two greens. After Wally Grafton had given an outline of the work done and an intimation that the cost of lighting the other two greens was estimated at 900 pounds, it was resolved that Wally Grafton ask the suppliers of the materials to hold over payment for at least three months.

An inquiry to the State Licensing Court on a request from the Ladies of the Wundowie Bowling Club to play the season at Northam, as their greens were unplayable, resulted in a reply stating that they could play at Northam for a fee of one guinea.

### Committee Meeting January 20 1964

A letter was written to the greenkeeper stating that this committee was not satisfied with the condition of the greens and that the instructions of the greens committee must be carried out.

Cooper & Oxley quoted 23 pounds to install a window in the match committee room overlooking "A" Green. The price of beer in schooners was increased to 1/3 each.

The Secretary of the East Fremantle Bowling Club wrote stating that they would be visiting the Northam Bowling Club with a party of 27 men and 27 ladies. The party would bring their own lunch and Northam Club would arrange a barbecue tea. Alan George would supply the barbecue packs at 2/4 each.

Cliff Park reported that a member had been most abusive on the evening of the presentation of trophies for the Electric Light Triples after he was asked to keep quiet during the presentations. It was resolved that this person be communicated with and be informed that a repetition of such conduct will meet with serious action.

President Keith Beer stated that he had been asked to submit a proposal from the Northam Race Club that the liquor required for Race Meetings be made available through the N B C. As Len Hockley, the Bar-Steward would be in charge of the Bars on Race Days this would help protect the Clubs interests. Carried.

### Special General Meeting (Ladies were present) March 20 1964

**President Keith Beer stated he was sure that the Annual Northam Carnival was rated one of the best in the State and was renowned in the past on the superb catering by the ladies. He would like to know if the Ladies would be prepared to carry on with this great work.**

**Mrs K Smith said she was sure the Ladies were prepared to do the catering. Mrs S Jones (Ladies Croquet Club) stated that the Croquet Ladies were prepared to do the morning teas as usual and to serve the afternoon tea on one day.**

**It was resolved that a Ladies Committee be formed and the following were appointed, with the power to add to - Mesdames. P Crawford, S Jones (Conveners), W Spencer, C Morgan, Hannagan, Morrell, D Orr, M Weber, Abbott and Letch. Also three Match Committee Ladies would assist the Mens Match Committee during the Carnival.**

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The President stated a further 10 scoreboards were required, donated if at all possible. He also stated that Ladies Day would be held on Saturday April 25th. There would be mixed bowls in the afternoon then tea would be provided and served by the men to the ladies. It was reported that the ladies social fund had a credit of 384 pounds 4/3 and Mrs. Spencer then handed a cheque for that amount to Keith Beer who expressed appreciation of the assistance her committee had given to the Club.

Seig Weber reported that arrangements were in hand for the barbecue and barn dance at the Irishtown Hall on the Sunday of the Carnival. He had ordered 200 barbecue packs, 10 dozen bread rolls and two cut loaves of bread. He also said he thought it would make sense if the Bowling and Golf Clubs did not clash with their Xmas and New Year Parties. When that occurs neither Club has a successful night.

### Half Yearly General Meeting April 22 1964

The main topics of this meeting were the Notices of Motion altering the Constitution of the N B C. Firstly under Rule 15 - "That the Committee of Management have the power to borrow up to 12,000 pounds to finance the new club house and greens and to finance current expenses". Also under Rules 5, 6 and 15 to change the end of the financial year from September 30th to June 30th. Members present passed all Motions. The Bank overdraft stands at 8,146 pounds.

### Committee Meeting June 14 1964

A letter received from refrigeration mechanic Norm Scadden pointing out that as from January 1st 1965 Methyl Chloride Gas in refrigeration units would be banned. He would call at the Club and discuss the alterations required.

The Secretary drew attention to the need for some action to obtain other funds, over and above the Bank overdraft, to provide for accounts due to be paid. A minimum of between 500 and 600 pounds must be raised.

A sub-committee was formed to find 25 or more members who would be willing to grant an interest free loan of 20 pounds on conditions decided by the committee.

### Committee Meeting October 19 1964

A letter from the ladies Bowling Club asking the Club to ban the wearing of slacks by lady members, the reason being - to uphold the dignity of the Club which appears to have slackened in recent times. Also from the ladies stating that they were prepared to spend a certain amount of money to help put lights on another green, if the committee is agreeable to call tenders for the same, and providing the ladies are allowed night play during the week as well as Saturday. The lady members feel that they have contributed a large amount for the betterment of the Club from time to time and get precious little consideration in return, some times not even civility.

It was moved that quotes be obtained for the lighting of another green and be submitted to the ladies for their consideration

It was resolved that this committee agrees in principal to the ladies being allowed extra night play, but this must be subject to the mens programmed events.

It was also resolved that a letter be written to the ladies asking for clarification on the lack of courtesy by the men, and in particular whether this accusation refers to members or staff.

A letter was received from the Ladies Croquet Club advising that the poles for the lighting of their greens were now erected and ready for wiring and would like to know when the wiring could be finalised. Ernie Muir was to be thanked for his help in erecting the poles.

Newly Elected Members - Norm Ayres, Arthur Christmass, Bill G Hackett, C E Heal, F J Hunt, Dr Frank Holland, W Jacobs, N W Martin, John Neeling, P O'Meara, Frank Quartermaine, Brian Rewell, R W Thomson, George McGee and Mesdames E Aryes, P Campbell, B Christmass, D Dunn, M Heal, N Holland, M Hunt, P Jacobs, M Neeling, G Purslowe, D Parker, R A Quartermaine, M Stratton, R Thomson, L Wood.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C October 30 1964

The President Keith Beer welcomed 50 members to the A G M. He reported that although there were 65 new members this year Northam had a shifting population and resignations were also large. Membership now stands at 165.

The Balance Sheet shows a profit of 1,172 pounds. Donations, most of which came from the Ladies Croquet and Bowling Clubs totaled 975 pounds and private loans amounted to 270 pounds. An amount of 12,485 pounds was spent on the new greens and buildings and the overdraft now stands at 10,266 pounds.

### Election Of Officers 1964-65

President - W Grafton

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Vice Presidents - W Spencer, K Beer

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - A Brewster-Jones

Treasurer - L Clements

Auditor - R B James

Committee - L A Adams, J Clancy, A C Foord, C T Hannagan, N Hitchcock, E B B Parker, H Smith, S Weber, R Williams.

### Championship Winners 1964-65

Club Singles - K Beer

Club Pairs - F Collins, A Brabazon

Club Fours - W Grafton, H Smith, T Oxley, H Denton.

### Pennant Winner 1964-65

Northam Bowling Club - Gold Faction - South Zone.

### Special Committee Meeting January 8 1965

President Wally Grafton stated the reason for calling the meeting was to discuss the deplorable state of the greens. It was resolved that Nat Altham be written to advising him of the committees views and to put forward, if he has one, a remedy of curing it. Also, his reasons for allowing Eric Moore to do the cutting.

Newly Elected Members - Dick Davies, C C Martin, Ron Posselt, J E Barnes, Frank Davies, Keith Nicholson, R Moffat, Bill Southern, W Cork, F Devael, Darrel Edmondson, Les Patton, Owen Smith, Jim Stapleton, A Palmer and Mesdames E A Davies, A Brew, M Tazwell, I M Brown, C Patton, P Middleton.

### Special General Meeting June 9 1965

President Wally Grafton explained the reason for the meeting was to alter the Constitution by Notice Of Motion circulated to members, namely to increase the fees for members by 2 pounds and 1 pound for all other categories. This was passed.

Also passed was a Motion calling for a levy on all members consistent with the fee increase, which is payable immediately. It was also passed that the remuneration of the Secretary be increased to 7 pounds 10/- per week.

Keith Beer stated that Tom Lawrence had approached him stating that he and Com Hitchcock were prepared to act as greens supervisors without payment. It was resolved that they be asked to attend a special meeting to discuss their proposal. Bank overdraft stands at 10,411 pounds.

### Special Committee Meeting July 26 1965

President Wally Grafton explained the reason for the meeting was to hear the proposal put forward by Tom Lawrence to save the Club money.

Tom Lawrence said that he and Com Hitchcock would be prepared to accept the responsibility of supervising the greens. By retaining one permanent man to do the cutting and the use of voluntary labour on the bowling and croquet greens they could save the Club 1,000 pounds a year. It was resolved that the proposal of Tom Lawrence is accepted and Nat Altham be advised to take long service leave.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 28 1965

The President Wally Grafton welcomed members to the A G M. As the date of the A G M had been changed the period since the last meeting was only nine months.

He stated that the membership, men and ladies, totaled 400 and very few of those 400 supported the club or its fixtures. A levy had to be struck this year, besides the fee increase to help raise funds.

Private interest free loans totaled 250 pounds, a profit of 1,046 pounds was made but the overdraft stands at the high figure of 10,411 pounds.

### Election Of Officers 1965-66

President - W Spencer

Vice Presidents - K Beer, K Smith

Secretary - G Christmass

Assistant Secretary - H Devael

Treasurer - L Clements

Committee - L Adams, A Christmass, M Dudley, C Heal, A Brewster-Jones, J Keenan, T H

Lawrence, S Weber, R P Williams.

### Championship Winners 1965-66

Club Singles - W Grafton

Club Pairs - J B Mullan, L Scott

Club Fours - C Rogers, E Abbott, A Brabazon, N Brew

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Pennant Winner 1965-66  
Goomalling Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting August 16 1965

Tom Lawrence reported that Com Hitchcock had purchased a coring machine that he would either hire to the club or they could purchase the machine. "C" Green had been cored and "A" Green is in progress, but stated that there were a lot of stones in the greens. The clubs equipment is in poor condition and two scrapers are required costing 12 pounds.

President Bill Spencer reported having met with the Ladies who advised that they were prepared to cover the cost of roofing four existing shades and to provide two shades for "A" Green. They asked that Glory Vines be planted on the North side of B Green.

Newly Elected Members - Bill Buckless, Des Ibbotson, K R Short, Warren Tempelman, J M Bonser, D Lord and Mesdames B Ibbotson, B Bonser, I Buckless.

### Committee Meeting October 18 1965

The club purchases a Vertimower at a cost of 146 pounds 11/9. A hire charge of 15 pounds a court was to be charged to the Lawn Tennis Club for its use.

The cost of beer to be 5oz glasses 1/- and 7oz glasses 1/3.

Tom Lawrence reported that Eric Moore had worked on Saturday and Sunday for five weekends. He was prepared to give two weekends as his voluntary assistance to the club but should be paid for the other three. Resolved that Eric Moore be paid for 40 hours.

**Tom Lawrence moved, seconded by Lindsay Adams that Scroungers Bowls Competition be permitted on Wednesday afternoons. Carried.**

The Secretary stated that he had received several accounts rendered from Norm Mathews re the sand screen and asked for direction on it. It was resolved the account be paid

The Secretary also stated that the greenkeeper Nat Altham was due to resume duty on November 2nd and asked the intention of the committee on the matter. It was resolved that Nat Altham services be terminated and that he be paid one months wages in lieu of notice.

A trailer roller was purchased for No 1 mower to save Eric Moore's legs as well as to roll the green. The Bank overdraft stands at 9,690 pounds.

Newly Elected Members - L J Eveille, P J Middleton, Stan Raven, Gordon Swarbrick, K M Draper, P L Martin, Les Endersby, E Rowe and Mesdames E Oldam, K Draper, P Martin, M Turnock.

### Committee Meeting December 20 1965

A letter was received from the Managing-Secretary of the Northam District Hospital advising that the concrete bases of the electric light poles had not been removed and requesting it be attended to. It was resolved that Reg Williams approach the Town Engineer for his opinion on how best to effect their removal.

A rotary mower is required for mowing the banks as previously private machines had been used

It was resolved that Len Hockley, Bar-Manager-Steward, be awarded an increase in wages to 25 pounds per week

### Committee Meeting March 21 1966

Tom Lawrence stated that both he and Com Hitchcock would not be available to supervise the greens after this year. Consideration would have to be given to Eric Moore, as he was not able to maintain the machinery to the required standard.

Len Hockley reported that the refrigeration unit of the cold room was in constant need of attention by the refrigeration mechanic and there could be a complete breakdown. Resolved that the secretary obtain quotes for a replacement unit with trade-in. Sieg Weber reported having heard rumours that the Bar-Manager Len Hockley was likely to leave for another job. Resolved that Reg Williams interview Len Hockley and find out his intentions. Reg Williams reported having spoken to Bert Purslowe re who owned the Skit-La Table, and it did belong to the club and could be disposed of if the club desired.

From the Ladies Bowling Club advising that Norm Mathews had donated to the club the first shade he had made. He valued the shade at 25 pounds. The Ladies asked that his donation be recorded in the Minutes. Their request for more trestles and chairs is refused because of the financial position of the club.

Keith Beer said he had been informed by the ladies that the charges for meals for the Carnival would be Lunch 7/6, Afternoon Teas 2/6, Morning Teas 1/-.

Tom Lawrence asked what was the position of the interest free loans, which had been made to the club, when a member left Northam. The secretary stated that the refunds were by ballot commencing in November 1965. So far Harold Reed had been repaid. It was resolved that Stan McCann and Jack Clements, both of whom had left Northam be paid out.

**Decimal currency is introduced the Australia this year, 1966, and the overdraft in \$16,782.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting May 16 1966

A letter received from the Town Clerk stating that he had noticed caravans parked within the confines of the club property during the recent Carnival despite advice that this was contrary to the Regulations and By-Laws. Also note that in future caravans must be parked at a registered Caravan park. If however that Caravan Park is full permission may be granted to park caravans at the club.

Tom Lawrence reported on the greens. Eric Moore is due for holidays and wishes to take these commencing on June 1st. One Mower is to be sent to Perth for overhaul. Com Hitchcock is leaving Northam on June 1st and he would like a decision on whether the club is taking over the two machines for which he has paid. Tom Lawrence stated that he was willing to supervise the Bowling Green, but if the croquet greens were to be included he would want payment of \$1,000 per year.

It was resolved that Com Hitchcock be entertained at 5-30pm on Friday May 20th. A letter of appreciation to be sent thanking him for all the work he has done for the club.

The committee moved that a levy similar to that struck last year be imposed on members forthwith.

A letter of appreciation was sent to Les Clements, past Treasurer, who was leaving Northam, thanking him for many years of service to the Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting July 18 1966

The President Bill Spencer reported having met with the Ladies Croquet club who advised that if the Bowling club would supply the water, sand and fertiliser and the cutting of the greens, they would carry out all maintenance. It was resolved that the offer be accepted.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 30 1966

President Bill Spencer reported to members on a satisfactory year. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$2,799 and a reduction in the overdraft of \$1,085, which now stands at \$19,738.

New plant purchased during the year amounted to \$935, which contributed to a worthwhile improvement in the greens.

He was asked why, when there was so much voluntary help being carried out on the greens, the wages bill had increased this year from \$3,404 last year to \$8,218 this last year. George Christmass reported that long service leave; wage rises and casual labour in the bar would have contributed.

Bill Spencer made a presentation to the retiring Secretary George Christmass, who had made a valuable contribution to the progress of the Northam Bowling Club over a period of 40 years, serving as President back in 1932. He is a Life Member of the Club. Bert Purslowe and Keith Beer supported the President.

#### Election Of Officers 1966-67

President - W Spencer

Vice Presidents - W Grafton, T H Lawrence

Secretary - D Ibbotson

Assistant Secretary - K Beer

Treasurer - K Byfield

Committee - K Smith, L Herley, F Devael, R Williams, L Adams, S Weber, J Clancy, A Brewster-Jones, M Dudley

#### Championship Winners 1966-67

Club Singles - K Beer

Club Pairs - C Cadd, B Brown

Club Fours - J Mullan, T Lawrence, K Richter, L Scott

#### Pennant Winner 1966-67

York Bowling Club - Green Faction

### Committee Meeting August 15 1966

A letter to be written to the Town Council seeking help with the dog problem on the bowling greens

It was resolved that the secretary be paid an honorarium of \$400 per year. Also that the offer of Tom Lawrence to look after all the greens including the croquet greens for \$20 per week be accepted. Also resolved that the vertimower is not to leave the club on hire unless Mr Lawrence is in charge.

It was moved and passed that Mr. C Heal cart the sand required for the club from Mr. Host's sand pit. Bank overdraft stands at \$17,949.

It was resolved that a chequebook of each Bank in Northam be provided at the club for use of members who require to use them.

Newly Elected Members - Gerry Post, H Neeling, I McLean, Terry Dann, Pat Smith, Ken McIvor and Mesdames D M Smith, J McIvor, E Rewell.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting September 19 1966

Inward correspondence contained a complaint from Mrs Weber against Mr Hockley. It was resolved that Len Hockley be dismissed with 28 days notice from Friday September 21st. An advertisement for Bar-Manager to be placed in Saturdays West Australian.

Tom Lawrence reported, but did not enlighten on for the Minutes, that there was now no longer any dog problem on the greens, so fencing the property with dog proof fencing was no longer required.

Newly Elected Members - Ron Blakiston, Ken Montgomery, Tom Brady, D Hinchcliffe, A Andrew, Jack Donavon and Mesdames J Bradley, E Brady, G Hinchcliffe, J Andrew, S Donavon.

### Committee Meeting December 19 1966

Mr Tom Lawrence tenders his resignation as greenkeeper as from December 31st.

Warren Templeman fills in as temporary Bar-Steward, whilst the new Bar-Steward is on three months probation.

It was resolved that an expert in Mr Deacon be asked to give a report on our greens and be reimbursed for his time.

**A Notice Of Motion to be served on the Royal West Australian Bowling Association.**

**1 - That the State Fours, Pairs and Singles be decided between the winners of the Metropolitan and Country Champions**

**2 - Country Singles Championship. Country Leagues to be grouped into eight Zones. Each Zone winner to contest the final rounds**

**3. - Country Fours and Pairs Championships to be decided at Country Week using a system of section play**

The secretary reported that there were now 365 members, men and ladies.

It was resolved that advertisements for a greenkeeper be advertised in the West Australian, Avon Pictorial, Northam Advertiser and Kalgoorlie Minor.

Newly Elected Members - Glen Shaw, A Banks, Brian Holtfreter, H Withnell and Mrs Meney.

### Committee Meeting May 15 1967

Tom Lawrence had reconsidered his resignation and had agreed to stay on until after the Annual Carnival.

The salary of the new Bar-Manager Bill Gouma was fixed at \$68 per 44 hour week.

**A letter of thanks to be sent to all members who had made loans to the Northam Bowling Club.**

It was resolved that Tom Lawrence be granted leave of absence and thanked for his efforts in caring for the greens

The secretary reported that the refrigeration unit had broken down. A new unit would cost \$418. The secretary was empowered to sell the Skit-La Table to the highest bidder.

The Town Council Engineer was to be approached to give advice on the sealing of the parking areas.

It was resolved that Eric Moore's wages be fixed at \$42 per week.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 27 1967

Mr Bill Spencer, President, reported on the previous years activities with the Balance Sheet showing a profit of \$3,969, with a reduction in the overdraft at the National Bank to \$17,860. Wages are the big expense \$8,400, a new refrigeration unit costing \$550 and a new coring machine \$670. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the instructions to our delegates to the A V B L annual meeting on how to vote on the Pennant Fixtures was to leave them as they were last year.

A recommendation to the incoming committee that consideration be given to a reduced subscription fee for pensioners.

#### Election Of Officers

President - E J Abbott

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, W Templeman

Secretary - D Ibbotson

Assistant Secretary - K Beer

Treasurer - K Byfield

Committee - L Adams, H Denton, I McLean, R Clarke, B Coen, G L Herley, J Tobin, R P Williams, J Clancy.

#### Championship Winners 1967-68

Club Singles - A B Broomhall

Club Pairs - L Smith, J Neeling

Club Fours - F Collins, A Brabazon, G McGee, T Dedman

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**State Fours Runners-Up - W Grafton, B Parker, C Park, L Stott**

**Country Fours - W Grafton, N Mathews, J Mullan, C Smith**

Pennant Winner 1967-68

Meckering Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting October 16 1967

The Match Committee have organised a Club Night Pennant Competition, the format will be 12 players a Team played over 15 ends. The fee will be 20 cents per player per night.

The greens supervisor engaged from Perth last season to visit Northam and advise on the greens passed away. It was resolved that Tom Lawrence be requested to take the position as supervisor at a wage of \$20 per week.

The Secretary reported that the Club had 336 members, also that the Ladies had donated \$761 to the clubs funds. The Bank overdraft stands at \$17,222.

Newly Elected Members - C Agers, M Axford, Keith Coxon, Jim Hunter, P Pemberton, John Perrie, N Reid, K Rule, Bill Hauth, B Purser, Doug Farrington, C Hanrahan, Paddy Kinsella, J Cysas, A Dillon, Dick Sloan, A E Smith, Max Smith, J Templeman, Lindsay Weatherall and Mesdames A Rule, M Hauth, L Purser, B Holtfreter, B Withnell, A Johnson, Sister D Walsh.

### Committee Meeting December 18 1967

It was resolved that the Club advertises for a greenkeeper and in the hope of attracting one of high standard at above award wages.

Further to the Clubs woes the House Committee reported the resignation of the Bar-Manager. An advertisement for this position results in four applicants. It was resolved that these applicants be interviewed at a special meeting at 7-30 December 22nd.

Newly Elected Members - George Glass, C Clarke, Don Dore, Alex Jones, I Ellson, A Meney, J Regan, Allen Sermon.

### Special Committee Meeting December 22 1967

The applicants for Bar-Manager were interviewed and referred to another special meeting to be held on January 4th. Mr Robert Potts the applicant to keep in mind. The Club was to advertise for a greenkeeper.

### Special Committee Meeting January 4 1968

It was resolved that the sub-committee interviews the most likely applicant with the power to engage the applicant of their choice. Bob Potts was interviewed and engaged as Bar-Manager of the N B C.

Lindsay Adams, reporting on behalf of the A V B L stated that Tom Lawrence was now an official Umpire. Bank overdraft stands at \$16,583

Newly Elected Members - Jim Bignell, Arnie Sims, J Waller,

### Committee Meeting February 19 1968

Greens are still a problem and it was resolved that greens B, C and D be closed until further notice. Alterations were required to be made to the events and playing dates.

The House Committee reports that chickens are very popular having sold 200 for the month.

The planned itinerary for the group of South Australian Bowlers was morning tea, a trip around Northam, luncheon, bowls in the afternoon, then tea and a social.

The Meckering Bowling Club offered to entertain the Ladies during the Mens Carnival. The offer was accepted with appreciation.

Newly Elected Members - J Alexander, Bob Galloway, Theo Harken, Len Johnson, C Keane.

### Committee Meeting May 20 1968

The Annual Carnival completed with there being no need to limit entries as numbers were down. The cold weather had an effect on the mixed events. The Ladies were congratulated on the excellence of their catering.

The new greenkeeper, Mr Terry Ball, has been to inspect the greens and coring has commenced.

Permission was granted to the Scroungers Club to organise a trip away.

Newly Elected Members - F Cardilini, Bob Gale, J Aitkin, Peter Lynch, R McLaughlin, A Martin.

### Committee Meeting June 17 1968

Tom Lawrence moved that standing orders be suspended whilst the new greenkeeper Terry Ball was admitted and the greens discussed. It was resolved that the greenkeeper be granted permission to replant B green with "Bent" grass. (from the old records it shows that "Bent" grass had to be removed from the old club due to its inability to stand up to Northam's excessive heat - LCM)

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Newly Elected Members - Terry Ball, A J Dawson, Percy Norrish, R Ridge

### Committee Meeting July 5 1968

Des Ibbotson moved a Notice Of Motion to be presented at the A G M increasing subscriptions - Members \$15, Associates \$10, Country and Provisional \$7-50.

The greenkeeper put in a request for a sanding machine. It was resolved that this item be purchased to the value of \$100. The "Bent" grass recently planted on B green is up and thriving.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 22 1968

The President E Abbott reported on a successful year but expressed concern over the financial position of the Club. More of our 378 financial members must be encouraged to use the facilities. With all these members and four bowling greens one would expect larger numbers playing bowls.

He thanked the Ladies for the great amount of work they do especially with catering and donations to the Club amounting to \$1,200. The Ladies Croquet Club does not receive much recognition even though some of their players are of State and Association Championship standard.

He added that through retirement, the Club was losing great stalwarts of the Club over many years in Keable Smith, Bill Spencer, Harold Smith and Jack Mullins. Also, but through transfer, Frank Collins.

The Balance Sheet showed a profit of \$2,833 was achieved without the imposition of a levy. Wages amounted to \$10,400. Bank overdraft stands at \$15,756-86.

The Notice Of Motion increasing fees was passed along with a joining fee of \$3. Also the fee of \$2 on Life Members to be paid by the Club.

New Trustees to the Northam Bowling Club were appointed. They were Keith Beer and Reg Williams.

### Election Of Officers 1968-69

President - T H Lawrence

Vice Presidents - W Templeman, K Beer

Secretary - D Ibbotson

Assistant Secretary - R Clarke

Treasurer - F Davies

Auditor - R B James

Committee - L Adams, C Cadd, F Davies, H Denton, L Herley, J Keenan, G McGee, J Perrie.

### Championship Winners 1968-69

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - B Parker, W Templeman

Club Fours - L Adams, K Sermon, L Herley, T Dedman

**State Fours Runners-Up - W Grafton, B Parker, C Park, K Beer.**

### Pennant Winner 1968-69

Northam Bowling Club - Blue Faction

### Committee Meeting November 18 1968

Two new members were co-opted to serve on committee in Dick Sloan and Bill Hauth.

**The main topic of the meeting was how the Club could help Meckering after the devastating earthquake, which occurred in October. An appeal was commenced with George McGee in charge.**

The assistant greenkeeper has met with an accident; he had received one month's compensation and would be absent for another five weeks. Tom Lawrence was carrying out his duties at present.

It was resolved that an honorarium of \$700 be paid the secretary and bookkeeper Des and Betty Ibbotson.

It was reported that the Croquet Club would not be conducting a Carnival this year as their membership had dropped to 14.

It was resolved that the situation of a disputed chit of \$1-20 be written off, also that a limit of \$5 be placed on chits and that they be redeemable in 14 days. Also resolved that all monies collected for the Meckering Relief Fund be placed in the General Account.

"B" Green with the new "Bent" grass was available for play on Opening Day. Don Beer offered to stone pitch the bank between "A" Green and the Club House.

Newly Elected Members - Matt Sarich, W Green, A Inder-Smith, Ian Nitschke, Buster Richards and Mrs M Gardiner.

### Committee Meeting February 17 1969

Owing to poor drainage under the greens they were to be dug up and drained properly with straw and binder twine laid underneath. Work was to commence on C green.

Money collected for the Meckering Relief Fund was sent to the W A B A, who were organising a statewide collection, the final fund to be paid on behalf of all Bowling Clubs to Meckering.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The greenkeeper suggests digging up "A" green in preference to "C" green.

The President is to approach the Croquet Club and to inform them that the cost of maintaining their greens is \$1,000 per year. They have 10 playing members and 12 financial non playing members.

Newly Elected Members - Dick Smythe, Ritchie Collard, Brian Melbin and Vi Sarich.

### Committee Meeting May 19 1969

Quotes obtained for sealing the parking area were \$1,625 and \$2,032. It was decided to defer this until the next meeting.

President Tom Lawrence reported on the cost of digging up "C" green, installing drains, placing straw and string and replacing the soil. Stan Clements loader \$180, Shire trucks and machinery \$610, Gun Club sand \$300, loam \$100, pipes \$80. The account from Jack Bulloch for digging out the drains is not yet to hand. As Stan Clements had only charged for fuel used and not the hire of his machine it was resolved Stan be made an honorary member of the N B C.

Captain Lindsay Adams reported that the Annual Carnival was a success with entries similar to previous years.

### Committee Meeting June 16 1969

A quote from the Northam Shire of \$870 to seal the car park was accepted. Warren Templeman reported on a very successful trip made by the Northam Scroungers Club to Carnarvon. A Bannerette from the N B C was presented to the Carnarvon Bowling Club

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 28 1969

President Tom Lawrence pointed out the difficulties faced this year, with the cost of reconstructing C green and the maintenance of the others. This resulted in a loss of \$2,068 for the year. Wages had increased to \$12,240, almost \$2,000 more than the previous year. The Bank overdraft stands at \$17,611.

#### Election Of Officers 1969-70

President - T H Lawrence

Vice Presidents - D Ibbotson, K Beer

Secretary - R Sloan

Treasurer - D Ibbotson

Auditor - R B James

Committee - G L Herley, F C Davies, W Templeman, L A Adams, F Gishubl, I Nitschke, M M Smith, J Perrie, R Smythe

#### Championship Winners 1969-70

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - K Beer, E Buxton

Club Fours - K Beer, A B Jones, D Beer, E Buxton

**Country Fours Runners-Up - W Grafton, B Parker, J Sullivan, G Shaw**

#### Pennant Winner 1969-70

Northam Bowling Club - Blue Faction

### Committee Meeting October 20 1969

**Donations received were from the Ladies Croquet Club \$50 and the Ladies Bowling Club \$500**

Newly Elected Members - Tom Darragh, George McCracken, Tom Morse, Murray Reynolds, George Simmons, Jim Turnock, Alf Bamford, J Bator, R Carlyon, W Gregg, Ernie Lewino, Bob Potts, Rex Lowther and Mesdames E Lewino, E J Morrell, R Potts, T Bamford, S Carlyon, M Moon.

### Committee Meeting December 15 1969

C green has been sanded and leveled and the greenkeeper is happy with its progress. The Boobealla trees will have to be lopped as they are interfering with the P M G lines.

All drinks prices are to be increased so that they are 1 cent below hotel prices -

7 ounce middy - 14 cents

a half rum - 12 cents

5 ounce glass - 12 cents

squash - 12 cents

a half scotch - 16 cents

bottles lime lemon - 12 cents

a full scotch - 24 cents

claytons tonic - 12 cents

a half brandy - 12 cents

jug of beer - \$1

It was resolved that the Bar-Manager be supplied with four white shirts.

Bank overdraft stands at \$16,352.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting February 16 1970

Tom Lawrence reported on the resignation of the greenkeeper Terry Ball. Arrangements were in hand for Lindsay Weatherall to assist Eric Moore.

### Committee Meeting March 16 1970

The ladies request for more shades around the greens will be discussed at a meeting with representatives of the Ladies Bowling Club.

Report from the greens committee states that Lindsay Weatherall will be away for three weeks. His pay will be \$1-40 an hour. Eric Moore to be paid \$50 per week. Bar- Managers pay will be \$75 per week from 1/1/1970. Cleaners will receive \$20 per week and casual bar staff \$1-50 an hour.

It was resolved that the Club advertises the position of a greenkeeper at a salary of \$75 per week commencing duties on June 1st 1970.

Also resolved that the "Bent" grass planted on "B" Green by Terry Ball be dug out and replaced as it is not suited to Northams harsh weather conditions.

### Committee Meeting April 20th 1970

Owing to the transfer of secretary D Sloan, Ernie Lewino was co-opted in his place for the remainder of the year.

Further to discussions with the ladies re shades, quotes were to be obtained for 90 feet of shades for the South sides of "A" and "C" Greens.

"B" Green to be dug out immediately following the Annual Carnival.

Lindsay Adams reported having attended, as President of the A V B L, the opening of the new Club House at the Beverley Bowling Club.

Only one applicant was received for the position of greenkeeper, who requested \$90 per week as salary. It was resolved to re-advertise the position.

### Committee Meeting May 18 1970

A reply to the advertisement for greenkeeper was from Alan Pinker from Kulin. It was resolved that he be offered the position at a wage of \$70 per week.

The Greens Committee reported that with the help of club members B green had been successfully dug out at a cost of \$880. The "Bent" grass was sold for \$150.

The Ladies Bowling Club has agreed to contribute \$400 towards the cost of the new shades.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 27 1970

In his report the retiring President Tom Lawrence stated that despite some large expenses such as new air conditioners, new cash register \$600 and digging out B green \$880 the Club still returned a profit of \$3,686. He stated that this was due to the efforts of Bar-Manager Bob Potts. He also reported on the loss of Greenkeeper Terry Ball to Medina Bowling Club and his replacement with Alan Pinker from Kulin. Bank overdraft stands at \$15,100.

Under the new directions of the A V B L regarding the Pennant Fixtures it was resolved that the Club be divided into two equal Factions, called Blue and Red. The Match Committee is to pick the Factions.

#### Election of Officers 1970-71

President – D Ibbotson

Vice Presidents – T H Lawrence, K Beer

Secretary – E Lewino

Treasurer – F Davies

Auditor – K Byfield

Committee – L Adams, F Gishubl, G Glass, L Herley, A Sims, R Smythe, J Sullivan

#### Championship Winners 1970-71

Club Singles – B Parker

Club Pairs – B Parker, J Sullivan

Club Triples – F Adams, T Townsend, R Collard

Club Fours – R Smythe, A Pinker, J Brew, R Collard

**Country Week Singles – B Parker**

#### Pennant Winners 1970-71

1st Division - Northam Bowling Club - Blue Faction

2nd Division - Beverley Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting December 21 1970

It was resolved that the House Committee finalise the purchase of a radio. A Pool Table was installed in the Club House on a trial basis. It was hired from Indoor Amusement Games.

A request from members that they be permitted to play mixed night bowls on Wednesday nights was refused. Jim Sullivan was co-opted on to Committee.

It was resolved that the Club Delegates to the A V B L annual meeting be instructed to request that all clubs have their greens cut on the morning of Pennant play and to be of 12 seconds or better.

Newly Elected Members - Clarrie Doust, John Brew, R Lampard, J Mackichaw, Reg Mort, J Spark, Gerry Post.

### Committee Meeting January 18 1971

It was resolved that the wages of the greenkeeper Alan Pinker be increased to \$90 per week. Also the wages of the bar-manager Bob Potts is increased by \$10 per week. The assistant greenkeeper is to be informed that he will be put on a part time basis during the winter months with a maximum of 20 hours per week, and he be informed of his rights re superannuating, long service leave etc.

Newly Elected Members - R Russell, Len Johnson, Stan Doust, Philip Fettes, Ross Green, John Morton, Harold Roberts, Mr and Mrs Kevin Davis

### Special General Meeting March 29 1971

The President, Des Ibbotson, stated that this meeting had been called in response to a petition of members in regard to the terms of employment put to the assistant greenkeeper Eric Moore. It was pointed out that putting Eric Moore on to part time could save the sum of \$320 per year.

It was pointed out by one member, of the work that could be carried out during these winter months by Eric Moore, and surely the Club was not that short of funds to have to resort to this scheme.

It was finally resolved that this meeting move that the Committee rescind the motion re proposed conditions of Eric Moore. It was carried 26 to 19. It was also resolved the Committee be asked to call a Special Committee Meeting within seven days to rescind the motion.

### Special Committee Meeting April 2 1971

President Des Ibbotson stated the reason of the meeting, namely the recommendation from the special general meeting that this committee rescind the motion made at an earlier meeting re Eric Moore. Jim Sullivan moved that the recommendation of the general meeting be endorsed. This motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

It was resolved by 11 in favour out of 12 that the decision made at the February meeting re Eric Moore be confirmed.

Mention was made that Eric Moore had since resigned from employment of the Northam Bowling Club.

### Committee Meeting May 17 1971

**Mr. Fred Chidlow, a Life Member, past Club Champion and long serving member of the Northam Bowling Club passed away last week. He has been the only member up to this date to win the Singles, Pairs and Fours Championships in the same Bowling Season.**

**Barry Parker was congratulated on his success in winning the Country Week Singles Championship.**

Lindsay Adams was also congratulated on the efficient manner in which he conducted the Annual Carnival in his capacity as Club Captain.

It was resolved that the House Committee be empowered to purchase a Television Set to the value of \$150. Also, that inquiry is made by the Clubs solicitors, regarding our rights to close the road to Ainsworths property one day a year.

### Committee Meeting July 19 1971

The Committee called for tenders to mow and maintain all banks around the greens. George Overton was the successful applicant with a bid of \$108-34 a month.

**It was resolved that long serving member Keith Beer be elected as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club at the A G M.**

Newly Elected Members - Bob Gale, Neil Maxwell, Wayne Beer, B Palmer, P Burnheim and Mr and Mrs M Dudley.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 26 1971

The President, Des Ibbotson, reported on the activities of the year. The net profit for the year was \$2,918 despite major expenditure for items - Shade Shelters \$829, a Lawn Edger \$110, a new Pool Table \$750 and the purchase of a Television Set and Antenna for \$240. Bank overdraft stands at \$14,475. Wages amounted to \$15,000. **Membership figures are men 235, and ladies 154.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Once again the Ladies carried out an excellent job of conducting the catering during the year and contributing \$500 towards improvements to the Club.

**It was unanimously resolved that Keith Beer be elected a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club in honour of his many years of service he has given to the Club**

### Election Of Officers 1971-72

President - J Donovan

Vice Presidents - W Grafton, J Clancy

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - G Shaw

Committee - R P Williams, G L Herley, G McGee, C Doust, S Weber, G Shaw, C Smith, A P Jones, J Turnock, D Lord

### Championship Winners 1971-72

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - K Beer, W Beer

Club Triples - R Healy, G Glass, B Neeling

Club Fours - L Smith, R Williams, H Brown, C Pearson

### Avon Valley Pennant Winners 1971-72

First Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

Second Division - Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting August 16 1971

The matter of shades on B green was discussed. It was pointed out that a considerable amount of fill was required at the back of the green. George Overton offered the use of his utility to cart the sand at a nominal charge. The total cost came to \$150.

It was resolved to accept the quote of B Pinker of \$530 to seal the areas on the sides of the clubhouse.

The Secretary was granted an honorarium of \$800 for the 1971-72 season. The Bar-Manager was granted \$100 for holding the Club's Liquor License.

A recommendation from the A G M that a squash court be built on Bowling Club land is deferred for the time. Abe Broomhalls offer to act as Club Coach was accepted.

Newly Elected Members - Malcolm Douglas, Frank Mountney, K Welsh.

### Committee Meeting September 20 1971

The Greens Committee reported that "C" Green is giving trouble. Soil samples have been sent away for analysis.

Seats with attached shades are to be procured. A quote from Fred Meredith for four seats with shades attached at a cost of \$160 each was accepted. Investigations were being made into the purchase of a fertiliser spreader.

It was resolved that shorts with long hose be allowed for scrounger and practice play. Also that George Binks either resign or be expelled for his misbehavior in the Club House.

The offer of Frank Gishubl to complete the printing of the names on the Honour Board in gold print at \$1-50 a name is accepted.

Committee rejected a proposed member. The President was asked to remind members to think carefully before proposing a person for membership.

It was resolved that this Club give the opportunity to members and other interested parties the chance of quoting for all insurance of Club property.

Newly Elected Members - Tom Birch, Phil Polain, John Duboulay, John Knipe, K Green, C Abbott, Ross Turnock, Arthur Williams, Mr and Mrs R Scott, Mr and Mrs B Negus and Mesdames P Primas, R Pedlar, E Morton, D M Hughes.

### Committee Meeting November 1 1971

A quote of \$1950 from the Town Council to seal the parking area at the Clubs entrance is accepted.

A letter received from the secretary of the A V B L stating that the new starting time for Pennants is now 2pm.

Newly Elected Members - Wilber Sherrington, Bill Hackett, V B Smith, Mr and Mrs Bob Davey, Mr and Mrs D Murphy and Mesdames P Herridge, S Morris.

### Special Committee Meeting November 5 1971

The President, Jack Donovan, stated the reason of the meeting was to receive and decide on the quotes for insurance's on the Clubs property, which was received from interested insurance firms. Quotes were read from Legal and General, Mutual Life and Commercial Union. It was resolved that the lowest quote, from Legal and General, of \$371 be accepted. Barry Parker, the insurance representative of Legal and General, was thanked for allowing the Club the benefit of his commission over the years.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting February 7 1972

Quotes were obtained to repair a brick wall damaged by the impact of a vehicle. A claim on the clubs insurers was turned down. The quote of \$150 from Ron Pitts was accepted.

The female bar staff was supplied with uniforms costing \$50. They are to be supplied with name badges also. Bob Potts was supplied with four white shirts.

It was resolved that five tables and twenty chairs be purchased at a cost of \$455. Also the House Committee is empowered to spend \$525 on reverse cycle air-conditioners.

Sam Olivers quote of \$1,750 to alter the Bar and Store Room was accepted. Bill Buckless replaced the broken slabs at the rear of the Club House. He was given a carton of beer in appreciation.

The Greens Committee Chairman reported that the Greenkeeper required an assistant, as he did not have sufficient time to double cut the greens as required. It was resolved to find an assistant.

### Committee Meeting March 28 1972

The Greens Committee were authorised to purchase from Alroh Sales Co. an Aerator Roller at a cost of \$618.

The Ladies were thanked for their donation of \$200 towards the cost of the shades. They were also informed that in appreciation of their help, the Committee extended an invitation to High Tea, at 6-30 on Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Under direction resolved by Committee intending members T Triglone and T Kierans were elected subject to the length of their hair being no longer than the top of the collar of their shirts.

Eric Moore was helping out the Greenkeeper by looking after the Croquet Greens. A junior in J Nettleton was engaged as an assistant greenkeeper.

A quote from Ron Posselt for filling in the area at the back of "B" Green is accepted. A "Busy Bee" is arranged for the Sunday following the Carnival to remove the shades from around the greens, to prevent the growth of mould and fungus during the winter months on the areas they cast shade.

Jim Clancy reported that the power points were in order at the rear of the Croquet Greens where the caravans parked during the Annual Carnival. Bank overdraft stands at \$11,892.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 31 1972

President Jack Donovan reported on a successful year. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$7,367. The National Bank overdraft stands at \$12,822.

The Greenkeeper Alan Pinker had a difficult year with the greens until Christmas owing to inclement weather. Excellent greens were achieved in the second half of the season. George Overton presented the banks and surrounds in excellent condition over the past year. Unfortunately he will not be renewing his contract.

Glen Shaw, Captain, and his Match Committee ran a successful season. The Bar-Manager Bob Potts again ran the Bar successfully boosting his percentage on cost higher again this year, up from 69.4% to 76.2%.

Major expenses on plant, fittings and alterations amounted to \$7,917.

The Constitution was altered allowing for ten members on committee elected for two years, with five being elected each year. It was resolved that at next years election the five with the highest number of votes be elected for two years, the remainder for one year.

#### Election Of Officers 72-73

President - J Donovan

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, G Shaw

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - D Ibbotson

Committee - D Lord, G L Herley, B Holtfreter, C Smith, K Watson, W Templeman, J Turnock, G McGee, J Morton, R Towie

#### Championship Winners 1972-73

Club Singles - L A Adams

Club Pairs - L A Adams, T H Lawrence

Club Triples - T H Lawrence, A Pinker, G L Herley

Club Fours - I Nitschke, D Ibbotson, J Perrie, L Moon

#### Avon Valley Pennant Winners 1972-73

First Division - Goomalling Bowling Club

Second Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting September 4 1972

It was resolved that the Greens Committee be empowered to purchase an old utility at a cost of \$100, a fiberglass water tank for the mixing of chemicals at \$90. The purchase of a fertiliser spreader is in hand. It was suggested that the shades on the south side of "A" Green be shifted to "B" Green, and new shades using the light poles as supports be installed on "A" Green.

It was suggested by Glen Shaw that the new Pennant Team promoted to 1st Division from 2nd Division, be that Team and those players, which won 2nd Division.

**It was resolved that a member of this Club who plays Pennants for another Club, is ineligible to play in any Club Championship Events of the Northam Bowling Club**

### Committee Meeting November 6 1972

**Letters were received from Barry Parker, Wally Grafton and Colin Brabazon, re the new by-law introduced by Committee on Club Championship Events, by members playing Pennants for another Club. Also they presented a petition from the required number of members, to call a special meeting to discuss it. It was resolved that the meeting be held on November 20th.**

Work has commenced on the installation of water-cooled air-conditioners on the roof costing \$3,569. Lockers are to be installed for the storing of bowls cases costing \$240. A fee of \$1 per year to be charged for their hire.

A Notice Board costing \$121 has been purchased. One of the suppliers of liquor spirits would be helping towards the cost.

Newly Elected Members - Justin Bowen, Vern Hughes, R Ayres, D Hoesch, Kevin Freind, Peter Leeson, Ron Joyce.

### Special General Meeting November 20 1972

**President Jack Donovan stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss the new by-law "Entries in Club Championship Events restricted to Ordinary Members eligible to play Pennants for this Club". There was considerable discussion on the subject. Jack Donovan accepted a motion from Colin Cadd that the by-law only applies to Singles Championships. The Motion was put and lost. Meeting closed at 9-15pm.**

### Committee Meeting February 5 1973

It was resolved that a new mower be purchased to mow the banks, the cost \$300. Also the quote from Holtfreeters to erect new shades is accepted. Quotes on new chairs received. It was resolved that the Club purchases the chairs through Jim Clancy for \$288 plus 2% sales tax. After discovering interest in the new lockers so great extra lockers were purchased for \$484.

Secretary Ernie Lewino resigns. Des Ibbotson to take on the position temporarily.

Two letters of resignation were received, one from Barry Parker which was accepted. The other from the greenkeeper Alan Pinker, which was withdrawn subject to recommendations that the greenkeeper be advised 36 hours prior to a green being required when the Event is not listed in the Fixture Book.

The cost of fencing the greens was to be obtained by the Greens Committee. The Bank overdraft now stands at \$11,312.

### Committee Meeting April 2 1973

The Greenkeepers wages are to be increased to \$100 per week. The new cleaner is to be paid \$24 a week.

Some members have raised criticism that the Match Committee "rigs" the draws. This is to be squashed by Committee, when encountered. Jugs of beer are to be reduced to \$1.

The Secretary to write for quotes on the Clubs Insurance to Wesfarmers, Commercial Union, Holtfreeters and Les Norrish. Ian Nitschke is appointed as Secretary.

Newly Elected Members - Bill Rosewarne, Alan Moore, Bill Podmore.

### Committee Meeting May 14 1973

The Greens Committee reported that both junior trainee greenkeepers, P Batory and J Nettleton, had resigned. It was resolved that they each be paid a bonus of \$30 for their work over the Carnival period.

The Meckering Bowling Club wrote asking for assistance with their green from Alan Pinker. The Committee resolved that this matter be left to Alan Pinker.

Tom Lawrence is to contact Bob Lawry re water leaking into the Club House from the air-conditioners. Lea Smith is to be contacted re future electrical work. Estimates were obtained for enlarging the access from the bar area to the Hall. A quote was received from Spadaccini Bros. to do the job for \$1,300

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 30 1973

The President, Jack Donovan, reported on the activities of the previous year. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$1,017, down on the previous year. Overdraft at the National Bank is up, to \$15,622. This was brought about by an increase in wages, which must be expected, and new amenities for members in air-conditioning \$3,480, chairs \$296, lockers \$450 and plant \$770.

Notices Of Motion were put and carried - firstly increasing subscriptions to Ordinary Members \$20, Provisional Members \$10, Associate Members \$12.50 and Entrance or Nomination Fee \$5. Also those on a Pension and had been a member for five years, would be entitled to pay one half of these fees.

Honorariums were paid to the Bar-Manager \$100 for holding the Liquor Licence and the Secretary \$800.

### Election Of Officers -1973-74

President - K Beer

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, L Smith

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - D Ibbotson

Committee - the following five members, being the first elected, will hold office for two years - B Holtfreter, G Overton, C Smith, L Moon, D Lord.

Five will hold office for one year - G Shaw, J Clancy, A Jones, F Ashbolt, J Morton.

### Championship Winners 1973-74

Club Singles - B Holtfreter

Club Pairs - J Morton, K Watson

Club Triples - E Lewino, F Gishubl, L Stott

Club Fours - J Perrie, M Douglas, R Gale, R Collard

### Avon Valley Bowling League - Pennant Winners 1973-74

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting August 27 1973

Tom Lawrence reports that with great help from members the new fence in front of the property was completed.

It was resolved that to encourage members to attend the Club on a Friday night, there be a six bottle draw for members present in the Bar. If not won to jack pot each week. A letter is to be sent to the Ladies Bowling Club thanking them for their donation of \$350.

It was resolved that quotes be obtained for painting the ceiling and woodwork in the Bar, also to find out the cost of purchasing a Freezer.

Newly Elected Members - Laurie Spark, V J (Podge) Johnson and Mrs. M Fettes.

### Committee Meeting October 29 1973

An offer from the Scroungers Club to erect an enclosed gas fired barbecue area in front of the Club House as a project is accepted.

It was resolved to accept the Commercial Union as the Clubs Insurers. Due to work commitments the Treasurer Des Ibbotson resigns. Tom Lawrence reports on the poor water supply being obtained, suggesting the pipes may need renewing.

Pennant players to pay 60 cents each when travelling in others cars to play in Pennant Fixtures.

Ross Turnock paints the ceiling and woodwork in the Bar for \$330. Alex Jones donates an incinerator to the Club.

Newly Elected Members - Les Harvey, Jim Cocking, Bill Page, K Smith, Bill Nicol, R Harrison, Neil Hamilton, B Walter, Dave Kaufman and Mesdames A Jones, C Smith.

### Committee Meeting March 25 1974

Glen Shaw resigns from committee. It was resolved that the wages of the greenkeeper, Alan Pinker, be raised by \$10 a week. The assistant greenkeeper is resigning as his family is moving to Perth.

The Committee resolved on a number of projects - a new Pool Table be purchased for \$800, 40 new lockers be purchased at \$10 each, the wall between the Bar and the Hall be removed, a sliding wall be installed, the Bar Floor be carpeted and the Kitchen enlarged. Bank overdraft is \$10,373.

Newly Elected Members - O Papini, T Siljig, D George, Merv Gibson.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting July 27 1974

It was resolved that the quote of \$1,880 from G Spadaccini to take out the wall between the bar and the hall be accepted. It is to be recommended at the A G M that Lyal Herley be appointed as a Trustee of the Northam Bowling Club. Colin Smith resigns from Committee.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 29 1974

In the Presidents report the Keith Beer stated that Northam had won first and second division Pennants.

**During the year the Club had lost a Life Member in W J Beer, one of the Clubs Trustees in A Gale and two members in R Fox and L Stott.**

The Club made a profit of \$6,000 and the overdraft at the National Bank stands is now \$11,226. To keep up with inflation, which raised the wages bill by \$1,000 last year, a Notice Of Motion was carried raising the subscriptions again. Ordinary Members \$25, Provisional Members \$12.50 and Associate Members \$15. To the Notice Of Motion passed last year regarding half fees for members on a pension, an addition was made stating "providing hardship can be proven".

Lyal Herley was elected as a Trustee of the Northam Bowling Club. Honorariums of \$125 to the Bar-Manager Bob Potts, for holding the Clubs Liquor Licence and \$100 to the Secretary Ernie Lewino.

### Election Of Officers 1974-75

President - K Beer

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, R Richards

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - L Harvey

Committee - G Overton, D Lord, B Holtfreter, L Moon, L Adams, R Greengrass, C Doust, P Polain, J Morton, T Kierans

### Championship Winners 1974-75

Club Singles - L A Adams

Club Pairs - K Beer, P Polain

Club Triples - D Beer, J Neeling W Mezger

Club Fours - L Adams, T Lawrence, D Lord, A Pinker

**Country Week Pairs - W Grafton, B Harris**

### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1974-75

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Beverley Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting September 30 1974

Report from the Greens Committee stating that "B" Green was creating a problem. The new assistant greenkeeper commenced duty at \$35 a week.

A busy bee has been arranged to erect the new fence behind the greens. This has been another Scroungers Club project.

It was resolved that green fees for the coming season be 50 cents for afternoon or single night event. For a two night or all day event \$1, and all championship events \$2. Scroungers to pay 50 cents.

The House Committee reported on the purchase of an infra-pulse cooker toaster. Sandwiches are proving popular and profitable, pies not so. The cost of sandwiches 30 cents, pies 25cents.

The Committee resolved that the Northam Bowling Darts Club be informed that this Committee is not prepared to change its ruling regarding the presence of George Binks in the club house

**Also resolved that a new Club Badge be adopted and inquiries commenced with the makers of badges. The design to be with a single white swan, rampant, with N B C underneath.**

A donation of \$100 was received from the Ladies Croquet Club. Roma Potts is granted \$38 a week for the cleaning of the Club House each day.

### Committee Meeting January 20 1975

Acting on recommendations from the Greens and the House Committees the wages of both the Greenkeeper, Alan Pinker, and the Bar-Manager, Bob Potts, are increased to \$130 a week. The old Pool Table is sold for \$300.

### Committee Meeting April 21 1975

Lindsay Adams reported on the success of members of the N B C at the recent Country Week Carnival in sharing the Bignell Shield with Waroona Bowling Club. (the Bignell Shield is awarded to the Club scoring most points during Country Week. There was no mention of the players concerned in the minutes – LCM)

As a delegate representing the League on the Executive of the R W A B A, Lindsay Adams also informed Committee that the Country Bowling Leagues were to be divided into four Zones with the N B C being in the Northern Zone. League boundaries are likely to remain unchanged. Gingin Bowling Club is to join the Avon Valley Bowling League. Bank overdraft is \$10,683.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting May 26 1975

Laurie Moon and Les Harvey tender their resignation from Committee. Accepted with regret. Eight caravans were parked behind the Croquet Green during the Annual Carnival. They donated \$40 to the Club.

A water diviner has suggested that water could be found on the Club grounds. Uniforms were supplied to the bar staff costing \$145.

**It was resolved that Tom Lawrence be elected a Life Member of the N B C at the A G M.**

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 28 1975

President Keith Beer reported on a worrying year, but successful. Inflation had increased in every department over the past year. Membership was down to 191 ordinary members from 235 in 1971. A profit of \$2,610 was achieved despite this and the Bank overdraft is now \$11,027.

Honorariums of \$125 to the Bar-Manager and \$1,200 to the Secretary were paid.

**Tom Lawrence was unanimously elected a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club for his long and tireless service to the Club over many years.**

#### Election Of Officers 1975-76

President - K Beer

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, A Jones

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - J Morton

Committee - C Smith, B Holtfreter, W Grafton, R Richards, G Shaw, L Morgan, M Douglas

#### Championship Winners 1975-76

Club Singles - B Harris

Club Pairs - K Beer, P Polain

Club Triples - L Adams, K Sermon, S Raven

Club Fours - W Grafton, G Shaw, J Morton, F Ashbolt.

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1975-76

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Dowerin Bowling Club.

### Committee Meeting September 9 1975

Wally Grafton tenders his resignation from the Committee. Discussion took place re new carpeting of the bar area and new furniture. The six-bottle beer raffle on Friday nights was cancelled.

Newly Elected Members - Ted Sermon, Brian Lally, G Rose, Herb Bayley, David Brown, Brendon Guthrie and Mrs P Luscombe.

### Committee Meeting September 26 1975

The President stated that the Greenkeeper, Alan Pinker requested an increase in his wages. It was resolved that his wages be increased to \$150 a week with increases based on indexation

### Committee Meeting December 8 1975

It was resolved that the new assistant greenkeeper be paid \$50 per week. Also that six round tables and thirty chairs be purchased costing \$1,389, as well the House Committee investigate the cost of carpeting the bar area and to endeavour to sell the Infra-Pulse Sandwich Maker.

Mrs. Margaret Hughes commences duty on the bar staff.

### Committee Meeting April 12 1976

Water boring is to commence on the property shortly.

The Greenkeeper, Alan Pinker, tendered his resignation. It was resolved he be paid one weeks wages bonus. Likely candidates re replacement for the position are to be approached. The assistant greenkeepers wages are to be increased to \$60 a week.

Newly Elected Members - Eric Brown, K Butler, H Diver.

### Committee Meeting June 14 1976

The Greens Committee reported that they were very pleased with the work of the assistant greenkeeper.

Two bores had been sunk and good water found, although not of great quantity. The one near the shed had been drilled to 150 feet but was not straight so another was drilled thirty feet away to 110 feet. It was decided to case both to 100 feet. Cost so far \$1,026.

The House Committee recommended that the bar-Managers wages be increased to \$155 a week. Also 5 ounce glasses of beer be 23 cents and 7ounce 29 cents. Bank overdraft now \$8,448

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C August 2 1976

The President, Keith Beer, gave his report to 28 members. The first division Pennant was won by Northam for the third time in a row. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$3,307 with inflation still a large factor that requires a rise in subscriptions. Bank overdraft stands at \$9,836.

Lindsay Adams, our delegate to the R W A B A is achieving wonders for country bowlers as far as being recognised at long last. The revised Constitution of the Association with the formation of four Country Zones, each of which has the right to nominate a country representative on the Executive. These four delegates together with the four Zone presidents form the Country Committee

Notice Of Motion raising the subscriptions was carried. Members \$30, Associates \$17.50. Recommendations to the incoming Committee - 1. That only one croquet green is maintained owing to the falling off of playing members of the Croquet Club. 2. Parking area is made on part of the Medical Department Land at the rear of the Club House. 3 Matt Sarich suggests the club hold more socials with dancing.

### Election Of Officers 1976 - 77

President - K Beer

Vice President - T Lawrence

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - J Morton

Committee - B Holtfreter, C Smith, G R Richards, L Morgan, P Lynch, M Reynolds, M Douglas, G Lyall, R Gale, E Larsen.

### Championship Winners 1976-77

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - B Holtfreter, C Smith

Club Triples - J Perrie, M Reynolds, R Davey

Club Fours - B Parker, B Clancy, B Harris, R Richards.

**Country Week Pairs Runners-Up - B Holtfreter, C Smith**

### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1976-77

First Division - Meckering Bowling Club

Second Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Third Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting September 13 1976

Chairman of the Greens Committee, Brian Holtfreter, reports having found a satisfactory greenkeeper. Honorariums for the year fixed at Bar-Manager \$125, Secretary \$1,200.

Committee in favour of having a properly constructed barbecue area. Also that the quote from Vox-Adeon to carpet the bar area be accepted.

**The Club Captain, Ray Richards, suggests that all bowling club events be sponsored. (a first for the N B C and the start of sponsorship in the club - LCM).** Bank overdraft stands at \$4,355.

Newly Elected Members - Barry Parker (back at Northam after playing at the Melville Bowling Club for a number of years - LCM), Vince Robinson, Horrie Wilkins, Laurie Trewren.

### Committee Meeting October 6 1976

Greens Committee reported that seven shades were required costing \$40 each. Assistant greenkeepers wages should be increased to \$70 a week and the greenkeepers to \$140. All these recommendations agreed to by Committee.

The Greens Committee also reported on the results of the testing of the flow of water from the new bores, and suggested equipping them with windmills and a 20,000 gallon concrete tank. It was resolved that the Club proceeds with this project, the estimated cost being \$3,500.

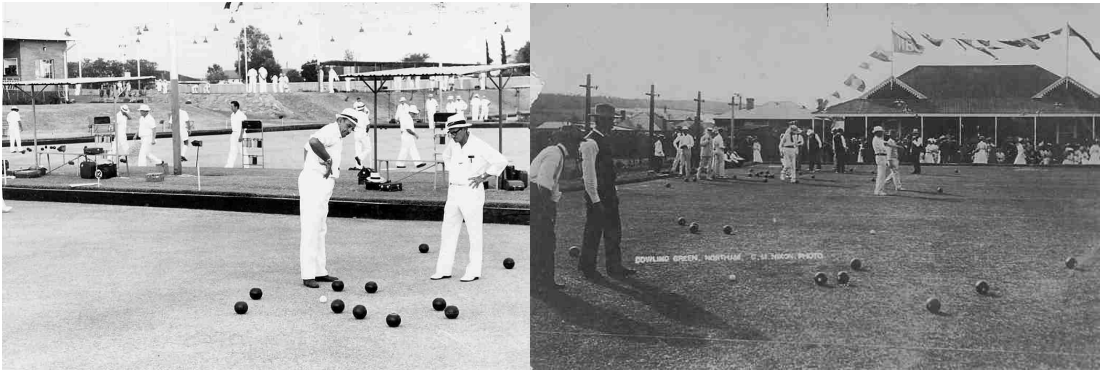
Max Smith kindly donated a six-foot windmill to the Club to equip one of the bores. It was resolved that Mr and Mrs Max Smith be granted honorary membership of the N B C.

The House Committee reported that the roof was still leaking from around the air-conditioners and the new chairs from Supa-Firm were giving trouble.

A donation of \$150 was received from the Ladies Croquet Club.

Newly Elected Members - Jim Biddle, Alf Panting, Ian Shackles and Mrs VanBeugingen

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005



Photo, above left, Keith Beer competing in a League Pairs Competition in 1980. There were 80 teams competing that year at the Northam Club.

The photo, above right is of bowls in progress in front of the clubhouse at the old club's location in Duke Street. Starting with a right of way to Wellington Street in 1905, the Club expanded. It purchased houses around its perimitor until it had frontages to both streets.



Photo above left, of a mixed bowls competition at the Northam Club in the 1980s. Above right is of the "Memorial Rose Garden" at the Club when it was situated in Duke Street. The rose garden was named the "Rosary" and was built in 1941 to commemorate deceased Bowling Club Members.



BACK ROW: MESDAMES, C. ORR, D. THACKRAH, J. DELMAGE, E. STEWART, G. MORGAN, M. PERRIN, D. WHYTE, G. STRASMOORE.  
 CENTRE ROW: E. MCFARLANE, R. LINDQUIST, J. WATKINS, E. DONOHUE, R. NEIL (LIFE MEMBER) E. MOORE, B. WILLSHIRE, E. MCDOWELL,  
 F. PAGE, E. COCK. (FOUNDATION LIFE MEMBER) M. PHILLIPS, A. DEWSNAP, D. SMITH, E. MCKAY, E. KILLICK, J. MUIR.  
 FRONT ROW: P. HERRIDGE, S. MORRIS, E. HILL, I. SANDS, I. BROWN (TREASURER), I. SMITH (PRESIDENT) F. HASLAM, M. SMITH,  
 E. LYALL, J. BRABAZON, M. WARD, E. THOMPSON.  
 ABSENT: MESDAMES. V. CLARKE (SECRETARY) E. SCARTERFIELD (LIFE MEMBER) MBROOKS (LIFE MEMBER) S. JONES, J. GODDARD,  
 M. CHAPMAN. MISSES. V. CODY, D. PURLING.

Photo of the Northam Croquet Club Members, taken in 1962, at the old location of the Northam Bowling Club in Duke Street, before shifting to Robinson Street.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The croquet lawn was installed about the same time as the bowling green, in 1905, but was not ready for play until January 23 1907. Tenders had been called for lights to be installed. The couch sods were obtained from a local farmer's paddock to plant the bowls and croquet greens. A croquet lawn was also installed at the new location in Robinson Street, when the four bowling greens were put in.

**An outstanding player for the Northam Croquet Club was Mrs. Jess Muir, pictured in the center row, far right. Besides winning 20 Championships at the Northam Club, in 1963, Jess won a British Silver Medal. This Event was held in Adelaide, and it is the most prestigious medal and honour, won by any member of the Northam Croquet and Bowling Clubs. Jess also represented the State of Western Australia with distinction.**

Pictured, seventh from the left, center row, is Mrs. E Cock, who was Foundation President in 1905 when the Croquet Club was formed. From some of those ladies of the club, a catering committee was formed, that catered for all Open Events and visitors. The men planned a dinner each year for this committee at a venue around Town.

The Croquet Club had there own room at the Bowling Club in Robinson Street, and always helped out with catering on major bowling events. Unfortunatley, during the 1970s membership numbers fell away to such an extent that in 1981 the club was forced to close, ending 86 years of croquet in Northam. Croquet continues to be played in nearby York. A tennis Court was laid out and opened for play in September 1929.



“C” Green is named “Keith Beer Memorial Green”

### Committee Meeting February 14 1977

Frank Mountney, the Principal of Badgers Motors in Northam offered to sponsor a Bowls Event for \$20. The Greens Committee Chairman, Brian Holtfreter, reported having sacked the Greenkeeper. He recommends the wages of the assistant greenkeeper, Philip Lord be increased to \$80 a week, also the lawn edger is worn out and a new one is required. It was resolved that the greens committee actions be endorsed. The House Committee is to investigate the cost of an ice-making machine.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting April 18 1977

The Greens Committee recommends running electricity to the area behind where caravans park during the Annual Carnivals (unfortunately the records of most Carnivals were thrown out by a new Match Committeeman in the 1990s.Ed). They have also employed a groundsman, John Roberts, at \$140 a week. The House Committees recommendation to purchase an amplifier system for \$220. A colour television set costing \$775 is endorsed. Bob Potts wages are increased to \$175 a week.

Newly Elected Members - P Morton, J Lucy, T Burke, John Parker, George Hawser, T Gogan, Frank Collins, L Smithall, Les Harvey (Country).

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C August 1 1977

The President, Keith Beer, in his report stated the improvements over the past year were the bore water supply being connected to the watering system, the new carpet in the bar area, colour television and amplifier system. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$7,198 and a Bank overdraft of \$11,235. Thanks were extended to Tom Lawrence on his help with the greens when the club was without a greenkeeper.

The Ladies were warmly thanked for their catering and donation to the club of \$350.

The Scroungers Club did a magnificent task of constructing a covered, brick, gas fired barbecue area in the front of the clubhouse, out of their funds.

With the resignation, through transfer, of Treasurer John Morton, Ernie Lewino added that position to that of Secretary till the end of the term.

**A letter from the Ladies Bowling Club recommending that Mrs. Dot Clancy be elected a Life Member of that Club was endorsed.**

Keith Beer suggested that this Club look at introducing Social Members as a form of Membership of the Club.

Honorariums for the year were fixed at bar-manager for holding the liquor license of the Club \$125 and the secretary \$2000.

#### Election Of Officers 1977-78

President - K Beer

Vice Presidents - C Smith, F Ashbolt

Secretary - E Lewino

Treasurer - E Larsen

Committee - M Douglas, R Gale, G Lyall, P Lynch, H Brown, R Kitney, B Neeling, J Polain, F Reynolds, J Thomson.

#### Championship Winners 1977-78

Club Singles - W Grafton

Club Pairs - B Parker, B Neeling

Club Triples - G Shaw, W Grafton, A Moore

Club Fours - W Grafton, W Hauth, B Lally, D Lord

Country Week Fours Runners-Up - W Grafton, G Shaw, B Holtfreter, B Harris

#### Avon Valley Pennant Winners 1977-78

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Northam Bowling Club

Third Division - Northam Bowling Club

### Special General Meeting September 19 1977

President Keith Beer explained the reason of the meeting was to put to members a Notice Of Motion allowing for Social Members to be admitted to the Club. These members would enjoy the social activities of the Club but not be permitted to play bowls. This Motion plus setting the fee for these members at \$10 was passed with over the two-thirds majority required. Bank overdraft \$8,577

Newly Elected Members - Merv Hughes, Fred McCloy, John Roche, Alan Broomhall, D Keillor, G Cooper, E Nettleton, R J Purslowe, Mr. & Mrs. Hatt, Social Members - Neville Haines, Bill Rogers, Alan Hicks

### Committee Meeting January 9 1978

Colin Smith of the Greens Committee who had complained at a previous meeting of the hardship experienced in getting messages through to the greenkeeper John Roberts, reported to Committee of having sacked him. He suggested that the assistant, Philip Lord, be now in charge on a wage of \$130 a week. His actions were endorsed.

Newly Elected Members - Ron Diver, Philip Lord, D Sutcliffe, Mrs. D Lawson.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting February 13 1978

Recommendations from the Greens and House Committees that the Greenkeepers and Bar-Managers wages be increased to \$150 and \$185 per week respectively were endorsed.

It was resolved that the quote of Ben Neeling to paint the Bar and Hall ceilings for \$740 be accepted.

The House and Social Committee reported on the poor response of members to attend the Socials run recently.

Newly Elected Members - Ron Gibbons, Social - Herman Neeling, W Slater

### Committee Meeting April 10 1978

Cyclone "Alby" hit Western Australia and Northam experienced one of the worst dust storms and strongest winds in years. The Bowling Club was filled with fine dust and members' windscreens were pitted. Roma Potts was paid \$15 to help compensate for the extra cleaning work required.

The battery and radiator were stolen from the clubs utility that was parked in the back shed.

### Committee Meeting June 12 1978

The Ladies Croquet Club made a donation of \$200 to the Club.

It was resolved that the Boobiallas on the Southern boundary be removed.

**The Committee recommends to the A G M that Reg Williams be elected as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club.**

### Annual General Meeting July 31 1978

**The President, Keith Beer, in his report stated that the Northam Bowling Club had won the Pennants in each Division this season. A Northam Team was Runners-Up in the Fours at Country Week.**

Membership is down to 270 Ordinary and Associate Members, 20 Croquet and 26 Social Members.

The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$4,710 and an overdraft of \$6,709. As a result of inflation wages had increased from \$24,300 to \$30,300 over the year.

The President also spoke of alterations in the A V B L and the Pennant Format with the Wundowie Bowling Club entering the Competition this Season.

**Members unanimously vote that Life Membership be bestowed on Reg Williams, a long time member, and dedicated worker for the Northam Bowling Club over many years**

#### Election Of Officers 1978-79

President - C E Smith

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, L Moon

Secretary - J Perrie

Treasurer - E Larsen

Committee - B Neeling, A Jones, R Mort, R Gale, K Purslowe, M Sarich, H Brown, F Reynolds, J Thomson

#### Championship Winners 1978-79

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - A Jones, B Lally

Club Triples - G Overton, J Neeling, R Davies

Club Fours - B Potts, R Healy, V Johnson, V Hughes

**State Singles Runner-Up - B Parker**

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1978-79

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - York Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting October 10 1978

It was resolved that the material for the Southern boundary fence worth \$1,150 be purchased and that the fence be erected by voluntary labour at "busy bees". Also that the club advertise for a greenkeeper at a suitable wage.

Newly Elected Members - John Mitchell, Max Smith, Henry O'Sullivan, Brian Broomhall, D Parker, Stewart Knight, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Nunn, Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Walsh.

### Special Committee Meeting October 27 1978

President Colin Smith explained the reason for the meeting was that the house behind the Club's property was for sale, and as the Club thought it would be desirable to have a house to offer a greenkeeper now was the chance to buy. The asking price was \$25,000.

It was resolved that an option to buy, be taken on the property.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

At the next committee meeting in November it was resolved that the intention to purchase the property be dropped.

### Committee Meeting December 11th 1978

An assistant greenkeeper M Eeles was engaged at \$125 a week. Minutes read that a new greenkeeper was to commence duty at \$200 a week.

It was resolved that Leo Morgan be co-opted on to committee with the intention of his running the Match Committee at the next May Carnival.

### Committee Meeting March 12 1979

The House Committee was empowered to purchase a new glass washer.

It was resolved that the Committee accepts the offer of the Scroungers Club re the Southern boundary fence. (there was no mention made of what offer but it is believed the Scroungers offered \$1,000 towards the cost of the fence - LCM)

The Committee are to inspect the roof and guttering, which has rusted out due to there being no overflow pipes installed on the air-conditioners, and to obtain quotes for the renewing of the damaged areas.

### Committee Meeting April 9 1979

It was resolved that the appointment of P Guelfi as greenkeeper be confirmed. Also that Tom Lawrence and Leo Morgan meet with the Golf Club re the assistant greenkeeper work a certain amount of hours a week during the winter months at the Golf Club. Also that Leo Morgan investigates taking out Pluvius Insurance for the first few days of the Carnival.

Newly Elected Members - Ray Christmass, Jim Smith, H Ashbolt

### Annual General Meeting July 30 1979

The President, Colin Smith, presented his report to 30 members stating that a profit of \$2,327 had been achieved despite dwindling membership. This stands at Ordinary Members 159, Associates 93 Croquet 19 and the newly created category Social 29. Colin Smith said this situation was surprising in a Town the size of Northam when in 1971 there was a total of 335 Members. Bank overdraft stands at \$6,773.

**The Clubs delegate to the R.W.A.B.A, Lindsay Adams reported that an achievement for country bowlers this year was the appointment of a Country Executive Representative, Norm Stanley, being elected as Vice President of the R W A B A.**

Three Notices Of Motion were passed at this meeting, the first ending the financial year of the Club on the 15th of June instead of the 30th. The second, raising subscriptions to Ordinary Members to \$35, Associates to \$22.50 and Social to \$15. Thirdly giving the Committee the discretionary power to raise subscriptions by \$3 a year without having to serve notice of motion at an A G M.

It was recommended by Peter Lynch to the incoming committee that this Club look at seeking sponsorship of all Major Events, such as Carnival and Mid-Week. Carried.

**It was recommended by Leo Morgan that the "Red Book" containing historical records involving the Club since 1905 be taken to the Battye Library and have the contents put on to Micro- Film for safe keeping.**

#### Election Of Officers -1979-80

President - L C Morgan

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, L Moon

Secretary - J Perrie

Treasurer - J Perrie

Committee - A Jones, R Mort, S Knight, H Brown, B Melbin, C Walsh, D Brown, G Shaw, L Hodges, J Thomson

#### Championship Winners 1979-80

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - G Shaw, F Ashbolt

Club Triples - B Holtfreter, C Smith, T Lawrence

Club Fours - G Shaw, B Harris, F Ashbolt, A Moore

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1979-80

First Division - Meckering Bowling Club

Second Division - Bolgart Bowling Club

Third Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting November 12 1979

It was resolved that the Bar-Managers wages be increased to \$205 a week, and the assistant-Greenkeepers be \$90 a week. Also that parking bays be reserved for the Associates President and Secretary on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It was moved by Club Captain Harvey Brown that the \$150 raised by the Club on Charity Day be donated to Ken McIvor on behalf of the Slow Learners Children's Group. Carried.

### Committee Meeting December 10 1979

It was resolved that the greenkeepers wages be increased to \$220 a week and that the bar-managers wage be kept on a par.

Captain Harvey Brown recommends that entries in all major events be \$1.

A new motor was installed in the Roller at a cost of \$280 and it was resolved that a new bank mower be purchased for \$465 and a burglar alarm system be installed behind the bar. The old utility was declared, "Had it" and another is purchased costing \$450.

### Committee Meeting May 12 1980

The Captain, Harvey Brown, presented a written report to Committee on the Annual Carnival. The value of trophies was \$1,172.61 and the entry fees amounted to \$1,640. The Carnival saw all Events sponsored, the sponsors being - the Workers Club, Avon Tanneries, L & M Hodges, J Luscombe Motors, L & M Morgan. The Workers Club has indicated that their support will be an annual one. He thanked the Club stalwart Tom Lawrence in organising the greens staff in producing excellent greens for the Carnival.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 7 1980

The President, Leo Morgan, in his report stated that this year, owing to the notice of motion at the last A G M altering the end of the financial year, the Balance Sheet covered only 11 months and therefore some large annual costs that are due in June were not included. The Profit reads at \$5,181 and Bank overdraft \$3,368.

Plant and equipment which through age had to be replaced were the cash register, utility, sand spreader, bank mower, engine for greens roller, new seating for around the greens and the installation of security screens on the Clubs windows. Total cost \$3,120.

The Associates, after all the years of help to the Club and their requests for an enlarged kitchen must be granted that request whatever the cost,

The Scroungers, Darts, Pool and Croquet Clubs have contributed greatly to the Club.

Our delegate to the R W A B A Lindsay Adams reported that Country Week, on the recommendation of country bowlers, has been changed from being conducted at Easter, to the long weekend in March. Also the Home Building Society has sponsored a Classic Fours Competition. This will be conducted on a League basis with restrictions on the top 20% of Pennant players in each Club. The winning teams of each League will play off in Perth against metropolitan Teams.

**Congratulations are extended to Barry Parker for his winning of the Jim Murray Trophy, which is awarded each year to the outstanding Country Bowler of the year.**

During the year Northam Bowling Club entertained the touring South Australian Bowlers to lunch, a game of bowls and high tea.

#### Election Of Officers 1980-81

President - L C Morgan

Vice Presidents - T Lawrence, L Moon

Secretary- Treasurer - K Watson

Committee - C Smith, B Holtfreter, L Hodges, S Knight, V Hughes, M Dudley, D Brown, H Brown, B Melbin, G Shaw.

#### Championship Winners 1980-81

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - B Parker, A Moore

Club Triples - E Larsen, M Klasztorny, C Walsh

Club Fours - M Klasztorny, P Fettes, P Polain, A J Broomhall

**Country Week Singles - B Harris**

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1980-81

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - York Bowling Club

Third Division - York Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting October 4 1980

It was resolved that the honorarium for the secretary-treasurer be \$2,000. Also that uniforms be purchased for the bar staff costing \$130.

A sub-committee was formed to investigate the possible purchase of a house for a greenkeeper

Brian Holtfreter made up stands for the new umbrellas to be used on "C" Green. He also repaired, with help from members, repaired the rusted light poles.

It was resolved that this Club support the recommendation of the R W A B A to the discontinuation of Bowls Testing in W A.

Colin Smith and Leo Morgan to measure out and cart gravel to an area on land owned by the Medical Department next door. Max Smith donates the gravel. Ken McIvor, M L A for Northam, arranged the lease, of a peppercorn a year.

The Club has obtained three more sponsors for bowls events - Page Motors, Bob Wilberforce and Beavis Bros.,

Newly Elected Members - Mr. & Mrs. Watts, Mr. & Mrs. John Duboulay, Mrs. K Lynch, Mr. & Mrs. Max Smith, Mr. & Mrs. John Main, Ron Brennan, Jim Morris, Fred Doy, Reg Rouse, Vic Budd, Ken Byfield, Ian Shackles, John Wooltorton, Mrs. J Elliot, Mrs. J Cabbage.

### Committee Meeting April 13 1981

The President Leo Morgan and Tom Lawrence to meet with that Ladies Croquet Club re their proposed closure due to lack of playing members.

It was resolved that a petrol driven edger be purchased, also the bar-managers honorarium for holding the clubs liquor license be \$125 and that he be paid \$50 a week above the award of a Head Steward under the Club Workers Award.

A letter of thanks was sent to Keith Beer for his donation of curtains for the Hall.

Rates of pay were drawn up re the sharing of the clubs assistant greenkeeper with the Golf Club over the winter months.

Newly Elected Members - Mike Keeffe, Bill O'Brien, Mr. & Mrs. John Greenaway.

### Committee Meeting May 19 1981

President Leo Morgan reported on a confrontation with a staff member of the Town Council over the parking of caravans of visiting bowlers to the Annual Carnival on an area behind the Croquet greens. It was resolved that Leo Morgan, Tom Lawrence and Colin Smith meet with the Town Council to discuss the situation.

**Following discussions by Leo Morgan and Tom Lawrence with the Croquet Club it was resolved that the closure be accepted with regret. The Croquet Club was informed that their Honour Boards would be maintained on the walls of the Hall, their records of Minutes would be put on micro-film at the Battye Library and all members invited to continue as members of the Bowling Club as bowlers or social members.**

**(The Croquet Club was as old as the Bowling Club and at a special general meeting of the N B C on May 19th 1906 mention was made of the Croquet Lawn, measuring 80 feet by 60 feet. This was at the old Club location in Duke Street. In those days only wives or daughters of Bowling Club Members were permitted to join. Over the years Northam Croquet players have played at State and Association levels. It was a pity to see it close after so many years-LCM)**

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 6 1981

In his report the President, Leo Morgan, repeated last years warning that with the alteration of last years A G M a large proportion of last June's expenses were carried over. Holiday and wages of nearly \$6,000 was one item. This resulted in the Balance Sheet showing a loss of \$1,504. The Bank overdraft stands at \$3,380.

**The President congratulated Brian Harris on winning the Country Week Singles Championship.**

The Northam Bowling Club team of Colin Smith, Leo Morgan, Peter Lynch and Lyal Herley was runner-up in the Home Building Classic, finalised in Perth.

The N B C has been allocated the holding of the Country Round Robin next February. This includes the top players of the four Country Zones playing a match against each other for the championship, plus a team of the top country bowlers playing a metropolitan side.

The President explained the reason for the delay in presenting the pass books containing money to the recent winners of Home Building Society rounds in the League was caused when an Executive Member of the R W A B A had given a wrong interpretation that those monies would affect a players amateur status.

An honorarium of \$2,340 to be paid to the secretary-treasurer, Kevin Watson.

### Election Of Officers 1981-82

President - L C Morgan

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Vice Presidents - H Brown, A Jones

Secretary-Treasurer - K Watson

Committee - K Byfield, M Dudley, J Main, R Mort, K Young, L Hodges, B Holtfreter, S Knight, C Smith, V Hughes.

### Championship Winners 1981-82

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - L Hodges, J Duboulay

Club Triples - G Giles, J Greenaway, F McCloy

Club Fours - W Grafton, C Smith, T Dann, J Duboulay

**Country Week Singles - B Harris**

**Country Week Pairs - B Holtfreter, C Smith**

**Country Week Fours - W Grafton, B Parker, B Harris, A Moore.**

**Bignell Shield - Northam Bowling Club (this award is won by the bowling club whose members gain most points during the Country Week Competitions - LCM)**

### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1981-82

First Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

Second Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Third Division - Northam Bowling Club



Northam Bowling Club players who won the P. S. Bignell Shield during the 1981-82 Country Bowls Championships. A club achieving most points during the Country Championships wins the Shield. Northam was the winner of the Shield in 1944, 1945 and 1946, entitling Northam property to the Shield. Northam Club won the Shield again in 1975.

### Committee Meeting August 10 1981

A letter was received from the President of the A V B L advising on the format of the Round Robin allocated to Northam in February. Northam Club to book accommodation for 80 players and officials.

Also, from the Greenkeepers Association re the seminar to be held at the N B C on September 23rd. Approximately 140 will be attending. Meals to be catered for by the Associates and the old croquet green to be used for the demonstrations of equipment

Green Fees were introduced to cover all players of the N B C.

Newly Elected Members - Bob Davies, Doug Farrington, P George, George Hawser, Lance Bushell, Wayne Beer and Mesdames E Smith, E Trewren, M Morgan, M Peacock, G Spaddicini.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special Committee Meeting September 28 1981

President Leo Morgan explained the reason for the meeting was the resignation of the greenkeeper P Guelfi. Advertisements to be placed in the Northam Advertiser and the West Australian. The assistant greenkeeper is to return to the club on full-time duties.

### Committee Meeting November 9 1981

The introduction of green fees was not proving popular with most members, especially the Associates. The fees of 50 cents per player per game were to help with the upkeep of the greens. The President to speak with the ladies on the subject. He also interviewed Alf Zattella, a builder by trade, who had applied for the position of greenkeeper. He was engaged on trial.

After a recommendation was received from the greens committee it was resolved to replace the Couch grass on A green with National Park, a new strain of grass proving popular on its better ability to withstand disease, and to require less water.

The President wished it be recorded in the Minutes of the donation of \$400 by the Scroungers Club to purchase the new grass, also that over the past 12 months they had raised over \$1,000 for the Club.

The President informed the meeting of the steps taken to alleviate the problem of the warping of the floorboards in the hall after heavy rainfalls. With the help of greenkeeper Alf Zattella two ventilators were raised in the wall facing the car park. This prevented the storm waters entering under the floor.

Newly Elected Members - R Cowley, Steve Dinka, Tony Grant, Bob Allert, Pat Webster, Don Simmons, Mrs. C McCloy.

### Committee Meeting March 8 1982

It was resolved to purchase a shed which was available, to be dismantled and re-erected on the old croquet green by members. The shed was required to house surplus equipment.

The extensions and renovations of the Ladies Kitchen are under way. The former Croquet Room is to be incorporated. The Ladies have \$8,000 to contribute to the cost of the renovations and equipment.

The President thanked all members who helped contribute to the successful running of the Round Robin.

It was resolved that the wages of the greenkeeper, Alf Zattella, be increased to \$230 and the assistant Nick Carters to \$130.

Newly Elected Members - R Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. David Armstrong.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 5 1982

The President, Leo Morgan, in his report stated that the financial year covered 12 months and the Balance Sheet showed a profit of \$4,441 with the overdraft at the National Bank at \$1,963. The help received from members this year has been great, whether serving on committee or not, in helping with the greens or working on the renovations of the kitchen. Greens Chairman Brian Holtfreter has saved us a lot of money in recycling sand, maintaining our mower blades and organising the renovations to the kitchen.

The Ladies Bowling Club have contributed at this time \$8,618 towards the cost of the new kitchen and the amenities for it. The Scroungers have contributed \$400 for the new grass on "A" Green.

Captain Harvey Brown has managed to find sponsors for our major competitions.

**Leo Morgan congratulated all Northam players who helped gain the points required to win the Bignell Shield at the recent Country Week Championships. He felt very proud to accept the Shield on behalf of the Northam Bowling Club. He congratulated the Championship Winners, Brian Harris in the Singles, the second year in a row, Brian Holtfreter and Colin Smith in the Pairs and Wally Grafton, Barry Parker, Brian Harris, Alan Moore in the Fours.**

A Notice Of Motion, moved by the President, to install Tennis Courts on the old croquet greens was put to the meeting and was lost

#### Election Of Officers-1982-83

President - L C Morgan

Vice Presidents - H Brown, M Dudley

Secretary- Treasurer - K Watson

Committee - K Byfield, W Beer, G Hawser, L Hodges, B Holtfreter, S Knight, J Main, K McIvor, G Overton, K Young.

#### Championship Winners 1982-83

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - N Mathews, A Jones

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Club Triples - K Beer, T Lawrence, W Beer  
Club Fours - M Klasztorny, P Fettes, B Harris, K Young  
Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1982-83  
First Division - Northam Bowling Club  
Second Division - Bolgart Bowling Club  
Third Division - Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting July 12 1982

It was resolved that the secretary-treasurer be paid \$50 per week also that the Club purchase a new Scott-Bonnar greens mower at a cost of \$2,588

Newly Elected Members - Ray Christmass, Jim McKenzie, C Anderson, Bevan Ashworth, Bob Hodge, John Woods, D Allardyce, D Sinclair.

### Committee Meeting October 11 1982

Wayne Beer offered to beautify the front garden, which is estimated to cost \$400. The President informed the meeting that the Scroungers Club had offered to contribute to half the cost.

It was moved by George Overton that a letter of appreciation be sent to Bill Rogers for his assistance to the running of the winter bowls competitions.

**A letter of congratulations was sent to Brian Harris on his winning the Northam Sportsman of the Year Award.**

It was resolved that travel charges for Pennant Bus travel be - Gingin, Beverley, Dowerin, Bolgart - \$5 per player. Meckering, Goomalling, York, Toodyay, Wundowie - \$3 per player.

Resignations as trustees of the N B C were received from Lyal Herley and Reg Williams. They agreed to withhold them until the A G M.

It was resolved to invest \$3,000 in an investment account to cover long service leave provisions, also that the \$100 collected on Charity Day be donated to the Northam Branch of the Slow Learners Children Group, and the R W A B A be advised.

Newly Elected Members - Don Martin, S Podmore, S McInnes, Colin Hicks, Eric Rewell, Greg Purslowe, Lou Simmons, G Brockhurst, M Brockhurst, Allan Gillon, M Couper, G Moulds, Roy Dunn, Bill Robertson and Mesdames J Hanstrum, J Bevan, T Fields, V Larsen, D Papini, J Dunn

### Committee Meeting May 9 1983

Due to work commitments of his Parliamentary duties Ken McIvor resigns from Committee, George Hawser is co-opted in his place.

Lionel Clarke is to act as bar-manager due to Bob Potts being on long service leave. The costs of the long service leave \$3,912. Relief bar-managers wages is to be \$221.45 per week.

Wayne Beer expressed disappointment at the organisation of the finals of the Home Building Society Event in Perth. It was resolved to contact our delegate to the R W A B A Lindsay Adams and inform him of the affair and ask him to bring it up at the next meeting of the Executive.

It was resolved that Leo Morgan negotiate the purchase of a second-hand Ferguson tractor fitted with a front end loader, for sale at Wongamine, up to \$1,500 to replace the utility.

A letter of thanks was sent to Phil Polain thanking him for the excellent top that he has made, complete with the Club Emblem, for the Club's Pool Table.

It was resolved the new beer prices be 7ounce glass 55 cents and 5 ounce glass 40 cents.

Newly Elected Members - Ashley Salmon, D Atkins, Kevin Kent, E Kent

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 4 1983

The President, Leo Morgan, reported that he was standing down after four years stating he was of the opinion that a two-year term was as long as one should serve.

The Balance Sheet shows a large expenditure with the building of the new kitchen and the amenities to go with it, a new greens mower and groomer costing \$3,300, "A" Green was dug out and replanted, new fibro plinths were installed around two greens and long service leave \$3,912. At "busy bees" the wandoo plinths, installed in 1962, which were 12 inches by 2 inches were cut in half and installed on top of concrete banks. The front garden was upgraded by Wayne Beer, half the cost being met by Scroungers, who also provided \$300 towards the cost of the new plinths. They also keep the Club going during the winter months by entertaining visiting Bowling Clubs. The Ladies Bowling Club made a donation to the Club of \$4,000.

Profit for the Year was \$4,310 and the overdraft stands at \$3,968.

The Avon Valley Bowling League won the Northern Zone Round Robin.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**Lyal Herley and Reg Williams having served as Club Trustees for many years resign. It was resolved that Colin Smith and Leo Morgan be appointed to replace them and join Keith Beer as Trustees of the Northam Bowling Club. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Lyal Herley and Reg Williams for their service to the Club.**

### Election Of Officers 1983-84

President - H Brown

Vice Presidents - C Smith, L Hodges

Secretary-Treasurer - K Watson

Committee - D Armstrong, W Beer, M Dudley, G Hawser, S Knight, B Holtfreter, E Larsen, J Main, G Overton, W Rogers.

### Championship Winners 1983-84

Club Singles - B Holtfreter

Club Pairs - J Biddle, D Beer

Club Triples - L Hodges, B Melbin, J Duboulay

Club Fours - K Beer, T Lawrence, W Beer, B Lally

**Country Week Singles - B Parker**

### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1983-84

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Wundowie Bowling Club

Third Division - York Bowling Club

Northern Zone Round Robin - Avon Valley Bowling League

### Committee Meeting August 8 1983

It was resolved that the honorarium to the secretary-treasurer be \$50 per week. After months of debate the Pool Table was recushioned at a cost of \$315. The Pool Club donated \$100 towards the cost.

The land behind the clubhouse belonging to the Medical Department and which could be used for cropping purposes was offered to the N B C for lease. However the Town Council stated that they could charge rates on the property if it was leased so the Club declined the offer

Newly Elected Members - George Bevan, C Horsley, A George, B Byfield, P Mynett, D Power, W Mitchell, M Clarke, L Clarke, S Young, R Diver, J McPherson, B Young, D Hamilton, M Ashworth, M Hicks, K Adair, P Duboulay

### Committee Meeting November 14 1983

The assistant greenkeeper resigns. Shane Watson is engaged in his place and it is resolved that his wages be \$100 per week. When he turns sixteen he be paid \$15 above the award. Quotes are obtained on the cost of using shade cloth as a replacement for the steel shades.

Newly Elected Members - M Hicks, Charlie Dallimore, Colin Davies, T Smith, G Taylor, W Smith, M Spaddicini, Frank Ashbolt, D Haines, K Evans, N Haines, B Rewell, W Diver, J Keefe, M Eeles, P Robinson

### Committee Meeting April 9 1984

A quote of \$560 to paint the Bar ceiling was accepted. Members at a "busy bee" have repaired all the lounge chairs; also new shades made from shade cloth have been erected by members. Cost of the shades \$485

Newly Elected Members - Jim Morris, A Hoddy, D Carmichael

### Committee Meeting May 14 1984

**A letter received from the Ladies Bowling Club requesting approval to elect Mrs. Mavis Madew a Life Member of their Club. Granted.**

Wayne Beer resigns from Committee and Harvey Brown reports on a successful Carnival.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 2 1984

The President, Harvey Brown, reported on another successful year. The Balance Sheet shows a profit of \$2,661 and a Bank overdraft of \$4,888. The main expenses during the year amounted to \$5,707. There is a continuing spending on maintenance and new machinery.

The Club is informed by the A V B L of the decision of the R W A B A to shift the Gingin Bowling Club to the Moore Bowling League. Lindsay Adams informs the Club that there will be no Country Week next year owing to the Australian Championships being held in Perth during March.

### Election Of Officers 1984-85

President - H Brown

Vice Presidents - L Hodges, W Rogers

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Secretary- Treasurer - K Watson

Committee - D Brown, R Diver, M Dudley, S Knight, E Larsen, F McCloy, J Main, K Young, M Manning, P Polain.

Championship Winners 1984-85

Club Singles - D Beer

Club Pairs - W Grafton, C Smith

Club Triples - D Armstrong, W Rogers, R Dunn

Club Fours - K Beer, T Lawrence, W Beer, B Lally

Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1983-85

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - York Bowling Club

Third Division - Toodyay Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting August 13 1984

The Northam Town Council offers to sponsor a Bowls Event to the value of \$400 after receiving complaints over the years of the rates the Club pays the Council each year. A grant of \$1,140 was received from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

It was resolved to go ahead with the purchase of a Turfwell Roller costing \$2,280 and a Boomspray \$850. The old roller is to be offered for sale.

Arrangements are in hand for celebrations to commemorate 21 years of the Club in its present location. An honorarium of \$70 per week to be paid the secretary- treasurer.

### Committee Meeting November 12 1984

The old greens roller was sold to the Toodyay Bowling Club for \$350. Wilson Tuckey, M P, presents the Club with an Australian flag.

A letter of thanks was sent to Lindsay Adams for erecting the fence on the Clubs Northern boundary. Also a letter of thanks to Keith Beer for his donation of a set of Bowls Clothes to raffle, which netted the Club \$451. Plans for the proposed extensions to the Club House were presented to Committee. Plan "A" to cost \$22,000 and plan "B" costing \$34,000.

Newly Elected Members - Ken Higgs, Terry Hasson, Bill Howlett, A Howlett, Des Duff, J Duff, Alan Gillon, J Mynett, G Hindle, Ron Pitts, D Hathaway, T Johnstone, G Cooper, Bob Sermon, J Clark.

### Special General Meeting January 16 1985

The President, Harvey Brown, stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss the replacement of "D" Green with a new grass and the proposed extensions of the Club House under plans A or B as presented to the meeting.

Speaking about the Green both Brian Holtfreter and Tom Lawrence suggested that "B" Green should be replaced with new grass as it had the better drainage, instead of "D" Green. It was resolved that "B" Green be renovated and the start to be after the Carnival.

The principal speakers on plan B for the extensions were Ian Witber of the National Bank and David Armstrong of Wespac Bank. They convinced the meeting to proceed with plan B. It was resolved to proceed with this plan.

### Committee Meeting February 11 1985

The Minutes of the January Special General Meeting were read. The President informed the meeting that legal advice was that the meeting did not comply with the Constitution and another meeting must be called.

After a meeting with the ground staff it was resolved the greenkeeper receive a wage increase of \$20 per week and the assistant \$10 per week.

### Special General Meeting April 10 1985

President Harvey Brown stated that the meeting abided by the Constitution and the two Notices Of Motions were as stated before.

Re the reconstruction of "B" Green Brian Holtfreter stated that now Bayer (Aust) had nearly completed their trials on "C" Green he now recommended "C" Green for reconstruction. It was resolved that this now be left to the A G M.

With regard the proposed alterations to the Club House the lowest tender received was \$74,124. This figure was out of terms of reference for this meeting, \$40,000 being the figure. This was beyond the Clubs recourses and the meeting was closed

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting April 15 1985

Letters were received from the Northam Club (Inc.) and the Lawn Tennis Club re possible amalgamation. It was decided to inform both clubs that their proposal was not considered feasible.

It was resolved that a steel shed be purchased for \$1,600 and that 100 standard stackable chairs be also purchased costing \$1,775. It was resolved that the old steel chairs be sold to members for \$5 each.

Bayer (Aust) reported having finished their trials on C green, thanking the Club for the use of the green and donating \$581 worth of chemicals.

Painting of the Ladies Locker Room was completed costing \$440. It was resolved that the Club purchases an S T D Gold phone from Telecom costing \$1,800.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 1 1985

(The Presidents report is missing from the Minutes - the first missing report since 1934)

The Balance Sheet shows a donation from the Ladies Bowling Club of \$4,000, a profit of \$8,000 and a Bank overdraft of \$8,000.

It was recommended to the incoming committee that "C" Green be replaced with National Park.

With regard to the Club House alterations it was resolved by this meeting that this Club be permitted to borrow no more than \$15,000 to carry out any alterations. Commencement to start in the Store Room.

#### Election Of Officers 1985-86

President - L Hodges

Vice Presidents - A Jones, D Brown

Secretary-Treasurer - K Watson

Committee - W Rogers, P Polain, G Hawser, T Dann, J Mitchell, T Patton, R Diver, S Knight, K Young, F McCloy

#### Championship Winners 1985-86

Club Singles - E Larsen

Club Pairs - B Parker, A Moore

Club Triples - L Hodges, H Brown, K Byfield

Club Fours - W Grafton, I Shackles, R Collard, G Pelich

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1985-86

First Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Second Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Third Division - Northam Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting September 9 1985

An honorarium of \$80 per week to be paid to the secretary-treasurer Kevin Watson.

A contract signed with Dietrich Bros. to commence additions to the Store Room at a cost of \$8,177. Approval has been obtained from the Licensing Court that states that work must be completed by October 6 1985. Approval for a loan of \$10,000 has been obtained from the National Bank with repayments at \$240 per month over five years.

A cheque was received from the A N Z Bank of \$150 which was for annual sponsorship for having advertising signs on four score boards.

It was resolved that a firm quote be obtained to move the front glassed wall and door out to the edge of the veranda.

The President spoke of the problem of members borrowing money from the club. This practice must be discouraged. Bank overdraft stands at \$9,465 plus the \$10,000 to be repaid over five years.

### Committee Meeting August 12 1985

Due to transfer Ron Diver resigns from Committee. It was resolved to install two water cooler drinking fountains, one on "A" green and one between "B" and "C" Green.

It was resolved that the prices of all drinks be increased with the price of a 7 ounce glass of beer being now 70 cents. Also resolved that a Chicken Dinner evening is arranged for August 23rd at \$7.50 per head and an entertainer be engaged at \$200.

Lengthy discussion took place on last month's motion dealing with the wearing of rubber thongs in the Club. It was resolved that the time limit now be extended from 6pm to 8pm.

### Committee Meeting November 11 1985

The Northam Bowling Club embarked on its first Invitation Event where invitations were sent out to 18 country club skippers to enter a team. 6 teams to be made up from the Northam Club.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

A quote from Dietrich Bros. for extending the front of the building to the edge of the front veranda amounts to \$1,184.4. It was resolved to accept the quote with an additional \$500 being paid to have tinted glass.  
Newly Elected Members - M Herridge, R Taylor, Avon Beard

### Special Committee Meeting November 23 1985

The President, Les Hodges, advised the meeting the items on the agenda were the conditions of the greens staff employment and further extensions to the Club Building.

Advice received from the Association of Licensed Clubs and the R W A B A states that our assistant greenkeeper should be paid an extra \$72.10 per week. After discussion with both members of the staff they agreed to take six weeks annual leave and that they be paid an hourly rate for work on public holidays.

It was resolved that the Club proceeds with the plans for the alterations to the Club Building. Bank overdraft stands at \$11,243 with a credit in the National Bank Savings account of \$6,669.

### Special Committee Meeting February 22 1986

President Les Hodges advised that after the dissatisfaction expressed by Committee at the last meeting, he, Alec Jones and Kevin Watson had met with Brian Holtfreter, who had agreed to be co-opted to Committee as Chairman of Greens.

A meeting was arranged with the greens staff and as a result Alf Zattella was given two weeks notice. President Les had approached P Hewson who had quoted to maintain all banks and surrounds once a fortnight for \$100. It was resolved that the quote be accepted. Wages of the assistant Shane Watson to be reviewed after Alf Zattella leaves.

### Special Committee Meeting May 22 1986

The President, Les Hodges, advised the meeting that a club member, who wished to remain anonymous, had donated \$1400 for the installation of slow combustion stove to be installed in the bar.

It was resolved that the donation be accepted, the stove installed and that the President pass on to the anonymous donor the Clubs appreciation and thanks.

It was resolved that a major raffle be commenced, the first prize to be a trip to New Zealand for two. 3,000 tickets to be printed and sold at \$5 each. Permit to be obtained. (The winner of this raffle was a Dowerin Bowling Club member - LCM)

### Special Committee Meeting June 15 1986

The President, Les Hodges, advised the meeting had been called to explain the financial position of the Club. They had to increase the overdraft limit from \$6,000 to \$20,000 and in addition they had a fixed loan of \$15,000 being repaid over five years. At this stage the treasurer had outstanding debts of \$3,500 the Club could not meet at this stage. Total indebtedness approximately \$37,000. Ken Byfield and Leo Morgan have been invited to nominate for Committee at the A G M.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 7 1986

The President, Les Hodges, welcomed 33 members and thanked all who had worked so hard for the Club during the year.

He stated that the Club had experienced a tough year financially, especially taking on the extensions to the Club House and experiencing wage rises of \$7,000 above the previous year had upset the Balance Sheet. The Club had recorded a loss of \$6,932 but a donation from the Ladies Bowling Club had helped a lot. Even so, with the overdraft, a fixed loan and accounts payable our indebtedness stands at \$38,341. Our bar sales decreased by \$7,938. The additions during the year cost \$21,032.

There were Notices Of Motion put to the meeting and passed. These dealt with the Constitution deleting the need to give notice to members in writing of A G Ms, notices of motion and special meetings. Notices from now on of these matters will be posted on the Notice Board in the Club House. Another was giving Committee the discretionary power to raise subscriptions by up to \$10 without resource to an A G M. Another to alter the Constitution to comply with the recent Sex Discrimination Act, which had been passed through Parliament.

A recommendation was made to the incoming Committee that more mid-week events be conducted.

#### Election Of Officers 1986-87

President - L Hodges

Vice Presidents - L Morgan, D Brown

Secretary - H Brown

Treasurer - K Byfield

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Committee - T Dann, B Holtfreter, S Knight, E Larsen, G Hawser, I Shackles, T Patton, C Sparrow, P Polain, W Rogers

### Championship Winners 1986-87

Club Singles - M Klasztorny

Club Pairs - G Nunn, T Dann

Club Triples - W Rogers, I Shackles, G Pelich

Club Fours - W Grafton, I Shackles, R Collard, G Pelich

### **Country Week Singles - B Holtfreter**

### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1986-87

First Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Second Division - Toodyay Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting July 4 1986

It was resolved the tenders of G Overton and M Couper for the air-conditioners be accepted.

Also resolved that tenders be called for the sliding doors and windows, which have been removed from the Building.

The Match Committee reported having included extra Open Fixtures in this seasons programme.

Newly Elected Members - Joe Naughton, P Harris, A Johnson, Colin Shipard, L Beard

### Committee Meeting September 8 1986

It was resolved that the tendered price of \$500 for the surplus sliding windows and doors be accepted from Maison Holdings, and the \$90 for the three lounge chairs from K Watson. Also that the banks and surrounds of the greens to be cut and maintained by a local lawn mowing contractor.

Captain Bill Rogers advised that an offer of \$300 of sponsorship had been received for an invitation event from Commercial Union Insurance and Elders Pastoral

It was resolved that the Dice Table be sold for the offer of \$200

Newly Elected Members - Geoff Raynor, Ken McPherson, Bruce Smart, Eric Gibson, K Stevens, J Bowen, J Withnell, E Higgs, T Shipard, J Brown, Social - C Peddar, J Joyce, G Brown

### Committee Meeting January 12 1987

It was resolved that \$150 be paid our greenkeeper Shane Watson to travel and board in Mandurah working under our previous greenkeeper Alan Pinker, to learn the finer points on green cutting and maintenance.

Authority was given to Leo Morgan to follow up the idea of replacing the windmills on the two bores with air powered pumps and report back to Committee. One bore was bent and continually wore out the pipes and wind power was unreliable.

The \$97 raised on Charity day to be donated to Bethavon Home for the aged.

President Les Hodges advised that arrangements for the Zone Round Robin on the 16th, 17th and 18th of January were in hand.

It was resolved that the secretary write to the R W A B A expressing disappointment of country readers of the West Australian newspaper at the lack of coverage in the country edition of results of the R & I State Pairs and Triples Events

Newly Elected Members - Geoff Rinaldi, Max Trenordan, Alan Mathews, G Watkins

### Committee Meeting March 9 1987

The Club was shocked with the sudden death of Secretary Harvey Brown who had served the Club as Committeeman, Captain, President and was current Secretary. Ken Byfield offered to serve out the remaining term.

Greens Chairman Brian Holtfreter advised that Bayer (Aust) wished to use D green for experimental trials. Permission was granted.

It was resolved that the contractor maintain the banks for the next two fortnights, then the Clubs ground staff would take over as an additional person had been engaged.

It was resolved that our greenkeeper Shane Watson be paid a bonus of \$400

Newly Elected Members - Jim Hunter, Mike Klasztorny

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C July 1 1987

The Presidents report stated a strong turn around in the Clubs financial position. This was generated mainly by strong measures taken by our Treasurer Ken Byfield and secondly by the policy of our Greens Chairman Brian Holtfreter which saved \$9000 in wages by using voluntary labour. Over \$3000 was saved in greens maintenance and repairs. The late Harvey Brown and Ken Byfield waived their honorariums worth \$4,000.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Captain Bill Rogers conducted extra Open Events during the year which helped lift our bar sales by \$21,000. The Balance Sheet shows that from a debit balance of the previous year of \$38341, the Treasurer now shows a debit balance of \$2,537 and a profit of \$34,344.

**The President asked members to stand for a minute's silence in respect of Harvey Brown who recently passed away. He had served the Club well in all capacities as President, Captain, Committeeman and was our current Secretary when he passed away.**

It was resolved that the constitution be altered to allow for the A G M to be held in May of each year instead of July. A special meeting is to be called to alter the Constitution.

Our delegate and member of the Executive of the R W A B A Lindsay Adams was honoured to have been elected as Manager of the State Bowling Team which won the recent Australian Series held in Sydney.

**A recommendation from Committee was put to the meeting that Brian Holtfreter be elected as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club, and was passed unanimously**

### Election Of Officers 1987-88

President - L C Morgan

Vice Presidents - W Rogers, I Shackles

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - K Byfield

Committee - B Holtfreter, S Knight, E Larsen, C Davies, M Douglas, M Klasztorny, J Mitchell, C

Sparrow, E Brown, P Lynch

### Championship Winners 1987-88

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - M Klasztorny, L Trewren

Club Triples - E Larsen, P Lynch, R Davies

Club Fours - L Hodges, L Trewren, P Lynch, L Adams

### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1987-88

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Toodyay Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting July 9 1987

It was resolved that \$90 per week be paid to the secretary and the treasurer and the President to liaise with the two concerned re the break up.

It was resolved that new lights are installed on "A" green and the work be proceeded with immediately. **The Ladies Bowling Club has offered \$8,000 towards the cost of the new lighting. A letter is to be sent to the Ladies thanking them for their generous donation.**

### Committee Meeting November 9 1987

The President reported having discussed a Memorial Trophy Day for the late Harvey Brown with Mrs. Ida Brown and family. The Brown family would donate a shield for a Harvey Brown Mixed Fours Memorial Event to be held each year.

Leo Morgan also reported that No 2 Bore had silted up beyond repair. It was resolved to sink another bore on a site on the old croquet green, which had been divined by Alby Smith from Goomalling. It was also reported that Max Smith had given permission to sell the windmill over this collapsed bore, which he had previously donated to the Club. An offer of \$1,000 had been made for the mill. It was resolved that Max Smith be made an honorary member of the N B C for his generous donation.

Greens Chairman Brian Holtfreter reported that the greenkeeper Shane Watson had resigned. It was resolved to advertise for a replacement and that he have the expertise to manage four greens.

The new lighting on "A" green was completed at a cost of \$12,000. Members under the guidance of Brian Holtfreter did much of the work.

### Special General Meeting November 20 1987

President Leo Morgan explained the purpose of the meeting was to alter the Constitution to change the date of the A G M. The idea being to hold the meeting at the end of the bowling season, which would be in May. The alterations would now achieve a financial year ending on the 31st of March and the A G M being held in May. The Notices Of Motion were passed.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting January 11 1988

The President, Leo Morgan, reported having interviewed several applicants for the position of greenkeeper. He suggested a young man who showed potential and also had family connections with a line of greenkeepers. It was resolved that Lindsay Campbell be engaged as greenkeeper at a wage of \$400 per week. Shane Watson to be offered one months employment. The services of the assistant greenkeeper to be terminated. Leo Morgan to help out on the greens again when required.

Bruce Smart offered round gravel for the front garden. It was resolved the Club would pay half the cost of the installation and rent of a telephone in the house of the secretary, Bob Potts, whilst he remained in office.

### Committee Meeting February 8 1988

The President, Leo Morgan, reported on the success of Alby Smiths divining for water. The drillers struck water at 80 feet and drilled to 120 feet without increasing the supply. The bore was cased and promises to yield in the region of 4,000 gallons a day of pure fresh water. The cost was \$1,850.

It was resolved the President proceed to equip the bore with an air pump and connected to the compressor which drives the other pump. It is estimated the two pumps will fill the 20,000 gallon tank in four days.

Peter Lynch reported on an offer of sponsorship he had received from the firm of Mayberry Hammond & Co. It was resolved that this matter be followed up.

Discussion took place on turning D green into Tennis Courts. Circulars were sent out to Tennis, Service and Social Clubs to gauge interest.

It was resolved that a new stove be purchased for the kitchen, to be gas operated and cost up to \$3,000

Newly Elected Members - Lindsay Campbell - fees to be paid by the Club

### Committee Meeting April 11 1988

Peter Lynch reported on the terms of sponsorship that he, Leo Morgan and Mayberry Hammond & Co. had arrived at.

The Ladies were reported to be happy with the new gas fired stove and would retain the newer of the other two stoves.

The Treasurer, Ken Byfield, reported on the Balance Sheet to be presented to the A G M and reminding Committee it only covered ten months.

Greens Chairman, Brian Holtfreter, reported on a marked improvement of the greens and surrounds. He recommends the Club purchase a new 16-blade hydraulic greens mower. The Committee resolved to proceed with this purchase.

It was also resolved that Brian Holtfreter and Leo Morgan make and erect a new flag pole to hold up to six flags for the Ladies Zone Round Robin.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 9 1988

The President, Leo Morgan, reported to 40 members on the previous years activities.

The Balance Sheet of the ten months since the last A G M showed a profit of \$19,615. Thanks were extended to Committee and all members who put in so much effort helping around the greens and house, and those who helped with the installation of the new lights. Also the ladies for their continued willing help. The new lights were a great success and it was intended to proceed with the lighting of B and C greens. Also following the recommendation of the greenkeeper Lindsay Campbell to replant B green with Santa Anna grass.

Recommendation to the incoming committee that Max Smith be made an honorary member of the Northam Bowling Club.

Barry Parker suggested that a presentation night of trophies be included in the clubs program.

#### Election Of Officers 1988-89

President - L C Morgan

Vice Presidents - W Rogers, D Brown

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - K Byfield

Committee - B Smart, D Farrington, R Joyce, G Slee, L Hodges, C Sparrow, J Michell, P Lynch, M Douglas, E Brown.

#### Championship Winners 1988-89

Club Singles - B Parker

Club Pairs - L Adams, E Larsen

Club Triples - W Rogers, I Shackles, G Pelich

Club Fours - W Grafton, B Lally, K Coles, G Pelich

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1988-89

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Second Division - Northam Bowling Club

#### Committee Meeting May 26 1988

It was resolved that Mr. & Mrs. Max Smith be made honorary members of the N B C in appreciation of their donation of a windmill to the Club.

It was resolved that B green be replanted with Santa Anna grass. Also that a dinner and presentation of trophies night to be held in conjunction with the Ladies Bowling Club.

There is to be a visit to the Club of 25 touring Victorian Bowlers on June 6th for Lunch, Bowls and High Tea.

**A recommendation from the Ladies Bowling Club that Mrs. Ethel Davies be elected a Life Member of the Ladies Bowling Club was approved. They also included a donation to the Club of \$8,000.**

#### Committee Meeting September 13 1988

It was resolved that Lapworths Lawn Mowing Service be engaged at \$140 per fortnight to mow and maintain the surrounds of the greens.

The cement surrounds on "A" green were completed by members and painted by Trevor Patton. George Overton painted the rink markings.

Subscriptions for the year were fixed at Ordinary Members \$65, Associates \$44m, Social Male \$31.50, Social Female \$25 and Country \$20.

Horry Wilkins, with the help from Doug Farrington manufactured a stainless steel canopy and extractor over the new stove in the kitchen.

It was resolved that the Club purchases 21 lengths of aluminium seating and ends for it. Six lengths were ordered for the Meckering Bowling Club at the same time and were all carted up together. Members, with the help of Brian Holtfreter and his workshop are to make these into seats for around the greens. 48 seats were made at a cost of \$2,754.

John Voak was engaged to repair the rusted out sections of the water-cooled air-conditioners at a cost of \$2,154. Ross Turnock painted out the Mens Toilet Block and Locker Room for \$530.

It was resolved that the \$100 raised on Charity Day be donated to the Wundowie Jaws of Life Appeal  
Newly Elected Members - Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kidd, Kevin Coles

#### Committee Meeting January 9 1989

The bar-manager, Bob Potts, and the greenkeeper, Lindsay Campbell, were paid a Christmas bonus of \$100 each.

Captain Bill Rogers reported that activities were very quiet owing to A V B L Events and the State Championships.

Brian Holtfreter set up a sand screen and elevator and recycled the soil removed from B green into the sand shed, with the help of members.

Doug Farrington moved that this Club present Merit Certificates Awards to worthy members of the Club. Carried.

#### Committee Meeting March 13 1989

A letter received from Mrs. W Diver requesting clearances for her and George Hawser. Mrs. Diver was advised that as they were not financial in the 1987-88 season they had been struck off the register. Northam could not grant them a clearance.

The President reported on the success of the Club in winning both the 1st and 2nd Division Pennants for the 1988-89 Season.

Laurie Ball was paid \$200 for helping out with the greens whilst the greenkeeper was away due to family bereavement.

After a fatal electrocution of a greens assistant in Perth it was resolved that Wally Grafton be engaged to inspect all the club machinery, wiring and electric cords.

An offer by a few members of the club to supply three tables, similar to the ones at the Goomalling Club was accepted with thanks.

**It was resolved the following members receive Achievement Award Certificates at the A G M. Messrs. Don Beer, George Overton, Laurie Moon, Lyal Herley, Merv Dudley, Colin Smith, Wally Grafton.**

President Leo Morgan presented Brochures of Kit Homes and suggested the Club erect one on Club property for Staff. Committee did not agree.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 8 1989

It was resolved that there be three equal sides in first division Pennants and one side in second division. Bruce Smart offered to donate round gravel for the front garden.

#### Election Of Officers 1989-90

President - L Hodges

Senior Vice President - W Rogers

Junior Vice President - P Lynch

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - D Brown

Committee - B Smart, R Joyce, G Slee, D Farrington, G Raynor, T Dann, J Mitchell

#### Championship Winners 1989-90

Club Singles - B Holtfreter

Club Pairs - B Holtfreter, D Farrington

Club Triples - L Campbell, J Biddle, R Pitts

Club Fours - W Rogers, L Campbell, C Davies, R Pitts

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1989-90

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Meckering Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting August 14 1989

It was resolved that the Club purchases a new hydraulic greens mower at the price of \$4,818. A quote from Dallimore Carpets to recarpet the entire bar area for \$8,740 was accepted, and so was a quote from J Rak to renew the Hall lights for \$550. Also whilst in the spending mood a new typewriter for \$438 and a number of Broadway style bar stools for \$686 were purchased.

Under instructions from the Fire Brigade all fire extinguishers were replaced costing \$320.

It was resolved that all drink prices be increased by 5 cents and cartons of beer by \$1.

Newly Elected Members - Graham Fewings, Terry Plews, P Anderson, Merv Hughes, G Hocking, Ray Witorski, J VanDyken, B Angili, M Chappell.

### Committee Meeting November 13 1989

\$1500 was received from the Clubs principal sponsors Mayberry, Hammond & Co. Elders Pastoral and Commercial Union are to sponsor a bowls event to the sum of \$300.

A fence was erected between A and B greens by members costing \$859, new lights were installed in the bar costing \$960, a notice board for \$70 and new tops put on the old stools for \$118.

As considerable trouble has been experienced with the present security alarm system, it was resolved a system from McPherson Security Co. be installed at a cost of \$3,383.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 7th 1990

The President, Les Hodges, reported on the healthy financial position of the Club, showing a profit of \$15,782 comparing favourably with the \$21,051 profit of the previous year, considering \$20,000 had been spent on Club improvements. The Balance Sheet also showed that the Club had a credit balance of \$20,000.

**Life Membership of the Northam Bowling Club was bestowed on Leo Morgan for services to the Club as President, six years, Captain and Greens Committee for many years**

#### Election Of Officers 1990-91

President - L Hodges

Senior Vice President - B Smart

Junior Vice President - P Lynch

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - D Brown

Committee - G Slee, W Rogers, R Joyce, K Byfield, R Gray, M Hughes, E Brown, J Mitchell,

#### Championship Winners 1990-91

Club Singles - W Rogers

Club Pairs - L Campbell, M Hughes

Club Triples - R Potts, T Plews, R Gray

Club Fours - W Rogers, L Campbell, C Davies, R Gray

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1990-91

First Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Second Division - Beverley Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting June 18 1990

A donation of \$6,000 was received from the Ladies Bowling Club. With this was a request for the painting of the Ladies Powder Room and Kitchen. This was carried out for \$723. Their request for a micro- oven was agreed to. Cost is \$460.

A letter was received from Doug Farrington, who had been previously reprimanded for his unsportsman like behaviour on the bowling green in competitions, requesting a refund of the \$1,400 he had donated to the Club in 1986 for the purchase of a slow combustion stove. The President explained to Committee this had been a donation and as such was non-refundable.

It was resolved that a self-propelled mower be purchased to mow the banks costing \$1,099.

The Office of Sport and Recreation advised having organised Corporate Sporting Events in Northam. A Corporate Bowls Challenge was to commence on August 7th and finish on September 18th. Teams of four were made up from business or organisations in Northam, experience unnecessary, and is played one night a week commencing at 6pm. has proven very popular and is played with most sports Clubs. The N B C is to donate \$100 as a trophy to the winners of this event.

Owing to transfer Gordon Slee resigns as Captain and Bruce Smart is elected in his place. Owing to work commitments Bob Gray resigns, as well as Eric Brown who has been transferred. Tony Calligari is co-opted to Committee.

A new fence costing \$3,000 is to be erected along the northern boundary by members. The Scroungers Club gave \$1,000 towards its cost. The price of all drinks is to rise by 5 cents.

Newly Elected Members - Mr. & Mrs. Stan Tubby as Country, Derek McCloy, Shane McCloy, Mr. & Mrs. Alan Hogarth, P Corbett, Ernie Glass, Jim Corrigan, Gary Hooper, Rob Gould, Stan Tumak, B Little, D Clarke, W Shell, V Newbon

### Committee Meeting November 12 1990

**The Northam area and elsewhere is hit by a Locust plague. The greens were covered with them and greenkeeper Lindsay Campbell requests permission to spray the greens with a Catemix bitumen paint that turns the greens black. Permission is granted and the greens were saved by this exercise where other greens and lawns were completely eaten out.**

A new Flag in Club colours and emblem was purchased for \$293, and 24 old bowls mats were replaced with new ones at a cost of \$504.

### Committee Meeting March 11 1991

Due to the efforts of the Ground Staff the Clubs greens were in good condition for the Round Robin Series conducted in Northam, despite the Locust Plague. Other greens around were severely damaged.

The Clubs Major Sponsors. Mayberry Hammond & Co. sent a cheque of \$750 as half a year's sponsorship. A letter was sent thanking them for their continued support.

The assistant greenkeeper Phil Gilewski resigns and Shane McCloy was taken on as apprentice greenkeeper.

Newly Elected Members - L Hartree, R VanWellie, N Saunders, C Spranbrook

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 6 1991

President Les Hodges told the meeting that the finances of the Club were in good shape, despite this years profit only being \$1,603. Accumulated funds stand at around \$25,000.

#### Election Of Officers 1991-92

President - L Hodges

Senior Vice President - B Smart

Junior Vice president - T Callegari

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - D Brown

Committee - M Keeffe, R Joyce, T Plews, J Mitchell, P Lynch. R Searle, F McCloy

#### Championship Winners 1991-92

Club Singles - G Fewings

Club Pairs - B Holtfreter, D Farrington

Club Fours - W Grafton, G Fewings, B Melbin, M Hughes

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1991-92

First Division Red - Northam Bowling Club

First Division Blue - Dowerin Bowling Club

Second Division - Wundowie Bowling Club

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### Committee Meeting July 8 1991

**It was resolved that new lights be installed on "B" and "C" greens at a cost of between \$19,000 and \$20,000.**

The Clubs major sponsor Mayberry Hammond & Co. sent in the other half of their \$1,500 yearly sponsorship.

### Committee Meeting December 14 1991

It was moved and passed that a Post-Mix cool drink machine be installed in the bar. The old lights from B and C greens are sold for \$600.

**The Northam Bowling Club lost another stalwart Member in Peter Lynch a Member and Committee Man for many years.**

### Committee Meeting December 9 1991

The Licensing Court informed the Club that the name of the Club, the type of license and the name of the person holding the license, must all be placed on the outside of the Building in a prominent place.

The Treasure David Brown reported on the strong financial state of the Club \$15,690 in the cheque account, \$9,728 on Term Deposit and \$7,148 in long service account. \$4,500 owed on the newly installed lights.

Tony Callegari resigns from Committee. Ron Joyce is elected to Junior Vice President and Lou Simmons is co-opted to Committee.

Insurance Premiums now total \$7,477. A new whipper snipper is purchased for \$565.

Newly Elected Members - Mesdames T Glass, M Want, R Hadfield, J Evans.

### Committee Meeting February 10 1992

The Sport and Recreation Corporations Corporate Bowls Cup attracted 48 Teams of 4 players each of business houses, sporting clubs and public utilities of Northam.

Monty Scott reported that arrangements were in hand for the Pennant dinner, the day of the Derby, and suggested Pennants start a half hour early.

Newly Elected Members - S Young, R Lucy, K Willis, P Meldrum. R Davey, P Liepins, G Thomson, M Kinnaid, Mesdames J Taylor, V Davey.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 11 1992

The President, Les Hodges, reported to 43 members on a successful year. Bar sales turnover was up \$15000 and percentage profit up nearly 8%. He again mentioned the great work done each Friday night in the cooking of hamburgers by Adrian Cox with the help of Ron Joyce, Stewie Knight and Johnny Mitchell

#### Election Of Officers 1992-93

President - M Keeffe

Senior Vice President - M Scott

Junior Vice President - R Joyce

Secretary - Bob Potts

Treasurer - D Brown

Committee - A Salmon, R Searle, S Knight, G Hughes, B Smart, F McCloy, L Simmons.

#### Championship Winners 1992-93

Club Singles - B Smart

Club Pairs - W Grafton, M Hughes

Club Triples - B Holtfreter, M Gibson, R Pitts,

Club Fours - M Gibson, T Plews. F McCloy, S McCloy

#### Avon Valley Bowling League Pennant Winners 1992-93

First Division - Northam Bowling Club

Second Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

Third Division - Goomalling Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting July 13th 1992

A letter was received from the Ladies bowling club along with a donation of \$5,000 and a request that wall paper be removed from the toilets, and the walls and ceilings painted, the powder room floor carpeted, curtains renewed and two large rubbish bins be placed outside the kitchen. It was resolved that all requests except the carpeting be approved.

Ray Hunter donated a new Honour Board to the Club. Bruce Smart offered his farm as a source of firewood for the N B C. A report from Stewie Knight states that a busy-bee collected a large supply of wood from this source.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Greg Hughes resigns as Captain and is replaced by Ashley Salmon.

The Scroungers Club donates a new Television Set to the Club to be placed near the Secretaries office.

### Committee Meeting November 9 1992

It was resolved that two water cooled Air-Conditioners be purchased to replace those over the Hall. A new Ice-Making Machine was purchased for \$3,250.

A cheque for \$1,000 was received from the Clubs principal sponsor Mayberry Hammond & Co.

### Committee Meeting February 15th 1993

The Department of Sport and Recreation made arrangements to conduct this years Corporate Cup Bowls Event from Tuesday night March 3rd, weekly, to April 6th. The Northam Garden Centre offered to supply the shrubs for planting on the bank between "A" and "B" greens. President Mike Keeffe spoke of the interest shown in perimeter signs by Northam Sponsors. Discussion took place of alterations to the Club House to obtain more space for the Secretaries Office. It was moved that two quotes be obtained for the alterations. Also the subject of purchasing, or of building a House on Club grounds was discussed at length. It was resolved that this be referred to the A G M. Leo Morgan was asked to research the Clubs History and have it made up into a large book to be kept in the Club House for Members perusal

Newly Elected Members - Mesdames M Meldrum, J Scott, Messrs. L Thomson

### Committee Meeting April 19 1993

Two letters of complaint were received about the unsportsman like behaviour of Club member Doug Farrington. He was requested to appear before the Committee to answer the charges. He replied putting in his resignation and requesting he be paid the \$1,400 he had donated to the Club in 1986 towards a slow combustion stove. It was resolved the Club write to Doug Farrington accepting his resignation and pointing out the \$1,400 was a gift and as such was non-refundable.

**This year was the 25th year of service that the Bar-Manager Bob Potts had given the Northam Bowling Club. It was resolved the Club advertise for a relief Bar- Manager whilst Bob Potts took his 25 Years Long Service Leave.**

Newly Elected Members - A Barnes, N Scott, R Cunningham, Max Hubble, Frank Frayne.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 10 1993

The President, Mike Keeffe, reported on another successful year experienced by the Club. The Balance Sheet showed a profit of \$10,611 with accumulated funds of cheque account credit of \$7,471, term deposit of \$7,597, long service interest bearing deposit of \$8,866, and cash on hand of \$2,000. Due to the hard work of Vice President Monty Scott and his helpers \$13,425 net was received from raffles.

Keith Beer announced that the Inter-Zone Round Robin would be conducted at the Northam Bowling Club in January 1994. The Committees recommendation of alterations to the Club House to accommodate a larger Secretaries Office was accepted and passed. Approximate cost of \$8,000 by Bray Bros.

**It was resolved that it be recorded in the Minutes of the Northam Bowling Club of the Life Membership bestowed on Lindsay Adams to the Royal West Australian Bowling Association for his dedicated service to the Association over many years.**

Keith Beer reported that he had \$700 worth of sponsorship available if the Club decided on Club Bowls shirts carrying sponsors logos. The incoming Committee was authorised to investigate the idea of sponsored Club shirts.

#### Election Of Officers 1993-94

President - M Keeffe

Senior Vice President - M Scott

Junior Vice President - R Joyce

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - D Brown

Committee - B Smart, F McCloy, A Salmon, R Searle, L Simmons, G Hughes, K Higgs.

#### Championship Winners 1993-94

Club Singles - K Higgs

Club Pairs - B Smart, I Symington

Club Triples - D McCloy, L Campbell, G Pelich

Club Fours - C Smith, P Fettes, R Pitts, O Papini

#### Pennant Winners 1993-94

First Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Second Division - York Bowling Club

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Third Division - Wundowie Bowling Club

#### Committee Meeting May 17 1993

President Mike Keeffe reported having engaged Jeff Plummer of Toodyay as Bar-Manager whilst Bob Potts was on long service leave. He also explained the terms of contracts for the perimeter advertising around the greens. Signs would be made of a standard size and painted, the cost to the advertiser, and rented at \$100 for the first year and \$200 for each following year

#### Committee Meeting July 12th 1993

In answer to a question raised at the previous meeting in regard the Executive having the power to make major decisions, such as raising bar prices, evidence was produced that it was a practise that had been in use for many years. Mike Keeffe stated an agenda on guidelines would be drawn up and passed on to the next incoming committee.

It was resolved that annual subscriptions are increased by \$3. To try and encourage patrons to the Club it was also resolved that on busy nights the Club would arrange a taxi to take 4 people at \$2 each to any destination in Town. The Club would also pay to ring the taxi.

Newly Elected Members - Alan Mathews, N Wilson, Mesdames S Parton, A Price

#### Committee Meeting August 9th 1993

A letter was received from the Ladies Bowling Club enclosing a cheque for \$4,000 as their contribution to the Club. They requested that the kitchen be fumigated for mice and cockroaches and that the exhaust fan be serviced. These requests had been attended to before the meeting.

A letter also from Mayberry Hammond & Co. with a cheque for \$500 and stating they regretted a reduction of their sponsorship and understood this may alter their position as the Clubs major sponsor. It was resolved to remove Mayberry Hammond & Co's name from future advertising and reassess the position at a later date. A request from the Avon Valley Bowling League that the Northam Bowling Club become the headquarters of the League was put to the meeting and accepted.

As the copy of the Clubs Cleaners contract could not be found, the Cleaner is to be requested to provide their copy to Committee.

#### Committee Meeting September 13 1993

President Mike Keeffe reported that the top surface of "D" Green had been removed and the green had been planted with Santa Anna grass.

The Cleaners copy of the contract with the Club was handed to Committee to examine.

Requests to Coca- Cola Bottlers and the Swan Brewery Co to sponsor an event, results in their offering to sponsor a bowls event. Invitations have been sent out to invited skippers of other Bowling Clubs for the inaugural A N Z Invitation Fours.

Invitations have been sent out to former members of the club to a proposed 30th Anniversary Dinner to celebrate the time spent at the present location. It was resolved that a band be engaged for the occasion.

After discussion it was decided the nomination of Doug Farrington to rejoin the Club as a playing member should be placed on the Clubs Notice Board as per Constitution

Newly Elected Member - D Matters, J Bazinski, Social - R E Natkanski, J Plummer,

This year, 1993, was the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the location of the Northam Bowling Club to its present site in Robinson Street. Past members were invited to help celebrate the occasion, which was conducted with an evening meal, a birthday cake and band. A principal guest was Life Member, T H (Bert) Purslowe. He is pictured in the center of the group below, with the other living Life Members who are from the left, Tom Lawrence, Brian Holtfreter, Leo Morgan and Keith Beer. Bert Purslowe was the force behind the Club shifting to this location when the Medical Department offered 24,000 pounds to purchase the property in Wellington Street, for the site of a new hospital. With this money, there were many who believed the Club should have amalgamated with the Golf Club, and thus forming a strong Country Club.

Another opportunity to amalgamate came about in 1994 when a new Country Club was formed on the Golf Club property combining Golf, Tennis, Squash and the Northam Club. The Bowling Club resolved not to join this new sporting center. Another occasion to join the Country Club came about in 2003, before the Club committed itself to borrowing \$300,000 for the laying down of two Synthetic Greens and clubhouse refurbishment. The opportunity arose whereas the Bowling Club property could have been sold. The resulting finance would have provided the two indoor synthetic greens at the Northam Country Club (the friction between some members of both clubs that existed in 1962, appears to have been born again in the clubs of today – LCM)

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Life Members at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the present site, they are, left to right – Tom Lawrence, Brian Holtfretor, Bert Purslowe, Leo Morgan and Keith Beer.

### Committee Meeting October 11 1993

It was resolved to accept the quote from Dallimore Carpets to supply and lay carpet in new entrance and mens locker room, replace carpet at the other back entrance and in the new office, cost \$980.

A quote of \$2,330 to supply a new range hood for the stove is held in abeyance.

Slips sent out to members to see if members were in agreement of coloured Pennant shirts returned a majority No vote.

Under the new Cleaners contract drawn up, it was resolved the monthly rate be raised to \$300

The application of Doug Farrington to rejoin the Club was not accepted under rule 7(b) of the Club Constitution

Newly Elected Members - Ian Gibbs, Mrs. M Milalief, Social - Ken Rogers, Graeme Smith, Mrs. Diedre Markey, Mr. & Mrs. Ian Hall

### Committee Meeting January 10 1994

Treasurer David Brown stated that as a result of Committees decision the money in the Long Service Leave Account had been transferred to general revenue and used to pay outstanding accounts.

Ken Higgs stated the committee decision was that the money was to be used for a range hood for the kitchen and a display fridge in the bar. After lengthy discussion it was resolved that the National Bank be approached to the raising of a loan of \$18,000 to be repaid over 2 to 3 years.

All drink prices were raised by 10 cents

### Special Committee Meeting January 14 1994

The President, Mike Keffe, stated the reason for the meeting was to discuss the proposed loan from the National- Aust. Bank, which provided two options.

It was resolved the Club take out an \$18,000 loan over two years nine months with \$292.09 per fortnightly payments.

### Committee Meeting March 14 1994

A letter was sent to David Brown, who had resigned as Treasurer, thanking him for his long term in office. Ken Higgs is appointed in his place. It was asked if the money had been repaid into the Long Service Leave Account. This was being attended to.

There was still a cockroach problem in the kitchen. The Club is to obtain two quotes to eradicate the pests.

Monty Scott reported that arrangements were in hand for the Presentation Night Dinner.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

It was resolved that all the chemicals used on the Greens are to be purchased locally in the future, as the price compares very favourably with those being purchased in Perth.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 9 1994

President, Mike Keeffe, asked members to stand in silence in respect on the death of Junior Vice President Ron Joyce during the year.

The Balance Sheet showed a large increase in expenses in all departments, \$8,000 in wages, \$5,000 on repairs and maintenance, rates and taxes \$1500, all of which contributed to an \$11380 loss to the clubs operations for the year

Keith Beer reported that at the Zone Meeting held at Carnamah it was resolved the Northern Zone Robin would be held in Northam in January 1995.

The President of the Scroungers Club asked for members to support the club on the occasion of visits to Northam by other clubs. The club donated \$1,500 towards the cost of a new rangehood.

The President advised that if the Club adopted the coloured club shirts from Beers the sponsorship logo would be a removable patch. Keith Beer stated that Beers would supply the shirts at cost, the prices being \$28 for short sleeves and \$31 for long sleeves. It was resolved that the N B C adopt coloured club shirts.

#### Election Of Officers 1994-95

President - M Keeffe

Senior Vice President - M Scott

Junior Vice President - B Smart

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - K Higgs

Committee - T Dann, S Knight, L Simmons, T Plews, A Gillon, L Hartree, V Hughes.

#### Championship Winners 1994-95

Club Singles - L Campbell

Club Pairs - M Keeffe, A Salmon

Club Triples - I Shackles, A Jones, K Young

Club Fours - G Pelich, B Melbin, W Beer, L Siekierka

#### Pennant Winners 1994-95

First Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Second Division - Dowerin Bowling Club

Third Division - Toodyay Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting May 16 1994

Monty Scott asked about the money transferred from the long service leave account not showing in the balance sheets. Treasurer Ken Higgs said that as the money was transferred into general funds and not into a building account it would not show how it was spent. Ken Higgs stated the Carnival turnover had been \$26,000 and when all accounts were paid will have been a success.

It was resolved that this Committee accept as the official Northam Bowling Club coloured shirt, that shirt as presented by Keith Beer

### Committee Meeting July 11 1994

Treasurer Ken Higgs reported that Symington Fuels had agreed to become the Clubs principal sponsor and had paid the Club \$1,000. It was resolved that Symington Fuels perimeter sign be placed on the Club House wall in place of Mayberry Hammond & Co and the annual charge be included in the sponsorship. Mayberry Hammond & Co agreed to pay \$200 a year for their sign to be placed on the perimeter fence on "A" green

### Committee Meeting September 12 1994

A report from greenkeeper Lindsay Campbell stated that he thought the foundations of "A" green had collapsed and the green needed to be dug up and replaced. He also stated that he had been approached by another club of an offer of \$650 a week but was prepared to stay with Northam for \$600 a week and one weekend off a month.

The President stated that by mutual agreement with the apprentice Shane McCloy, he had terminated his apprenticeship with the Club.

A letter was received from the Amalgamation Planning Committee with a proposal for the Bowling Club to join the proposed amalgamation of the Golf Club, the Lawn Tennis Club, the Squash Club and the Northam Club. It was proposed they be invited to attend the next committee meeting.

A letter was received from Treasurer Ken Higgs resigning as treasurer. Lloyd Hartree said he was prepared to take over the position

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

It was resolved that Lindsay Campbell be paid \$600 a week, with four weeks annual leave, also Trevor Milhinch be engaged to mow verges and surrounds for \$135 as required.

Newly Elected Members - Ray Powell, Ken Wolfenden, Ray Toovey, Jim Corrigan, Social - S Chillon, Country - F Woods

### Committee Meeting October 10 1994

A letter received from Colin Smith resigning as a Trustee of the Club. It was resolved a letter be sent accepting his resignation and thanking him for his term of office.

Also a letter of complaint received from P Meldrum about abuse directed at himself and his brother by some members in the bar on Friday 7th October 1994, he demanded an apology for himself and brother and he was resigning as a member and required a full refund of his annual subscription. After discussion Monty Scott said he would approach Mr. Meldrum on the matter.

A send off had been arranged for Brian and Betty Holtfreter on Saturday 10th December 1994.

It was resolved that the bar-managers wages be increased to \$550 a week with Bob Potts being prepared to sign a work place agreement if required.

Newly Elected Members - Mrs. A Williams, Mr. & Mrs. A Bignell, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Amasi, Social - Mike Kendall

### Report On Amalgamating Planning Committee meeting with Committee

**Paul Spadaccini, Tully Telenta and Ms Robin Larkin attended. Paul Spadaccini addressed the meeting explaining the amalgamation would include the Golf, Squash, Lawn Tennis and Northam Clubs and if interested the Northam Bowling Club. The Amalgamating Committee had met with both Town and Shire Councils who will support the project. He also spoke of the possibility of the Bowling Club having to move due to the building of the new Northam Hospital.**

**Tully Telenta spoke on advantages of an amalgamation in the long term. He stated each club would have to contribute \$100,000 or one third of financial backing would not be available.**

**Bruce Smart asked what water would be available for the maintenance of golf course, tennis courts and bowling greens and if sewage water was available because of the close proximity to the Mortlock River. Paul Spadaccini spoke of meetings with the E P A.**

**Monty Scott asked what the Bowling Club has to do with management if the Club joined the amalgamation. He was told that all clubs would have two representatives on the management committee. Terry Dann asked about facilities to be made available to clubs.**

**Tully Telenta stated that all clubs would have their own committee rooms available and all clubs would share lounge and bar areas. Lloyd Hartree asked if the facilities would be suitable when large bowls events were held. Tully Telenta said areas would be made available to cater for this need**

**Robin Larkin stated that she had been involved in other amalgamations and these had worked well.**

**At the close of discussion President Mike Keeffe thanked the representatives for their attendance.**

### Committee Meeting November 14 1994

Monty Scott reported having seen P Meldrum about the abuse he had received at the Club and would like a letter of apology sent to his brother. The Secretary replied that this had already been attended to and would be read in outward correspondence.

Merv Hughes is welcomed as the new Treasurer to the Club. Terry Dann reported that the Social Account formed to purchase a Computer for the Club now stands at \$871.

Mike Keeffe reported that the lawns along the back fence from "B" green to the end of D green were to be reticulated. Inland Plumbing was supplying the materials at cost.

**The money to finance this project was to be appropriated from the money in the "Mongrel Club" account.** (In the days when Bill Rogers was a club member, the "Mongrel Club" was formed. The Executives were President Bill Rogers, Vice President Leo Morgan, Secretary Tom Henderson and Treasurer Les Hodges. It finished up having members, not only of the Northam Bowling Club, but also from Geraldton in the north, to Albany in the south, and clubs in between. A day of bowls was conducted at Northam each year, at which a "Mongrel of the Year" was elected. The joining fee was \$5, and terminating membership costing \$1,000 – LCM)

**It was resolved that the secretary write to the Amalgamating Planning Committee advising them that the Northam Bowling Club was not interested in shifting to the Golf Club property and joining in the proposed new Country Club.**

Also resolved that the membership fee for junior members be set at \$20.

Newly Elected Members - John Cullerton, S Zen Birkholly, Graham Gordon, Brian Probin, T Adams

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting December 12 1994

A letter of resignation was received from Merv Hughes resigning as Treasurer, and also a letter from former Treasurer David Brown who is assisting new Treasurer Brian Probin in taking over the position.

Terry Dann reported that Peters Ice-cream have donated outdoor settings for the paved area in the front of the Club House. It was resolved that a sausage sizzle be held on January 27th for Pennant players at which the direction of club pennant teams for the rest of the season would be discussed.

**It was resolved that it be recorded in the Minutes that money from the Mongrel Club and Buy a Brick accounts was used to reticulate the lawns along the back fence.**

Also that the loan from the National Bank be paid out and the interest saved be paid into the long service account.

### Committee Meeting January 16 1994

A letter received from Chicken Treat advising they would continue to sponsor the Club Championship Fours Event..

Mike Keeffe reported on the need to purchase new irrigation pipes for the greens. Prices had been obtained and were - 12 seven metre lengths at \$110 each costing \$1,300

Newly Elected Members - Mrs. M Bray, Junior - N Lavis, B Peacock, P Joy. Social – Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pilkington, J Cumine, C Neill

### Committee Meeting February 13 1995

A letter was sent to Peters Ice Cream Co. thanking them for donating two umbrellas for the garden settings.

The Treasurer reported having paid out the Building Loan to the National Aust. Bank and that \$400 per month was being paid into the Long Service Account

The Corporate Cup would be paid in two sections this year one commencing at 6pm and the other at 7pm. The real estate firm the Professionals would sponsor this Event.

The National Bank Medley Fours would be played on March 12th. Allen Moore Agencies and Jaspers B P would sponsor the Carnival Pairs.

Terry Dann reported that the Computer Committee had raised \$1,830 so far towards the cost of a computer for the Club

### Committee Meeting March 13 1995

Brian Probin resigns as Club Treasurer stating that he found the work more than he could handle. He was thanked for his term in office. David Brown offers to act as Treasurer until the end of March

The ladies are informed of Keith Beer's offer to renew the curtains in the Hall, that the micro-oven had been checked and was quite safe to use. Permission was granted to them to purchase two new folding trestles.

### Committee Meeting April 10 1995

**The Committee endorsed a recommendation from the Ladies Bowling Club that Molly Moon and Silvia Hitchcock be elected as Life Members of the Ladies Bowling Club in honour of their long and valued service to the Club over many years.**

Morrison & Bailey offered to sponsor the Club Singles once more and donated 4 sets of Bingo tickets to be sold to make the value of a trophy. It was resolved that the Singles Winner receives a voucher of his choice to the value of \$150.

Treasurer David Brown reported on a credit balance of \$7,500 with all accounts paid, he asked if the long service account bearing one and a half per cent interest could be put on term deposit, which was agreed to. It was resolved that the honorarium of the Treasurer be increased from \$55 per week to \$70 a week.

Monty Scott reported that M Bloomfield would cater for the Presentation Dinner at \$9.99 per head. Corporate Cup Barbecue tea was organised. Beef sandwiches would be made available on the Friday night of the Carnival and the Club would supply sausages and spuds on the Saturday and Sunday nights.

President Mike Keeffe thanked all committee members for their support during his term of office and wished the incoming President well during his term.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 8 1995

President Mike Keeffe, in his report, stated he was pleased to be able show a turn around in the Club's finances. After returning a loss of \$11,380 the previous year, the Committee had turned that into a profit of \$8,242 this year. This had been brought about with the help of all Committee, the Scroungers Club, the Ladies Bowling Club and all Members. Expenses were down by \$17,000.

The President also reported that Beers Mensland had offered a sponsorship of \$400 to have their logo on Pennant shirts for the coming 1995/96 season.

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The Avon Valley Bowling League delegate Keith Beer reported that the Zone Round Robin conducted at the Northam Club was won by the Avon Valley Bowling League and congratulations were extended to the Northam club on the excellent way they conducted the Event. The next Round Robin would be conducted at Dennison in January 1996. Dress standards would be more strictly enforced and caps without bowls logo and cricket trousers with string ties must not be worn. R. W. A. B. A. delegates may soon be replaced by a Country Committee.

**The Meeting passed a recommendation from the Ladies Bowling Club electing Mrs. Molly Moon and Mrs. Sylvia Hitchcock as Life Members of the Ladies Bowling Club in recognition of the years of dedicated work and commitment to the Bowling Club.**

A recommendation to the incoming Committee was passed that trophies, instead of money, be presented to the winners of Championship Events.

### Election Of Officers 1995-96

President - B Smart

Senior Vice President - T Patton (resigned Jan 15th 1996)

Junior Vice President - J Woods

Secretary - R Potts

Treasurer - D Brown

Committee - M Keeffe (resigned Dec 3rd 1995), G Gordon (resigned Feb 12th 1996), A Gillon G Fewings (co-opted Dec 11th 1995), T Dann, S Knight

### Championship Winners 1995-96

Club Singles - L Campbell

Club Pairs - E Saulys, H Bayley

Club Triples - B Smart, G Fewings, C Davies

Club Fours - E Saulys, G Hughes, V Hughes, H Bayley

### Pennant Winners 1995-96

First Division - Beverley Bowling Club

Second Division - Beverley Bowling Club

### Committee Meeting May 15 1995

A letter was received from Mrs. Roma Potts resigning as part time bar person to the Club. Roma had served the Northam Bowling Club with distinction for close on thirty years behind the Bar, as well as other duties to the Club.

Committee decides to install a Juke Box in the Club. Chris Smith would supply one on a 60-40 basis.

The Secretary reported having received two quotes for the installation of new bar refrigeration units. One was from Kelvin Thermal Services for \$9,945 and the other from Fridge Technics for \$9,489. The quote from Kelvin Thermal Services was accepted with the installation to be completed by mid August.

Newly Elected Members - L O'Shannessy, R Atkinson

### Committee Meeting June 12 1995

A letter received from the Ladies Bowling Club with a donation of \$5,700 to the Club also stating that they were holding the sum of \$4,000. The Ladies were thanked for their donation achieved through their hard work in catering mainly for the men's events, but informed they were not permitted under the constitution to hold large sums of money and only enough for carry on finance.

Friday meals going well with receipts being \$321 and expenses \$182. Two complaints were received re the noise of the Juke Box. Resolved that a remote control be in charge of the bar attendant.

Newly Elected Member - David Moylan (Social)

### Committee Meeting July 12 1995

A set of new irrigation pipes was purchased costing \$2,262. The Treasurer queries accounts from Inland Plumbing and Hannagans over maintenance work done and the cost involved. Dave Brown to check this out. He also queried the structure of the Scroungers Club operating without a Treasurer, and suggested the N B C take over all funds associated with the Scroungers.

Doug Farrington is nominated for membership once again, and is rejected once again as he still has a charge pending against him to appear before Committee from some years back. If he appeared before Committee and apologised, his nomination for re-admittance would be looked on in a different light.

Wundowie Bowling advised that it would not be fielding a Pennant side this coming season. The Secretary was advised to write to Wundowie saying Northam would welcome any of their players to play at Northam

Newly Elected Members - Social - Greg Timms and Fred Singleton

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special Committee Meeting July 31 1995

The reason for the meeting was to increase the subscription fees by \$9, being \$5 increase in Club fees and \$4 to cover the increase in Capitation fees to the R W A B A. It was resolved that the increase be passed.

### Committee Meeting August 14 1995

Treasurer David Brown informed the meeting amounts of \$150 and \$75 had been received from C Smith as club percentage from the Juke Box operations. It was moved that the volume be controlled only by bar staff. A letter received from Mrs. Roma Potts resigning as Club Cleaner as from August 19th, a service performed by Roma for many years.

Treasurer David Brown queried the cost of the new irrigation pipes, which was \$1,000 more than quoted. Greens Chairman Mike Keeffe stated that new flexible rubber hoses had to be purchased also as the old ones would not fit the new pipes. He also informed the meeting of a one third increase in Council Rates for the 1995-year.

John Woods and Eric Crisp were thanked for making a trolley for the irrigation pipes. \$4,000 has been put on fixed deposit with the A N Z Bank.

On the Motion of Graham Gordon, quotes were to be obtained on the cost of the fixture books which had been used by the Club for years against the cost of a fixture card, and if the card was cheaper they be used. Passed. (they were cheaper, but were very unpopular - LCM)

The meeting was informed of the duties of Club cleaner and Bar-Manager. The Club cleaner was a contracted cleaner at \$75 per 7-day week and had nothing to do with the Bar-Managers duties.

The Bar-Manager was rostered to work 34 and one half hours bar work on normal shifts with extra duties entailing bar and mens toilet cleaning, stock control and purchasing and casual staff rostering.

It was resolved that Job Description Forms (J D F) be compiled for the Bar-Manager and Greenkeeper.

It was resolved to look at suitable types of computers for Club use

Newly Elected Members - Dave Hislop, transfer from Wundowie, D Hardy (Social)

### Committee Meeting September 11 1995

Letters received from the Northam Town Council offering to sponsor the Club Championship Mixed fours to the value of \$420.

From the Northam Workers Club to notify the Club they would sponsor the John Brew Memorial Triples to the value of \$200.

From the Railway Institute Bowls Club wishing to conduct the annual Morris Grieves Shield at Northam on Sunday March 31st 1996.

From the Returned Services League Bowls section confirming a visit by them to Northam on Friday October 27th 1995.

Graham Gordon reported on computers stating a software package for drawing up competition fixtures would cost \$520, a Dawn 486 D 66 computer \$2,000 and a printer \$500. The Treasurer suggested bringing the matter up at the October meeting.

Newly Elected Members - Social - Val Christmass, J Ryan, R Green, A Sibley, P Rakowski, Ms. W Potter

### Committee Meeting October 9 1995

It was resolved that the present cleaner be contracted to clean the Bar area at \$75 per week and an extra \$10 when required to clean the Hall

The Treasurer reported at not having received an account from the Clubs carrier, Morris transport for five months.

A letter received from Leo Morgan resigning as an umpire as he did not agree with the new Australian Bowls Council new rules not allowing players to stand on the green during play.

Sponsorship has been obtained for the purchasing of new Bowls Mats, which cost \$1,100. All but three perimeter-advertising signs had been paid.

Newly Elected Member - Tony Vidovick

### Committee Meeting November 13 1995

The Secretary informed the meeting that the arrangements with Morris Transport had been cancelled and Griffiths Transport was now the Clubs carrier. Also that the Club was still waiting for Hannagans to finish repairs to the heater before the account was paid.

The savings account was transferred from the National Bank to the A N Z because of Bank charges at the National. The Club insurance had not been paid because the Club was being re-assessed because of new equipment.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**It was suggested that the Clubs 90th year be celebrated on March 9th 1996. The opening of the Northam Bowling Club Green was performed Monday 29th 1906 on the old site in Wellington Street. The Northam Bowling Club was formed on July 5 1905 and the Bowling Green was laid down in August the same year.**

A computer had been purchased for \$1,925, and a printer would cost \$400. It was resolved that Triton Insurance Brokers be approached about the Clubs insurance.

Newly Elected Member - Social - Wayne Smith

### Committee Meeting December 11 1995

Graham Fewings is co-opted to Committee and is welcomed by President Bruce Smart.

Mike Keeffe resigns from Committee as from December 3rd 1995 over a dispute with the President involving Pennant selections.

\$6,390 is paid to Triton Insurance Brokers for Club insurance. They will sponsor an event to the value of \$200. Commercial Union Insurance would continue their sponsorship of \$400

Newly Elected Members - Social - R Stidworthy, C Smith, N Gericke, R Green

### Special Committee Meeting December 18 1995

The Treasurer, asked the Committee to authorise the application of an overdraft facility of \$10,000 for one year. Committee passed this request. With expenses for a month running at between \$20,000 and up to \$30,000 and receipts at just over \$20,000 the Treasurer had a very tight budget to run.

### Committee Meeting January 15 1996

Graham Fewings was asked if he had approached the Northam Advocate re sponsorship. He stated that at the present time the paper was changing ownership but he would ask the new owners.

The President Bruce Smart was asked if Mike Keeffe, who had resigned from Committee, was still in charge of Greens. The President stated that Mike was helping the green keeper in a voluntary capacity.

A letter of complaint was received over a remark made by the President about a member and asking for an apology to be made to those concerned. The President said he had apologized soon after making the remark and promised to apologize to all concerned and apologized to the Committee at this time for the remark he had made. It was moved that the apology be accepted. Graham Gordon abstained from voting.

A letter was received from the Senior Vice President, Trevor Patton, resigning from committee as of January 15th. This was accepted with Graham Gordon, John Woods and Graham Fewings abstaining from voting.

Graham Fewings moved that a raffle be held at \$100 a ticket with first prize of four people having a trip to Bali. This was passed.

John Woods was thanked for all the assistance he has been giving the Green Keeper Lindsay Campbell. Lindsay had earlier stated he would maintain the four greens without a full time assistant, thus saving the Club money, but he still required help preparing greens for play at times to have them ready in time for morning play. A contractor maintains the banks and verges.

Owing to the disappointing numbers playing night bowls, it was resolved in future members would be permitted to play in ordinary clothes in night events.

Terry Dann reported on quotes he had received for improvements to the Club House.

Air conditioning vents - \$1,040.

Paint bar ceiling - \$660

P. A. System - Archie Martin - \$600. S Rowlands - \$471

It was resolved that the bar ceiling be painted and the quote of S Rowlands for the P.A. system be accepted.

The Secretary reported that the Corporate Bowls Cup would commence on March 12. It was no longer run by the Sport and Recreation Council but by Ms Robin Larkin the local sports co-coordinator

### Committee Meeting February 12 1996

Terry Dann confirmed the booking of a Band for the 90th Anniversary Dinner at a cost of \$450.

A letter of resignation from Committee was received from Graham Gordon. Also a letter from the Ladies Bowling Club expressing dissatisfaction with the new style fixture cards. They were invited to attend Committee meetings when they had any business they wished brought up to the Committee of Management.

Treasurer David Brown reported on having had a good month and not having had to draw on the overdraft facility. He also reported having received an account from Morris Transport after eight months.

The Match Committee reported that the original Printer costing \$400 was of no use to them and could purchase a Printer from Brian Overton, which was wide and very suitable for their needs for \$150. They were authorized to purchase it.

Newly Elected Member - Social - A Fieger.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting April 15 1996

The House Committee reported on the 90th Anniversary Dinner, which was attended by 69 persons. The Ladies President Joyce McPherson and the Ladies Secretary Roma Oliver attended the meeting and were told of their entitlements to office and rights if they were to become members of the Northam Bowling Club instead of Associates. It was decided to ask Andrew Collins of the R W A B A to attend the meeting on May 8th to explain how amalgamation would work.

John Woods reported that the top 2 inches of "A" green was to be removed and was to be offered for sale at \$5 per trailer load.

It was moved that one green a year be laser leveled. Also that members would paint the brick walls in the bar area.

Newly Elected Members - Ted Gorbig, John McRobert, Social - Ray Chenhall

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 6 1996

President Bruce Smart reported to 29 members present that he vacates the office with mixed feelings. While he enjoyed the year and found it a good experience, he was not convinced the cooperation and harmony one would normally expect from a sporting and social club has been present. He and the Committee had been talking to the Ladies with regard to making them Full Members, thus creating a greater interest in the movement of the Club. He has suggested to them that there is no reason why they cannot play competition bowls on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

Treasurer David Brown in his report states that the past year has been very difficult, as the Club has been living from hand to mouth with no reserve. The new temprites and fittings took our backlog of money, with also the new computer, reticulation on the greens verges and a new set of greens watering pipes. These additions cost \$15,191. Wages for running the House was up \$17,000. Provision for long service leave amounted to \$4,750 and a Trust for raffle receipts not drawn came to \$3,400. All these factors resulted in a loss of \$610 for the season.

Once again the Ladies Bowling Club made a valuable contribution with a donation of \$9,700, and the Scroungers contributed \$2,135. Billboard advertising contributed \$3,270 for the year.

Bruce Smart was elected to join Leo Morgan and Keith Beer as a Trustee of the Northam Bowling Club.

Giving the AVBL report Keith Beer states that the Beverley Club won both First and Second Division Pennants last season. Northam Club has been granted the right to host the Northern Zone Round Robin in January 1997. Northam is to pay \$500 for that right. They also have to find an advertiser in the programme booklet, costing \$100, and find a sponsor of the winning side – costing \$400.

#### Election of Officers 1996-97

President - L Simmons

Senior Vice President - J Woods

Junior Vice President - R Christmass

Secretary - M Keeffe

Treasurer - D Brown (resigned)

Committee - T Dann, K Higgs, M Hughes, S Knight, B Muir, G Fewings, A Gillon

#### Championship Winners 1996-97.

Club Singles – T Plews

Club Pairs Champions - G Fewings, T Plews

Club Triples Champions - T Plews, L Simmons, P Rakowski

Club Fours Champions - L Adams, K Beer, D Brown, K Higgs

#### Pennant Winners 1996-97

Division 1 – Beverley Blue

Division 2 – Meckering

### Committee Meeting May 13 1996

Treasurer D Brown stressed that no money to be spent unless really necessary.

Greens Chairman, J Woods stated \$150 had been raised from the sale of grass off A Green. B & D Greens will be sanded on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup>. Trevor Patton has once again loaned his truck for the purpose of picking up the sanding machine from the Dowerin Bowling Club.

It was moved G Fewings, seconded K Higgs that Bar Persons are not to drink whilst on duty – carried.

Terry Dann asked Mike Keefe why he was harping on about Bar Manager's two hours cleaning time. Dave Brown stated it was no longer relevant as Bar Manager was on contract – which was produced. President Lew Simmons stated matter was now closed.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Special Committee Meeting May 17 1996

Meeting called to rescind motion passed at meeting on May 13. Motion was discussed; mover and seconder were not prepared to rescind motion. It was moved by David Brown, seconded by Terry Dann that the motion passed on May 13 1996 “that Bar Persons not allowed to drink whilst on duty” be rescinded – motion carried.

### Committee Meeting June 10 1996

It was resolved that a letter of apology be written to Alex Jones concerning a letter in answer to his queries being answered in a distasteful manner by the Secretary. The secretary said it was a case of mistaken committee instruction. The committee to seek a meeting with Alex to have the remainder of his queries answered. The committee received a donation from the Ladies Committee of \$7,000. Congratulations and thanks were sent to the Ladies Bowling Club. Their wishes on how the money was to be spent was for a new stove (which was difficult and dangerous to light), and that the ladies toilet, office and the kitchen be air-conditioned. The stove would be serviced and the air-conditioning investigated.

A letter of thanks was sent to Betty and Brian Holtfreter for their donation of a clock to the Club. Thanks were sent to Chris and Fred McCloy for the loan of their clock to the Club.

Treasurer David Brown congratulated all persons involved in the “Trip raffle” that returned a profit of \$8,700 to the club. Thanks were sent to Trevor Patton for his efforts. Thanks were sent to the Town Council for the loan of a front-end loader used when sanding the greens.

Newly elected members – Graeme Smith, Fay Wolfenden, Roy Boulton. Social - Dee Smith, Michael Stonehouse, Brett Dann, Ken Cockman, William Scott and Robert Cable

### Committee Meeting September 9 1996

It was moved and passed that 30 day accounts be viewed by Committee to be passed for payment. Treasurer David Brown stated that he could not work under those conditions and submitted a verbal resignation. It was resolved to purchase a Whiteboard costing \$350.

### Committee Meeting October 14 1996.

David Brown tenders his resignation in writing as Treasurer of the Club for many years, over his dispute over the committee decision to put all accounts on 30 days. His resignation was accepted with regret. John Park was co-opted as Treasurer

Peters Company agrees to sponsor pennant afternoon teas, reducing price on members to \$2.00

T Milhinch wrote stating he had sold his gardening his business and would not be looking after the Bowling Club surrounds. A letter from R De Landgraft advising he has purchased “Gardeners Friend” business and requested the Bowling Club consider him for the Club work. John Woods to discuss with him the work required by club.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Toodyay Bowling Club suggesting a midweek mixed pennant bowls competition. It was resolved that Northam did not think the idea would be successful.

Green keeper Lindsay Campbell was told to direct any requests to John Woods and not by notice on Notice Board. He was also advised that his terms of employment had not changed.

#### **Keith Beer donates a “Booze Buggy” to the club.**

Ken Higgs resigns as Captain and from Committee. Alan Gillon is his replacement as Captain.

Newly elected members – David Grafton, Ken Byfield, Phil D’Costa, Margaret Farr. Social – Garry Hall, Ivan Cox

#### **Northam Bowling Club conducted the Northern Zone Round Robin during January 1997**

### Annual General Meeting of the NBC May 12 1997-98

In his President’s report, Lew Simmons stated it was a season of considerable success, albeit under quite difficult conditions due to a string of resignations from committee that meant our resources were severely tested. He believed they came through with flying colours. The Treasurer, Jon Park, who was co-opted early in the season brought his expertise of computers to the club. This could mean time and money saved over time once everything was computerized.

Financially we were able to turn an operating an operating loss from the previous year into a small profit. A “Trip Raffle” conducted, during the year and sold mainly outside the club, raised \$8,700. Another attempt to boost players in “Open” events was to combine sponsorships for fewer events.

The conducting of the “Round Robin” was a very good money-spinner and a feed back from zone officials our club will be favoured to hold this event when next it is held in this part of the zone.

**The Ladies Bowling Club, through their tireless working efforts, made a handsome donation of \$7,000 to the Northam Bowling Club.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Election of Officers 1997-98

President – Lew Simmons

Senior Vice President – John Woods

Junior Vice President – Graeme Fewings

Treasurer – Jon Park

Secretary – Mike Keefe

Committee – Alan Gillon, Larry Siekierka, Peter Morton, Colin Hicks, Terry Dann, Terry Plews, Stewart Knight

### Club Championships 1997-98

Club Singles – R Pitts

Club Pairs – J Perrie, B Melbin

Club Triples – G Fewings, R Christmas, C Hicks

Club Fours – T Plews, M Keefe, L Siekierka, P Rakowski

### Pennant Winners 1997-98

First Division – Northam Blue

Second Division – Dowerin Red

### Committee Meeting May 19 1997

Beth Smith, Joyce McPherson and Roma Oliver attended the meeting to present and discuss the following items. Beth Smith informed the meeting that the Ladies Club did not have a Convener, and the following changes were suggested.

- (1) Pay Convener for duties re ordering, menus, buying, quantities, etc  
Result – not agreed to
- (2) Roster system with a Leader each day  
Result – Ladies to arrange
- (3) Less mid week events, combine small days  
Result – To be investigated
- (4) C.B.H, Railways, APL, RSL supply own meals  
Result – This cannot be agreed to
- (5) Simpler meals – sandwiches and soup-sandwiches and sweets  
Result – This cannot be agreed to
- (6) Men help with washing up on big days  
Result – This will be looked into
- (7) Increase price of meals  
Result – All prices being investigated

A letter was received from the Ladies Bowling Club with a donation of \$7,000. This was questioned as to why the Ladies Balance Sheet was \$10,220 and only \$7,000 was handed over.

Ladies to be advised to present all financial statements to the Management of the Club a week after their meeting, with the objective of transferring all moneys with the exception of \$1,000 of operating funds

A letter from the Ladies Club requesting the kitchen cupboards be replaced, as they were not mouse proof. Also the promised air-conditioner in the Ladies Captains Room. It was resolved that request not agreed to. With regard the air-conditioner, the club was waiting on quotes.

Stewie Knight will collect some wood for the wood stove heater.

Newly Elected Members – A Pelich - Social –Wayne Rakowski, Michael Schuts, S Bowen, M Woods, R Netherway, M Turner, P Devereux

### Committee Meeting November 10 1997

Letter from Ladies Bowling Club expressing thanks for the installation of an air-conditioner unit to their room.

Letter from Lou Smith expressing dissatisfaction with the present Pennant afternoon tea.

A letter received from Leo Morgan informing the Club on the result of the new bore, and the capacity of the other bores. It was resolved that this be handled by the Irrigation Committee

A letter of thanks was sent to Total Reticulation and Patton Panel & Paint for sponsoring the Club Pennant shirt.

A letter of thanks was sent to Ken Rogers for repairing the tractor radiator

The Club is to purchase a 21 inch self-propelled walk behind mower 14sb 5 speed from Graham Pember's Avon Tractor & Implement.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Newly Elected Members – D Hepworth, Brian Lally, T Allan, J Oliver, P Williams. Social – A Law, B Podmore, J Bullen, F Dymnicki, S Aylward, C Debiecourt, M Mowhinny, J McCagh, T Puckridge, M Barrow, B Francis, R Jacob

### Committee Meeting January 19 1998

Ladies President, Beth Smith and Secretary Roma Oliver were invited to the committee meeting to answer some queries.

- (1) Ladies bank account – Beth explained that money received for their Classic Event and does the Committee expect this to be handed over. It was resolved that money for the Classic is retained and all monies over \$1,000 be handed over.
- (2) Photocopier was now available for Ladies use.
- (3) Ladies asked if drinks could be made available after their local events. It was explained that the Bar Manager would work this out for the Ladies.
- (4) Ladies asked about arrangements for the catering of Open Days. It was explained by Lou Simmons that he had arranged with caterers to cater for all Open Days for this season. Ladies to arrange morning tea and to set the tables.
- (5) Beth Smith told the meeting that the ladies are prepared to do catering subject to being able to get a convener. Resolved that Committee would agree to this.

The Treasurers report shows a credit balance of \$10,252.48

Newly elected Members – Social – Pam Johnston, Graeme Risetto, Kevan Street, Rosemary Street, Anthony Chester, Anthony Kwistrowski, Gary Carter, Jan Collins

### Committee Meeting March 9 1998

It was resolved that the tender of Ron Rolfe of \$1,000 for the windmill be accepted, subject to having a pole erected at shed to carry power and water pipes.

The Town Council offered the Bowling Club the concrete tank situated on the West Northam Oval.

Donation of \$185 was received from the Ladies. Balance sheet shows account balance of the Bowling Club stands at \$17,299.44. Estimate for reticulation of the greens would be \$13,000

Newly Elected Members – Social – L Poultney, R Cooper, P Cooper.

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 18 1998-99

Retiring President Lew Simmons welcomed 43 members, stating that the A G M called for May 11 was postponed due to lack of a quorum. Lew states that he leaves the Club in a sound and positive position. This position has been enhanced by tight control, improved programming of events and increased membership (mainly social). Improvements carried out during the year include a second water storage tank, and the replacement of the irrigation pipes from meter to water tanks and then greens. Upgrading the doors in the front of the cold room, two new tills, a photocopier and the upgrading of the barbecue area.

Treasurer Jo Park in his report states that the Club experienced a net operating profit of \$13,500. Bar turnover was up 19%. As the Greenkeeper, Lindsay Campbell, had now reached ten years of service, there is a need to “top up” the long service deposit. The ladies contributed \$8,775 to the Club this year.

#### Election of Officers 1998-1999

President – G Fewings

Senior Vice President – J Woods

Junior Vice President - L Smith

Secretary – M Keefe

Treasurer – J Park

Committee – S Knight, S McCloy (resigned 16/10/98), K Higgs, B Probin, L Siekierka, C Hicks, A Gillon, K Wolfenden

Trustees – K Beer, L Morgan, B Smart

#### Club Championships 1998-1999

Club Singles – P J Morton

Club Pairs – M Keefe, A Salmon

Club Triples – J Perrie, M Keefe, A Hicks

Club Fours – C Davies, B Smart, G Carruthers, A Gillon

#### Pennant Winners 1998-99

First Division – Beverley Blue

Second Division – Northam Red

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting May 28 1998

A letter was received from the Ladies Bowling Club enclosing a donation of \$4,145.70. Also with questions re catering, toilets and stove.

A letter of resignation was received from Peter Morton from the Management Committee. A letter of thanks to be sent to Peter thanking him for his service.

A letter was sent to Bar Manager Bob Potts stating that due to Legal Liabilities of the Northam Bowling Club, no paid Employees are allowed to drink Liquor whilst on duty.

### Committee Meeting April 12 1999

Listed under correspondence is **“Motion to bestow Life Membership of the Northam Bowling Club on Lindsay Adams”**

### Annual General Meeting held 1999 – 2000

#### Election Of Officers 1999-2000

President – A Salmon

Senior Vice President – W Beer

Junior Vice President – L Smith

Secretary – W Monger

Treasurer – J Park

Committee – A Gillon, T Dann, S Knight, C Hicks, B Doig (resigned 6/8/99), M Oliver, M Keefe, K Wolfenden, M Davies (co-opted 13/12/99), M Hicks (co-opted 13/12/99)

#### Club Championships 1999-2000

Club Singles – R Pitts

Club Pairs – K Beer, K Higgs

Club Triples – B Smart, B Probin, C Hicks

Club Fours – T Plews, M Keefe, L Siekierka, P Rakowski

#### Pennant Winners – 1999-2000

First Division – Northam Blue

Second Division – Toodyay Lions

### Special Committee Meeting September 2 1999

President, Ashley Salmon stated the meeting was called to decide on a new location of the Television/Video. It was resolved that the new location be to the middle of the bar, as high as possible and at the end of the mirror.

### Committee Meeting November 8 1999

Senior Vice President, Wayne Beer resigns from the Management Committee. A letter to be sent to Wayne thanking him for his contribution to the Club.

A letter received from the Ladies Bowling Club proposing that Jean Adams be made a Life Member of the Ladies Bowling Club. Committee approved this proposal.

The Secretary is to arrange for invitations to be sent out for the Lindsay Adams Life Membership Dinner. Terry Dann to arrange a list of duties for the committee on the night.

It was moved by Lou Smith, seconded by Allan Gillon that the motion of August 1999 meeting, stating that the minimum purse be \$300 for Open Days be rescinded - carried.

A report on the cost of outside refurbishments – Sign for Club Entrance - \$750. Tractor sandblast and paint - \$400. Shades for “B” and “C” Greens - \$800. Bricked bank on “C” Green - \$3,000. Bricked bank on “B” Green - \$3,000. Feature wall on brick paving bank - \$5,000.

It was resolved that Bruce Doig forfeits his position on Committee.

Due to the resignation of Senior Vice President Wayne Beer, it was resolved that Ken Wolfenden be appointed Senior Vice President and Terry Dann be appointed Junior Vice President.

President Ashley Salmon was to meet with the Clubs Solicitors re the proposed Federal Football Club entrance to the Northam Bowling Club.

### Committee Meeting December 13 1999

It was resolved by committee that President Ashley Salmon is to advice the Federal Football the reason why the Northam Bowling cannot accept their proposal of membership.

Lou Smith tenders his resignation from the Management Committee. Lou is to be sent a letter of thanks for his contribution to the Club.

The Swan Brewery has reduced their Club sponsorship from five kegs to three, representing a fall of \$600. There is also some doubt on the Workers Club sponsorship of \$500.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the N B C May 15 2000

The retiring President, Ashley Salmon, in his report, states he is not nominating for the position of President. The past year had not been easy with the number of resignations that took place. One of the highlights of his term was the presentation of a **“Northam Bowling Club Life Membership to Lindsay Adams. Lindsay has also Life Membership of the Avon Valley Bowling Association and Life membership of the Royal West Australian Bowling Association.** He offered his congratulations on the Club winning the First Division Pennants.

Treasurer Jon Park reported a reduced profit to be \$1,928 for the past year. Bar sales were down by \$20,000, an alarming figure. The Club is looking at taking out a loan for the refurbishment of the bar and area.

**In the Election of Officers the positions of President, Senior Vice President and Junior Vice President failed to attract nominations (this would be a first in the long history of the Northam Bowling Club - LCM)**

#### Election Of Officers 2000-2001

President – B Smart (co-opted 29/5/2000)

Senior Vice President – K Wolfenden (co-opted 29/5/2000)

Junior Vice President – J Woods (co-opted 29/5/2000)

Secretary – R Potts

Treasurer – J Park

Committee – M Davies, M Hicks, M Oliver, A Gillon, W Monger (resigned), A Jones (co-opted)

#### Club Championships 2000-2001

Club Singles – M Keefe

Club Pairs – G Fewings, J Perrie

Club Triples – R Potts, P Morton, M Morris

Club Fours – C Davies, K Higgs, J Woods, A Hicks

#### Pennant Winners 2000-2001

First Division – Toodyay Lions

Second Division – Toodyay Tigers

### Committee Meeting May 29 2000

Immediate Past President Ashley Salmon took the Chair. Bruce Smart addressed the meeting and asked Ashley to reconsider his decision to resign. Ashley declined, but offered his help to committee in an unofficial capacity.

Bruce Smart then offered his services to the Club. Missing positions were then filled from those present. Bruce Smart was elected President, Ken Wolfenden Senior Vice President and John Woods Junior Vice President.

The ladies have advised that they would only cater for meals on eight occasions for the coming season, this figure including the Annual Carnival. Discussion took place and the ladies proposal was not acceptable to the management Committee. They will meet the ladies to discuss catering and general repairs the Ladies request.

### Committee Meeting August 14 2000

The Management Committee met a deputation of Mike Keefe, Alex Jones and John Bazinski to discuss beer prices. Instead of the club charging one price for all beers, they claim low alcohol beer, while costing less than the others, and also attracting a Government subsidy, should cost less to buy. Mike Keefe produced figures to the effect that the club was making \$50 move from a low alcohol keg of beer at the present prices charged. Alex Jones asked about Government subsidy on low alcohol beer.

### Special Committee Meeting on November 22 2000

President Bruce Smart addressed the meeting called to deal with the resignation of the greenkeeper Lindsay Campbell. Bruce said he wished to address Lindsay's attitude to the preparation of the greens for the pennants on Saturdays. Alex Jones stated he thought Bruce Smart and John Woods had something against the greenkeeper, and asked if the resignation could be held in abeyance. Bruce asked Lindsay his reasons for resigning. Lindsay answered that he was not happy with the back stabbing by members of the Club, which was affecting him and his family. His decision on resigning was final.

Bruce told Lindsay his resignation was accepted and thanked him for his attendance.

It was then resolved to advertise the vacant position in the West Australian and the Avon Advocate, with applications closing on December 14 2000.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting December 11 2000

Alex Jones queried the \$5 charge for afternoon tea on home pennant days. One player stated he would only pay \$3. President Bruce stated he had been approached by several members on the cost. It was moved by Alex Jones seconded by Allan Gillon that the fee for the remainder of the season be \$3, the ladies green fees be removed, and that Ken Wolfenden rescind his motion of the previous meeting. This motion was carried on the vote of the President.

A letter was received from Wayne Monger resigning from the Management Committee. This was accepted and he was sent a letter thanking him for his past support.

Four applications were received for the position of Greenkeeper, but none from qualified greenkeepers. The Northam Bowling Club is to hold the Northern Round Robin at the Club in January 2001.

### Committee Meeting on February 12 2001

At this meeting President Bruce Smart thanked all who had helped run a successful Round Robin. He stated there had been complaints about the actions of Graeme Fewings against a committee member. Also of his behaviour in the clubhouse after the announcement of those selected to represent the Zone. Northern Zone Committee members had reported his actions. A letter was to be written him asking for an explanation. In a query of who is in charge of the greens, Alex Jones was informed that Shane Watson was.

### Committee Meeting April 9 2001

Alex Jones asked the result of the letter which was sent to Graeme Fewings on his recent bad behaviour. Bruce stated that a letter of apology had been received and he had been informed that any further behaviour of this sort would incur severe action against him.

To overcome the frequent break-ins occurring quotes are to be obtained re installing roller doors in the two front entrances.

President Bruce Smart also informed the Committee that Robert Wood had been engaged as Greenkeeper. Shane McCloy would be his assistant.

Letters are to be sent to both the Town and Shire Council requesting help in financing the installation of two Synthetic Greens.

Bruce spoke on the prospect of building units on the front parking area. He also stated that the Northam Hospital could be interested in building units on the land at the rear of the Bowling Club property, using their own entrance to them.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 14 2001

At this meeting Bruce Smart was re-elected as President of the Northam Bowling Club. In his report he mentions last years problems when there were no nominations for the positions of president and vice presidents. He put this down to there being such a lot of criticism, innuendo and backstabbing by a few members of the Club. So much so, causing the loss of our greenkeeper in the mid term of our bowling season. No one likes this backstabbing when one is giving his or her time in the interest of the club.

Bruce also outlined the refurbishment of the bar area. The shape and colour of the new bar top and matching front panels. The new brick promenade in the front of the clubhouse is another great attribute of the club and it has taken away a dangerous sloping lawn.

**The President spoke of an event to be conducted to the memory of a Club stalwart Keith Beer, who had passed away. Keith had achieved more for the Northam Bowling Club over fifty years than any other member. The same applied to the Avon Valley Bowling Association. Keith was a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club.**

The Club Balance Sheet showed a net loss of \$6,634 for the past year.

#### Election of Officers 2001-2002

President – B Smart

Senior Vice President – K Higgs

Junior Vice President – J Woods

Secretary – J Perrie

Treasurer – J Park

Committee – L Chitty, M Davies (resigned), A Jones, S McCloy, T Plews, L Simmons

#### Championship Winners 2001-2002

Club Singles – T Plews

Club Pairs – A Jones, K Higgs

Club Triples – C Davies, J Woods, L Adams

Club Fours – C Davies, K Higgs, J Woods, A Hicks

#### Pennant Winners 2001-2002

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

First Division – Beverley  
Second Division – Bolgart

### Committee Meeting May 21 2001-2002

At this Committee Meeting it was resolved **“that as a Memorial to the memory of the long and dedicated service to the Northam Bowling Club by Keith Beer, “C”Green be named “Keith Beer Memorial Green”**

John Woods states that the new Greenkeeper, Robert Wood, requires a heavy roller. A secondhand one would cost \$700.

One quote received for one synthetic bowling green is \$126,000.

### Committee Meeting April 8 2002

The Management Committee Meeting decide to put to the next A G M the motion **“that the members elect Wally Grafton as a Life Member of the Northam Bowling Club”** for his long and dedicated service to the Club over many years (could be 49 years of membership for Wally - LCM)

### Annual General Meeting held on April 8 2002

Bruce Smart is reelected as President of the Northam Bowling. Treasurer Jon Park in his report, states that the Club incurred another loss amounting to \$11,250. **With the retirement of Bar Manager Bob Potts after thirty five years of dedicated service to the Northam Bowling Club, and claiming his long service entitlement, the ANZ term deposit is now closed.** There has been a decline of numbers attending all bowls events, culminating in a decrease of \$15,000. The GST is responsible for a decrease of \$3,000 in profit. This has not been taken up in increases of subscriptions and dues. He would like to congratulate Lynley for taking on the position of Bar - Manager of the Club.

### Election of Officers 2002-2003

President – B Smart

Senior Vice President – K Higgs

Junior Vice President – J Woods

Secretary – J Perrie

Treasurer – J Park

Committee – W Beer, L Chitty, D McCloy (resigned), W Monger, Plews, PRakowski, L Simmons

### Championship Winners – 2002-2003

Club Singles – R Pitts

Club Pairs – M Keefe, J McRoberts

Club Triples – G Pelich, A Jones, K McPherson.

Club Fours – T Plews, M Keefe, L Chitty, J Wesolowski

### Pennant Winners 2002-2003

First Division – Toodyay

Second Division – Northam Gold

**Notice of Motion, moved by John Perrie, seconded L Simmons, that the constitution be amended by deleting existing clause 18(d) and inserting 18(d) viz.-Any member of the club shall have the right to invite guests to the club, but the number of guests per member shall not exceed the number contained in Section 48(4)(b) of the Liquor Licensing Act 1998. The member inviting the guests will be responsible for their behaviour on Club premises – carried.** This amendment was to cancel the requirements of signing in guests to the club.

**Passed unanimously by all members present, was the motion bestowing Life Membership of the Northam Bowling Club on Wally Grafton for his long and dedicated and much decorated service to the Club.**

In general business, Ken Higgs queried the Presentation of Trophies Night when there were no presentations made. President Bruce replied that presentations of awards were carried out on the day of the events. That night a presentation was made to the retiring Bar Manager Bob Potts.

**It was moved by Leo Morgan, seconded by Wally Grafton, a recommendation to the incoming Management Committee “that a sworn valuation be obtained of the Bowling Club property. If sufficient funding available, to call a special general meeting to consider relocating to the Country Club site – this was put to the meeting and carried.**

Mike Keefe urged the Club to take caution on such a move.

It was moved by Ken Higgs, seconded by Wayne Beer, an amendment to the recommendation that “the committee obtain a sworn valuation of the entire property” – carried.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

To encourage the revival of Sunday morning "Scroungers", Shane McCloy and Mick Morris are to try for about thirty members and non members to play.

**Ann Williams stated that (1) all men members should take a turn on kitchen duty, (2) communication to members (especially lady members - LCM) should be improved, (3) a common notice board is needed, (4) notices to members should be addressed to "Mr. Mrs. Ms. where necessary, (5) conduct large raffles during the year, (6) ladies should have representation on the Management Committee, (7) expressed a vote of thanks to the President for his comments on the assistance provided by the ladies to the Club during the year.**

John McRoberts suggested that the Management Committee obtain outside expertise in managing the Club's finances

### Committee Meeting May 20 2002

Committee members are informed that the Australian Taxation Commission is owed \$9,000 for the GST. It was resolved to increase the bank overdraft to \$20,000.

In his report Greenkeeper Robert Wood states – "A" Green (no longer in use - LCM) – weed spraying weeds when required. "B" Green – in play during the winter, a healthy green but not a fast one. "C" Green – worn out. "D" Green – worse than "C" green, has not been renovated for several years.

Northam Bowling Club has been granted the right to hold the Inter League Round Robin for men on January 10 to 12 2003, and the Club is to make accommodation arrangements for the Teams. As well, Northam is to hold the Ladies Inter Zone Round Robin during February 2003.

**Terry Plews moved that the Northam Bowling Club not proceed with the Annual General Meeting recommendation, of obtaining a sworn valuation of the Club property, and if appropriate, relocating to the Country Club site. This was seconded by Lew Simmons, put to the meeting and carried (and there went any prospect of amalgamating with the Country Club, and so forming one of the largest Country Clubs in Western Australia. With minimal debt, and the prospect of larger membership in a Club containing the sports of Golf, Tennis and Squash. Both Clubs will now be struggling for some years - LCM)**

Discussion took place on electing a permanent Bar Manager and the relevant opening/closing hours.

### Committee Meeting June 10 2002

Committee members were informed that raising the Club overdraft would incur a fee of \$700. All profits from the Carnival have been expended. Bank Balance now stands at \$7,287 debit, with the overdraft limit of \$10,000.

It was resolved that all fees be raised by 10% for the season. Including GST this brings the fees for members to \$126.50. Social members fees to remain at \$27.50, to be the same as the Workers Club.

The Bar Manager position to be held over until a medical report is received.

A letter is received from the Northam Town Council stating that a huge Campervan Rally is to be held in Northam. The Council suggests that the Northam Bowling Club conduct a bowls event to cater for the large numbers of bowlers who would be present (no bowls events took place to cater for visitors – LCM)

Three burglaries took place recently. A security light is to be installed in the front of the clubhouse and a high-pitched "screamer" inside.

### Committee Meeting August 12 2000

Jon Park states that the overdraft limit has been increased to \$20,000. At the end of July the overdraft stood at \$16,582. Bar sales should increase with the warmer weather coming on.

Members using the bar telephone are to be charged 40c a call. The Gold telephone costs \$600 per annum in rent, and the yearly revenue is less than \$60. This phone will be disconnected.

Discussion took place on the hours and duties of the new Bar Manager Ms Lynley Gunnell. President Bruce Smart and Wayne Beer will confer with Lynley.

### Committee Meeting October 14 2002

The Committee was informed that Carlton and United Breweries (one of its products, Carlton Mid Strength is a very popular beer, with many club members drinking the Carlton stubby of this brew in the clubhouse - LCM) have submitted an agreement. Five years with two tap points for one product (Carlton Mid Strength) and 50% of display space.

Swan Brewery now gives the Club one free keg for every ten per month, with kegs in excess of the even tens to carry over to the next month. This is a very good offer. It was suggested to try XXXX Gold, which is a Swan product.

The Committee decided not to install Carlton at this stage.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Bar manager Lynley is appraising the situation with regards to bar rosters and hours. Bank overdraft now stands at \$11,695 debit. \$6,000 was banked this day. Capitation and GST payments are due next month. Bar takings should improve now that the bowls season is underway. Lindsay Adams resigns as coach for the Northam Bowling Club. The Greenkeeper expects to have three good greens running at approximately 14 seconds in time for the Round Robins in January and February. The Fashion Parade run in the clubhouse was a very successful evening, as was the final of the Darts Competition, which was also held at the Club. To further boost Club finances, Bar Manager Lynley held her marriage celebrations there, and another marriage is booked in for Saturday 19. Dave Hislop, club member and of Hislops Electrics, fixed the coil and lead of the Fergie tractor free of charge. He is to be sent a letter of thanks.

### Committee Meeting November 11 2002

Wayne Beer gave a report on quotes received for major maintenance jobs. Painting the outside of Clubhouse. BBQ area. Renovating perimeter advertising signs and replacing floor area behind the bar. A new wall will be constructed around the empty keg area by voluntary labour and donated bricks. A gate will be donated for the rubbish bin area. The remarking of the parking area will be done by voluntary labour with a donation of time and paint. Vertical blinds have been placed in the mens locker room and the match committee room. Beers of Northam donated these and a vote of thanks was extended to Wayne for his efforts and donation. Treasurer Jon Park stated that after paying the GST the overdraft stands at \$15,934. The Club is to pay \$600 for the privilege of conducting the Inter League Round Robin in January.

### Committee Meeting April 14 2003

With the Bowling Season in full swing and holding the Mens and the Ladies Round Robins, the Balance Sheet shows a credit of \$4,220. Quotes are being received for a new water storage tank liner. Further inquiries are being made re two synthetic greens. Henselite Company has inspected the Northam Greens and will provide a detailed quote. The Club is seeking a 1/3 grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. A 1/3 grant from the Town of Northam. Also, for the Town of Northam to take out a self-supporting low cost loan of 1/3, on behalf of the Club.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 12 2003

President Bruce Smart presided over 32 members present (no President's or Treasurer's report with copy of the Minutes - LCM)

#### Election of Officers 2003-2004

President – R B Smart

Senior Vice President – G Gregory

Junior Vice President – J Park

Secretary – Mrs. Mary Davies

Treasurer – W Monger

Committee – W Beer (resigned), L Chitty, T Plews (resigned), M Gibson, P Rakowski, D Grafton,

Mrs. Roma Oliver, J Bazinski

#### Club Championships 2003-2004

Club Singles – R Pitts

Club Pairs – M Gibson, J Woods

Club Triples – W Monger, A Gregory, G Gregory

Club Fours – L Simmons, B Lally, K McPherson, J Woods

#### Pennant Winners 2003-2004

First Division – Toodyay

Second Division – Beverley

In general business Wally Pidhirnyj was elected to the position of promotions officer. He stated that as he worked away regularly he would require input from committee and members. Thanks were extended to Alan Hicks and Colin Davies for their assistance in the garden area.

Ken Higgs spoke on the condition of the Greens presented for play during the season, with the exception of the carnival when they were excellent. As there are many members who criticize and do not take any active part around the club. He suggested that members could assist by carrying out some of the minor tasks during the busy bowling season. 4 or 5 members for approximately 1 hour per week would be sufficient. Ken was given approval to co-ordinate.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

President Bruce spoke at length on the progress to date on obtaining information on the costs and feasibility of installing two Synthetic Greens as many clubs are moving this way to reduce the costs of maintaining grass greens. It was recommended that the incoming committee obtain an exact cost of expenditure on the Greens. That includes wages, electricity, fertilizers, chemicals, water, and machinery maintenance. All information re the raising of finance for all costs of installing two Synthetic Greens, and the present costs of maintaining the present greens to be presented to a special general meeting.

### Committee Meeting May 19 2003

After a discussion re the present overdraft, it was resolved to leave it at \$20,000. The Match Committee reported on a successful Carnival, even though six teams pulled out shortly before the event.

A Bowls WA advice received stating that their \$200 donation to the clubs winning a Pennant was to be used for bowls promotion purposes.

It was resolved that green fees for Wednesday and Sunday Scroungers be increased to \$5.

### Committee Meeting June 9 2003

It was reported that the increase to players fees of \$5 for Wednesday Scroungers, was not well received.

In a vote on the fee charged, it was resolved it should remain at \$5, three members voting against.

In the discussions on the evening of appreciation to Club Sponsorships, a letter is to be sent to Bar Manager Lynley Pelich thanking her for organizing the evening. Mixed Meat Pack pairs are to be run on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month. Club shirts were discussed, and Peter Rakowski is to continue his investigations on their design.

A notice to all members "no Committee members are to be approached whilst they are having a social drink at the Club, any complaints to be in writing to the Management Committee, to be discussed at monthly meetings".

### Committee Meeting July 14 2003

After receiving a reply from the Town of Northam, of the Club's request, that it take out a loan, on the Club's behalf, for the purpose of installing two Synthetic Bowling Greens. It was resolved the loan be increased to cover the costs associated with refurbishing the Clubhouse, air-conditioning, wood fire, floor etc.

The cool room compressor has broken down, incurring a cost of replacement/repair of \$4,000

### Special General Meeting August 25 2003

President Bruce Smart welcomed 54 members present to authorise the raising of \$300,000 for the purpose of installing two synthetic bowling greens, and refurbishing the clubhouse. Bruce informed those present the cost of a greenkeeper and maintenance of greens for a year amounts to \$52,000. Servicing a loan of \$300,000 will cost \$31,000 per year.

After being informed that the subject of selling the present Bowling Club site and moving to the Country Club was out of order, and dead and buried, Leo Morgan stated he was in favour of any development of greens and clubhouse should be enjoyed by present members and paid for by future members. It was resolved "that the Northam Bowling Club borrow \$300,000 with a loan taken out on its behalf by the Town of Northam. The money to be spent on having two synthetic greens laid, plus major refurbishment of the Clubhouse". This was passed unanimously.

Further discussion took place on which Greens to be replaced, would the new greens attract more playing members, synthetic greens were harder on feet and hotter than grass, if we kept one grass green, who would look after it. Inter League and Zone events require only two greens.

### Committee Meeting November 10 2003

A quote from Central Districts Airconditioning for installing reverse cycle units was accepted. These are being installed in the Bar area.

A cheque is sent to Sports Services for \$98,000 as part payment for the laying down of the two Synthetic Greens. "A" and "C" Greens are the ones being replaced.

Blokpave is paid \$10,118.51 as per account. New Pennant shirts have arrived and Peter Rakowski will hand them out.

### Committee Meeting December 8 2003

Sunday February 1 2004 is to be the Official Opening of the Synthetic Greens. Invitations are to be sent out.

**Graham Gregory and his House Committee recommend that two separate competitions be run, one for men and one for ladies. Not agreed to by some Committee members, but a motion is moved by Terry Plews, seconded by Peter Rakowski that separate competitions be held, one for men and one for ladies – Carried.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting January 12 2004

In reply to the request from the Shire of Northam to hold an inter-shire dinner and bowls day on February 20, the committee welcomes the visit. Catering and green fees is to be \$15 per head.

Invitations are to be sent out for the Opening of the new greens.

If any problems occur with the new synthetic grass the Club is to contact "Sports Surfaces".

The Ladies have offered to see Mick Morris to have the pavers sealed. **They also point out to Committee that we are One Club and they did not approve the two competitions held on Opening Day. One for the men and one for the ladies (ever since the Ladies Bowling Club was formed in 1938, all Opening Day Events have been mixed - LCM).**

### Committee Meeting February 9 2004

**It was reported there was no response to the invitations sent out for the Opening of the new Synthetic Greens.**

Terry Plews tenders his resignation from Match Committee. It is accepted with regret

George Pelich is cutting "B" Green. Thanks are extended to him.

Opening of the new Greens did not happen. Signs are to be erected stating there is to be No Smoking, No Drinking or No Chewing Gum on new greens.

New Member – Ron Ward.

### Committee Meeting March 8 2004

A prospective buyer of the grass from the closed "D" Green has inspected the grass. Peter Rakowski moves that the Committee approach someone to assist with the cutting and rolling of "B" Green.

Corporate Bowls competitions are proceeding very well.

Accounts are to be sent out those men who have not paid for their Club shirts. Shirts for the Ladies are in the pipeline.

### Committee Meeting April 5 2004

The Asthma Foundation charity tin passed around last month yielded \$73.10. The Ladies donated their trophy money to this cause. Future planning – a raffle could be run in August. A sub-committee could be formed with regards the 100 year anniversary of the Northam Bowling Club which occurs in 2005.

**(After the running of Life Members Day, when the greens were full, questions were asked about the ridges on the ditch rinks of the new greens. They were assured they would be fixed over the winter – LCM).**

### Annual General Meeting held on Monday May 10.

#### Election of Officers

President – Merv Gibson

Senior Vice President – Graham Gregory

Junior Vice President – John Park

Secretary – Mary Davies

Treasurer – Wayne Monger

Committee – Laurie Chitty, David Grafton, Roma Oliver, Gillian Beazley, Teresa Field, John Bazinski, John Woods.

Wayne Monger, Club Treasurer, in his report states the following "From the Auditor's report you can see a snapshot of our business. During the past year it has become more evident to me that our planning is non-existent and we are surviving more by good fortune than good practices. I feel that the time has come to put considerable effort into planning our future. There appears no control on any activities and no firm direction for the Club.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the installation of two Synthetic Greens and this has given the Club breathing space enabling the Club to successfully plan for the future.

Without planning to ensure costs are contained, membership increased and the Club having a clear direction I believe the long-term future of the Club is under threat.

Just after I started as Treasurer I had many sleepless nights wondering if we had enough money in the bank to cover accounts presented. At the time we had in the previous year increased our overdraft to \$20,000 and we were often within sight of this barrier.

With the loan (the Town of Northam arranged a loan of \$300,000 at slightly more than 4% interest, at the ANZ Bank, to finance the installation of two synthetic greens and new air-conditioners – LCM) we were able to trade in positive territory with approximately \$17,000 being required to initially clear the overdraft, with normal trading this has reduced to \$5,144.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Current Position

At present we have in our accounts the following credits: -

Trading Account	\$7,016
Investment Account	\$28,503

We have liabilities of: -

Loan	\$284,793
Accounts for Payment	\$1,800
Accounts to be processed	\$3,200

The investment account has money transferred monthly to cover the following: -

Loan Liabilities	\$2,500
Replacement of Synthetic Surface	\$800

Also included in the investment account was the GST Refund (\$18,000+). This means we have flexibility in meeting our next payment. It is my intention to increase this account by at least \$10,000 per year more than the loan repayments. This account is with the ANZ at slightly more than 4% interest.

The following is a breakdown in the distribution of loan funds principally for the synthetic greens: -

Sports Surfaces	\$227,670	Base and greens
Brick Mart Northam	\$10,987	Bricks and machine hire
Plan Earth	\$12,888	Laying pavers and surrounds
Avon Valley Contractors	\$8,089	Earthmoving and machine hire
Holtfreters	\$5,142	Steel, manufacturing, machine hire
New Jacks (Kittys)	\$770	
Miscellaneous	\$1,174	Local hardware shops
Air-conditioning	\$13,756	Two units
Dining room floor	\$2,800	Work in progress
Investment account	\$10,000	Current
Trading account	\$5,144	Help reduce overdraft
Freezer	\$680	Replacement freezer
Grafton Electrics	\$421	Various electrical work
Insurance	\$479	Insuring greens for \$200,000

I consider that we have about twelve months in which to complete our forward planning to place the Club on a sound footing. I consider that without this planning we will be in the lap of the Gods". Wayne Monger – Treasurer, Northam Bowling Club, May 10 2004.

The Auditors, Byfields, Northam, congratulated Wayne on his excellent presentation of records for audit. They also pointed out that since the year 2000, bar sales have been steadily decreasing, in the year 2004, that fall amounting to \$55,000

At the Annual General Meeting, a sub-committee, consisting of Ashley Salmon, Wally Grafton, Bob Potts and Leo Morgan was elected to conduct Centenary Celebrations arrangements to be held in 2005. The Northam Bowling Club was constituted at a Meeting held on July 5 1905. The Greens were officially opened on Foundation Day, Monday January 29, 1906. The Club allocated \$200 per month to the Centenary Celebrations Committee towards expenses of conducting the celebrations, from August 2005 to May 2006. The celebrations will commence with a reunion of past and present members on a weekend in August, with a luncheon and bowls. With the sanction of the incoming committee in May, a programme has been worked out, where all "Open Events" conducted during the 2005-2006 season will feature reference to the Centenary Celebrations.

### Committee Meeting May 24 2004

A quote on replacing the gutters has been accepted. The work is to be done with the help from volunteers (the front gutters were replaced in 1979, due to the overflow from the air-conditioners running into, and rusting them. Hoses from the Units was to be run into the downpipes - LCM).

The wood saw bench, water cooler and wood stove (all no longer required) are to be sent to auction. The water storage tank could also be sold, for the same reason. A security light is to be installed over the back door.

A motion that "no Green Fees is charged for Scroungers on Sundays" was lost. Fees will be \$5 - \$2 Green Fees and \$3 towards trophies.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005



(Newly installed “C” Green’s synthetic grass and surrounding brick paving, with the clubhouse in the background. “A” Green (to the right of the clubhouse) has synthetic grass. “B” Green (on the right), which is “Santa Anna” couch, is being maintained. “D” Green (to the left) was closed and the grass sold – LCM).

### Committee Meeting June 14 2004

It was resolved that Green Fees be \$3 for all Scroungers – Sunday, Wednesday and Thursdays. If playing for prizes/trophies then the fee is \$5. A cheque is received for 150 metres of turf - \$225. More letters sent to members who have not paid for their Club shirts.

The bore pump on the old croquet greens suffers from fusion and is replaced.

New Member - Social - Michael O’Neill.

### Committee Meeting July 12 2004

An instruction from Bowls WA states that rinks used for Pennants on synthetic greens are to marked with a white line. The present nails do not have to be removed. More turf is taken from “D” Green.

Thanks to John Woods on his donation to the Club of a deep fryer.

The Home Building Society has withdrawn their Sponsorship from Bowls W A.

Subscription fees for the coming season are fixed at Ordinary Members \$140 – Social Members \$30. Sponsor signs on fence can be purchased for \$100 from Way Signs.

**Due to pressure from the ladies, the piano is not to be sold. They paid for the piano and serviced it.**

New Members – Paul Macarthy. Social – H Williamson, S Hamdorf.

### Committee Meeting September 13 2004

An inducement offer from Health Ways to have the Bowling Club smoke free is to be put as a Notice of Motion at the next AGM.

Wally Grafton and Ashley Salmon of the Centenary Celebrations Committee attend the meeting to put forward a proposal for the Management Committee to rule on. As some of the Committee Members had not seen the submission, it was resolved they leave the meeting whilst it was discussed in Committee.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The Northam Golf Club requires 30 or 40 metres of soil for their fairways. Committee decides a price of \$10 a metre for the waste soil stored at the rear of the Club's grounds.

John Woods to be made an Honorary Member for all the work he has performed for the Club since installing the Synthetic Greens.

New Members – Glen Brumby. Social – Andy Potocznic, Barrie Bywaters.

**(In answer to a query, on a Friday night, as to when the synthetic greens were to be fixed, president Merv Gibson said he had been assured by the proprietor of Sports Surfaces that they would have the greens fixed – LCM)**

### Committee Meeting October 11 2004

“D” Green has been cleaned up, thanks to volunteers and the use of Trevor Patton's Ute.

Larry Siekierka has promised to dig a trench between “C” and “D” Greens. A fence is then to be erected.

Corporate Bowls are to commence on November 2 and will be run for five weeks.

Any Ladies playing in Mens' Pennants do not require having to pay Capitation Fees.

New Members – Jarrod Ellison. Social – Leith Annels.

### Committee Meeting November 15 2004

Volunteers are maintaining “B” Green. **Bar Manager Lynley shows the men how to mow the Green, doing so for a week.** The ditches are being raked and cleaned by Austin Hicks. Volunteers have completed the fibro fence between “C” and the old “D” Green –.

The proprietor of Sports Surfaces, which installed the two synthetic greens, is to be asked to inspect the greens and the faults. Especially the ditch rinks.

There is to be an inter league match between the Avon Valley Bowling League and the Upper Great Southern Bowling League on Sunday November 28.

Quotes were obtained from Ollys Upholsterers and Avon Upholsterers for shadecloth on “A” green. Quotes the same. It was resolved to have Avon Upholsterers to supply the shadecloth for “A” Green, and Ollys Upholsterers to supply shadecloth for “C” Green.

The Ladies toilets are to be painted.

A letter to be sent to the Ladies Secretary advising that all tea and coffee provided at all meal times is to cost \$1. Also that the cleaning of the Club is being addressed.

Everyone is to be reminded re no smoking or drinking on the synthetic greens. No Smoking and No Drinking signs are to be erected.

New Members – Ben Heazlewood, Helen Knott, Dot Page – playing members.

### Committee Meeting December 13 2004

The House Committee reported that the Ladies Powder Room had been painted, thanks to Herman Neeling. From the Greens Committee, stating that the submersible pump was not working. The new fence, between “C” Green and the old “D” Green had been painted, thanks to Ben Neeling.

A Match held between the Avon Valley Bowling Association and the Upper Great Southern Bowling Association was won by the AVBA. The Beard/ Button trophy is to be conducted at Dowerin.

New Members – Social – John Howe, Rex Warne, Allan Hudson.

## End of Mens Bowls 1905 - 2005

## Northam Ladies Associate Bowling Club 1938-2005

The Northam Bowling Club was formed at a meeting in the Avon Bridge Hotel on July 5 1905. A Green was laid out and planted with the opening held on Foundation Day Monday January 29 1906. **At a Committee Meeting on January 23 1907 it was stated that a Croquet Lawn was now ready for play. A meeting was called at the residence of Mrs. Colebatch (wife of the president) to form a Croquet Club and to elect office bearers. On February 9 1907 the President and Secretary of the Croquet Club welcomed 200 ladies and gentlemen to the opening. The privilege of playing Croquet was only open to wives or daughters of Bowling Club members. The lady members of the Croquet Club catered for all the mens events, and efforts over the years for the formation of a Ladies Bowling Club always fell on deaf ears. Now and again ladies were permitted to play in mixed events, and it was not until 1938 that a motion put to the Annual General Meeting by O W Willshire that the Committee be empowered to draft conditions for the formation of a Ladies Bowling Club**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting of the Northam Bowling Club September 16th 1938

The President J A Rogers pointed out that the Club had a most successful year. After spending a considerable amount on renovations and the building of a new kitchen the Club was in a better financial position than 12 months previously.

**He made mention of the Ladies Committee under the leadership of Mrs Christmass which had carried out the catering on the social visits and other occasions. They had raised funds by conducting Bridge Evenings for the furnishings in the new kitchen.**

#### Election Of Officers 1938-39

Patron - W J Gillett

President - J A Rogers

Vice Presidents - B P Chidlow, G Christmass, W J Beer.

Secretary - C O Mosely

Treasurer - F J Miller

Committee - F E Baseden, M F Edmondson, F C Chidlow, W H Mathews, G E Starsmore, B W Broomhall, R C Bott, N C Scott.

**It was moved by O W Willshire that the committee be empowered to draft conditions allowing Ladies to be admitted as Associates of the Northam Bowling Club. After discussion it was resolved that the ladies committee be treated to lunch at the Log Cabin. The men would pay their own way.**

#### Committee Meeting November 21 1938

Re the recommendation from the Annual General Meeting, which recommended the formation of a Ladies Bowling Club.

**It was moved M F Edmondson, seconded G Starsmore, that a meeting be convened of interested ladies to form a Ladies Bowling Club, subject to the following conditions. The fee for members wives or of members' household 10/6, other ladies 1 guinea. Rinks to be available for play on 2 days and 2 nights per week (if greens available). A minimum of 3/- per night to be paid for electric light. No mixed bowling to be allowed except on occasions arranged by this Committee. The Ladies Club to be a separate body to the Northam Bowling Club.**

#### Minutes of a Meeting held in the Bowling Club Committee room on Wednesday, November 30 1938

##### Present

Mesdames. Willshire, McPherson, Paton, Neill, Christmass, Moseley, Sainsbury and Williams

Messrs. Rogers, Christmass, B P Chidlow and Moseley from the Northam Bowling Club (Inc.) attended.

Mr. Rogers took the Chair and explained that the meeting had been called with the object of allowing the ladies to decide if they would form a Club and he intimated the conditions under which the Bowling Club would make rinks available.

The suggestions from the Northam Club were -

- (1) That wives, daughters or members of the household of a Club member be admitted at annual fee of 10/6, other ladies to be charged a fee of 21/-
- (2) That rinks would be made available, if possible, for play on two afternoons (most likely Tuesday and Fridays) and two evenings (most likely Wednesdays and Saturdays) each week.
- (3) That mixed bowling would be allowed only on special occasions arranged by the Northam Club's committee
- (4) That the Northam Club would expect ladies playing at night to pay a light fee of 6d each with a minimum amount of 3/-.
- (5) The ladies would be expected to form a Club separate from the men, appoint their own officers and committee and conduct their own affairs.

In answer to enquiries the Chairman stated that the Men's Club would assist the ladies when possible and would explain the rules of the game. No objection would be taken to any Club member acting as coach provided he did not join in the game.

It was moved by Mrs. Paton, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried, that the ladies present form themselves into a Lady Associates Bowling Club and that the meeting adjourn till Tuesday evening next, at 7 30pm, when the election of officers will take place.

The meeting adjourned at 8 45pm. – Confirmed at the Annual General Meeting on October 11th 1939.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Northam Ladies Bowling Club

Minutes of a Meeting, of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club, held in the Bowling Club Committee room on Tuesday, December 6th 1938 at 7 40pm.

#### Present

Mesdames Paton, Sainsbury, Moseley, Neill, Hartley, Williams, Christmass, Willshire, Jessup and Crowle.  
Messrs. Rogers and Moseley attended, in an advisory capacity, and J A (Bert) Rogers took the Chair.

#### Election of Officers 1938

President. It was moved by Mrs. Jessup seconded Mrs. Neill that Mrs. Moseley be elected President. Carried. (Mrs G Christmass replaced Mrs Moseley as President during the year – LCL).

Secretary-Treasurer. It was moved by Mrs. Neill seconded Mrs. Moseley that Mrs. Crowle be elected Secretary/ Treasurer. Carried

Vice President. It was moved by Mrs. Moseley seconded Mrs. Willshire that Mrs. Neill be elected Vice President. Carried.

Committee. It was moved by Mrs. Paton seconded Mrs. Willshire that the ten ladies present forms the general Committee. Carried

First Roll Up It was resolved that the first roll up takes place on Tuesday next at 5pm.

Trophy Bert Rogers advised that he would donate a trophy for a handicap competition; play to commence in approximately 8 weeks time. The President thanked the donor.

Closure of Meeting The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8pm. Confirmed - October 11th 1939. Signed - A Christmass - Chairman.

Championship Singles 1938-39 - Mrs. Williams

Committee Meeting of the Northam Bowling Club Ladies Associate Club on Wednesday January 25 1939. Those present were the President, Mrs. Mosely, who was in the chair.

Mesdames Sainsbury, Neil, Hartley, Williams, Christmass and Willshire. Mrs. Paton who arrived late apologised.

After some discussion it was decided to base the Constitution on that of the Northam Bowling Club with the following amendments.

- (1). - Paragraph 1. - That the Club shall be called the "Northam Bowling Club Ladies Associate Club"
- (2). - Paragraph 5. - The Annual fees for membership shall be -
  - a. - For a lady who is the wife of a member of the Northam Bowling Club, or a member of his household 10/6 per annum.
  - b. - For any other lady 21/- per annum.
- (3). - Paragraph 6. - That the words " Provided that any member joining the Club after the month of February shall only be required to pay one-half the annual subscription for that year" be deleted
- (4). - Paragraph 8. - That this paragraph be deleted.
- (5). - Paragraphs 9 to 14 inclusive. - That these paragraphs be deleted.
- (6). - Paragraph 15. - That the Club shall be governed by a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer and six Committeemen, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Club to be held in September each year.
- (7). - Paragraph 16. - That five members form a quorum.
- (8). - Paragraph 23. - That the Auditor shall be a member of the Northam Bowling Club.
- (9). - Paragraph 24. - That the Secretary shall enter into a book to be provided for that purpose the names of all members of the Club.
- (10). - Paragraph 28. - That three-quarters of the total number of the members shall form a quorum.
- (11). - Paragraphs 29 to 32 inclusive. - That these paragraphs be deleted.
- (12). - That in all cases, with the exception of the Auditor, the masculine be altered to the feminine gender.

It was moved by Mrs. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Sainsbury that copies of the Constitution be typed and handed to the members of the Committee for perusal as soon as possible.

Moved by Mrs. Christmass and seconded by Mrs. Sainsbury that Fred Miller is asked to take on the duties of Auditor.

Moved by Mrs. Mosely and seconded by Mrs. Christmass that the Northam Bowling Club be asked to have bowls belonging to husbands of members made more accessible to members. Preferably to have lockers installed in the Club kitchen.

#### Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Associate Club held on October 11th 1939.

##### Election of Officers 1939-40

President – Mrs. Christmass

Vice President – Mrs. Willshire

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Secretary – Mrs. Crowle

Treasurer – Mrs. Paton

Committee - Mesdames Cock, Yates, Williams, Moore, Neil, Reid.

Championships - 1939-40

Club Singles - Mrs. Cock

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Cock were appointed as a match committee to arrange tournaments to be played for trophies presented by Mrs. Christmass. Mrs. Christmass and Mrs. Stewart elected to act as handicappers for the Club.

### Committee Meeting Wednesday April 3rd 1940.

Arrangements were made re an evening on 10th April for the Men's Bowling Club. The bowlers to be sent an invitation and asked to each bring a lady as a potential member, and all asked to bring a plate of refreshments. The lady bowlers to pay 1/6. It was decided to give 10/- for a trophy for the men.

Fees for bowling fixtures on Thursdays and Fridays are 9d. Members are asked to bring cakes and savories.

### Committee Meeting held July 3rd 1940

Ladies Bowling Club granted permission to hold their first Carnival on Thursday November 28th, Friday November 29th and Saturday November 30th. A letter was received from delegate to the Ladies Bowls Council, Mrs. Boas, informing them that patronage support would be given the Northam Ladies Bowling Club at the Carnival. The ladies willing to meet visitors at the Railway Station were Mesdames Yates, Winslade, Moore, Read, Paton, Christmass and Crowle. It was decided to go into recess till the month of October.

### The A G M of the Ladies Bowling Club held on October 9th 1940

Election of Officers 1940-41

President - Mrs. Willshire

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Christmass, Mrs. Williams

Secretary - Mrs. Winslade

Treasurer - Mrs. Paton

Committee - Mrs. Cock, Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Broomhall, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Halnan

Championships 1940-41

Club Singles - Mrs. Willshire

Owing to transport difficulties due to the war Northam Club informed Cottesloe they could not attend their opening day. Also they informed delegate Mrs. Boas the Annual Ladies Carnival would not be held this year. Membership had doubled over 12 months.

### The A G M of the Ladies Bowling Club held on October 1st 1941

Election of Officers 1941 – 42

President - Mrs. Willshire

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Christmass, Mrs. Williams

Secretary - Mrs. Winslade

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

Committee - Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Cock, Mrs. Thorne

Championships 1941-42

Club Singles - Mrs. Willshire

Mrs. Willshire congratulated Mrs. Purslowe and Mrs. J Williams on winning the Carnival Pairs in Perth.

The President reported on the proposed Memorial Garden, and Bert Rogers request that the ladies pay 5 pounds towards cost. Mrs. Williams moved that 4 pounds be paid from bank balance and a levy of 1/6 per member to make 5 pounds.

A letter was received from the Northam Bowling Club stating that any lady, a widow of a past member of the Northam Bowling Club wishing to join the Club, should be admitted as a member's wife. They were also informed that the opening of the Greens would be held on Wednesday October 29th. Also one from the Croquet Club to the opening of the Lawns on Wednesday November 5th.

### Committee Meeting held on March 4th 1942

Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Bradfield won the Sumpton Trophy, a Handicap Pairs Event worth 21/-. It was decided to hold a Champion Singles competition, entrance fee 1/-.

Rules - each player keeping score, one with card, and one on the board may umpire the matches. Matches to have umpires if available. In the event of a tie - a play off. It was resolved to suspend night play for the time being on account of Black-Out Regulations, with some night's only 11 ends being played before dark. The delegate to the Association, Mrs. Boas wrote asking on behalf of the Association for a donation to the British Sailors Society. After some discussion it was resolved the Club would donate 10/-.

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### A G M of the Ladies Bowling Club held on October 14th 1942

The President, Mrs. Willshire, stated the last season had been successful, but quiet. Practically every member was engaged in some form of patriotic work, and it had been difficult to arrange matches. Thanks were due to all members for their work at the Soldiers Buffet. (In May 1940, under the chairmanship of Doctor Ken Aberdeen the Citizens Reception Council was formed, arranging entertainment for troops on leave from the A I F Training Camp on the outskirts of Northam. The Council sought permission of the Northam Bowling Club to build a Hall on their property for that purpose. Permission was granted and the Club supervised the building, and the care of it. The ladies of the Bowling and Croquet Clubs helped with the entertainment, and the preparing of meals. The Hall was called the "Buffet" or "Bocro", and some 20 organisations assisted by supplying kitchen staff and dancing partners for the thousands of troops on leave from the Training Camp, during the period of the War - LCM).

The Treasurers reported a bank balance of 3 pounds 16/2.

#### Election of Officers 1942-43

President - Mrs. Willshire

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Thorne

Secretary - Mrs. Cock

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

#### Championships 1942-43

Club Singles - Mrs. Elder

It was moved that Club be divided into two factions, colours to be Emerald and Ruby, faction captains to be Mrs. Cock and Mrs. Williams. It was also resolved that the Club affairs be run by the Executive and a General Meeting be held quarterly.

#### Committee Meeting held on November 18th 1942

The main business of this meeting was to the running of matches or pennants between the two factions. They were to be played each Wednesday till the end of the year. The winner each week was entitled to raise their miniature pennant for one week. At the end of the season, the winning faction is to entertain the losing faction.

#### Quarterly General Meeting held on January 6th 1943

The meeting was held in the Club Rooms with 10 members being present. After the financial statement was read by treasurer Mrs. Halnan, which stated that the bank balance amounted to 2 pounds 16/8 and faction fees held were 1 pound 19/6, it was moved by Mrs. Neil that the 1 pound 19/6 be invested in War Saving Certificates. Mrs. Winslade moved an amendment that the amount be donated to the Citizens Reception Council for the "Buffet". The amendment won. Progress results of the faction matches were Emeralds 13 games, Rubies 10 games. The president stated that this club would be in charge of arrangements for afternoon tea on the Saturday May 1st, of the Northam Bowling Club's Annual Carnival.

#### Quarterly General Meeting held on July 12th 1943

President, Mrs. Willshire presided over 7 members. A letter was received from the Citizens Reception Council thanking the Ladies Bowling Club for their donations. It was moved that the 1 pound 2/6 of faction fees be also donated to the same cause.

Mrs. Elder was congratulated on winning the championship singles. Emerald won the faction competition with 22 games, and the Rubies 20. It was resolved to hold a "break-up party". Emerald faction offered to entertain the Ruby faction on that day.

#### Annual General Meeting held on October 4th 1943

The president Mrs. Willshire reported to 7 members of the difficulties of arranging competitions during the year with so many involved with the "war-effort". The year opened with 14 members and closed with only 11. 4 pounds 16/- has been donated to the Citizens Reception Council. Members had continued to be on roster at the "Buffet" on alternate Saturday nights.

#### Election of Officers 1943-44

President - Mrs. Willshire

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Thorne

Secretary - Mrs. Williams

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

Committee - The 5 executive officers.

#### Championships 1943-44

Club Singles - Mrs. Thorne

Handicap Singles - Mrs. Elder

Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Halnan

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### Annual General Meeting held on October 4th 1944

President Mrs. Willshire presented her report to 10 members telling of another difficult year owing to war conditions. Membership had increased to 15. The Club had no debts and a credit balance of 6 pounds 3/7.

#### Election of Officers 1944-45

Patron - Mrs. J A Rogers  
President - Mrs. Willshire  
Vice President - Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Elder  
Secretary - Mrs. Williams  
Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan  
Club Captain - Mrs. Thorne  
Championships 1944-45  
Club Singles - Mrs. Williams

### Annual General Meeting held on October 3rd 1945

Mrs. Willshire, presiding over 14 members thanks outgoing officers, trophy donors, the Northam Bowling Club and the kindly green-keeper. The bank balance stands at 10 pounds 7/2.

#### Election of Officers 1945-46

President - Mrs. Willshire  
Vice Presidents - Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Elder  
Secretary - Mrs. Williams  
Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan  
Captain - Mrs. Thorne  
Championships 1945-46  
Club Singles - Mrs. Williams  
Handicap Singles - Mrs. Thorne  
Club Fours - Mesdames Thorne, Halnan, Winslade, Baynes

### Annual General Meeting held on October 1st 1946

Mrs. Willshire presided over 17 members, telling of increased membership and of the club's success in events during the year. The Northam Bowling Club has limited the Ladies Bowling Club to 25 members. The bank balance stands at 10 pounds 19/7.

All members were invited to the opening of the croquet season on Wednesday November 6th. The Electric Light competitions start on Wednesday November 13th at 7.45pm.

#### Election of Officers 1946-47

President - Mrs. Willshire  
Vice President - Mrs. Thorne  
Secretary - Mrs. Williams  
Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan  
Championship Winners 1946-47  
Club Singles - Mrs. Elder  
Handicap Singles - Mrs. Elder  
Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Rabey  
W A L B A Country Carnival Singles - Mrs. Williams  
W A L B A Country Pairs - Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Green  
Northam Carnival Singles - Mrs. Williams

### Quarterly General Meeting held on February 5th 1947

President Mrs. Willshire tells 15 members of a proposal to form the Australian Ladies Bowls Council. She also asked the meeting to vote on a proposal by the West Australian Ladies Bowls Association to build a Headquarters and Bowling Green in Perth. It was moved "that this club view with favour the proposal to acquire a W.A.L.B.A. headquarters and green, and are agreed to donate thereto the sum of 10 pounds per year" - carried. A notice of motion was carried that in the event of the proposed W.A.L.B.C. headquarters and green being established, a levy of 5/- per member per year be struck on the Northam Ladies Bowling Club.

The meeting also agrees that the W A L B A should agree to the formation of an Australian Ladies Bowls Council. Mr. Rabey had made and polished an Honour Board for the Club, for 6 pounds 6/-, and Mr. Baseden put the champions names on with gold printing, for 4 pounds 4/-. The Honour Board would be hung in the Club Rooms.

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### Annual General Meeting held on October 1st 1947

Mrs. Willshire presided over 19 members with 4 apologies. There is a waiting list for membership as the Club has a limit of 25 members. The bank balance stands at 4 pounds 10/8 with the fees paid to the Northam Bowling amounting to 18 pounds 7/6. The new Honour Board cost 10 pounds 4/-.

#### Election of Officers 1947-48

President - Mrs. Willshire

Vice President - Mrs. Thorne

Secretary - Mrs. Williams

Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Green

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

Match Committee - Mesdames Elder, Collins, Rewell, Thorne, Harrison

Social Committee - Mesdames Dawson, Elder, Henley, Harrison, Collins, Longhurst.

#### Championship Winners 1947-48

Club Singles - Mrs. Elder

Handicap Singles - Mrs. Williams

Handicap Pairs - Mesdames. Elder, Harrison

Country Carnival Fours - Mesdames. Orr, Neil, Willshire, Elder

State Singles Runner-Up - Mrs. Elder

### Extraordinary General Meeting held on December 27th 1947

Mrs. Willshire told the 10 members present of the Notice of Motion on the Board for 14 days. Mrs. Elder moved and Mrs. Orr seconded "that the 3 life rule in the championship singles game in progress be altered to - each play each" - carried

It was contended that the 3-life system as being conducted, was unsatisfactory and inoperative. Mrs. Halnan moved that the following rules apply to the revised champion singles context. Mrs. Baynes seconded the motion

Rule 1 - Games may be arranged

Rule 2 - After Jan. 30th 1948 a player may challenge another. Such challenge shall be accepted on, or within, a period of 4 playing days, or the game shall be forfeited to the challenger.

Rule 3 - The secretary shall be notified of a challenge (seems similar to the "bumping board" challenges of tennis days - LCM)

### Extraordinary General Meeting held on June 9th 1948

Mrs. Willshire explained the reason of calling the meeting was a letter received from Mrs. Elder dated May 29th protesting against the action of the president and secretary. The secretary made a statement of circumstances, which prompted the president to fix the date of the presentation of trophies, and showed that in the secretary's opinion the protests were baseless.

It was moved by Mrs. Baynes seconded by Mrs. Orr "that this meeting consider the protests made by Mrs. Elder to be ill-advised and without foundation" - carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Rewell seconded by Mrs. Henley "that this meeting records its confidence in the president and secretary" - carried.

It was moved Mrs. Williams seconded Mrs. Rewell "that this meeting deplores the discriminate talk of club affairs by any member, and consider the practice to be a disservice to the club and unworthy of a club member" - carried

At the quarterly meeting on August 2nd a letter dated July 28th was received from Mrs. Elder apologising for her protests against the president. The meeting also decided the method of allocation of membership from the waiting list. It was resolved that the following method be used.

1st - Wives of bowlers (full membership)

2nd - Wives of bowlers (social membership)

3rd - On secret ballot of members.

### Annual General Meeting held on October 4th 1948

The outgoing president of the last 8 years, Mrs. Willshire, presided over 19 members and gave a resume' of the past years activities. At present there are 23 playing members and 2 social members with 11 on the waiting list.

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The balance sheet shows a credit balance of 28 pounds 3/7. There was a letter from Mrs. Thorne advising of her resignation due to transfer to Bridgetown. A letter from the Northam Bowling Club advising the fees of associates would be 21/- for member's wives and 30/- for others. It also stated an application of an increase to 30 members would be met favourably. The Northam Ladies Bowling applied for an increase to 35.

The constitution was altered to allow 2 vice presidents and a position of social convener.

The new president Mrs. Williams voiced the appreciation of all members to the retiring Mrs. Willshire of her dedicated service to the Club over her 8 years as president. It was also resolved to have a Birthday Party to celebrate 10 years as a club, later in the year.

### Election of Officers 1948-49

Patron - Mrs. Mathews  
President - Mrs. Williams  
Vice Presidents - Mrs. Henley  
Secretary - Mrs. Watkins  
Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Rewell  
Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan  
Social Convener - Mrs. Collins  
Delegate to Association - Mrs. Boas  
Championship Winners 1948-49  
Club Singles - Mrs. Neil  
Handicap Singles - Mrs. Elder  
Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Dawson  
Northam Carnival Singles - Mrs. Elder

### Quarterly General Meeting November 1st 1948

Mrs. Williams presided over 25 members and welcomed 9 new members. A letter was received from the Northam Bowling Club advising of allowing membership to be increased to 35.

Another letter stated the compulsory wearing of sandshoes only on the greens, granting the use of the hall and greens for the 10 year Birthday Party, and granting the use of 4 greens for Saturday night play. Tuesday and Thursday are allowed for day play. The secretary was instructed to write the N B C agreeing to their requests and thanking them for the day and night entertainment on Ladies Day.

In regard to the running of the club singles championship, it was decided to have 2 sections. Those on handicaps up to 5 would play for the championship and the winner judged club champion and is expected to travel to Perth to compete in the Champion of Champions.

It was decided in the interest of the club that the Club Fours include all players and be drawn for teams. The teams drawn as follows -

1st - Collins (skip), Dallimore (3rd), McClements (2nd), Watson (leader).			
2nd - Orr,	Baynes	Lynn	Davey
3rd - Rewell	Purslowe	Kings	Dalton
4th - Willshire	Green	Watkins	Scarff
5th - Halnan	Dawson	Brew	Haslam
6th - Williams	Longhurst	R E Smith	Crawford
7th - Neil	Henley	Mayberry	K Smith
8th - Rabey	Harrison	Sunderland	Bradfield

The following article describing the Northam Bowling Club Ladies Associate Club's 10th Birthday Party, held at the Northam Bowling Club on December 2nd 1948, was published in the "Northam Advertiser".

### Associate Club Celebration The First Decade ("Bolyen Ann")

The Northam Bowling Club Associates held a gay birthday party last Thursday afternoon, to celebrate their tenth anniversary. Games on the greens at 2.30pm began the party, the various competitions being managed by Mesdames Willshire, Henley, Rewell, Baynes and Orr. In the club hall at 4 o'clock a delicious afternoon tea was served.

The president (Mrs. J H Williams) welcomed the guests and spoke of the many people who had helped develop the club during the first decade.

The club delegate to the West Australian Ladies Bowls Association (Mrs. Boas) was present and a gift of appreciation was made to her, in recognition of her work during her time of affiliation with the Ladies Bowling Association. Mrs. Boas suitably replied.

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A formal ceremony was made of the ritual of lighting the ten candles on the handsomely decorated birthday cake. The president of the W A L B A (Mrs. Neill) and the Associates Club patron (Mrs. W Mathews duly carried out the task of lighting the candles and two past presidents Mrs G Christmass and Mrs. G Willshire were successful in blowing out the light. All present sang lustily "Happy Birthday". Mrs. Boas made the first incision, and Mrs. Collins; the club convener proceeded to the work of slicing the cake.

Mrs. Neill congratulated the Club, and spoke of the keen interest the association felt in all country clubs. Her remarks were warmly applauded.

Mrs. Mathews spoke in appreciation of the lengthy term in office of past officers in Mrs. Willshire (president for eight years), Mrs. Halnan (treasurer for seven years) and Mrs. Williams (secretary for six years). A presentation from club members to each of these officers was made, and each spoke in response.

Mrs. J Green delighted the company by singing two songs, and Mrs. Thorne's incidental music at the piano helped considerably in the afternoon's enjoyment.

The secretary (Mrs. Watkins) read messages of congratulations from friends unable to attend. The president thanked the social committee convener (Mrs. W Collins) for her gift of the birthday cake, and for the social arrangements in general, Mrs. Urquhart's generous help was also recognised. Trophies won in the afternoon play were presented by the donors (the match committee mentioned above) and singing "Auld Lang Syne", concluded a most enjoyable party.

Amongst the guests were Mrs. A R G Hawke, and Mrs. F W Hammond and Mrs. D H Neill, Mrs. L Boas, Mrs. W Fitzgerald, Mrs. F Dawson, Mrs. C Angell, Mrs. C Stewart; Mrs. Christy all journeyed from Perth for the event. Mrs. D Edmondson and members of the Croquet Club attended, and Mrs. B Purslowe and Aeolian Club members also were present."

### Extraordinary General Meeting held on August 20th 1949

Mrs. Williams, president, welcomed 16 members for the business of the afternoon, which was to discuss whether our members were willing to help on Monday afternoons at the "Holden Center" with the "New Australians" who were stationed there.

They were asked to help with their language difficulties. It was resolved that the club would assist as much as possible, and 16 ladies offered their services (these "New Australians" were displaced persons from war ravaged Europe, who had been offered residence in Australia. Holden Camp, complete with hospital and small houses and huts on the northern boundary of Northam, was one such camp in Australia. The men were found work, either on the railways or the water supply, and they and their families integrated very well into the community, with many now being retirees living in Northam - LCM).

### Annual General Meeting held on October 4th 1949

#### Election of Officers 1949-50

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. William

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Willshire, Mrs. Brew

Secretary - Mrs. Watkins

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

Committee - Executive Officers plus Mesdames Orr, Elder, Rewell, Dawson and Rabey

Delegate to W A L B A - Mrs. Boas

#### Championship Winners 1949-50

Club Singles - Mrs. Elder

Championship Pairs - Mrs. Rabey, Mrs. Sunderland

Championship Fours - Mesdames Orr, Baynes, Davey, Lynn

**Easter Carnival Country Week Singles - Mrs. Elder**

**Easter Carnival Country Week Singles Runner-Up - Mrs. Williams**

Northam Carnival Pairs - Mrs. Neil, Mrs. Orr

**It was pointed out to members of a rule of the Northam Bowling Club, that no women were to enter the Bar, and consequently all members are asked to use the committee room, which is available for rest and refreshment. Eleven ladies handed in their names as willing to help out and visit Holden Camp.**

### Annual General Meeting held on October 10th 1950

Mrs. Williams, president, welcomed 28 members and thanked all officers in helping make the season so successful. The healthy bank balance of 103 pounds 4/7 was due mainly to the efforts of Mrs. Collins (cakes), Mrs. Elder (sandwiches) and Mrs. Dawson (pies)

#### Election of Officers 1950-51

President - Mrs. Williams

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Willshire, Mrs. Brew.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Secretary - Mrs. Watkins  
Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan  
Social Convener - Mrs. Collins  
Committee - Mesdames Orr, Rewell, Dawson, Elder, Rabey..  
Championship Winners 1950-51  
Club Singles - Mrs. Elder  
Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McClements

### Special General Meeting held on August 6th 1951

Mrs. Williams, president, explained the reasons of the special meeting to 16 ladies. The meeting of the last two "Bocro" (Buffet) meetings was read. This meeting had been called to have members endorse the committee's decision to promise 10 pounds towards the purchasing of a stainless steel sink for the Bocro Pavilion. It was moved this action be endorsed. It was then resolved that the men be asked that the ladies' room in the Bocro Pavilion be lined at a cost of 45 pounds (quoted), and a window be installed for 15 pounds (quoted). A No 2 cream and green Metters stove has been purchased with Bocro funds, which was raised last year. Other matters like electric light, lockers and table were held over till we see the completion of our room.

Also dealt with were the proposal of the flat rate of 10/- per head for the Easter Carnival, which was opposed. As well, was a proposal of forming Country Leagues for the purpose of playing Pennants. This club agrees the idea is very good, but that the towns mentioned are not feasible for Northam Club owing to distance and difficulties of transport. Resolved against.

Correspondence from the W A L B A informing of an affiliation fee of 10/6, and that white dresses etc. must be worn.

The Balance Sheet shows a bank balance of 122 pounds /13/-. It shows Mrs. Collins cake netted 13 pounds 11/6 in a raffle. Mrs. Elder's sale of sandwiches to the men realised 11 pounds. Accounts passed for payment were 5 pounds 5/- for the Croquet Party, 10/- for printing on the Honour Board and 7/4 to the Secretary for petty cash.

### Annual General Meeting held on October 1st 1951

Mrs. Williams presided over 22 members and stated the club had come through the past season most successfully both socially and financially and thanked trophy donors; social convener and all officers had worked so well for the club's benefit. Regarding Bocro, the cost of the new sink was shared with the Croquet Club, the new stove came out of Bocro funds, but the ladies had to pay for the lining of their room and the new window, leaving us with 42 pounds in our funds.

#### Election of Officers 1951-52

Patron - Mrs. Mathews  
President - Mrs. Williams  
Vice Presidents - Mrs. Willshire, Mrs. Brew  
Secretary - Mrs. Watkins  
Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan  
Committee - Mesdames Harrison, Elder, Orr, Dalton, Baynes  
Social Convener - Mrs. Dawson  
Delegate - Mrs. Boas  
Championship Winners 1951-52  
Club Singles - Mrs. Elder  
Championship Pairs - Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Smith

### Special General Meeting held on December 1st 1951

Mrs. Williams presided over 12 members and stated the Opening Day was a huge success, being also the opening of their own clubhouse in the Bocro Hall, which they share with the Croquet Club. The reason for the meeting was explained, the formation of a Pennant League. Cunderdin and Meckering were in favour of commencing this season but considered there was insufficient time to organise this season. Three delegates, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Purslowe and Mrs. Watkins were appointed to meet with other delegates for discussions. It was decided to travel to Meckering for their opening day. Regarding the amount of 50 pounds paid as an honorarium to Miss Adam, secretary to the W A L B A, this club considers the amount is not excessive.

### Quarterly General Meeting held on February 14th 1952

Mrs Williams occupied the chair in the new Bocro Pavilion Ladies Club House with 20 members in attendance. The treasurer's statement shows bank balance of 124 pounds 17/8. Donations for trophies in money were from - (next page)

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Mrs. Mathews	21/-
Mrs. Williams	21/-
Mrs. Hawke	21/-
Mrs. Christie	42/-
Mrs. Boas	21/-
Mrs. W L Stewart	10/6
Mr. Gillett	63/-

Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Willshire and Mrs. Brew donated trophies. The Patron of the Northam Bowling Club, Mr Gillett made a donation of three guineas for something required in the new clubhouse. Mrs. McClements to purchase a mirror. It was decided to donate 100 pounds to the N B C. covering expenses to the new Ladies Clubhouse.

It was resolved to purchase a surveyors tape for the measuring of the correct length of a head, also to procure a quote for blinds. Arrangements were being made to entertain a group of Eastern States Bowlers on a Tuesday or Thursday for lunch and afternoon tea. Inquiries were to be made as to where was the Bread Cutter.

### Quarterly General Meeting held on July 28th 1952

Mrs. Williams presided over 14 members and advised of the resolution to combine with the Croquet Club to line and seal the Bocro Pavilion at a cost of 130 pounds. A decision was made whereas members of both clubs contribute 1 pound each and with an American Tea on June 14th and a Bridge Night on June 19th, the sum of 140 pounds 1/6 was raised. The President thanked all involved. Chairs and a table were also purchased.

A club vote on the position of President and Secretary of the Association resulted in the N L C A voting Mrs. Allen as President and Miss Adam Secretary. 12 Rule Books are to be purchased and one Rule Book to be hung in the Clubrooms.

Hatbands are now available to members, in club colours, at the cost of 7/6 each.

### Annual General Meeting held on October 2nd 1952

Mrs. Williams presided over a large attendance of 31 members with 4 apologies. The president remarked on the club activities and the raising of funds for the lining of the Bocro Pavilion, the 100-pound donation to the N B C and the well furnished Club Room. The club finished the year with a credit balance of 31 pounds 5/3.

**The Avon Valley Bowling Associates Bowling League has been formed between Northam, Meckering and Cunderdin.** Two rounds of Pennant matches will be played, 2 at home - 2 away - and 2 byes.

After a lot of discussion, a motion, and two amendments, it was resolved that for a member to retain membership they must play 12 games each season. The N B C was to be advised.

**Mrs. Elder and Mrs. Dawson were congratulated on winning the plate section of the State Pairs**

### Election of Officers 1952-53

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Williams

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Willshire, Mrs. Baynes

Secretary - Mrs. Watkins

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

Committee - Mesdames Collins, Brew, Orr, McClements, Elder

Social Convener - Mrs. Dawson

Delegate - Mrs. Boas

### Championship Winners 1952-53

Club Singles - Mrs. Elder

Championship Pairs - Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Kings

### Quarterly General Meeting held on August 3rd 1953

President, Mrs. Williams presided over 22 members and confirmed the club finances were in a healthy position, with the bank balance standing at 113 pounds 7/9. She notified the meeting that Mrs. Boas had resigned as club delegate after many years. The nomination of Mrs. Cook as club delegate to be ratified at this meeting. It was resolved that Mrs. Christie purchase a dress ornament to the value of 10 pounds to present to Mrs. Boas in appreciation. Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Rabey are to attend the Annual General Meeting of the W A L B A on September 28th, when the presentation will be made to her. It was also resolved that nomination papers to the Executive of the W A L B A be returned, voting Mrs. Allen as President and Miss Adam as Secretary. The meeting gave assent to the purchase of Mrs. Harrison's piano. They accepted Mr. Dodd's written acknowledgement and valuation of 130 pounds for the piano and agreed to purchase it at the price quoted by Mrs. Harrison for 120 pounds. They would ask the Croquet Club to become half owners. Trophy donors were to be asked to donate a gift, not money.

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It was resolved that we apply to the Northam Bowling Club to extend membership numbers to 46 as there are 11 ladies on the waiting list.

### Annual General Meeting held on October 1st 1953

#### Election of Officers 1953-54

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Williams

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Willshire, Mrs. Baynes

Secretary - Mrs. Watkins

Treasurer - Mrs. Halnan

Social Convener - Mrs. Dawson

Committee - Mesdames Collins, Orr, Crawford, K Smith, Kings

Delegate to W A L B A - Mrs. Howard Cook

#### Championship Winners 1953-54

Club Singles - Mrs. Kings

League Pennants - Northam Club

### Committee Meeting held on November 26th 1953

Mrs. Williams explained that the president of the Northam Bowling Club called the meeting to discuss certain matters. The following decisions were made -

(1) - That the Associate Club Championship Singles entry be drawn into 3 sections of not more than 6 players per section

(2) - That members on the waiting list at present may be admitted up to 46

(3) - An additional rink will be available to accommodate the increased membership

(4) - If rinks are available Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Associate Club's request to be allowed to use those rinks may be considered

At this meeting of the Associate Club, the draw for the seasons play was made according to the N B C decisions

The financing for the purchase of the piano was decided. 70 pounds to be paid out of Club funds, and the remainder 70 pounds, to be made up of 10 pounds lent by 7 members (a few meetings ago it was decided to purchase the piano for 120 pounds Ed). Mesdames Willshire, Baynes, Watkins, Dawson, Scadden, Scarff and Morrell offered to loan the 10 pounds each, and were sincerely thanked.

### Annual General Meeting held on October 12th 1954

The vice president Mrs. Willshire presided over a large meeting of 41 ladies and read the report of Mrs. Williams, who is taking 12 months leave of absence.

She thanked her officers and members for their co-operation during her term of office. Mrs. Williams also congratulated the club on the successes achieved by members during the past season. The bank balance stands at 36 pounds 6/2, and the members who had loaned 10 pounds each to purchase the piano, had been repaid. Membership has been allowed to increase to 53.

#### Election of Officers 1954-55

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Purslowe

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Kings

Secretary - Mrs. Watkins

Treasurer - Mrs. Scott

Social Convener - Mrs. L Smith

Committee - Mesdames Brew, K Smith, Orr, McClements, Dawson

Delegate to W A L B A - Mrs. Cook

#### Championship Winners 1954-55

Club Singles - Mrs. Kings

Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Williams, Mrs. L Smith

#### Country Week results

**Country Singles - Mrs. Elder**

**Runner up Singles - Mrs. Kings**

Northam Cup Fours - Mesdames McClements, K Smith, Harrison, Purslowe

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A new swimming pool has been installed in Northam, and the ladies decide to run a social bowls day to raise funds for it (later meeting reveals 17 pounds raised for the swimming pool funds - LCM). The limit of 60 members is soon filled and a waiting list forms. Entry fees to club events are fixed at 2/-. Mrs. K Smith gave a talk on the erection of a shower in the storeroom, and the cost of erecting it to be 12 pounds. It was resolved to proceed and have a shower installed at our expense, and that the Croquet Club have full use of it.

### Annual General Meeting held on October 4th 1955

Mrs. Purslowe presided over 32 members present and thanked all members for their co-operation and successes over the past season. A mixed event arranged with the men had been disappointing as few ladies turned up. The committee resolved that the Kellerberrin and Quairading Clubs not be granted permission to join the Avon Valley Ladies Bowling League. (It appears Tammin and York are now members of the League, although I could be wrong - LCM). The secretary Mrs. Watkins had resigned during the year and Mrs. K Smith was co-opted for the remaining period. The treasurer's report showed a bank balance of 93 pounds 14/4. Membership has increased to 66.

#### Election of Officers 1955-56

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Purslowe

Vice President - Mrs. Kings, Mrs. McClements

Secretary - Mrs. K Smith

Treasurer - Mrs. M Scott

Committee - Mesdames Collins, Elder, Barton, Coxon, Dawson, J Ridgeway, J Johnson

Delegate to W A L B A - Mrs. Cook

#### Championship Winners 1955-56

Club Singles - Mrs. L Mc Clements

Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Drabble

League Pennant Winner - Northam Club

### Committee Meeting held on January 20th 1956

Mrs. Crawford presided over 8 members of committee. Bank balance stands at 81 pounds 9/10. Accounts passed for payment were - Cleaning Club Rooms 1 pound 4/6, Chidlows 1 pound 1/3, Woolworths 2 pounds 14/-, Reg Williams 1 pound 2/-.

It was resolved that the application of more members be left to next season. Recommended that any complaints from members be brought before committee. Another recommendation from committee is that a talk be given to members on the etiquette of the game of bowls. A report at a later meeting states the talk had been very interesting and instructive, but attendance was not up to expectations.

Mrs. Purslowe explained that was no constitution of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club. It was resolved the committee be empowered to draw up the Constitution (on January 25th 1939 a constitution was drawn up based on the constitution of the Northam Bowling Club, with 12 amendments to suit the Northam Bowling Club Ladies Associate Club - LCM). A March meeting resolves the Constitution is left to another time. Permission to be sought from the N B C to run a Bridge Party, cost 10/- per table. Mrs. Ridgeway and Mrs. Ferguson undertook the arrangement of tables and chairs, and prizes to come from club funds. A later report shows a profit of 16 pounds 5/- was made, and a raffle nets 26 pounds.

Mrs. Purslowe presided over a Quarterly Meeting, with no date, the following members being present Mesdames Tyndall, S Hitchcock, Stratton, McClements, Ferguson, Barton, O'Brien, Harrison, I Hitchcock, Crawford, Morrell, Morgan, Orr, Leggoe, Anthony, Ridgeway, Greay, Johnston, Dawson Drabble, Coxon Kings. Apologies were received from Mesdames Smart, Halnan, Brady, Danielson and Elder.

**It was resolved that steel Bowls Lockers be purchased to the value of 100 pounds for the storing of bowls cases.**

**(The photo below of the Northam Bowling Club Ladies was included in the Golden Jubilee Carnival booklet. The celebrations were being held for the 50 years since the Opening of the Greens on Foundation Day, Monday January 29 1906. The Club was constituted on July 5 1905 - LCM)**

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**Standing** (left to right): E. Greay, R. Hitchcock, B. Stratton, V. Spencer, D. Clancy, A. Tyndall, M. French, N. O'Brien, I. Hitchcock, C. Morgan, B. Danielson. **Sitting:** E. Gould, M. Scott, K. Smith, M. Purslowe, L. McClements, N. Barton.  
**Sitting:** K. Drabble, M. Dawson, M. Smith.

### Annual General Meeting held on September 17th 1956

Mrs. Purslowe presided over 39 ladies present stating she was proud of the past year's activities and congratulating all on their successes. Bank balance stands at 149 pounds 19/3. She stated that bowls lockers were to be purchased from Northam Joinery at a cost of 148 pounds 5/-. It was moved that an annual rental of 5/- be charged for them. Mr. Haycox was to be engaged for 10 pounds to tune the piano (a later meeting queries an account from Mr. Haycox of 4 pounds 4/- for tuning piano, but it was agreed that this price was usual Ed).

#### Election of Officers 1956-57

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Purslowe

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Kings, Mrs. Lena Smith

Secretary - Mrs. Orr

Treasurer - Mrs. Scott

Committee - Mesdames Collins, K Smith, Dawson, O'Brien, Barton

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Cook

Social Convener - Mrs. Dawson

#### Championship Winners 1956-57

Club Singles - Mrs. D Orr

Handicap Pairs - Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Brady

### Annual General Meeting held on September 18th 1957

The president Mrs. Purslowe welcomed 36 members and in her report stated that the Club had started the year in debt, owing to the purchasing of lockers, but members had responded well and we soon had them paid for. The Bank balance now stands at 89 pounds 7/2. She congratulated all winners for the season and thanked her officers and members for their co-operation. The club intended holding their first Open Carnival next March. She concluded reminding members to always remember Rule 2 of the Constitution "To foster the game of Bowls and to promote good fellowship amongst Club Members".

#### Election of Officers 1957-58

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Purslowe

Senior Vice President - Mrs. Kings

Vice President - Mrs. L Smith

Secretary - Mrs. D Orr

Treasurer - Mrs. Scott (resigned), Mrs. Ridgeway (co-opted)

Committee - Ms K Smith, Dawson, O'Brien, Barton, S Hitchcock

Social Convener - Mrs. Ridgeway (resigned), Mrs. Gibbons (co-opted)

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Cook

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### Championship Winners 1957-58

Club Singles - Mrs. L O'Brien

Opening Day is to be October 29th and invitations are to be sent to W A L B A Executive, our Patron and Delegate, Mrs. Hawke, Mrs. Rushton, President and Secretary of the A V L B L. Four members representing the League Clubs, also representatives from the Beverley, York, and Quairading Clubs. The President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Croquet Club. Mrs. Hawke to be asked to officially open the season. It was resolved membership be closed at 70 members, and the acceptance of Mrs. Paton and Mrs. M Collins filled this number.

Ladies Carnival, it was moved Mrs. Scott seconded by Mrs. O'Brien and carried, that entry fee be 10/- for all events. The events to be as follows -

Saturday 1st March - Fours and Plate, 12 heads, final 15 heads.

Sunday 2nd March - Singles, 15 up, final 21 up

Monday 3rd - Pairs and Plate, 12 heads, final 15 heads

### Committee Meeting held on March 10th 1958

President, Mrs. Purslowe reported on a successful inaugural Carnival both socially and financially, showing a profit of 90 pounds 18/1. Bank balance now stands at 145 pounds 9/4. Social Convener, Mrs Gibbons thanked all who helped make the catering arrangements so satisfactory, and it was moved that a notice be inserted in the local newspaper, Northam News. The N B C was thanked on granting permission for the ladies to use their hall, kitchen and office during the Carnival. The following is a write up of this event.

### Northam Ladies Bowling Club 1st Carnival.

Northam Ladies Bowling Club held its first Carnival on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd 1958. Fours were played on first day, Singles 2nd and Pairs 3rd. 27 Fours nominated. Play commenced at 9am each day. Finals finished about 12.30pm. 4th March. The Club did the catering. Charge for Lunch 5/-, Morning Tea 1/6, Afternoon Tea 2/- . Net profit from Carnival 90 pounds 18/1. Letters of congratulations were received from visiting clubs on a most successful Carnival. All events won by visiting teams.

### Committee Meeting held on May 12th 1958

Mrs. Kings, vice president, opened the meeting as Mrs. Purslowe was delayed. She reported that owing to poor response re acting as hostess to the Over Sixty Club this club wishes to be taken off the roster. White stockings were to still be part of ladies bowls uniform. Financial Statement shows bank balance at 202 pounds 15/8. The following accounts were passed for payment -

(1) - Hodge Bros	3 pounds 15/-
(2) - D H Baker-trophies	4 pounds 4/6
(3) - M E Scadden-trophies	1 pound 13/9
(4) - Northam Gift Center-trophies	11/-
(5) - Chidlows stores	5 pounds
(6) - Playles	5 pounds 3/-
(7) - Northam Advertiser	1 pound
(8) - Brewster-Jones-trophies	2 pounds 18/6
(9) - G Erringtons-trophies	1 pound 2/6
(10) - Cleaner	1 pound 18/6
(11) - Reg Williams	1 pound

### Annual General Meeting held on September 17th 1958

Mrs. Purslowe presided over 32 members and expressed the wish for players to build up stronger pennant teams with the view to win the pennant for Northam. She thanked all who had helped make the season such a success. Bank balance stands at 179 pounds 0/1. The president made a presentation of shoulder sprays to members of the retiring committee, also to Mrs. Haddrill as a gesture of appreciation for her help during the previous bowling season.

### Election of Officers 1958-59

Patron - Mrs. Mathews

President - Mrs. Purslowe

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Morrell

Secretary - Mrs. Orr

Treasurer - Mrs. Ridgeway

Committee - Ms S Hitchcock, Kings, Dawson, L Smith, Chapman

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Cook

### Championship Winners 1958-59

Club Singles - Mrs. S Hitchcock

Handicap Pairs -Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Ferguson

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A copy of the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club was presented to members, which is as follows -

(1) - The Club shall be called the Northam Ladies Bowling Club.

### Objects

(2) - To foster the game of Bowls and to promote good fellowship amongst Club members

### Colours

(3) - The Colours of the Club shall be Red, White and Blue and all members playing in inter Club or Association matches shall wear the colours

(4) - The Club is affiliated to the West Australian Ladies Bowling Association and recognises and plays under "The Laws of the Game of Bowls" as adopted from time to time by the Association

### The Club Year

(5) - The Club financial year shall be from the 1st October to 31st September in the following year.

### Membership and Subscription

(6) - The members of the Club shall be classed as Ordinary Members and Honorary Life Members.

(7) - (a) - Ordinary Members Fees to be agreed on annually.

(b) - Honorary Life Members.

### New Members

(8) - Members joining after 1st February to pay half fee.

(9) - (a) - Any member who does not notify the Honorary Secretary in writing before the 1st December her withdrawal from the Club shall be liable for half a years subscription

(b) - The Committee shall have the power by resolution to remove from the roll of members the name of any new member who fails to pay her subscription within one month from the date of her election.

(c) - Any member whose subscription is six months in arrears after 1st October in each year shall cease to be a member unless she renders a satisfactory explanation to the Committee, which shall have discretionary power in regard to it.

(d) - Any member whose subscription is not paid by----- shall not be eligible for Competitive Games.

### Levies

(10) - Ordinary members shall pay such levies as may be imposed from time to time by the Club or by the West Australian Ladies Bowling Association.

(11) - A Special general Meeting called for the purpose shall have power to make a levy on the members for any special object and such levy shall be included in addition to the Annual Fee for membership. Such power, however, shall not be exercised to a greater amount than One Guinea in any year.

(12) - Honorary Life Members shall not exceed three in number at one time. They shall be recommended by the Committee and submitted to the next General or Special Meetings of members for election. They shall be exempt from payment of all Fees. A candidate must secure 75% of votes of the members present at the meeting.

### Application for Membership

(13) - Ordinary members of the Club may be elected from time to time in the following manner. Applications shall be proposed by ordinary members of the Club. Particulars of such members shall be written on the proposed forms. The application forms of the applicants shall be received by the Secretary and placed on the Notice Board and then brought before the Committee for consideration. A candidate must secure at least 75% of the votes of the members present.

### List of Members

(14) - A list of all members of the Club shall be kept in the Pavilion.

### General Meeting

(15) - The Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held on a date to be fixed by the Committee. Notice of the Meeting must be posted for 14 days on the Notice Board in the Pavilion and also sent in writing to every member of the Club at least 7 days before the date of the meeting. At this meeting a report shall be presented by the President (on behalf of the Committee). The Honorary Secretary's as well as the Treasurer's statement of accounts and Balance Sheet for the past year, duly audited. The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows -

(a) - Reading Notice of Meeting

(b) - Reading Minutes of last Annual General Meeting and any other General Meeting not already confirmed.

(c) - Proposition and election of new members

(d) - Reading Presidents Report, also Honorary Secretary's and Honorary Treasurer's report.

(e) - Discussion and adoption or otherwise of above.

(f) - Election of Officers and Committees.

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(g) - Instructions to Delegate

(h) - Notice of Motion. (i) - Any General Business for the Club's Guidance in the coming year for the advancement of the Club or Bowls throughout the State. Twenty to form a Quorum

(16) - Nominations for President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer must be in writing signed and sealed by the Proposer and Nominee and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, same to be opened at least 7 days prior to the said Meeting and placed on the Notice Board.

Election of all Officers shall be by ballot at each Annual General Meeting in the presence of a Returning Officer and two Scrutineers elected by the members present at such meeting. In case no more than the required number of such officers shall be nominated those so nominated shall be declared elected and in the case of any equality of votes be given to two or more candidates the Returning Officer shall decide by giving a casting vote. If there shall be insufficient nominations to fill the whole of the vacancies on the list of officers nominations for such vacancies shall be called for at such meeting and declared elected.

### Special General Meeting

(17) - The Committee may at any time call a Special general Meeting by posting not less than 7 days notice in the Pavilion and sending not less than 7 days notice to each member. A Special General Meeting shall also be called by the Committee on a requisition signed by not less than 10 members, stating in details the purpose of the meeting.

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the requisition shall be posted in the Pavilion at least 7 days before the meeting and Notice of every Special General Meeting shall be sent in writing to every member at least 7 days before the date of meeting. Only business of which notice shall have been given as above or is in accordance with these rules shall be transacted at a Special General Meeting.

(18) - Any General Meeting or Special Meeting may be adjourned for a period of 7 days by a majority of those present.

### Management

(19) - The management of the Club is vested in a Committee consisting of the President, two Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, Chairwoman of Match Committee, Social Convener and one other. They shall have the power to meet and act on all urgent business. Five members to form a quorum.

(20) - They shall have power to make By-Laws which immediately operative for the benefit of the Club (provided such By-Laws are not inconsistent with the Rules) and have power to enforce due carrying out of these Rules, sanction all expenditure; suspend any members for breach of the Rules or By-Laws. Any financial member is eligible for any office.

(21) - All Officers and Sub-Committees shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(22) - The ordinary meeting of the Committees shall be held at least once every month or a day to be fixed at the first meeting after election. Special Meetings of the Committee may be called by the President and Secretary or on request of three members of the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to add to these numbers.

### Sub Committees

(23) - The Match Committee shall consist of the President and Secretary ex-officio and they shall arrange all matches on available greens, control all games, select and place all members for Pennant Matches, enquire into and settle all disputes arising out of or in connection with all Club Competitions, notwithstanding anything contained in these rules to the contrary, if a member is aggrieved at any action of the match Committee she will have the right of appeal to the full Committee, whose decision will be final on all matters.

(24) - The Social Committee shall consist of -----, they shall arrange all social functions in connection with the Club. The Convener shall be responsible for arranging rosters and for all supplies.

(25) - The Match and Social Committees shall elect a Chairwoman at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting.

### Absentees

(26) - Should any member of the Committee fail to attend three consecutive ordinary meetings without apology the Committee may by resolution declare her seat vacant. The Committee shall fill any vacancy that may occur in their numbers by appointing any financial full member of the Club.

(27) - In the event of the resignation of the Committee the management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the President, Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, who shall be competent to exercise all powers vested in the Committee until the holding of a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose of electing their successors which Special Meeting shall be held within twenty one days after the receipt of such resignation.

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### President

(28) - The President shall preside at all meetings; maintain order so that the business may be conducted in due form and propriety. She shall have the same right to speak on any question under discussion and shall have a deliberative vote and in the event of equality of votes she may have a casting vote. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall preside or if no Vice President is present the meeting shall elect a chairwoman.

(29) - The President shall be an Ex-Officio member of all Sub Committees. At all General Meetings and Committee Meetings she shall decide all questions of order.

### Voting

(30) - How decide - all questions shall be decided on the voices or by a show of hands or ballot as the Chairwoman shall see fit. Only members present can record a vote.

### Duties of Honorary Secretary

(31) - The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all resolutions and proceedings of General, Committee, or Sub Committee Meetings and duly record same in a book to be kept for the purpose. he shall hand in all moneys received by her from time to time to the Treasurer and in conjunction with her sign all cheques for accounts passed for payment by the Committee. She shall convene all meetings and be a member of same, notifying members according to the various rules, receive and dispatch all correspondence and conduct all duties usually pertaining to a Secretary.

### Duties of Honorary Treasurer

(32) - The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Club and pay them into the Banking Account of the Club.

She shall keep proper books in which she shall record all receipts and disbursements and shall submit a statement duly certified by the Auditor and a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Club and an inventory of Club property to the Annual general Meeting and to the Committee when requested to do so.

### Banking Account

(33) - All cheques on the Banking Account of the Club shall be signed by any two of the President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer or in their absence or incapacity by members appointed by the Committee to act in their stead.

### Uniforms

(34) - All players must wear all white for Club days, Pennant Association events and other big events, also hat bands showing embroidered Club name and shoes without raised heels as do not damage the turf.

### Disputes

(35) - Any dispute between members may be referred by either disputant in writing to the Committee whose decision thereon subject to these Rules shall finally settle the matter. The Complainant shall, with her complaint deposit 5 shillings with the Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer and if the Committee consider the complaint to be frivolous they may order the amount to be forfeited to the funds of the Club.

### Misconduct

(36) - Any member charged with misconduct may be summoned before the Committee who shall after hearing her complaint and taking such evidence as they consider proper if they find the charge proved, inflict a penalty of suspension of all or any of the privileges of the member of the Club. The accused shall have the right to appeal to a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, whose decision shall be final as decided by the majority of members present.

### Trophies

(37) - Trophies donated shall be competed for under such regulations as the Committee may determine, subject however to the Rules as to disqualification. The Club may provide annually such trophies, as the Club shall decide at General Meeting.

### Amendment of Rules

(38) - No rules shall be amended or repealed, nor shall any new Rule be made except on the vote of a two thirds majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. Notice of any proposed amendment repeal or addition must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Such notice must be posted in the Pavilion for 7 days before the date of the Meeting.

(39) - All members shall be bound by the rules and by-laws of the Club.

### Interpretation of Rules

(40) - The Committee shall decide upon questions as to the interpretation of the Rules.

(41) - General Meetings will be held on dates decided by the Committee.

(42) - Membership of the Ladies Club to be decided annually

### Visitors

(43) - All members shall have the Club privilege of introducing friends to the Club at any time and such visitors may take part in a game.

(44) - The President shall not hold office for more than three consecutive years.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

A Minute Book appears to have gone missing between the A G M in 1958 and a Committee Meeting March 7th 1963

Office Bearers and Club Champion during that period come from Honour Boards

1959 60

President - Mrs. Purslowe  
Secretary - Mrs. Ridgeway  
Championship Winners 1959-60  
Club Singles - Mrs. Beavis

1960

President - Mrs. Purslowe  
Secretary - Mrs. Ridgeway  
Championship Winners 1960-61  
Club Singles - Mrs. Beavis

1961

President - Mrs. Purslowe  
Secretary - Mrs. Ridgeway  
Championship Winners 1961-62  
Club Singles - Mrs. Kings

1962

President - Mrs. Purslowe  
Secretary - Mrs. Crawford  
Championship Winners 1962-63  
Club Singles - Mrs. Kings

Committee Meeting held on March 7th 1963

The President, Mrs. Purslowe reported that a donation of 5 pounds 5/- had been received from Bradys towards the trophies. The bank balance stands at 748 pounds 8/6. The Furnishing Fund stands at 750 pounds. This Fund was to buy furnishings for the new clubhouse to be built on the new location in Robinson Street.

Special General Meeting held on July 22nd 1963

President Mrs. Purslowe welcomed 23 members explaining the purpose of the meeting was to discuss furnishing of the clubrooms in the new clubhouse. The cost of floor tiles in the Croquet Room would cost 62 pounds 10/- and the Ladies Bowling Room 90 pounds.

Both clubs to pay for their own floor covering. 120 pounds allowed for tiles and curtains in the Powder Room. Curtains would cost 55 pounds, extra lockers 180 pounds. The fluorescent lights from the Bowling Club to be taken to the new Ladies Bowling Room and the Croquet Room. We had already spent 390 pounds on furnishings and we have to be guided by funds available, states Mrs. Purslowe. It was resolved to purchase 8 tables and chairs for the time being. Jim Clancy offered to take some of the members to Perth to have a look at tables and chairs. Mesdames Clancy, S Hitchcock, S Jones and M Crawford were nominated.

Special General Meeting with Men's Committee held on August 5th 1963

The President of the N B C, Bert Purslowe, presided over 19 members. He reported having attended City Beach Bowling and had looked at their new tables and chairs. The sub committee who had traveled to Perth with Jim Clancy reported having already purchased 9 sets of tables and chairs at a cost of 26 pounds 19/9 each set. Total cost 242 pounds 17/9. Together with a Lolabout with arms costing 10 pounds 10/- it was resolved that the sub committees' action be endorsed.

The croquet ladies are prepared to supply 2 sets of tables and chairs. Keith Beer brought along lots of curtain material to choose from. He also donated a mirror for the Ladies Powder Room. The opening of the new clubrooms should be October 12th.

Annual General Meeting held on August 7th 1963

Mrs. Purslowe presided over a good attendance of 58 members, with 23 sending in apologies. In her report Mrs. Purslowe stated the Club had started with 11 members in 1939 and there were now 103. Raffles during the year had realised 97 pounds and afternoon teas 53 pounds 6/4. She thanked all for the support she had received over her ten years as president and was not nominating this year.

Election of Officers 1963-64

Patron - Mrs. Halnan  
President - Mrs. K Smith  
Vice Presidents - Mrs. Purslowe, Mrs. Morrell  
Secretary - Mrs. Crawford

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Treasurer - Mrs Clancy

Committee - Mesdames Kings, S Hitchcock, Chapman, Orr, Williams, Collins

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. L Cooke

A V L B L Delegates - Mrs. Orr, Mrs. S Hitchcock

Championship Winners 1963-64

Club Singles - Mrs. K Smith

It was resolved to overhaul the piano at a cost of 86 pounds and to purchase another set of tables and chairs, making 12 sets in all.

(It would appear that the Avon Valley Ladies Bowling League now comprises the Clubs of Northam, Meckering, Cunderdin, Tammin, Dowerin, Goomalling and Toodyay. In 1963 Mrs. Ann Kings of Northam was President of the League - LCM)

### Special Meeting with Croquet Ladies held on October 24th 1963

The president, Mrs. Smith presided over a well-attended meeting, together with several Croquet Club members. The President of the N B C, Bert Purslowe and Eric Dallimore were also there. The meeting to decide, in conjunction with the croquet club, the floor coverings of the new clubhouse, and the colours. Bert Purslowe stated that the opening would now be on November 11th and this was the last time he would speak to them as president, as he was retiring. He hoped the ladies would take charge of the afternoon tea, as there would be approximately 500 people present that day. November 4th was the last time play would be on the old greens, after that all play would be on the new greens. Croquet players could play on No 4 green. Eric Dallimore then outlined the costs of the floor coverings. It was resolved that Dallimores lay carpet in the rooms and a carpet sweeper be purchased between the two Ladies Clubs.

### Committee Meeting held on November 14th in New Club Rooms

Mrs. Smith, president, welcomed 9 members stating bank balance stands at 793 pounds 10/2; also that Les Clements had donated a desk for the Ladies Room. The carpet to cost 110 pounds 12/-. She also explained about the lockers, and thought the cost too high and would look into the matter. The quote was 175 pounds. Members to pay a rental of 10/- per year for lockers. A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Frank Adams for making a Chocolate Wheel, which was used on Opening Day and realised a profit of 22 pounds 14/-. Mrs. Chapman read the new Constitution of the Ladies Bowling Club to the meeting.

### Annual General Meeting held on August 7th 1964

Mrs. Smith presided over 53 members with 20 apologies from absentees. The Constitution was adopted. The Club is to be now known as the Northam Ladies Bowling Club.

### Election of Officers 1964-65

Patron - Mrs. Halnan

President - Mrs. Smith

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Morrell, Mrs. Scadden

Secretary - Mrs. Crawford

Treasurer - Mrs. Clancy

Committee - Mesdames Chapman, Adams, Clarke, Orr, Williams, Collins, Gishubl, Enderby

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Cook.

### Championship Winners 1964-65

Club Singles - Mrs. S Hitchcock

**The secretary was instructed to write to the Northam Bowling Club to bring before their committee that no Ladies are allowed in the Club Rooms or Bar dressed in slacks. The ladies are not in favour of this type of dress being worn - notice to be placed in the Club.**

### Committee Meeting held on December 10th 1964

The president Mrs. Smith welcomed members, reporting hangers for the Ladies Room had been received. The Bank Balance stands at 421 pounds 14/-. To the men's request for help in lighting the greens, the meeting resolved to provide 250 pounds to light "C" Green, provided tenders were called for same. The secretary was instructed to write to the manager of the News Express regarding no bowling notes being printed.

### Committee Meeting held on March 11th 1965

The president, Mrs. Smith explained that quotes had been obtained for an office table. Also, as the ladies objected going into the Men's Room to obtain the mats and kitties, Reg Williams had supplied a box to hold them on the veranda. This gift was appreciated by all present. Bank balance stands at 347 pounds 3/9 with 190 pounds being made from a very successful Carnival. Thanks were made to Mesdames E Chapman and L Clarke who had helped make the Carnival an outstanding success. The Social Convener, Mrs. Gishubl presented an excellent report on the catering part of the Carnival. She also thanked Stan and Melba Hockley (Stan Hockly was the Bar Manager at this time - LCM).

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The Croquet Club had loaned their room for use and were ever ready to help. It was resolved that the croquet ladies be invited to join us on Closing Day. It was also resolved that some of the funds be spent on shades for the greens.

### Annual General Meeting held on August 2nd 1965

The President, Mrs. Smith welcomed 46 members present with 23 apologies.

#### Election of Officers 1965-66

Patron - Mrs. Purslowe

President - Mrs. Smith

Vice Presidents - Mrs. Scadden, Mrs. Madew

Secretary - Mrs. Crawford

Treasurer - Mrs. Clancy

Committee - Mesdames J Adams, G Gishubl, S Hitchcock, Chapman, M Enderby, L Clarke, L Williams, R Logan

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Cook

Social Convener - Mrs. Gishubl

#### Championship Winners 1965-66

Club Singles - Mrs. S Hitchcock

### Committee Meeting held on February 1st 1966

Mrs. K Smith presided at the monthly meeting and expressed the club's sincere sympathy to Mrs. Maud Scadden in her sorrow. The president reported having met with Norm Matthews re the shades.

Norm Matthews stated 8 frames had been made and the cost when finished would be 120 pounds and they would be ready for the Carnival coming up on March 1st.

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 17th 1966

President Mrs. K Smith welcomed 28 members present - namely M Enderby, E Broomhall, E Davies, I Healy, L Smith, J Adams, R Logan, M Madew, D Orr, E Halnan, V Adams, C Morgan, E Cadd, B Ibbotson, M Murphy, R Johnston, L Williams, E Shaw, E Chapman, S Hitchcock, S Swarbrick, F Elliman, M Abbot, B Lowther, E Overton, N Barton, P Smart, M Crawford, D Clancy. Apologies were received from P Edgar, G Gishubl, M Kirk, B Morrell, M Scadden.

The bank balance stands at 362 pounds 1/-. President reported having interviewed Norm Matthews who had promised the shades would be in place by the Carnival and would cost about 15 pounds each or 210 pounds. There would be 14 shades approximately 8 ft by 6 ft.

### Committee Meeting held on March 21st 1966

President Mrs. Smith reported to members on an excellent Carnival with an approximate profit of 200 pounds. It was also reported that Norm Matthews had made a donation of the first shade, worth 25 pounds, to the Club. The remaining shades had been placed on the greens at a cost of 432 pounds 50/-. It was resolved to order a Presidents Brooch in Gold Letters from Sheridans at a cost of 27/-. For the Men's Carnival Morning Tea would be 1/-, Lunch 7/6, Afternoon Tea 2/6. An incinerator was required.

### Annual General Meeting held on July 29th 1966

The President, Mrs. K Smith, welcomed 45 members and notified that Nan Barton would be leaving after 12 years and Maud Scadden is leaving on a trip to England.

#### Election of Officers 1966-67

Patron - Mrs. Lena Smith

President - Mrs. K Smith

Vice Presidents - Mrs. M Scadden, Mrs. M Madew

Secretary - Mrs. J Adams

Treasurer - Mrs. D Clancy

Committee - Mesdames S Hitchcock, E Chapman, L Clarke, B Morrell, V Spencer, M Crawford, R Logan, J Ridgeway

Social Convener - Mrs. E Shaw

#### Championship Winners 1966-67

Club Singles - Mrs. B Lowther

### Committee Meeting held on September 19th 1966

President Mrs. Smith reported to the meeting that the green keeper had stated that owing to the condition of the greens, there would be no play on Opening Day. It was resolved to carry on with the opening and luncheon. Match Committee to arrange Darts and Indoor Bowls and to notify the W A L B A of the position. The Treasurers report shows a bank balance of \$427-01 (decimal currency was introduced in mid 1966 -LCM).

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting held on July 21st 1967

Mrs. K Smith presided over 42 members and in her report stated she was retiring as president and thanked all members for their help over her years in office. She was leaving the Club in good shape, with a bank balance of \$1082-16.

A Rotary Club dinner catered by the club had shown a profit of \$41-46 and from the Carnival \$415-23. Two 8 ft long tables were purchased costing \$25-50 each. She stated air-conditioning was the next project required by the Ladies.

#### Election of Officers 1967-68

Patron - Mrs. L Smith

President - Mrs. M Scadden

Vice Presidents - Mrs. M Madew, Mrs. Logan

Secretary - Mrs. J Adams

Treasurer - Mrs. Clancy

Committee - Mesdames L Clarke, E Davies, M Enderby, B Ibbotson, D Brewster-Jones, C Morgan, B Morrell, E Shaw.

Social Convener - Mrs. Shaw

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. L Cook

#### Championship Winners 1967-68

Club Singles - Mrs. V Spencer

Championship Fours - Mesdames Enderby, Davies, Lowther, Denton

A V L B L Pennant - Northam Blue Faction

President Mrs. Scadden, Mrs. Clancy and Mrs. Adams meet with Mr. Abbott, Mr. Ibbotson and Mr. Clancy re cooling system in hall and cupboards and improvements in the kitchen. They were prepared to put \$600 towards it. Mr. Abbott reported back that cupboards would be put in the kitchen along wall and also near fridge. Two "Expel" air fans would be put above large windows in hall. They would try a sprinkler system on the roof.

### Annual General Meeting held on July 19th 1968

President Mrs. Scadden welcomed 43 members to the meeting and in her report stated it had been a successful year. Much had been accomplished during the season and we had good support from the men. Brian Holtfreter had supplied paint and had painted 50 steel chairs around the greens. A busy bee of ladies had also painted seats. Tom Lawrence erected the 7 new shades. \$600 had been donated to the N B C for improvements to kitchen and hall. Profit from the Carnivals were - Ladies \$390 and Mens \$358-54. The bank balance stands at \$623-98. The meeting closed followed by afternoon tea, when presentations were made to three members who were leaving – Mrs. K Smith, Mrs. M Collins and Mrs. D Johnson.

The ladies had combined with the men in entertaining a mixed touring party of bowlers from the South Australian Great Southern District during the year. The ladies had supplied morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and an evening meal. They had helped with entertainment during the evening.

#### Election of Officers 1968-69

Patron - Mrs. Lena Smith

President – Mrs. Maud Scadden

Senior Vice President - Mrs. Mavis Madew

Junior Vice President - Mrs. Ruth Logan

Secretary - Mrs. Jean Adams

Treasurer - Mrs. Dot Clancy

Committee - Mesdames Enid Broomhall, Lorna Clarke, Enid Chapman, Ethel Davies, Sylvia Denton, Doris Brewster-Jones, Belle Morrell, Cora Morgan.

Social Convener - Mrs. Cora Morgan

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Lil Cook

#### Championship Winners 1968-69

Club Singles - Mrs. Silvia Hitchcock

Championship Fours - Mesdames E Withnell, R Murphy, P Williams, L Smith

**(Mention was made by the secretary of those being invited to the Opening Day were two Life Members. They would have been elected during the years of the missing Minute Book. The Life Members being Mrs. Willshire and Mrs. Williams, both long serving Presidents of the Club. The other Life Member being Mrs. Dawson – deceased - LCM)**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Committee Meeting held on December 2nd 1968

President Mrs. Scadden reported the R W A B A had launched an appeal for the rebuilding of the Meckering Bowling Club that was demolished during the October earthquake. It was resolved to donate \$50, and had offered to conduct the Meckering pennant days on the Northam Greens. The W A L B A had brought the Clubs York, Beverley and Quairading into the A V L B L for a year's trial. The balance sheet shows \$858-05 in the bank. Profit from the Invitation Fours Day was \$262-95. The President of the Northam Bowling Club, Tom Lawrence, attended the meeting to discuss club affairs and the Meckering Earthquake Appeal.

He also was very concerned about a report in the paper after our Invitation Fours Day, which mentioned raffles. Mrs. Scadden told him they were concerned also, and the matter would be dealt with.

**It was resolved that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mrs. Jess Muir on her recent Croquet win against the English men players (The Croquet Club was still part of the Northam Bowling Club with their own green and room. Mrs. Muir has represented Western Australia at croquet - LCM)**

### Annual General Meeting held on July 25th 1969

Mrs. Scadden presided over 41 members and reported on a quiet but successful year. The Treasurers report shows the bank balance stands at \$920-42. The ladies had donated \$100 towards the cost of a new hot water system, and are donating 500 towards the cost of sealing the parking area at the back of the Clubhouse. Mrs. Lil Cook, our delegate to the W A L B A for the last fifteen years was retiring. The club was lucky in having Mrs. E Chapman as a substitute.

#### Election of Officers 1969-70

Patron - Mrs. L Smith

President - Mrs. M Scadden

Senior Vice President - Mrs. Madew

Junior Vice President - Mrs. Logan

Secretary - Mrs. J Adams

Treasurer - Mrs. Clancy

Committee - Mesdames Anderson, Broomhall Davies, Hitchcock, Lowther, Meney, Overton

Social Convener - Mrs. C Morgan

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. E Chapman

Championship Singles 1969-70 - Mrs. E Overton

**A Notice of Motion submitted to the A G M, inserting in Rule 13 that of the five members elected to the Match Committee at the A G M, a Chairwoman or Captain be elected from that five at the A G M, not at the first Committee Meeting. Mrs. M Madew was elected Captain.**

It was resolved that all Championships be played in daylight, that the Championship Fours be played in Sections and the Championship Singles be played double life (that is, major and plate -LCM).

Arrangements were made for the Annual Xmas Party. Names to be in by 3pm for afternoon play. Tea is to be at 6pm, and mixed bowls afterwards. Mrs. Jean Adams is appointed in charge of the kitchen. Members to bring hot or cold dishes. Mrs. Lena Smith is making the Xmas cake, Mrs. Clancy the Claret Cup. Mrs. Lorna Clarke to be asked to make the Fruit Cup and Keith Beer asked for the loan of his Punch Bowl. Mrs. Lena Smith loans us her Xmas Tree. Mrs. Gaye Gishubl to play the piano before tea, and Mrs. Belle Morrell to be Father Xmas. The gifts are to be of 40 cents value this year, and Wally Gregory to be asked to play during the evening bowls.

### Annual General Meeting held on July 20th 1970

The president, Mrs. Maud Scadden, welcomed 46 members and thanked all officers and members who had supported her over the last 10 years as president. She was retiring this year and leaving Northam to live in Perth. Mrs. Dot Clancy, treasurer, was also retiring from committee after nine years as treasurer. Bank balance stands at \$440-31. During the year Lyle Herley had attended a committee meeting and explained that 2 shades, 45 feet long by 8 feet wide were to be erected on A Green and the same on C Green. The ladies had donated \$500 towards the cost, stating that if any money over it could be spent on seating.

#### Election of Officers 1970-71

Patron - Mrs. L Smith

President - Mrs. Madew

Senior Vice President - Mrs. Logan

Junior Vice President - Mrs. Clancy

Secretary - Mrs. J Adams

Treasurer - Mrs. Chapman

Committee - Mesdames Anderson, Broomhall, Davies, Forward, Hitchcock, Morgan, Lowther

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Captain - Mrs. Davies  
Social Convener - Mrs. Lewino  
W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. Chapman  
Championship Singles 1970-71 - Mrs. S Donovan

**Mrs. Madew, A V L B L delegate reported that a new league had been formed, as the previous one had been too large. The new league was called Mortlock, and would take in the Goomalling and Dowerin Clubs. The Avon Valley League would now comprise Northam, Tammin, Cunderdin, Meckering, York, Beverley and Quairading.**

Northam Club is to be League Headquarters. Northam is to field three pennant sides, of twelve players each. Mrs. Chapman, delegate to the W A L B A, reported having attended two meetings of the Association, and the motion put by Northam that "smoking be allowed on greens" was defeated.

**Keith Beer made a donation of the new curtains required for the Ladies Powder Room.**

### Annual General Meeting held on July 19th 1971

Mrs. Madew presided over 48 members present. The season had been successful. The bank balance stands at \$416-17.

#### Election of Officers 1971-72

Patron - Mrs. L Smith  
President - Mrs. M Madew  
Senior Vice President - Mrs. R Logan  
Junior Vice President - Mrs. D Clancy  
Secretary - Mrs. M Weber  
Treasurer - Mrs. E Chapman  
Committee - Mesdames J Beavis, E Broomhall, K Darragh, E Davies, S Hitchcock, E Lewino, M Forward  
Captain - Mrs. E Davies  
Social Convener - Mrs. G Gishubl  
W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. E Chapman.  
Championship Singles 1971-72 - Mrs. J Adams

Delegate to the W A L B A, Mrs. Chapman, stated a ruling from the Association is that uniforms must be worn at all times on the greens (so much for Northam granting permission for ladies to wear coloured clothes after competitions, or practise - LCM). The correct dress ruling is dresses to be 15 inches from floor, long or short sleeves and stockings to be worn at all times.

On Invitation Fours Day Mrs. M Enderby and Mrs. M Weber are to be in charge of the Treasure Chest, Mrs. L Clarke, Mrs. J Gillam and Mrs. M Neeling in charge of the Stalls. For the raffle on the day Mrs. C Morgan had donated one of her paintings, Mrs. R Logan a dressed bride doll and Mrs. M Enderby has made and donated two very pretty cushions.

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 15th 1972

President Mrs. Madew welcomed 44 members present, reporting on the successes of the Club so far. Northam red faction won the pennant competition. Blue and gold factions were equal second. S Donovan's team won the League fours.

E Chapman and D Leggo won the Pairs. The bank balance stands at \$728.51. A profit of \$459.78 was made on the Invitation Fours Day and this was used to purchase a new refrigerator. The men's club has purchased new furniture costing \$420 and would like some financial help. As we have given them amounts of \$1000, and \$500 being for the erection of shades that have not eventuated as yet, we will review our financial position at the end of our Carnival. The Lady Scroungers have donated much-needed tablecloths.

### Annual General Meeting held on July 24th 1972

Mrs. Madew presided over 46 members and in her report told the members of the achievements of the Club during the year. Besides buying a new refrigerator they had given the men \$200 towards the new furniture and spent \$268-65 on new crockery. The balance in the bank stands at \$525-34.

A Notice of Motion put to the meeting and to become effective immediately was the change to Rule 6 - Delete "A" Patron and insert in Lieu, "A" Patronesses. The motion was put and carried. The Club can now have more than one Patroness and three were elected.

#### Election of Officers 1972-73

Patronesses - Mrs. L Smith, Mrs. C Morgan, Mrs. B Morrell  
President - Mrs. M Madew

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Vice Presidents - Mrs. D Clancy, Mrs. E Davies  
Secretary - Mrs. M Weber  
Treasurer - Mrs. E Chapman  
Committee - Mesdames E Davies, S Hitchcock, B Lowther, B Holtfreter, P Meney, E Broomhall, M Leeder, M Watson  
Captain - Mrs. E Davies  
Social Convener - Mrs. M Forward  
W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. G Cantwell  
Championship Winners 1972-73  
Club Singles - Mrs. B Lowther  
Pennant Winner - Northam Red Faction  
League Fours - Mesdames E Davies, E Broomhall, B Anderson, M Forward.

### Annual General Meeting held on July 23 1973

The President Mrs. Madew presided and welcomed 45 members to the meeting with 14 apologies. The treasurer read the balance sheet report that shows \$778-72 in the bank. The profit from the Invitation Fours was \$400 and from the Annual Carnival it was \$312-37. The only query was the phone account and in future the phone is to be locked away after the match committee has finished with it. Another Notice of Motion was submitted, this time on the election of committee. These alterations to the Constitution were carried. It was resolved that the Constitution be revised and brought up to date and new books be printed. Also that the A G M date be changed to the last week in May. It was resolved that \$350 be donated to the men's club.

### Election of Officers 1973-74

Patronesses - Mesdames L Smith, C Morgan, B Morrell  
President - Mrs. D Clancy  
Vice Presidents - Mrs. E Chapman, Mrs. E Lewino  
Secretary - Mrs. M Weber  
Treasurer - Mrs. G Gishubl  
Committee - Mesdames B Lowther, L Clarke, A Turnock, E Morton, B Ibbotson,  
Captain - Mrs. S Hitchcock  
Social Convener - Mrs. M Forward  
W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. G Cantwell  
Championship Singles 1973-74 - Mrs. S Donovan

### Annual General Meeting held on May 27th 1974

President Mrs. Clancy welcomed 34 members and outlined the past years activities and purchases made (there is no mention of these Ed). The Invitation Fours Day had realised a profit of \$396-26, the Ladies Carnival \$265-72 and a dinner for the Rotarians \$79-56. Bank balance stands at \$716-02.

### Election of Officers 1974-75

Patronessess – Mrs L Smith, Mrs C Morgan, Mrs B Morrell  
President - Mrs. D Clancy  
Senior Vice President - Mrs. E Lewino  
Junior Vice President - Mrs. S Hitchcock  
Secretary - Mrs. M Weber  
Treasurer - Mrs. G Gishubl  
Committee - Mesdames L Clarke, M Enderby, B Ibbotson, M Forward, E Morton, J Gillam, B Campbell  
Captain - Mrs. S Hitchcock  
Social Convener - Mrs. A Turnock  
W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. G Cantwell  
Championship Singles 1974-75 - Mrs. E Davies

Discussions took place re brooches or trophies for championship singles, Invitation Day date changed, the match committee to draw up factions, and the Charity Fours. When the discussion came to the Bassendeen and Perth visits, the meeting became chaotic and half the members walked out, so the rest of the business will have to be brought up at the half yearly meeting.

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 11th 1975

President Mrs. Clancy presided over 33 members present. The treasurer presented the balance sheet showing a bank balance of \$913-95.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The profit from the Fours Invitation Day was \$406-73. A painting donated by Mrs. C Morgan was raffled. The Lady Scroungers Club donated \$35 to the Club. It was resolved that \$10 be donated to the W A L B A Darwin cyclone appeal. A letter was to be written to the men's club re enlarging the kitchen.

It was resolved that the ladies purchase a new stove and inquiries be made into the purchase of a Bain Marie (food warmer, for those dumb bells who don't know what it is, states secretary Marg Weber - LCM)

A Notice of Motion was carried that - "The winner of the Club Singles (Championship) to be given the choice of a championship brooch or a trophy of equal value". A by-law rule was changed, allowing members to nominate for more than one position of office bearers, and if successful in one, would be excluded from subsequent ballots. Another was that all Championship Events be played double chance, or major and plate.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 23rd 1975

The President, Mrs. Clancy presided over 39 members present and in her report outlined the years activities and purchases. New carpet was purchased for the Ladies Room costing \$337-56, and a small hot plate. The bank balance stands at \$885-29, with the Carnival Profit being \$229-84. The Lady Scroungers Club donated \$33-15 to the Club.

#### Election of Officers 1975-76

Patronessess – Mrs C Morgan, Mrs B Morrell

President - Mrs. Clancy

Senior Vice President - Mrs. Enderby

Junior Vice President - Mrs. Ibbotson

Secretary - Mrs. Weber

Treasurer - Mrs. Gishubl

Committee - Mesdames Anderson, B Lowther, M Moon, V Sarich, J Richards, K Bloomfield

Captain - Mrs. S Hitchcock

Social Convener - Mrs. A Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. J Atkins

Championship Singles 1975-76 - Mrs. E Davies

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 12th 1976

The President, Mrs. Clancy, welcomed 38 members present with 9 apologies.

**Bank balance stands at \$784-48 with \$539-03 coming from a successful Invitation Fours Day. A generous donation of \$250 was made to the club from the sons of Bella Withnell to perpetuate her memory. \$200 for the club events, and \$50 for scroungers events, to be conducted for five years in her name. They suggested rose bowls or vases as trophies.**

**It was resolved that six new trestles and stands are purchased, and that the men's club be written to, explaining the importance of a hire charge on borrowed furnishings.**

This is in response to members borrowing trestles or furnishings and not returning them, the only way to stop this practice is a hire charge, or a substantial deposit. Also in the letter, that the old trestles be repaired.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 28th 1976

Mrs. Clancy, president welcomed 37 members, with 9 apologies being accepted. She gave her report thanking all who supported the club so well.

The balance sheet shows a bank balance of \$523-51. The scroungers report from Mrs E Davies shows a donation of \$50 to the Club and a bank balance of \$86-06.

#### Election of Officers 1976-77

Patronesses - Mrs. C Morgan, Mrs. B Morrell

President - Mrs. J Adams

Senior Vice President - Mrs. Lewino

Junior Vice President - Mrs. K Bloomfield

Secretary - Mrs. Weber

Treasurer - Mrs. Gishubl

Committee - Mesdames. J Bite, B Holtfreter, I Brown, M Leeder, JRichards, R Robinson.

Captain - Mrs. B Ibbotson

Social Convener - Mrs. A Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. J Atkins

Championship Singles 1976-77 - Mrs. E Overton

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 10th 1977

The president, Mrs. Adams, welcomed those members present and thanked all who had helped her since her election to the chair. The bank balance stands at \$685-30, boosted by a profit from the Invitation Fours Day of \$470-07, \$116 from catering on C B H Day, and a men's Mid-Week Triples clearing \$130.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

The Charity day conducted raised \$93, which was donated to the Northam "Share and Care". It was moved that the men be asked to purchase a shed, with ladies funds, to house all the trestles and chairs, as the hall and the Ladies Room looks like a junk room, and that the matter be treated as urgent. Also pointing out their embarrassment re the Pennant game against Tammin, when the greens were closed 15 minutes before the game was due to start.

### Annual General Meeting held on July 18th 1977

The president Mrs. J Adams declared a correct quorum and welcomed 32 ladies present with 15 sending apologies. Jean thanked committee and members for their help and support and gave a summery of purchases they had made for the kitchen and the clubhouse. The bank balance now stands at \$348-73.

#### Election of Officers 1977-78

Patronesses - Mrs. C Morgan, Mrs. B Morrell

President - Mrs. J Adams

Senior Vice President - Mrs. M Madew

Junior Vice President - Mrs. M Weber

Secretary - Mrs. D Clancy

Treasurer - Mrs. G Gishubl

Committee - Mesdames M Pike, L Clarke, J Richards, R Robinson, M Lord, B Kinsella

Captain - Mrs. E Lewino (resigned- Mrs. Weber co-opted)

Social Convener - Mrs. A Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. J Atkins

Championship Singles 1977-78 - Mrs. F Shaw

**Having been nominated by the committee, passed by the men's committee, it was put to the Meeting that for her untiring work for the Club over many years Mrs. Dot Clancy be elected a Life Member of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club. This was put to the meeting and carried.**

### Annual General Meeting held on June 26th 1978

Mrs. Adams, president, welcomed all present especially Mrs. Joan Atkins, our delegate to the W A L B A. In her report she thanked all members for their help and co-operation during the season. The bank balance shows a healthy \$1,422-60. A profit of over \$600 was made over the Carnival. \$100 made on Charity Day of which \$50 was donated to the Northam "Share and Care" and \$50 to the "Slow Learners Association". It has been proposed to purchase a Bain Marie, costing \$454, and an Amplifying System for the N B C, costing \$350. Associates would like to see that the men's club insured the helpers in the kitchen. Mrs. Davies gave the scroungers report saying games had been well attended and they had a bank balance of \$49-04 after a donation of \$30 to the Associates Club. A Queensland Touring Bowls Team played at Northam with five men's teams and three of ladies. The social committee catered for the day. A letter is to written to Mr. and Mrs. Gishubl for donating a Life Member Board to the Associates Club, and Cora Morgan to be thanked by letter for her donation of \$30 to the club. A letter is to be written to the men, asking again if there was any way the kitchen could be enlarged.

A Bain Marie was purchased for \$450. The Social Convener was paid an Honorarium of \$40.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 26th 1979

President Mrs. J Adams opened the meeting by declaring a quorum and in her report stated the purchasing the Bain Marie and stand, and meeting with the men on enlarging the kitchen. Their ideas would not make much difference, so we would leave it as is, for now. The club has \$1,000 in the National Bank on term deposit, and a bank balance of \$491-57. Mrs. Davies in her Scroungers report donated \$50 towards new lace tablecloths.

#### Election of Officers 1979-80

Patroness - Mrs. C Morgan

President - Mrs. M Madew

Senior Vice President - Mrs. J Adams

Junior Vice President - Mrs. E Davies

Secretary - Mrs. D Clancy

Treasurer - Mrs. G Gishubl

Committee - B Kinsella, T Martin, P Luscombe, M Moon, J Richards, M Fettes, H O'Sullivan

Social Convener - Mrs. A Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. J Atkins

Championship Singles 1979-80 - Mrs. F Frame

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Half Yearly Meeting held on January 21st 1980

Mrs. Madew presided and welcomed all present. Bank balance stands at \$750-70 as well as a Term Deposit in the National Bank. The Scroungers Club has donated another \$60, which they hope can be used for new lace tablecloths or new water containers. Prices were fixed for meals at the carnival. 30 cents for morning tea, \$3-00 for lunch and 30 cents for afternoon tea. Mrs. Madew also reported having a meeting with president Leo Morgan re enlarging the kitchen. It was suggested incorporating the Croquet Room and building a new small clubhouse on the Croquet Green for those players. With the decline of croquet players, only one green was in play. It was resolved to order 2 tables from Jim Clancy to seat 8 people. The cost, \$65-95 each. President Mrs. Madew said the men were happy to also purchase 2 of the tables. A gift of half dozen of beer to be given to Frank Gishubl and Jim Clancy for favours given.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 16th 1980

President Mrs. Madew opened meeting declared correct quorum and welcomed all present. There was no mention of bank balance, but it was moved that \$500 be invested in a Term Deposit. The profit from the Carnival was \$654-64.

#### Election of Officers 1980-81

Patroness - Mrs. C Morgan

President - Mrs. M Madew

Senior Vice President - Mrs. T Martin

Junior Vice President - Mrs. E Davies

Secretary - Mrs. D Clancy

Treasurer - Mrs. T Nunn

Committee - Mesdames P Luscombe, A Johnson, M Moon, J Richards, R Robinson, H O'Sullivan

Captain - Mrs. B Kinsella

Social Convener - Mrs. A Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Mrs. J Atkins

Championship Singles 1980-81 - Mrs. E Davies

### Annual General Meeting held on June 15th 1981

President Mavis Madew opened meeting and welcomed 42 members present with 13 apologies. She showed a photo taken by Peter Altham of all members on closing day. Members could purchase copies for \$4-50 each. In her report Mavis thanked all members who had helped during the season, especially Dot Clancy who was retiring from office having served the club since 1954 and serving 23 years on committee (Dot Clancy was recently elected a Life Member - LCM). Tilly Turnock was also retiring from the position of social convener, where she has served for 8 years. The treasurers report shows the cheque account is \$2,092-28 and on term deposit \$1,715-36. Invitation Day profit was \$739-45 and from the Carnival \$1,002-32. \$30 was received from patroness Cora Morgan for a trophy. A directive from the W A L B A states that half petticoats are not to be worn under bowling dresses, no ornamental chains to be worn around neck, and only sleepers or small studs in ears.

#### Election of Officers 1981-82

Patroness - Cora Morgan

President - Mavis Madew

Senior Vice President - Thelma Martin

Junior Vice President - Ethel Davies

Secretary - Helen O'Sullivan

Treasurer - Thelma Nunn

Committee - Beth Kinsella, Anne Johnson, Betty Holtfreter, Gwen DuBoulay, Ray Robinson, Margaret Main

Captain - Ethel Davies

Social Convener - Molly Moon

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

Championship Singles 1981-82 - Ethel Davies

### Committee Meeting February 15th 1982

Treasurer's report shows a bank balance of \$2,455-30. Profit from the Round Robin was \$1,117-40 and catering \$272-75. Invitation Day profit was \$883-99 and Charity Day raised \$204 which was donated to the Northam branch of the W A Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. Profit from catering Mid Week Triples in January \$176-58.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Congratulations were sent to the Croquet Club on winning the Country Week Shield and the President Pat Herridge on winning the Country Singles. In discussion with the president Leo Morgan, re the renovating of the Ladies Powder Room, Mavis reported she was assured the men would meet the cost. Ozzie Papini offered to hang the wallpaper free of charge. Friendship pins are now available at a cost of \$1-30.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 14th 1982

President Mavis Madew opened the meeting and welcomed 37 members present, with 15 sending apologies. As she was retiring this year she expressed thanks to all for their help and co-operation during her three years as president.

As shown in the treasurers report Mavis is pleased to leave the club in such a profitable situation. The cheque account stands at \$3,506-37, the term deposit \$1,916-91, the catering account \$1,753-53. The Carnival profit was \$1,150, and from the Mens Carnival \$2,416-20. Total funds stand at \$7,176-81. Ethel Davies, for the scroungers donated \$202-50 for baking dishes for the kitchen.

### **Congratulations had been sent to the men's club in winning the Bignell Shield at Country Week where they were successful in winning the Singles, Pairs and Fours.**

President Leo Morgan and Tom Lawrence had discussions with the few remaining members of the Croquet Club. They had reluctantly, after 78 years, been forced, through lack of members, to close the Croquet Club. Leo and Tom had assured them their Honour Boards would always remain on the walls; their records and minutes would be put on microfilm at the Battye Library.

The remaining members were invited to stay in the club as either bowlers or social members.

Work commenced immediately by the men, in knocking out the wall between the croquet room and kitchen, and incorporating it in the new enlarged kitchen. The ladies would provide the funds, and if any monies over, they wished it to go towards a new mower for the club. Members were reminded that the rule re the length of dresses (15 inches from ground with shoes on) will be enforced more next season, with clubs being fined if members do not comply. (This was a ruling decreed by the Ladies Bowling Association governing body of W A – LCM). The ladies are invited to provide a list of members to be included in the draw each Friday night for six bottles of beer.

#### Election of Officers 1982-83

Patroness - Cora Morgan

President - Thelma Martin

Senior Vice President - Phil Luscombe

Junior Vice President - Molly Moon

Secretary - Helen O'Sullivan

Treasurer - Thelma Nunn

Committee - Betty Holtfreter, Ida Brown, Daph Dudley, Julie Gillam, Dos Smith, E Tobin.

Captain - Anne Johnson

Social Convener - Molly Moon

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

Championship Singles 1982-83 - Ethel Davies

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 10th 1983

President Thelma Martin welcomed 40 members and brought them up to date with proceedings of the club. Hat Bands are to remain Red and White as at present. Personal insurance has been taken out against accidents whilst traveling to and from bowls for members under 75, at a cost of \$1-10 per member. The kitchen has been finished at a final cost of \$6,785-60, and the \$1,832-74 over is to be towards the cost of a new mower. Scroungers had donated \$140 towards the cost of new curtains, which cost \$165. The bank balance stands at \$2,414-57 with the profit from the men's catering \$777. The profit from Charity Day was once again donated to the Northam Branch of the W A Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. Some one at the office of the W A L B A had decided that as Northam had not applied for permission to conduct their annual Invitation Fours Day, they would have to apply again.

This means they may lose the date. Delegate Joan Atkins was not at the meeting where the matter was discussed, but would make discrete enquiries. Owing to lack of greens on our Invitation Day this year, some Northam teams will have to be balloted out. Thelma also advised that Ethel Davies has been selected to play in the Country versus Metropolitan Match during Country Week.

The question of paper tablecloths was discussed, and Mid West Print can supply a good quality cloth at \$30 per roll. An artificial Flower Arrangement has been purchased for \$19 to be placed in the Powder Room. A letter was received from the men's club re the injury suffered by Mrs. Maisie Horton during the Carnival. They advised that they only had Public Liability Insurance, and they did not think they could be held negligent in this case.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting held on June 13th 1983

President Thelma Martin welcomed 43 members present with 12 members sending apologies. Thelma reported on a successful season and thanked all members and office bearers for their help and co-operation. The Carnival profit was \$991-20 and from the Mens Carnival \$2,785-25. Ethel Davies in her Scroungers report stated a strong following during the whole year. \$140 had been donated to the Club and their bank balance stands at \$200. The Club bank balance stands at \$3,080-47.

**\$4,000 has been donated to the men's club, the ladies wishes of where the money to be spent is, \$1000 on a Sand Shed, more shades, and if any over to be spent on a second hand "Fergy" tractor Leo Morgan wishes to purchase for the Club.**

Patroness Cora Morgan then moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and congratulated Thelma on her first year as president of the N L B C and wished the new committee all well in the coming year.

### Election of Officers 1983-84

Patroness - Cora Morgan

President - Thelma Martin

Senior Vice President - Phil Luscombe

Junior Vice President - Molly Moon

Secretary - Helen O'Sullivan

Treasurer - Thelma Nunn

Committee - Julie Gillam, Ida Brown, Gwen DuBoulay, Eileen Tobin, Dos Smith, Carol Rogers, Kath Biddle

Captain - Anne Johnson

Social Convener - Molly Moon

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

Championship Singles 1983-84 - Ethel Davies.

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 9th 1984

President Thelma Martin welcomed 37 members present with 17 apologies. In her report she stated that the men had built the Sand Shed, purchased the "Fergy" Tractor and were in the process of erecting new shades, covered in shade cloth.

The Invitation Day raised \$965-10 and the Charity Day \$192, which again was donated to the Northam Branch of the W A Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. The bank balance stands at \$3,044-44. The inaugural Invitation Bowls Classic has been met with a good response so far. The sponsor of this event, Carmel Sands, of Sands Milk Transport, would like Cora Morgan to present the trophies on the day. She would send a cheque for \$300 to buy trophies. It was resolved that 4 new tables to accommodate 8 persons be purchased. The lady scroungers offered to purchase two of them.



## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

	RAE ROBINSON	ZOE FRENCH	
	HELEN O'SULLIVAN	LOANA CLARKE	
MAUD LEEDER	JOAN RICHARDS	MURIEL FRENCH	
DOS SMITH	PAT GISHBUHL	CORANE HARPER	
	MOLLY MOON	IRENE BATTYE	
MAY THOMASON	TILLY TURNOCK	JAN REWEHL	
MARGARET HODGES	THELMA NUNN	KATH DARRAGH	EDNA GREGORY
	THELMA MARTIN	VERA ADAMS	FLO FRAME
HELEN GRATTON	MAVIS MADEW	DAIRNE DUDLEY	YOKI BAIT
GWEN DU BOULAY	ETHEL DAVIES	SYLVIA HITCHCOCK	BELLE ANDERSON
BELLE LOWTHER	CORA MORGAN	JESS ERRINGTON	KATH BIDDLE
	DOT CLANCY	MARREN MORGAN	
JOY CROOK	JEAN ADAMS	EILEEN TOBIN	
	BETH KINSEHLA	NEVA ODRISCOLL	
PAT MCGEE	PHYLLIS LUSCOMBE	GWEN PURSLOWE	
JEAN WISEMAN	ELSIE OVERTON	LOYAL LAWRENCE	
	IVY HEARNY	BERYL RICHTER	
	KAY BLUMFIELD	BLANCHE CAMPELL	

Photo of members of the Ladies Bowling Club that was taken in 1981.

Read the names as those on the right hand side of the list of names, are of those ladies in the back row of the photo.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 6th 1984

Thelma Martin, president, welcomed 41 members present with 13 apologies. Minutes of a Special General Meeting were read dealing with amendments to the Ladies Bowling Club rules and by-laws. These were put to the meeting and passed. The main thrust was to rescind amendments that were made some years before. One was changing the word "Patroness" back to "Patron". Thelma thanked all who had helped so much during the season. The first Classic was a great success. Invitation Day was a success also, raising \$965-10, the Carnival doubled last years effort with a profit of \$1,862-10, the catering of the Mens Carnival raised \$2,348-28 and the men's League Round Robin \$254-68.

Treasurer Thelma Nunn showed a bank balance of \$3,474-38, with \$4,000 being donated to the men again this year. Crockery, sweet plates and ashtrays were purchased for the club valued at \$1,327-00. Buying continuous lace-curtain material that was hemmed by Julie Gillam solved the tablecloth problem. It cost \$241-30. The Secretary then read a letter from our Auditor, Ray Richards, who commended Thelma on the excellent manner in which the books had been kept and presented.

The Lady Scroungers had a very successful year ending with a picnic. They have donated \$200 towards the cost of the new tables.

Patron Cora Morgan then moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee and wished the incoming Committee all the best for the coming season.

#### Election of Officers 1984-85

Patron - Cora Morgan

President - Thelma Martin

Senior Vice President - Phil Luscombe

Junior Vice President - Eileen Tobin

Secretary - Helen O'Sullivan

Treasurer - Jean Adams

Committee - Carol Rogers, G BuBoulay, Bibon Dunn, Pat McGee, Dos Smith, Joyce Glass

Captain - Anne Johnson

Social Convener - Tilly Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

#### Championship Winners 1984-85

Club Singles - Margaret Main

League Pairs - Ethel Davies, Elsie Overton

League Pennant - Northam Gold Faction

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**The Secretary, Helen O'Sullivan then said she had a nomination for Life Membership of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club as follows. "As a result of an unanimous decision by the Committee of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club, and approved under our Constitution, by the Northam Bowling Club. The Committee would like to nominate Mrs. Mavis Madew as a Life Member of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club". Mavis joined the Club in 1958 and attended most meetings at the old club. From 1967 she served 6 years as President, 2 years Senior Vice President and Vice Captain. 1 year Captain. Served 13 years as League Delegate. Mavis was elected unanimously.**

### Annual General Meeting held on June 10th 1985

President Thelma Martin opened the meeting and welcomed 36 members present with 14 apologies. Thelma in her report stated that Mavis Madew had been presented with her Life Membership Badge. She congratulated all winners of club and league events. Thelma thanked everyone for their support during her term in office. The bank balance stands at \$2,667-68. A donation of \$5,000 has been given to the men for the purpose of installing new lighting and water-coolers on greens. The winter scroungers donated \$150 towards ceiling fans in the kitchen.

Charity Day resulted in a profit of \$150. \$75 was sent to Elton Larson, Treasurer of the Northam Branch of Torchbearers of Legacy and \$75 to Brian Gluestein, Chairman of Bethavon. The Mens Carnival realised \$2,276-13.

A letter was received from the W A L B A stating that some of the changes made to our Rules and By-Laws were wrong. The secretary was instructed to find out what the problem was as they thought all precautions had been taken to be correct.

#### Election of Officers 1985-86

Patron - Cora Morgan

President - Phil Luscombe

Senior Vice President - Bibon Dunn

Junior Vice President - Eileen Tobin

Secretary - May Armstrong

Treasurer - Beth Smith

Committee - M Main, C Rogers, J Glass, W Knight, V Hill, P McGee

Captain - Anne Johnson

Social Convener - Tilly Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins (V Sweetman)

#### Championship Winners 1985-86

Club Singles - Ethel Davies

League Fours - Wendy Diver, Margaret Main, Gwen BuBoulay, Carol Rogers

A letter was received from the Patron, Cora Morgan, with a cheque for \$50 stating that she would not be able to do the catering for her day this year.

The meeting agreed to proceed with the day with the committee doing the catering.

### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 13th 1986

President Phil Luscombe presided over 48 members and congratulated Green Faction on winning the pennant and presented the faction players with a badge. They were Jean Adams, Ethel Davies, Roma Potts, Maureen Morgan, Betty Holtfreter, Daph Dudley, Mavis Madew and Joyce McPherson. She advised that a sponsor had been obtained for Invitation Day. This was \$150 from Northam Toyota. The profit from the Invitation Day amounted to \$1,245-80. The men had agreed to raise the lunch fee for mid week triples to \$5 and have it included in the entrance fee. Bank balance stands at \$5,013-28.

Chicken World had offered \$200 towards trophies for an event conducted by the club. The club is to use it for the Championship Triples.

The Championship Fours have been cancelled this year, as there were only 10 teams entered. Marie Pike moved to rescind the motion - "that 12 teams must nominate for this event (Fours) before being able to be played" - carried and to be brought before the A G M. David Brown has kindly donated a clock for the hall, which the committee was going to purchase with the \$160 donated by the winter scroungers.

**On March 8th 1986, our loved Patron, Cora Morgan passed away after an illness. Cora joined the Bowling Club in 1954 and played bowls, including pennants, until 18 months before her death. Cora was loved and respected by all who knew her, and will be sadly missed. After her funeral the family met fellow mourners in the Northam Bowling Club, where Cora had spent so much of her time over many happy years.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**On March 16th 1986, another blow to the Club, our dear President Phyllis Luscombe died very suddenly. Phyllis started her bowling career with the Northam Club in 1976; she joined the match committee, and was senior vice president before taking the chair in 1985.**

**Bowlers gave a guard of honour to both ladies after their church services.**

### Annual General Meeting held on June 9th 1986

The immediate Past President Thelma Martin opened the meeting in the absence of acting president Bibon Dunn. She welcomed 34 members present with 16 apologies. Thelma then read out the report prepared by the acting president Bibon Dunn.

The Treasurers report showed another healthy bank balance of \$6,610-15. The Invitation Day had realised \$1,245-80. The winter scrounger captain Ethel Davies reported a successful season and donated \$160 that could be used for an exhaust fan over the urns. **\$5,000 is to be donated to the men's club**

#### Election of Officers 1986-87

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Bibon Dunn (resigned) Pat McGee (resigned) Ida Brown (co-opted)

Senior Vice President - Pat McGee (resigned) Ida Brown (co-opted)

Junior Vice President - Eileen Tobin

Secretary - Anne Johnson

Treasurer - Beth Smith

Committee - Carol Rogers, Chris McCloy (resigned), Viv Hill, Joyce Glass, Kay Lynch, Margaret Hicks (co-opted), Ethel Davies (co-opted)

Captain - Daph Dudley

Social Convener - Tilly Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

#### Championship Singles 1986-87

Club Singles - Kath Biddle

**In General Business Ida Brown moved, saying as we now had over \$9,100 in the bank, we give the men \$7,000 with the preference on new lighting over the greens. The notice of motion re championship fours and 12 teams was rescinded, and replaced with one that states 8 teams now be required before the fours can be conducted.**

### Committee Meeting held on August 18th 1986

President Bibon Dunn opened the meeting and welcomed all. In General Business Bibon informed committee of her husband's transfer in his employment, and hence her resignation as president. Bibon asked senior vice president Pat McGee to take over. Owing to the resignation of Chris McCloy from committee Margaret Hicks (being next on ballot votes at A G M) was asked to fill her place. Ida Brown was co-opted as senior vice president and Ethel Davies co-opted to match committee.

Tilly Turnock spoke of being asked to supply meals and/or refreshments at various non-bowling events, such as fashion parades etc. In refusing the request from the president Les Hodges, Tilly explained that the social committee caters for numerous bowling events, and outside events would be very tiring and tie social committee down. The September 28th date for an open day, run by the men was decided, but catering for it still undecided.

Pat McGee told members that the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club would be coming up in November 1988 and for everyone to get together ideas for our celebrations. Pat is to see the men about the exhaust fan over the boilers.

### Special General Meeting held on November 13th 1986

Pat McGee, president, opened the meeting and welcomed 40 members and explained that owing to the sale of their house, they would be leaving Northam. The meeting was called to elect a new president and as the senior vice president had been co-opted into that position, and therefore, as now being acting senior vice president, her elevation to president could not be automatic. The secretary then read Pat McGee's resignation. In calling for nominations Ida Brown being the only nomination she was elected with acclamation.

### Annual General Meeting held on June 8th 1987

President Ida Brown opened the meeting and welcomed the 40 members present.

There were 11 apologies. Ida thanked all committees and subcommittees for their help and support during her term of office. She thanked the men for enclosing the barbecue area, and the greenkeeper Shane Watson for having first class greens.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Treasurer Beth Smith in her report stated total monies handled in the last year amounted to \$25,736-34. Credit balance stands at \$9,998-03. The men's carnival realised the sum of \$2350. Charity Day raised \$240 of which half was donated to Northam Share and Care and half to Bethavon. It was moved that \$8,000 be donated to the men, and request that the money be used on lighting over the greens.

### Election of Officers 1987-88

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Ida Brown

Senior Vice President - Sylvia Hitchcock

Junior Vice President - Beth Kinsella

Secretary - Anne Johnson

Treasurer - Beth Smith

Committee - M Hicks, Carol Rogers, Peg Cowen, K Lynch, Marjorie Morgan, Lorna Beard.

Captain - Daph Dudley

Social Convener - Tilly Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

### Championship Winners 1987- 88

Club Singles - Ethel Davies

League Pennant - Northam Gold Faction

**Sylvia Hitchcock, Elsie Overton, Daph Dudley and Ethel Davies win the State Open League Fours.**

### Annual General Meeting held on June 1st 1988

President Ida Brown opened the meeting to 34 members present with 11 apologies. In her report Ida thanked committee and sub-committees for their support. Congratulations to Ethel Davies on her 8th Championship Singles win and all major event winners. Northam hosted the Inter Zone Round Robin and it was a great success. Brian Holtfreter and Leo Morgan erected a flagpole to fly the six flags.

With funds provided by the ladies, new lights had been installed on "A" Green (cost \$10,000). A commercial gas stove has been installed in the kitchen (cost \$3,000) and the urns fixed. A micro oven was installed for \$460. Ida expressed special thanks to men's president Leo Morgan for his help.

Treasurer Beth Smith again presented a healthy balance sheet. With the Invitation Day realising \$1,113-51, and no other results listed, the bank balance stands at \$9,991. Ethel Davies reported that the scroungers finished the year with a credit balance of \$305-10.

Patron, Sylvia Hitchcock, moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee and wished the incoming all the best for the coming season.

### Election of Officers 1988-89

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Anne Johnson

Senior Vice President - Margaret Hodges

Junior Vice President - June Bevan

Secretary - Beth Smith

Treasurer - Teresa Fields

Committee - Carol Rogers, Joyce McPherson, Marjorie Morgan, Viv Hill, Tilly Turnock, Dos Smith, Ronnie Larson

Captain - Carol Rogers

Social Convener - Lorna Beard

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

### Championship Winners 1988-89

Club Singles - Carol Rogers

Pennant Winner - Tammin Bowling Club.

**President Ida Brown, on a recommendation from the committee, nominated Ethel Davies for Life Membership of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club. Ethel was unanimously elected by the meeting, and was presented with a Life Membership badge and a corsage of flowers. A letter of congratulations was received from the men's club. Ethel suitably responded.**

**It was resolved that the ladies club donates the sum of \$8,000 to the Bowling Club suggesting that the seating around the greens be upgraded. (This was carried out by the Club purchasing lengths of aluminium seating and a few members, with the help of Brian Holtfreter and his workshop, made up into new seats, only costing \$2,740 for 48 seats - LCM). The 50th Anniversary is to be celebrated on November 2nd 1988 and Mrs. Edmonds to be asked to cater for a meal. Taped music to be provided and the W A L B A delegate be asked to notify city members of the celebrations.**

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting held on June 7th 1989

President Anne Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed 36 members present. In her report Anne thanked her committee for their support during the year. She mentioned the Life Membership bestowed on Ethel Davies for her tireless work over the last 20 years. The ladies club also celebrated its 50th Anniversary on Invitation Day. 40 teams played and some had to be turned away. We were privileged to have our State President Ella Reynolds and Jean Carmody spend the day with us. Anne also mentioned that past members Gaye Gishubl and Belle Anderson had passed away during the year.

Treasurer Teresa Field reported that the men had given \$150 towards our 50th, the Carnival profit was \$1568-45, and from the men's carnival raised \$2100. Charity Day realised \$270, of which half was donated to Bethavon, and half to Northam Share and Care. The bank balance stands at \$9,167-32. The winter scroungers donated two dozen tea towels and a "magic mirror" (for umpiring purposes -LCM)

It was resolved that \$7,000 be donated to the mens club with recommendations for lights on a second green (lights were installed on B and C greens costing \$20,000 -LCM), upgrade the hall lights (carried out and costing \$550) bar lights (carried out and costing \$960), renovate the ladies powder room (also carried out, the cost \$723), an outdoor toilet (no go). New carpet was installed in the bar area for \$8,740.

#### Election of Officers 1989-90

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Anne Johnson

Senior Vice President - Thelma Martin

Junior Vice President - Dos Smith

Secretary - Beth Smith

Treasurer - Teresa Field

Committee - June Bevan, Joyce McPherson, May Patterson, Rose Hill, Marj Morgan, Ronnie Larson, Molly Moon

Captain - Carol Rogers

Social Convener - Tilly Turnock

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

#### Championship Winners 1989-90

Club Singles - Carol Roger

Pennant Winner - Northam Red Faction

### Annual General Meeting held on June 6th 1990

President Anne Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed 32 members present with 16 apologies. Anne thanked the committee for their support during the year, and all the sponsors for their support.

Teresa Field reported on a very successful season finishing with a credit balance of \$1,041-05, with \$5,000 being invested during the year with the National Bank. Thanks to Tilly Turnock and her helpers as caterers the following open days realised. Elders Classic \$767-65, Valley Ford \$222-69, Invitation Day \$1,327-26, Telecom Sports Weekend \$1,535-06, Ladies Carnival \$588-77, C B H Day \$290-24, Northam Auto Electric's \$147-70 and the Mens Carnival \$1,549-88. The Charity Day realised \$358 that was donated to the local branch of Share and Care.

Sylvia Hitchcock reported that the winter scroungers, after donating \$100 to the club for cups and sauces had a credit balance of \$301-26. Then Sylvia, as patron, thanked the outgoing committee and wished the incoming great success.

#### Election of Officers 1990-91

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Anne Johnson

Senior Vice President - Beryl Richter

Junior Vice President - Carol Rogers

Secretary - Daph Dudley

Treasurer - Teresa Field

Committee - May Patterson, Viv Hill, Zoe French, Dos Smith, Marj Morgan, Kath Biddle.

Captain - Dos Smith

Social Convener - Molly Moon

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

#### Championship Winners 1990-91

Club Singles - Carol Rogers

League Pairs - Muriel Kidd, Carol Rogers

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

**It was resolved that \$6000 be donated to the Northam Bowling Club with suggestions for its use - Double basin in ladies powder room, repaint kitchen, ladies toilets and match committee room, storage for unused tables and chairs.**

**It was resolved that a carton of beer be sent to Frank Gishubl for his continuing to upgrade our honour boards.**

### Annual General Meeting held on June 5th 1991

**President Anne Johnson opened the meeting and welcomed 30 members present and with 16 apologies. It was with regret that we lost our long serving member and Life Member Mavis Madew during the year.**

Anne thanked her committee, sub committees patron and members for their support and help, also the many sponsors who had been so generous with their sponsorships. Anne said she was retiring and handing over to Beryl Richter. Patron Sylvia Hitchcock then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring committee.

#### Election of Officers 1991-92

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Beryl Richter

Senior Vice President - Carol Rogers

Junior Vice President -

Secretary - Daph Dudley

Treasurer - Teresa Field

Committee - Ida Brown, Beth Smith, Marj Morgan, Elaine Higgs, Ray Robinson, Ronnie Larson, Molly Moon.

Captain - Dos Smith

Social Convener - Muriel Kidd

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

Championship Singles 1991-92 - Carol Rogers

Teresa Field, treasurer, reported on another successful year, the balance sheet showing \$3,159 on fixed deposit and in the cheque account \$4,325-33. Charity Day realised \$300, which was donated to Northam Meals on Wheels. Invitation Day realised \$1443-46 and the Mens Round Robin in January \$2469-60. A cupboard to hold kitchen stock was purchased for \$550.

**It was resolved that a donation of \$5,500 be donated to the Northam Bowling Club, to be used as decided by the Management Committee.**

**A Notice of Motion was put and passed by the necessary 2/3rds majority - "Annual General Meeting shall be held at a such place as the committee determine within the Month of May. A notice is to be inserted in the paper one month before the meeting".**

### Annual General Meeting held on May 13th 1992

President Beryl Richter welcomed 38 members, and there were 11 apologies. Beryl stated her report would be short as she had been ill, as had her husband. She thanked all members for their help throughout the year. Treasurer Teresa Field reported having \$7,221-71 in the bank, including the term deposit. She thanked all for their help during her three-year term. Invitation Day realised \$1,369-24, the Carnival \$466-18. On Charity Day, the sum of \$269 was raised and donated to Northam Hospice for a special mattress. It was found that the cost of the mattress would be \$287, so the ladies paid the extra from their funds.

Captain Doss Smith stated that the entries for the championship events were very poor considering our membership. Sylvia Hitchcock reported that the scroungers had a fine winter season, finishing with \$488 in the bank. \$200 has been donated to the club.

#### Election of Officers 1992-93

Patron - Sylvia Hitchcock

President - Beryl Richter

Senior Vice President - Carol Rogers

Junior Vice President - Beth Smith

Secretary - Daph Dudley

Treasurer - Lorna Beard

Committee - Elaine Higgs, Marj Morgan, Ray Robinson, May Patterson, Ronnie Larson, Beth Kinsella.

Captain - Doss Smith

Social Convener - Molly Moon

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

Championship Singles 1992-93 - Ida Brown

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

It was resolved that \$5,000 be donated to the Northam Bowling Club, requesting them for improvements to the powder room, with either painting or wall papering, and carpet to be laid on the floor. Curtains to be placed in powder room and toilet. The ladies were concerned at crockery and cutlery missing - 430 pieces.

After years and years of being named "Invitation Day", it was resolved to change the name to "Gala Day". The first Invitation Day was held in 1968. The first annual carnival had been held in 1958 on the Club's 20th anniversary.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 12th 1993

Beryl Richter, president, welcomed 27 members with 12 members apologising for non-attendance. Beryl thanked her committees and sub committees, A V L B L delegates, and Joan Atkins the W A L B A delegate. Entries were down for our Gala Day and the Carnival had to be cancelled through lack of entries.

Lorna Beard, treasurer, presented her balance sheet showing \$2,000 as being invested and \$4,884-02 in the bank. Charity Day was not held this year and Northam Hospice was donated \$150 out of club funds. **It was resolved that \$4,000 be donated to the men with the request that the exhaust fan over the stove be replaced, and to have the kitchen sprayed for mice and cockroaches.**

**Sylvia Hitchcock reported that the scroungers would donate \$200 for tea towels for the kitchen, leaving \$465 in the bank. Sylvia then graciously suggested she stand aside as patron, for Jean Adams to take her place. Jean said she was honoured to be patron. She then presented the following members as office bearers for the following season.**

#### Election of Officers 1993-94

Patron - Jean Adams

President - Beryl Richter

Senior Vice President -

Junior Vice President - Beth Smith

Secretary - June Bevan

Treasurer - Lorna Beard

Committee - Beth Kinsella, Joyce McPherson, Marj Morgan, Roma Oliver, Joyce Glass, Betty Holtfreter, Edna Miller,

Captain - Elaine Higgs

Social Convener - Molly Moon

W A L B A Delegate - Joan Atkins

#### Championship Winners 1993-94

Club Singles - Betty Holtfreter

Pennant Winner - York Bowling Club

**An invitation was received from the men's committee to join in an anniversary dinner on November 13th to celebrate 30 years at the present location in Robinson street (from 1905 to 1963 the Northam Bowling Club had been located in Duke Street. That location had been purchased in 1960 by the Medical Board, for the building of a new hospital -LCM)**

### Special Committee Meeting held on February 28th 1994

President Beryl Richter opened the meeting declaring that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the annual carnival. It was moved by Joyce McPherson and seconded by Joyce Glass that the carnival of 1994 be cancelled due to lack of nominations.

The secretary was instructed to write to long-term sponsors Workers Club and Brian Hannagan advising them of the position and requesting their support for next year's event.

The committee than discussed possible changes to the format and timing of the carnival, and to present all possibilities and changes to the A G M in May.

### Annual General meeting held on May 11th 1994

President Beryl welcomed 28 members as per attendance book. Apologies were received from 12 members. Treasurer, Lorna Beard, presented the Balance Sheet, which showed a bank balance of \$5233.34. \$2500 was invested in a Term Deposit.

#### Election Of Officers 1994-95

Patron - Jean Adams

President - Joyce McPherson

Senior Vice President -

Junior Vice President - Beth Smith

Secretary - June Bevan

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

Treasurer - Lorna Beard  
Captain - Elaine Higgs  
Match Committee - Beth Kinsella, Marj Morgan, Beth Smith, Kay Lynch  
Social Convener - Edna Miller  
Social Committee - Roma Oliver, Rose Hill, Pat Gale, Wendy Starling  
Club Championship Singles 1994-95 - Elaine Higgs

The Patron, Jean Adams, then presented the incoming committee members with their badges of office and wished them all the best for the coming season.

In general business it was resolved to donate \$5,000 to the men's committee. A motion, moving that the ladies combine with the men for a presentation of championship trophies night, was defeated 10 votes for, 14 against. (This had been tried out in recent years, but the men's committee treated the ladies as second class – naturally this caused resentment -LCM).

Captain Elaine requested permission of a trial period of morning, instead of afternoon, bowls during February and March.

After having to cancel the Annual Carnival yet once again, Margaret Hicks suggested running a Classic Event where invitations were sent out to various Skippers in various Bowling Clubs and that the invitations be non-transferable. There being no seconder to this motion, Roma Potts moved, seconded Elaine Higgs that a Classic be held but the invitations are transferable. This motion was carried.

### Bi-Annual Meeting held on January 31 1995

At this meeting Patron, Jean Adams, presented a Veterans badge to May Patterson. Jean also presented coaches badges to Joyce McPherson and June Bevan.

Some members expressed dis-satisfaction with the fees charged by the men on mixed days, when the sponsors supplied all the trophies and the players their own lunches. The secretary was asked to write to the men asking for a breakdown of the fees charged and if consideration could be made to them being lowered.

The treasurer requested permission to ask Elton Larson to once again audit the Ladies Bowling Club's books for the A G M. Permission granted.

A card is to be purchased and sent to Life Member, Ethel Davies for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Keith Beer offered to supply new curtains in the Hall for the cost of having them made up, costing \$170. The cost of having them dry-cleaned would have been \$70. It was resolved to accept Keith's generous offer.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 10 1995

President, Joyce McPherson, welcomed 28 members to the meeting. There were 10 apologies submitted. Before the meeting commenced Joyce asked Patron Jean to come forward.

**Jean then asked Mollie Moon and Sylvia Hitchcock to come forward and be presented with Life Memberships to the Northam Ladies Bowling Club. The Club had felt this being a fitting reward for all the time spent by these two ladies working for the Club. A letter of confirmation was received from the Northam Bowling Club, and congratulating Mollie and Sylvia.**

The Balance Sheet shows a credit balance in Bank and Cash Book of \$7,149.63. A Term Deposit at the National Bank is \$4,000.

### Election of Officers 1995-96

Patron - Jean Adams  
President - Joyce McPherson  
Senior Vice President -  
Junior Vice President -  
Secretary - Roma Oliver  
Captain - Elaine Higgs  
Match Committee - Marj Morgan, May Paterson, Kay Lynch, Anne Williams  
Convener - Edna Miller  
Club Championship Singles 1995-96 - Joyce McPherson

Some discussion took place over the situation of no nominations for the positions of Senior and Junior Vice Presidents and the four Social Committee members required. The vacancy of vice presidents was to be left to the Executive Committee. The Social Committee is a much more serious matter. It is thought that the demands put on the ladies in having to cater for so many functions was too heavy a load on members who were not getting any younger. They felt the demands were taking away their enjoyment of bowls.

It was resolved to write to the men's committee requesting a meeting, to work out a way of lightening the workload on the ladies, and with a view of not catering for functions other than bowls.

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Before presenting the incoming committee with their badges Patron, Jean, congratulated the outgoing committee on the excellent work done during 1994/95 and wished the incoming committee a happy year of bowls and administration

**Treasurer, Lorna Beard, moved that a cheque of \$5,700 be sent to the men's committee, followed by the \$4,000 invested, on maturity in June. Carried.**

It was resolved that up \$300 be used to supplement non-sponsored trophy days. Also that morning bowls is played in February and March where fixtures permit.

### Committee Meeting held on August 21 1995

From the W A L B A it was confirmed that the date of Northam Club's Gala Day, which had been cancelled owing to the Association conducting a "Golden Jubilee" Fours on that day, is now scheduled for October 26. Beth Smith is elected as Senior Vice President and June Bevan Junior Vice President. As Marj Morgan wished to stand down as Vice Captain it was resolved that a replacement be appointed at the beginning of the bowls season.

A kitchen roster has been completed (the men's idea -LCM) and a copy to be presented to all members. If a member is unavailable on her rostered day on, she is to find a replacement for that day.

There was disappointment voiced on the folded fixture card published by the men this year, instead of the usual booklet. A lot of the usual essential information has been left out, to save space. May Paterson offered to pay the cost of having this information photo copied and attached to the fixture folders for each member.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 8 1996

President, Joyce McPherson, welcomed 30 members as per the attendance book. There were 7 apologies. The president's report is presented in the president's book, the convener and scroungers reports are presented on typed sheets. (These are not kept with the Minute Books - LCM)

Treasurer, Lorna Beard, in the Balance Sheet shows a bank balance of \$8,730.17.

#### Election Of Officers 1996-97

Patron - Jean Adams

President - Beth Smith

Senior Vice President - Elaine Higgs

Junior Vice President - Ida Brown

Secretary - Roma Oliver

Treasurer - Lorna Beard

Captain - Joyce McPherson

Match Committee - May Wilson, May Paterson, Kay Lynch, Doss Smith

Social Convener - Edna Miller

Club Championship Singles 1996-97 - Joyce McPherson

It was resolved that a cheque of \$7,000 be sent as a donation to the Northam Bowling Club. Also a letter, that the men consider replacing the stove in the kitchen (it appears the problem with the stove, is that instructions on lighting it, are not written out for the ladies to read, and they have to have Bob Potts light it - LCM).

The men are to be notified verbally of 22 missing oval dinner plates. It to be suggested a deposit be demanded on all bookings and an inspection be carried out after the event.

Sponsorship for the Gala Day are – Northam Toyota \$50, Princes Nursery, a voucher for \$50, Country Bakers, bread supplied at \$1.35 a loaf. Also offered to supply half the bread and the rest at a discount of 10%. Valley Ford willing to sponsor a day if the bowls day comprises mainly country bowlers. Northam Hyundai offered to sponsor a day.

### Committee Meeting held on March 17 1997

The men's committee is obtaining another quote for an air conditioner to be installed in the Ladies Room.

Captain Joyce McPherson reports that the Avon Valley Bowling League won the recent Zone Round Robin, which was held at the Wyalkatchem Bowling Club.

Beth Smith asked members to start thinking on how to conduct the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northam Ladies Bowling Club. Also, to consider Northam Club President, Bruce Smart's suggestion that the ladies consider being made equal members of the Northam Bowling Club.

Maureen Morgan was presented with her veteran's badge. Northam Hospice Building Fund is to be sent \$180, raised on Charity Day.

The Classic Secretary, Margaret Hicks reports on the Northam Classic. 36 teams have accepted and entry fees paid so far. \$880 in sponsorship money has been collected. The prizes for the 4's event are to be 1<sup>st</sup> \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$280 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$120. Round winners \$200 and the lucky card \$50.

The end of the year committee dinner this year, is to be held at the Jennacubbine Tavern.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005

### Annual General Meeting held on May 14 1997

Beth Smith, President, welcomed 21 members present as per the attendance book. 9 members sent apologies. In business arising out of the reading of last year's A G M, the meeting was informed that members were still having difficulty lighting the gas stove in the kitchen

Treasurer, Lorna Beard moved that the Balance Sheet be adopted. The bank balance shows a credit of \$9035.85. **It was resolved that \$7,500 be donated to the Northam Bowling Club.** The profit from the Northam Classic Event, comprising 36 teams was \$2,311.03. (The ladies continually make great profits for the Club, as they have been doing for nearly 60 years - LCM).

#### Election of Officers 1997-98

Patron - Jean Adams

President - Beth Smith

Senior Vice President - Ida Brown

Junior Vice President - Edna Miller

Secretary - Roma Oliver

Treasurer - Elaine Higgs

Captain - Joyce McPherson

Match Committee - Kay Lynch, May Wilson, Thelma Glass, Doss Smith

Convener - no nomination

Club Championship Singles 1997-98 - Joyce McPherson

In a letter to the committee of the N B C, requests were made for new mouse proof cupboards in the kitchen, and that the locks on the toilet doors be checked. The club was asked what had happened to the air-conditioner that was promised for the ladies room two years ago. Also as no convener had been appointed the president, secretary and captain are to meet with the men to put forward the following suggestions -

- (1) - Have a paid convener
- (2) - A roster system with a Leader for each event
- (3) - Less mid-week events – combine smaller days
- (4) – C B H, Railway, A P I and R S L supply own meals
- (5) – Serve simpler meals
- (6) – Men to help with washing up on big days
- (7) – Increase in price of meals

A letter of thanks was sent to the Club's Auditor, Elton Larson, who once again audited the club's books.

At the first committee meeting the club president, Lou Simmons, attended and explained the club's financial situation. He asked the ladies to present a financial statement to the men's committee each month, as it is important to know exactly how much money is available to the club.

Reticulation around the club is to be renewed this coming year. The cost is to in the region of \$18,000. There have been many burst pipes lately owing to their age. They were installed in 1962.

The replies from the men's committee re the ladies suggestions are –

- (1) - Paid convener – not against it
- (2) – Roster system – ladies to arrange
- (3) – Less mid-week events – combine days – to be investigated
- (4) – C B H, Railway Day, A P I and R S L supply own lunch – not agreed to
- (5) – Simpler meals – sandwiches, soup and sweets – not agreed to
- (6) – Men's help in kitchen – to be looked into
- (7) – Increase in price of meals – all prices being investigated

The men were asked by the ladies to take care in –

- (1) - Leaving dirty dishes in kitchen – mice
- (2) – More care taken in ordering – bread and meat
- (3) – Left over food – salads etc left in fridge
- (4) – Tinned food used from ladies stock from outside cupboard and not replaced – not there when needed
- (5) – What is happening about the new stove

At the September committee meeting Lou Simmons and Colin Hicks attended. They informed the meeting that the Commercial Hotel were prepared to cater for all open events this season. The Hotel has previously been catering the Friday evening meals for the club. Ladies to be asked to help work out details like morning and afternoon teas and sweets. Membership fees will likely increase due to this arrangement.

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### Committee Meeting held on November 10 1997

The meeting is informed that the outside caterers seem to be working out O K. The ladies are organizing the morning teas on the days of mid-week events. An air-conditioner has been installed in the ladies room. The W A L B A have sent out a form to clubs re making the bowls uniforms more attractive to younger members of the community and so maybe attract them to bowls.

The president and the secretary are to meet the men's committee regarding the toilet doors, which are still giving trouble after two years of complaining.

The Gala Day, which had 18 teams entered was a success. Max Hubble of Northam Hyundai, who sponsored the event, was there to make the presentations. The profit for the day was \$652.89.

A letter from the men's committee asking the morning tea ladies on open day events, to set the tables, supply bread and butter and afternoon teas.

It was suggested that a letter be written to the men's committee asking representatives to be present at the next committee meeting to hear the ladies point of view regarding the account and afternoon teas on mid-week event and pennant days.

President, Beth, advised the meeting that next year Northam Ladies Club would be the home of the Avon Valley Ladies Bowling League for two years. The club to provide a president, secretary and treasurer.

On January 1 1998, president Beth and secretary Roma attended the men's committee meeting, at their invitation. They were made welcome and told they may attend whenever they liked. Regarding the cash in the Bank, they may keep nomination fees and sponsorship monies, but must transfer all above the \$1000 allowed to the N B C account. A photocopier has been purchased, which the ladies may use.

Ladies will be required to set out morning tea and set tables etc. The caterer (paid) will supply the bread and butter, and sandwiches for each event, and pennants. The caterer will cater for the Northam Bowling Club Annual Carnival. The men admit there is no profit made, and there have been some complaints, which are being looked into. The men intend to stay with these arrangements for this season. Next season they are prepared to pay a convener, and asked the ladies to make inquiries.

### Committee Meeting held on May 4 1998

President Beth welcomed members present and accepted two apologies. Beth congratulated Joyce McPherson on winning the Champion of Champions Event recently held at the York Bowling Club, and thanked those Northam members who attended to cheer Joyce on.

The Classic Event was a great success, thanks once again to the capable classic secretary, Margaret Hicks. The prizes for the event were 1<sup>st</sup> \$400 per team of 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$200 and for best morning and afternoon rounds \$40 a-team. The profit for the two-day event was \$2,843.81. The I Z P profit \$1,274.48.

A Notice of Motion was received from the Beverly Bowling Club "That a smoke free zone be declared in all areas where food is being served on Gala Days and League Days".

A letter to be sent, along with a carton of his favourite beer, thanking Elton Larson for once again auditing the Club books.

Beth Smith announced the catering arrangements worked out for next season –

- (1) – Two ladies to be in charge for each separate event – to arrange the menu, doing the purchasing and to be in charge of the kitchen.
- (2) – All members to be on roster for kitchen work (less in-charge ladies)
- (3) – Buy as many convenient veggies, sweets etc. as possible to lessen work.
- (4) – To cater for only 18 days per season, including Gala Day, Classic and Men's Carnival.  
Men's committee to be notified of –
  - (1) – Ladies toilets – it has become obvious that the toilets can no longer handle the large increase in numbers and maintenance needs to be carried out in this area.
  - (2) – Two tables out of use and need repairing.
  - (3) – Some chairs need to be repaired.
  - (4) – The stove still remains a concern – oven would not light on Presidents Day
  - (5) – Patron Jean Adams wishes to resign her position.
  - (6) It was suggested Anne Johnson and Beryl Richter be approached re the position.
  - (7) Roma Potts is to receive her veteran's badge.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 13 1998

President, Beth Smith, welcomed 30 members to the meeting. There were 8 apologies. Beth thanked all members for their help and support over the past year.

In the Balance Sheet a credit balance of \$5,145 was reduced to \$1,000 after \$4,145 was passed over to the Northam Bowling Club.

The Classic secretary, Margaret Hicks tendered her resignation from that position and in her absence, Beth read her report on the Classic. Margaret had raised \$1,160.00 in sponsorship monies. The major prizewinners were – 1<sup>st</sup> – Cockburn Club Team. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tammin Club Team. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Merredin Club Team

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### Election of Officers 1998-99

Patrons - Anne Johnson, Beryl Richter

President - Beth Smith

Senior Vice President - Anne Williams

Junior Vice President - Edna Miller

Secretary - Thelma Glass

Treasurer - Elaine Higgs

Captain - Joyce McPherson

Match Committee - Doss Smith, Wendy Starling, Madge Probin, May Wilson

Club Championship Singles 1998-99 - Roma Oliver

The new Patrons presented the incoming committee with their badges of office and wished them all a good season.

It was resolved not to invite past members to the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations to be held on The Club's Gala Day.

Roma Potts was presented with her veteran's badge and thanked for all the help she has given to the club in the past years.

### Committee Meeting held on June 12 1998

It was discussed how the Club could assist in providing transport for Molly Moon to visit husband Laurie, who is in the Residency. Joyce McPherson and Thelma Glass are to meet with Molly. It was resolved that Northam member Roma Oliver, who is secretary of the League, be co-opted on to the Committee as this would be advantageous to the Club. At a meeting with the men, re catering for the coming year, Beth Smith and Thelma Glass were informed there would be nine days plus the carnival. The meals to cost \$6.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 12 1999

**The Treasurer's report shows a credit balance of \$5,778. After all accounts were paid, there was an amount of \$3,161.37 that will be paid to the Northam Bowling Club.** \$1,000 remains for operating expenses. It was resolved that permission be granted to Leo Morgan to read the Club Minutes. He is to write up the Northam Ladies Bowling Club history, which was constituted in 1938.

### Election of Officers 1999-2000

Patrons – Beryl Richter, Anne Johnson

President – co-opted August 9, Ida Brown

Senior Vice President – Ann Williams

Junior Vice President – Roma Oliver

Secretary – Thelma Glass

Treasurer – Elaine Higgs

Captain – May Wilson

Committee – Joyce McPherson, Wendy Starling, June Scott, Mary Davies

Club Championships Singles - 1999-2000 – Roma Oliver

The elected Committee met with the mens' president Ashley Salmon, vice president Wayne Beer and Stewart Knight, who asked who would represent the Ladies on the mens' committee. As the Ladies are now full members, they can nominate for any position on committee at the 1999-2000 Annual General Meeting.

### Committee Meeting held on August 9 1999

A letter received from W A L B A stating that under the Constitution Rule 3 (B) governing the Association, all Clubs must have a Lady President. As this position could not be filled at the A G M and much searching and talking, Ida Brown has consented to fill the position. It was pointed out that the Constitution of the Northam Bowling Club did not have any By-Laws pertaining to the Ladies Bowling Club. After discussion with Gwen Davies of the W A L B A by phone this matter will be undertaken and presented to all members at the half yearly meeting.

### Committee Meeting held on October 11 1999

Committee established the new seasons fee structure. Roll Up - \$3, \$2 green fee, \$1 trophy. Night Bowls - \$3.50. Pennants \$2 green fee, 50c morning tea. Gala Day \$40 per team. Championship Events \$6. Mixed Events \$8. Travel subsidy was not approved. New car fees for Pennant travel - \$4 to York. \$5 to Cunderdin \$6 to Beverley, Tammin and Quairading.

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### Half Yearly Meeting held on February 3 2000

Treasurer Elaine Higgs presented a report to this meeting – the ladies are no longer required to prepare balance sheets, as they are now full members of the Northam Bowling Club and all expenses are paid by the Club. The Ladies still retain their cheque book and pay accounts relevant to their situation, then at the end of each month the Ladies Treasurer submits a statement of payments to the Bowling Club Treasurer who reimburses the Ladies Bank Balance up to \$1,000 that is used as working capital. A letter of thanks is sent to honorary auditor Elton Larson.

The Gala Day was a huge success and the sponsorship of Max Hubble of Northam Hyundai was much appreciated. Night bowls are very popular. 34 teams have nominated for the Classic Day. A Bowls Buggy is to be purchased as a raffle prize. As there are two vacancies on the mens' committee, Mary Davies asked if at least one lady would join her on the committee.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 8 2000

#### **In recognition of long and dedicated service, Jean Adams was awarded Life Membership of the Club.**

The Captain, May Wilson, reported on the season's activities. The season opened with a friendly day shared by 20 visitors from Floreat Bowling Club. The new format of one game of Pennants a day went very well especially in the hot weather. The Hyundai Gala Day was successful with 22 teams competing. Night bowls was well attended. The Friendship Day went well with a few new ladies attending. Congratulations to Roma Oliver on her singles win. The two day Classic attracted 36 teams, May expressed thanks to all sponsors and members for the trophies.

A report from the Scroungers stated they had 16 fine days with attendances reaching 15. A barbecue was held at Toodyay to end the season. Expenditure was a kettle \$49, mat for kitchen \$200, pot of gold raffle \$40 and BBQ expenses \$51.25.

#### Election of Officers 2000-2001

Patrons – Beryl Richter, Anne Johnson

President – Ann Williams

Vice President – Roma Oliver

Secretary – Thelma Glass

Treasurer - Elaine Higgs

Captain – May Wilson

Committee – Mary Davies, Marge Probin, June Scott, Wendy Starling.

Championship Winners 2000-2001 – Dos Smith

### Special General Meeting held on October 19 2000

President Ann Williams welcomed the 25 members present, stating the reason for calling the meeting was to decide on catering for the Mens Open Days. Outside caterers had provided a meal on Sunday September 24 and it had not been a success. The meal was not up to standard, morning tea and sandwiches still had to be provided, the meal served, and the cleaning up afterwards by club members. The meal cost \$8.80. Beth Smith has approached 5 other caterers and only 2 have shown any interest.

Elaine Higgs reported on catering for 36 players with a barbecue of sausages and patties, bought salads and sweets with very little effort for \$5.50 per person.

It was resolved that the men try a barbecue lunch day and charge \$8.

### Half Yearly General Meeting held on February 8 2001

**The President Ann Williams reported on the success of Avon League winning the Zone Round Robin. Their last success was in 1885-86. Congratulations to Edith Trewren on her selection in the Inter Zone Round Robin and following that, the Country versus the Metropolitan Team. Elaine Higgs, the Captain of the Avon League, reported on how well the team had played to win the Zone Round Robin and congratulated all players.** After a long discussion re a Pennant wind up dinner, it was resolved 16 to 6 for the Northam Tavern against the Panda.

### Annual General Meeting held on May 2 2001

The Scroungers are running strongly, again donating to the Club, with \$40 for the Pot of Gold. They also purchased an electric fry pan. In the coming season they hope to provide garden pots for the front of the clubhouse.

#### Election of Officers 2001-2002

Patrons – Beryl Richter, Anne Johnson

President – Ann Williams

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Vice President – Roma Oliver  
Secretary – Thelma Glass  
Treasurer – Beth Smith  
Captain – Elaine Higgs  
Committee – Wendy Starling, Mary Davies, Maureen Mather, Margaret Hicks  
Championship Winners 2001-2002 – Elaine Higgs

### Half Yearly General Meeting held on February 7 2002

(As each year passes by it appears there are less and less bowlers available for roll ups, competitions and pennants. Very few mixed events are conducted. This trend of fewer players applies to mens events also, or maybe worse. It applies to most sports and the reason is hard to pin point – people seem to be quite content to just play sport when it suits them. They do not want to be committed - LCM)

**Ida Brown congratulated Edith Trewren and Elaine Higgs on winning the Zone Pairs at Wyalkatchem and their selection for the Inter Zone at Eaton. They also won the League Pairs. Edith won the League Singles and is selected in the League Fours to be played at Mandurah.**

The Shire of Northam is still sponsoring the Ladies Singles event.

### Annual General Meeting held on April 4 2002

The Ladies catered for 9 men's events plus 4 of the ladies. The men's carnival is yet to come and lady members are still decreasing. The Classic was very successful with 28 teams participating.

#### Election of Officers 2002-2003

Patrons – Beryl Richter, Anne Johnson  
President – Ann Williams  
Vice President – Roma Oliver  
Secretary – Thelma Glass  
Treasurer – Beth Smith  
Captain – Elaine Higgs  
Committee – Mary Davies, Maureen Mather, Gillian Beazley, Margaret Hicks  
Championship Winners 2002-2003 – Edith Trewren

The number of players in a Pennant side was discussed at length, some suggesting 8s, some 12s and some one 8 and one 12. Eventually it was resolved that the club has 1 team of 16. It was also suggested that any player not turning up for play on a Thursday, without good reason, be dropped from the Pennant Team.

President Ann thanked those who had arranged the Family Fun Nights. The first two attracted 40 players each night. It was a definite plus for the Club.

Popular Bar Manager Lynley Gunnell made a request to the Ladies if they would cater for her wedding, which is to be held in October. All were in favour, a menu worked out and Margaret Hicks is to liaise with Lynley and inform her of the suggested menu and price quoted.

Ida Brown moved a vote of thanks to the ladies on running such a successful Classic, which made a profit of \$2000.

### Committee Meeting held on July 8 2002

President Ann Williams invited the Pennant Selectors to this meeting to explain the League Pennant situation. Having decided at the AGM to have one team of 16 players, however when the League fixtures were drawn up a bye had to be had each week. This would not be desirable, so the meeting resolved to have two pennant sides, one of 12 players and one of 8.

Members who had been at the AGM would be contacted to inform them of the change. The tuning of the club piano would be discussed with the Management Committee.

Subscription fees for the coming year are fixed at \$126 for members and \$27.50 for social members.

### Committee Meeting held on August 12 2002

The tuning of the club piano is being left to the Management Committee. The men have shown no interest in conducting a bowls event whilst the huge Motorhome gathering in Northam. There was a large portion of these visitors who were bowlers. The Club is also checking out Indemnity Insurance.

The Scroungers Bowlers have donated \$100 towards the purchase of rose bushes and reticulation for the front garden. The Ladies have been approached re catering for another wedding but decide they have enough on their hands.

A Fashion Parade is planned for September. Eight models and men have volunteered to fashion clothes from Rockmans and Beers. Supper is to be served on individual plates, two sandwiches, savoury and small cake. \$10 per head. Helpers to wear bowling club uniforms.

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### Annual General Meeting held on April 4 2003

Captain Elaine Higgs reported on the success of the Blue Pennant side finishing equal top of the competition only to be beaten on a count back to York. The same happened last year.

A follow up to a request to the Club Management Committee re the altering of the Constitution allowing two ladies to serve on the Management Committee. In reply the ladies were informed that altering the Constitution was a long and costly process. The ladies were informed that two ladies would be welcome to the Management Meetings.

#### Election of Officers 2003-2004

President – Roma Oliver

Vice President – Edith Trewren

Secretary – Thelma Glass

Treasurer – Beth Smith

Captain – Mary Davies

Committee – Maureen Mather, Gillian Beazley

Championship Winners 2003-2004 – Elaine Higgs

### Annual General Meeting held on May 5 2004

This meeting was held outdoors as the Common Room floor had been stripped and sealed – the fumes were overpowering. The Captain, Mary Davies reported on a successful year. 24 teams competed in the Classic. All comments were complementary re the running of the Classic. Especially the meals served, one comment stating they were the best meals she had ever had at a bowls club.

There were some comments regarding the new synthetic greens, especially the vagaries of the ditch rinks. Those responsible for laying the greens have promised to have them running truly by the time winter is over. With the speed of the greens being that much faster, consideration must be given to altering the number of ends played, to facilitate earlier finishing times.

The Club has been informed of the formation of a new setup with the Leagues. Northam preferred to join the Mortlock League. The formation of the new League is to be tried for one year.

June Scott stated that the Ladies had no idea how much profit was made on the days they catered for meals, as the men paid all accounts and collected all monies. The figures given are approximate only.

#### Election of Officers 2004-2005

President – Roma Oliver

Vice President – Elaine Higgs

Secretary – Thelma Glass

Treasurer – Teresa Field

Committee – Elaine Higgs, Isabel Wooding, Maureen Mather, Brenda Morgan

### Committee Meeting held on September 13 2004

Wally Grafton, one of four on the recently formed Centenary Celebrations Committee, attended this meeting to inform the Ladies of this committee's plan so far. The celebrations to be conducted during the 2005-2006 bowling season. Part of the plans are to include these notes of the Ladies Bowling Club since the inception in 1938, along with the Northam Bowling Club notes into one book.

**The Clubs that make up the Mortlock League are Northam, York, Beverley, Toodyay, Bolgart, Goomalling, Dowerin, Wongan Hills and Cunderdin. This is for one year's trial.**

Another Fashion Parade is planned this year and the Club is hoping to attract 100 visitors.

### Committee Meeting held on October 11 2004

A Fashion Parade conducted was a social and a financial success.

Wally Grafton, representing the Centenary Celebrations Committee attended the meeting outlining some suggestions the committee were taking.

A concern over the late notification of numbers to open events is to be taken to the Management Committee by president Roma Oliver. Names for a Sunday event are to be in by 8pm Friday.

Charity Day on November 4th will be played from 1-30 pm to 3-30 pm, then the stall will be conducted. Members are to decide to which Charity the proceeds will be donated.

### Special Meeting held on November 11 2004

President Roma Oliver stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a decree that had been passed by the Management Committee. This was that all cups of tea or coffee served, no matter when, is to be charged for at a \$1.00. The Ladies feel that this is an imposition on them.

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They consider they contribute to the welfare of the Club by their catering and other ways, and object to this imposition.

It was resolved to write to the Management Committee expressing their views on the matter.

### Committee Meeting held on November 16 2004

A letter is to be written to the Management Committee explaining the break-up of monies paid to Ladies for the Classic from the Northam Town Council. Also the Shire of Northam donation.

An updated copy of the By-Laws of the Club is to be sent to W.A.Bowls.

It was resolved that the proceeds of the Classic, \$160, be donated to the Salvation Army, Northam Branch.

The Captain reported that the Club Triples are in progress and the Gala Day is being organised.

Consideration will be given re the 2005-06 season to changing the Club Fours, Triples and Pairs to one-day events.

“Leaders” (those in charge of the kitchen duties of the day – LCM) of the Gala Day, submitted the menu for comment. Thanks were expressed to Isobel Woodings for her donation of a Paper Toll for the raffles. Also to be raffled are a Kitchen Bin and Accessories. Christmas Cake, Pudding, Biscuits and Wine. Tickets to be 4 for \$2. There will be 2 Money Sheets.

N B C’s request for a change of date of the Christmas Dinner on December 17th cannot be arranged, as there is no alternative date available.

As the new shade cloth will not be in place for Gala Day, the Club will be asked to remove some from “B” Green to be in place on “A” Green as a temporary measure.

The President would like a morning tea to be held for retired members. It was resolved to hold this in early January.

Management Committee would like some assistance from the Ladies to run the Corporate Bowls Competition.

### Committee Meeting held on December 13 2004

The Gala Day was a great success, with \$1,342 being raised. Christmas breakup party is to be held on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ray White sponsored Meat Pack Pairs conducted on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 ladies participated.

## End of Ladies Section 1938 – 2005

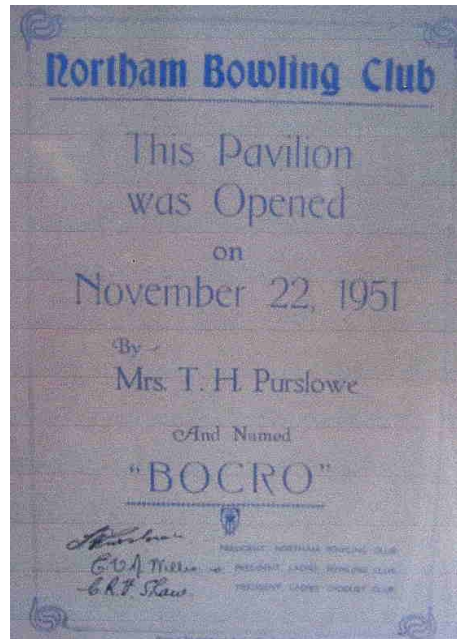
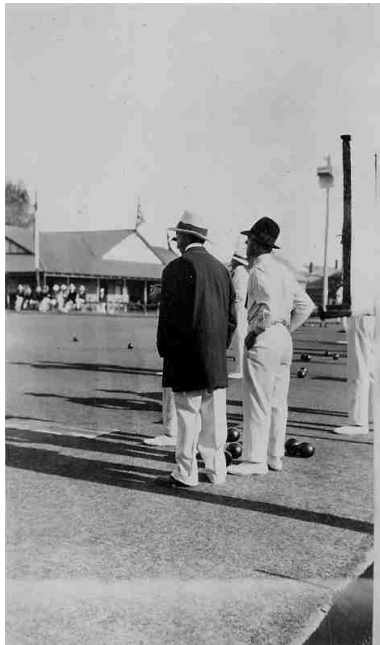


Mixed bowls in Northam before the new seats, shades, lights, brick paving and synthetic greens.

## Bowls in Northam 1905-2005



Taken December 2004 with rose garden, brick paving, seats, lights and synthetic greens



Fashions of yesteryear at the old club. The “Bocro” was a hall built at the old club in 1940, by a group of organisations, led by Dr. Aberdeen. The purpose, to be a place of entertainment for troops on leave from the training camp at Northam. Different groups would provide dancing partners and supper each night. It proved to be very popular for the young soldiers sent to Northam from all over Australia. After the war the hall was lined and converted into a clubhouse for both the Ladies Bowling Club and the Ladies Croquet Club.

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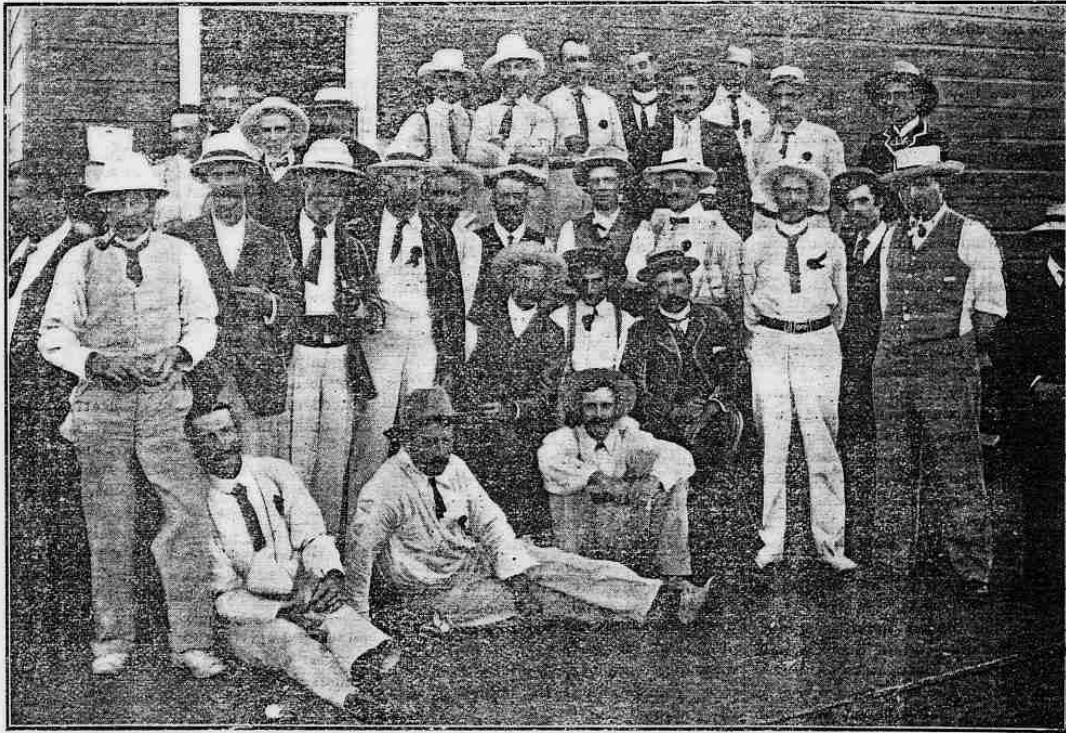
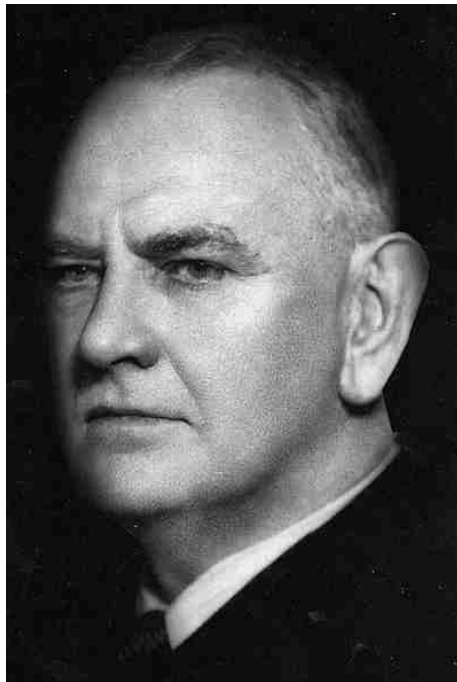


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GROUP OF BOWLERS.

From left to right.—Back Row : Messrs. Edmiston, Prince, Howard, Brophy, Hodges, George, Crosoer, G. L. Throssell, McNulty, Cobb, Gay, J. Rodgers, and C. H. Whiteford. Middle Row : Messrs. Brown, A. A. Meeres, Stewart, Colebatch, Donovan, White, Phillips, Keating, Aekland, Phipps, Blackall, and Rogalusky. Sitting : Dr. Rockett, and Messrs. H. Rodgers, and Power. Reclining : Messrs. Strachan, Gordon and Nicholls.



MR. F. C. CHIDLOW

Two members and bowlers who played a large part in the history of the Northam Bowling Club.  
 Sir H P (Hal) Colebatch and Fred Chidlow (until December 31 2004, Fred has been the only bowler to win  
 the Club Championships in the Singles, Pairs and Fours in the one season – LCM)  
**I wish to be excused for all errors and omissions in this document – Leo C Morgan. January 1 2005.**

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