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## **President's Centennial Message**

It is my privilege to welcome all who come to our centennial celebrations, and I know that this weekend will be a really special time, as we celebrate the founding of our club. The achievement of 100 years for any person or club is an occasion well worthy of merit and celebration and it is no different for us at the Kaiapoi Bowling Club in 2002.

We have achieved much over the past century but the achievements are also a tribute and a testament to our administrators who through their perseverance, dedication and commitment have given us what we have here today.



We have a huge amount of wonderful history to recollect, and I am sure you will enjoy browsing through the booklet and learning so much about our grand past. We may also be able to reminisce on our own journeys as club members, and reflect on some of the humble legacies that have enriched the heritage of this club.

While we can justifiably reflect with pride on these first 100 years we must continue to look ahead. There already are, and will continue to be, many challenges for sure. Your support in a variety of constructive ways will ensure that the Kaiapoi Bowling Club will still be to the fore for another 100 years.

The Centennial committee, under the guidance of Malcolm McIntosh, has certainly put in a lot of hard work to ensure that this weekend will be one to remember. So for now, let us get on with the joy of celebrating the past and then enthusiastically move on to challenge the future.

I extend my very best wishes to you all for an enjoyable weekend.

**Warren Stanbury  
President.**



## A Message from Bowls New Zealand

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I congratulate Kaiapoi bowling club, on behalf of Bowls New Zealand, on achieving the significant landmark which is their centenary.

The sport of bowls is steeped in tradition, and this doffing of caps to the past is a timely reminder of our heritage which we should of course preserve and hold dear.

But it is only the sports and their clubs that are able to adapt and change, to embrace the needs of modern society, that may look forward with any confidence to the future.

Today we can look backwards and enjoy our history, but tomorrow the job of shaping our own future must resume.

**Kerry Clark OBE**  
CEO – Bowls NZ



## A Message from Bowls Canterbury

It is my pleasure on behalf of Bowls Canterbury to extend to the Kaiapoi Bowling Club our most sincere and warm congratulations on reaching the outstanding milestone of 100 years in existence, and celebrating that centenary this year.

Our forefathers who brought to the shores of Kaiapoi their faith, their democratic ideals, and their traditional culture, would indeed be very proud today on the way in which their vision has become reality during the last 100 years.



They would never have envisaged men and women combining together to play this wonderful game of lawn bowls, which has become part of a heritage in the Kaiapoi district over the years.

We wish you continuing success in the future.

**Noel McGregor**  
President  
Bowls Canterbury

## A Message from the Ladies' President

Dear Fellow Members

As your Ladies' President I consider it an honour to be your President at this particular time. A hundred years is a long time, when we look back and see what has been achieved. I am sure you will all, women and men, have a lot of memories of the past to talk over and as you read through this booklet you will be able to reminisce from the past to the present day. I am sure you will agree the biggest asset to the club is our new green and I would hope in time to come that it will be used by all members and surrounding clubs.

In conclusion I wish all members good health and good bowling.

**Dawn McIntosh**  
**Ladies' President**



## Acknowledgements

Researching the history of the Kaiapoi Bowling Club, in conjunction with our historian George Matthews, has been a fascinating experience. It tells of the establishment and growth of the sport nationally and locally. It also tells a great deal more, it traces some of the history of Kaiapoi's development. We are indeed fortunate that our minute books are in safe custody and therefore the history can be recorded with accuracy.

It is with grateful thanks that we acknowledge Delma Allfrey, for the initial typing of the majority of the book, and to Tracey Brouwer-Bennetts for her contribution also. I personally wish to thank Sumant Murugesh for the hours spent on layout, Vicki Bateup for her cover design, and to The Sir George Seymour National College of Tourism and Travel who provided the facilities for the final printing and binding. Thanks are also due to the Kaiapoi District Historical Society Inc. for allowing us to publish some of the photographs and records from their archives.

While we have mentioned a large number of members it must be appreciated that it is not possible to include every member who has been associated with the club during its existence, in this booklet. I hope that you will enjoy the read and may this small history bring back many happy memories.

**Warren Stanbury**



**Figure 1:**  
**George Matthews, History and Research**

## The Beginnings

The earliest settler's played bowls in New Zealand but it was many years before the first club was officially formed. This was in Auckland in 1860 and the club was playing on its own green by 1862. Ten years later the Dunedin Club opened its green followed by the third club in Christchurch in 1875. By the turn of the century two further Christchurch clubs were firmly established, these were Canterbury (1883) and Sydenham (1889). The next club to be formed was St Albans in 1902, this date being shared with the first North Canterbury club, Kaiapoi.

There is evidence that bowls were played in Kaiapoi several years before the official formation of the club. A happy band of friends used to gather together on Saturday afternoons on the large lawns of Mr Edwin Parnham at Beachvale and from 1900 with the arrival of the long serving Vicar of Kaiapoi, Rev. John Holland, the Vicarage was brought into play. Both of these extensive lawns were big enough to cater for 24 bowlers on 3 rinks. The minutes also reveal that Mr Isaac Wilson's lawn was occasionally used.



**Figure 2: Edwin Parnham—"father of bowls" in Kaiapoi.**

The actual date of the formation of the club is not shown in the first minute book but on the first page date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1902 it was moved and carried that the opening day be Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1902. A list of some 45 people who were posted invitations is also shown.

At least 20 were ladies being wives and daughters of prospective members. The first opening day on the Vicarage lawn must have been very well attended and the brass band that played all afternoon was rewarded with a guinea (21 shillings) for their efforts.



**Figure 3: First President, Kaiapoi Bowling Club-Rev. John Holland.**

On that first day some 20 sets of new bowls were purchased for a total of 22 pounds, for new bowlers, and at least 12 sets were sold that day. They would almost certainly have been woods made by Thomas Taylor of Glasgow who have been making bowls for over 200 years. The woods were made from a very hard wood, Lignum Vitae, which came from Central America. These were commonly used until the 1960's but with the introduction of composite bowls, first by R.W. Hensell & Sons in the 1930's, wooden bowls are almost Museum pieces today.

### **1903**

The first Tournament was held after the New Year holidays and the prize, a pair of Silver mounted bowls was won by Rev. Holland. Mr Alex Purdie won the second prize. These were presented on closing day in 1903 at Beachvale after the match. The game Messrs Parnham's team versus the Club was won by the Parnhams. In acknowledgement of her many kindnesses, the members of the club presented Mrs Parnham with a gold mounted greenstone brooch.

The balance sheet for the first season reveals 28 members paid 10 shillings and 6 pence (half a guinea) and this was the sole source of income (14 pounds 14 shillings). The expenditure of 10 pounds 14 shillings and 9 pence included a lawn mower (2 pounds 17 shillings and 6 pence) and six jacks at 1 shilling each (present price over \$50 each).

The first Annual Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1903 elected Mr Edwin Parnham, President, with Rev. Holland and Mr A. Purdie, Vice-Presidents. The Secretary/Treasurer was Mr A.F. Mackay. The subscription was raised to 21 shillings (1 Guinea). Opening day that year was 24<sup>th</sup> October at Beachvale. It was designated "Ladies Day" and there appears to have been a large gathering with the brass band again entertaining.

## 1904

The first Interclub game was played on the Vicarage lawn at Rangiora on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Kaiapoi won the two games 48 points to 26 points. A return game played at the Kaiapoi Vicarage resulted in a win to Kaiapoi by two wins and a draw, total points 60-49.

Many of the early members were prominent citizens of the town including clergymen, doctors, lawyers, schoolteachers and businessmen. At least 13 had served or became Mayors of Kaiapoi. Two men, Mr Isaac Wilson and Mr R.M. Moore, had been MP's for the Kaiapoi District.

At that time Kaiapoi was a thriving town of almost 2000 people with over 500 children attending the Borough School. Shipping was still very important with many small ships using the Port regularly.

By far the most important industry was the Woollen Mills, which at its height employed over 600 men and women. It became famous for producing high quality rugs and blankets. The Woollen Mills was started in 1878 when some 15 local men took out shares of 1000 pounds each to finance the formation of the Kaiapoi Woollen Manufacturing Co. Ltd. At least six of these shareholders were foundation members of the Kaiapoi Bowling Club. Messrs G.H. & J.H. Blackwell served as Managing Directors of the Mill for many years.

A match labelled Club v Factory was played on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1904, with the Factory winning by 42 points to 22. This sounds a bit like a Gentleman v Players game but it is quite probable that the Factory workers included some of the Directors or Managers of the Mill.

The first venture into Christchurch was against Sydenham on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1904. The 3 teams of four were beaten 54 points to 28. The mode of transport is not shown but it is quite possible that the train was used although regular coach services were also available at that time. It was to be many years before motor transport was used, the first reference dated 1917 said that car fares were to be 1 shilling each way. Presumably if you couldn't afford a two-way trip you walked home.

With the growth of the club a sub-committee was formed to investigate possible sites for a proper bowling green. At least six sites were viewed and at first the Kaiapoi Park land was a favourite. In March 1904 the half-acre property belonging to the Church Property Trustees was found to be most suitable, the price was 50 pounds.

The expense for the erection of a small pavilion was 70 pounds. Fencing and green expenses accounted for another 70 pounds. To cover these accounts a loan of 100 pounds was obtained from Mr John Sims, the Kaiapoi ship owner. This gentleman donated the flagpole, which is still in use today. With the erection of the pavilion and the formation of the green the club opened the season on October 15<sup>th</sup> with Mr Edwin Parnham elected President for the second time.

The invitation cards show the address to be the Old Bridge Road (now Revell Street). This road crossed the Cam River at Whites Bridge, continued down what is now Ranfurly Street, and past the Woollen Mills to the Black Track. The road was eventually renamed Revell Street and although marked on most maps it is not signposted. The area originally belonged to one of Kaiapoi's earliest settlers, Thomas Revell, who arrived early in 1853 with his wife and family of five sons and five daughters. A house was built where the carpark of the Bowling Club now is. It was subsequently pulled down in the 1930's. The area at the turn of the river is still known as Revell's Point. The original Mrs Revell had the Mafeking Swing Bridge (by the school) constructed and presented it to the Kaiapoi Borough Council. Many of the fine trees in this area were planted around the homestead. Two of the trees a magnificent Linden (Lime) tree, by the bowling club entrance gate, and a large Elm are protected. This area subsequently passed to a Mr A. Jackson and in 1944 an offer was received to exchange the land known as Revell's for life membership for him and his father. A Special General Meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1944 accepted the offer with an overwhelming majority. There is no evidence that either gentleman ever played bowls.



Figure 4: First opening day on present site, Oct 15, 1904.

Amongst the large gathering on opening day were many new members. The list of 62 meant that there was a rise of over 100% in 2 years. Mr Parnham congratulated the members for obtaining such a fine site and Mrs Parnham was invited to send the first bowl up the green. Mrs Pearce, wife of the Mayor, unfurled the flag, which the ladies had presented to the club.

Play then commenced on the four rinks and later that afternoon, tea was presented by Mr Parnham and served by the ladies. Again the brass band was in attendance for the opening day.

A long list of gifts is noted in the minutes ranging from a roller to a box of biscuits. Mr Parnham exhibited a specimen blazer with the Kaiapoi colours of Blue and Gold. After discussion it was carried that the same be accepted as the club uniform.

## 1905

During the year the club affiliated with the New Zealand Bowling Association and in October 1905 the Committee gave permission to Mr Isaac Wilson (at his own expense) to form the Kaiapoi Croquet Club on land behind the new pavilion. The official opening of the Kaiapoi Croquet Club took place on January 21<sup>st</sup> 1905 and the Bowling club agreed to collect 1 shilling per head at the gate. Mr Wilson gave the sum of 3 pounds 3 shillings as half share of the entry money.

In January 1905 a team comprising of some of Kaiapoi's top bowlers was entered in the New Zealand Tournament held in Christchurch. They were R.M. Wright, G.H. Blackwell, D. Cossgrave and J. Hayman.

There is no report of their success or otherwise. With only 4 greens in use at that time it would not have attracted a large entry and mostly from the South Island. It was not until 1914 that the first official New Zealand Championships for Singles, Pairs and Fours was held in Dunedin.

In March the first recorded "D" Pennants match was played on the Canterbury Bowling Club green. This was Kaiapoi v Leeston and resulted in a victory by one point, the scores being Kaiapoi 60 Leeston 59. Each had one win and one draw. A noticeable feature of the match was the playing of Miss Gossett of Leeston who played an excellent game throughout.

Women certainly played bowls long before the New Zealand Women's Bowling Association was established in 1930 but their involvement was mostly social games. It was not until 1951 that the first National Championship Fours was held. The following year Pairs were added and finally Singles in 1957.



**Figure 5: Prominent bowlers of the early era included-**  
**Back-Const. Simpson, Richard Wylie. Front- R.M.Wright and G.H Blackwell**

Before the end of the season further games were played against Canterbury with a six rink match on the Kaiapoi green, the more experienced Canterbury bowlers winning 93 to 46. The Rangiora match was again played at Rangiora with the visitors winning by 9 points.

The annual fixture with the members connected with the Woollen Mills and the rest of the club resulted in the club winning by 59 points to 50. The teams named in the Lyttelton Times April 6<sup>th</sup> showed that Mr G.H. Blackwell (storekeeper) and Mr E. Parnham (farmer) were playing for the Mill.

At the Annual Meeting of the club Mr Parnham, who by this time was known as the “father of bowls” in Kaiapoi, retired from the office of President, which he had occupied for two years. During his speech he spoke of the great pleasure he had in seeing the marked success of the club. He added that after a life long experience of sport in Kaiapoi he could only say that the Bowling Club was the most successful of all of the clubs he had been associated with. The election of officers resulted in Mr G.H. Blackwell being elected President with Dr Murray and Mr R.M. Moore as Vice-Presidents.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> 1905 a Grand Concert was held with lots of local talent. A copy of the ticket (figure 6) and programme (figure 7) is shown below.



Figure 6: Concert ticket

From the start of 1905/06 season Pennant Games were being played against clubs in Christchurch plus home and away matches against Rangiora. The Rangiora bowling, tennis and croquet clubs were officially formed in 1905 when the present property at the corner of Good and Blackett Streets was acquired. An invitation to Club members to attend the opening day on their new green on December 16, 1905 was accepted.

#### 1906

The Southbridge and Leeston Clubs were informed that Saturday afternoons was the only time available for Pennant matches owing to so many of the club members being connected with the Woollen Mills. The Centre was similarly advised.

In July it was resolved to borrow a further loan of 50 pounds from Mr Sims to pay off the outstanding accounts and repay Mr Parnham's loan of 40 pounds less donation of 5 pounds. This gentleman was thanked for his kindness in lending the club the money free of any interest.

**ODDFELLOWS' HALL,  
—KAIAPOI—  
Friday, Sept. 15, '05.**

**GRAND CONCERT**  
IN AID OF KAIAPOI BOWLING CLUB

**PROGRAMME.**

OVERTURE .. ..	MR. C. HOSKIN
SONG .. ..	MISS WILSON
SONG .. ..	MR. HAWKER
COON SONGS & MANDOLIN SOLO .. ..	MISS C. BIRD
COMIC SONG .. ..	MR. AITCHESON
RECITATION .. ..	MR. ARMITAGE
SONG .. ..	MISS. MACKENZIE
SONG (Humorous) .. ..	MR. J. JOHNSON
SONG .. ..	MR. HAWKER
SKIRT DANCE .. ..	MISS BIRD
COMIC SONG .. ..	MR. AITCHESON
<b>INTERVAL</b>	
CORNET SOLO .. ..	MR. C. HOSKIN

To conclude with the Sparkling Comedietta—

**"The Father of a Fambl"**  
BY KAIAPOI AMATEURS.

SCENE.—The Cabin of the "Sauzy Kate"  
CHARACTERS.—Captain Salt; Joe, Chief Mate; Harry, Second Mate; Bill, Third Mate; Mr. Murrill, Chief Engineer; Bob, Bos'n; Mrs. Salt; Mary Martin.

Overture at 7.45; Curtain at 8.

Front Seats 2s.      Back Seats 1s.

Figure 7: Concert programme

The list of members for the 1905/06 season totalled 56.

At the Annual General Meeting in September, a letter was read from Mrs Parnham, Senior Vice-President of the Croquet Club, advising that the body wished the President of the Bowling Club to be also President of the Croquet Club. A sum of 7 pounds 10 shillings was offered for the upkeep of the two croquet lawns. This was accepted but did not last long, as the following year they elected their own President.

## 1907

During this year Mr Sims asked for repayment of his loan of 150 pounds and to cover this the club arranged with the Kaiapoi Building Society, a loan for that amount to be paid off monthly over 14 years.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> beautiful weather favoured the opening of the bowling season. There was a gathering of some 200 ladies and gentlemen in response to the invitations of Mr R. Moore (President) and Mrs Moore who kindly presented afternoon tea. Mr Moore in a brief speech remarked that it was due to the efforts of “the father of bowling” in Kaiapoi Mr E. Parnham that the game had become so popular.



Figure 8: Beautiful weather for opening day Oct 12, 1907

Later in the year an interesting party was held, the green was fully taken up and also the croquet lawns with ladies forming half the teams. They, of course, provided the refreshments and an open-air concert was held.



**Figure 9: Note the sun umbrellas**

## **1908**

Another opening day with over 200 ladies and gentlemen present. The green was in splendid order and the President was Mr A.F. Mackay who had been Secretary/Treasurer for the first 5 years. The brass band was again in attendance and contributed selections.

By this season there were plenty of Pennant games with newly established clubs, United, Opawa and Ashburton, the latter match being held on the United green.

## **1910**

Disaster struck the Bowling Club in March 1910 when the pavilion was destroyed by fire. The Kaiapoi Record reported on the incident, a copy of which is reproduced on page 14 (figure 10).

Letters of sympathy were received from several clubs and also offers to loan bowls. Mr Alfred Pearce, President of the club, offered to supply Taylor Extra Special Bowls at 40 shillings a set and this was accepted.

At a Special General Meeting in August Mr Pearce submitted the plans and specifications for a new enlarged pavilion. The tender of 171 pounds was accepted, the site being at the southern end of the green.

## Fire.

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### BOWLING CLUB'S PAVILION DESTROYED.

On Saturday night at about 9 o'clock, for the third time in a brief period, the services of our Fire Brigade were called into requisition, when the alarm was given that the Bowling Club's pavilion was on fire. The Brigade promptly got to work and with the hand engine on the drain bridge and the steamer at the swing bridge the fire was quelled, but unfortunately not in time to save anything. A large number of bowls were destroyed. The building and its contents were insured for £100 in the Standard Office, but the loss will be considerably above that sum. The cause of the fire is not known, but the suggestion that some player had left an unextinguished pipe in his blazer is worthy of credence for several reasons. The members, before leaving on Saturday night, fancied they smelled fire, but after an exhaustive but unsuccessful search, concluded they had been mistaken. Loud knocks, evidently caused by falling bowls, were heard by Miss Revell and another lady, who on going outside found the building on fire and promptly gave the alarm.

Figure 10:  
Copy of original article as reported in the Kaiapoi Record.



Figure 11:Opening of pavilion, 1910, at southern end of the green.



This pavilion served the club for many years until finally being dismantled in 1986. To raise money for the extra cost a committee was formed to run an Art Union, which resulted in a splendid profit of 100 pounds 1 shilling and 9 pence. The Secretary/Treasurer was Mr Mealings.

A referendum to change the clubs colours was held and with a majority vote of 27 to 13 the colours for blazers were as follows: - Navy blue with orange piping and orange monogram K.B.C. on pocket. The price was nineteen shillings and sixpence, made to measure. An original blazer is on display in the Kaiapoi Museum.

## **1911**

### **January**

A letter from greenkeeper Mr E.A. Greenaway expressed thanks to the committee for assisting to pay for his wife's funeral.

### **August**

The tender of Mr C. Bainton for a 2-inch well to a depth of 310ft was accepted, the final cost being 35 pounds 1 shilling and 3 pence. This provided pure artesian water and was used for many years for watering the green. In a recent gale, a large tree in the southwest corner near the Croquet Club was blown over. The clearing of the ground around the tree uncovered two taps to the original well. The water is still of excellent quality.

## **1912 March**

On March 12<sup>th</sup> 1912 the club was registered under the New Zealand Incorporated Society Act in the name of Kaiapoi Bowling Club Inc. Books of new rules were sent to each member.

### **1914-18**

While there is not reference to the First World War in the minutes it undoubtedly affected the town badly with some 26 young men who gave their lives. Several were sons and grandsons of members of the club. The patriotic committee was chaired by Mayors J.W. Barnard (1915) and J.H. Blackwell (1916-23) and the Secretary, Town Clerk C.H. Wright. They were all prominent bowlers of the club. On April 25<sup>th</sup> 1918 they organised the first ANZAC Day celebration with an evening service in the Drill Hall and 3 years later organised the erection of the Raven Street Memorial at a cost of 1240 pounds.

The formation of the Kaiapoi Workingmen's Club Bowling Club in 1916 undoubtedly affected the membership for many years. The first match against them was in December with Kaiapoi winning 98 points to 51. A return match in January 1917 on the K.W.M.C green resulted in a win to them 88 points to 77. The newspaper clippings reveal that at least 6 bowlers of the K.W.M.C had been members of the Kaiapoi Bowling Club.

### **1916 August**

The Annual General Meeting shows subscriptions to be 1 pound 10 shillings, which could be paid in instalments. To meet the overdraft several members took out debentures to be paid off by degrees. Over several years there were many greenkeepers appointed at 2 pounds per week, but none seemed to last more than a few months. When advertised there were often several applicants.

## **1922**

In conjunction with the Croquet Club a gala was held resulting in a splendid profit of 81 pounds 16 shillings and 1 penny. The balance sheet showed a credit of 54 pounds 11 shillings and 7 pence for that season.

**1926**

It was resolved that electric lights were to be installed in the bowling room and ladies' room. In this year the Croquet Club acquired their present land and had new lawns. With extra work involved the greenkeeper, Mr Joe Jowers, applied for an increase in his 2 pounds per week wage. With the Croquet Club unable to pay more and the Bowling Club unwilling to pay, his services were dispensed with. Mr Jowers was a member for 32 years until his death in 1966.

**1928**

Annual General Meeting attracted only 7 members.

**1930**

First mention of the McIntosh Shield for the Inter-Club Sports with Rangiora.

# The Middle Years

## 1930-39

The minute book for these years makes grim reading. For 7 years running (1931-37) the attendance at the Annual General Meetings varied between 6 and 7. The total membership was 20 or less and the accounts show a debit balance all these years with outstanding subs being chased.

## 1932

Mr Menneer the President reported that arrangements had been made with the Unemployment Board to engage a man to help with the green, the club to pay one week in three.

## 1933

Congratulations were sent to Mr E. Monk on winning the Maddison Trophy for the Champion of Champions singles for the Kaiapoi W.M.C, a feat he repeated the following year. At that time he was a member of both clubs. The Manning Cup for Inter-Club Pennant Games was won for the first time. One team of two Fours was involved.

## 1934-36

The Honours Board shows that only the Singles was played in 1936. Pairs and Fours were not played or not finished in those 3 seasons.

## 1940

From the start of the Second World War membership started to increase with 10 new members. Mr W. Hart, President, was appointed our representative on the War Service Committee. In July Mr Llew Evans was appointed President of the New Zealand Bowling Association.

### August

An indoor match with Buntings Ltd for 3 rinks was accepted and the Annual General Meeting reported 9 new members.

## 1941

At the Annual General Meeting the minutes reveal that it was decided to discontinue with the bank overdraft. The Mackay Badges are mentioned again with teams consisting of two "A" and two "B" players.

## 1942

### September

A request for Sunday play was received from the Kaiapoi W.M.C. A green fee of 1 shilling per player was suggested.

**October**

The first hint of war involvement was when the Secretary Mr E. Miles tendered his resignation to join the Air Force. He was made an honorary member. A Labour Day Tournament showed a profit of 4 pounds 1 shilling.

**December**

A Pairs Tournament was held with entry fees of 1 shilling per player. Mr Evans kindly donated 2 bags (25lbs each) of flour for the winners.

The struggle to meet expenses is evident for the first 40 years of the clubs existence. Subscriptions reached a high 2 pounds 10 shillings in 1925 but by 1935 it was back to 1 pound 5 shillings with only 20 members. This was probably due to the depression years.

**1943****April**

It appears that the Dr Ramsey Memorial Cup (presented in 1937) was played for the first time this year. Games against Kaiapoi W.M.C and Belfast resulted in our club retaining the Trophy.

**June**

A letter of appreciation was received from the Kaiapoi Patriotic Committee for assistance at the recent carnival.

**1944****July**

There was a large attendance at the Annual General Meeting with the President expressing satisfaction at the sound position of the club.

**September**

An offer was received from Mr A. Jackson, Camside, to exchange property adjoining the croquet lawns for a Life Membership for himself and his father. This was accepted at a Special General Meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1944.

**1945 October**

The Turner Cup for competition against the Avon Club was introduced. It was played for annually for many years and is still on display in our Trophy cabinet. The Avon Club ceased to operate in the 1980's. The Secretary was instructed to apply for a 40gal petrol licence to enable members to attend various bowling fixtures. A Colts Championship was introduced.

**1946**

At the Annual General Meeting the first reference to the installation of the telephone was made. After many references over the years it was not until February 1973 that this was achieved.

## **1947**

A monthly tournament on Sundays was introduced for the first time with an entry fee of 4 shillings per player. A decision to have blue blazers with the club monogram was made to conform to Centre rules. In December it was decided to sell club wooden bowls for 5 pounds per set.

## **1949**

### **March**

Results of a raffle showed a profit of 62 pounds 18 shillings and 9 pence. The Parnham Cup was played for the first time against Papanui. Results were Kaiapoi 75 Papanui 83. The Cup is still played for annually and is on a home and away basis.

At the Annual General Meeting the President reported that the past season was the most successful in the club's history, both financially and socially. The club was now free of debt and the 150 pounds owing to debenture holders had been paid off. The cash statement showed a credit balance of 39 pounds 4 shillings and 7 pence.

The membership showed 58 ordinary members and 3 life members. The James Mealings Memorial was first played on our green against Kaiapoi W.M.C on 11<sup>th</sup> February and resulted in a win to Kaiapoi.

## **1951**

### **September**

A letter was received from Mrs R.C. Crow re admitting ladies to the Bowling Club. After some discussion it was decided to seek information from other clubs and to advise the ladies. A meeting would be called but little action appears to have been taken until the Annual General Meeting of 1953. On the death of Mr J.B. Evans, his son presented an electric clock to the club as a memorial. Dick Haworth offered a cup for members for an evening competition.

### **October**

A meeting with the ladies interested in bowls was called and they were asked to put in writing their proposals.

## **1952**

### **March**

Mr C. Whitley presented a Cup for Champion Fours against Kaiapoi W.M.C, which was won by Kaiapoi.

### **October 11<sup>th</sup>**

The Golden Jubilee opening day was well attended with Mr W.H. Gillespie M.P. congratulating the club. Jock Yellowlees (the oldest member) rolled the first jack. Mr & Mrs G.E. Graham donated the large bell used for tournaments. The Manning Cup was won for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

KAIAPOI BOWLING CLUB GOLDEN JUBILEE  
OPENING DAY 1952-53 SEASON

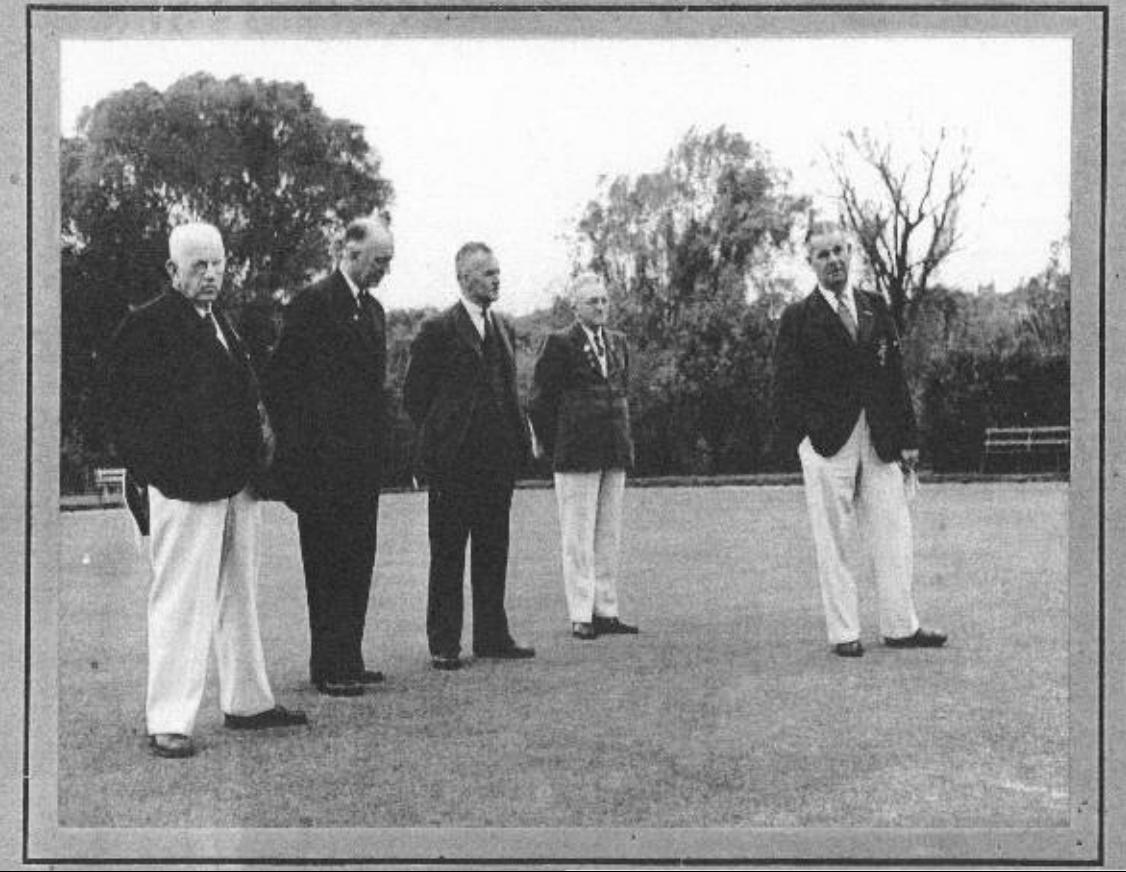


Figure 12: Left to Right- J.Yellowles (oldest member), W.H.Gillespie, M.P, R.D.Evans (Deputy Mayor),  
W.Skelton (Secretary, Ch-Ch Centre), J.Middleton (President)

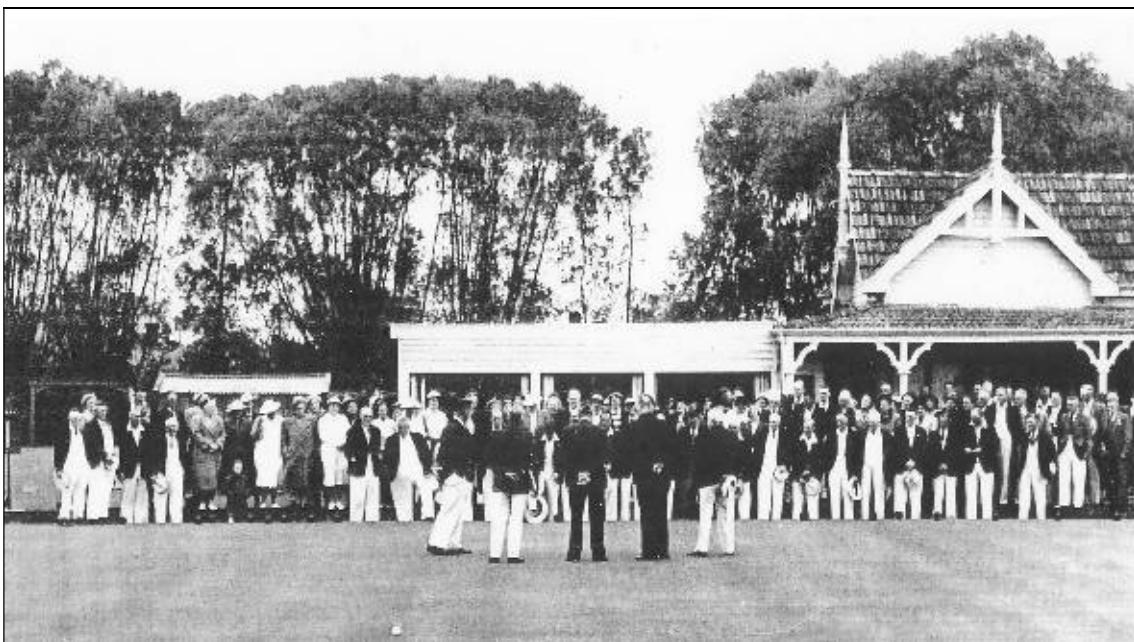
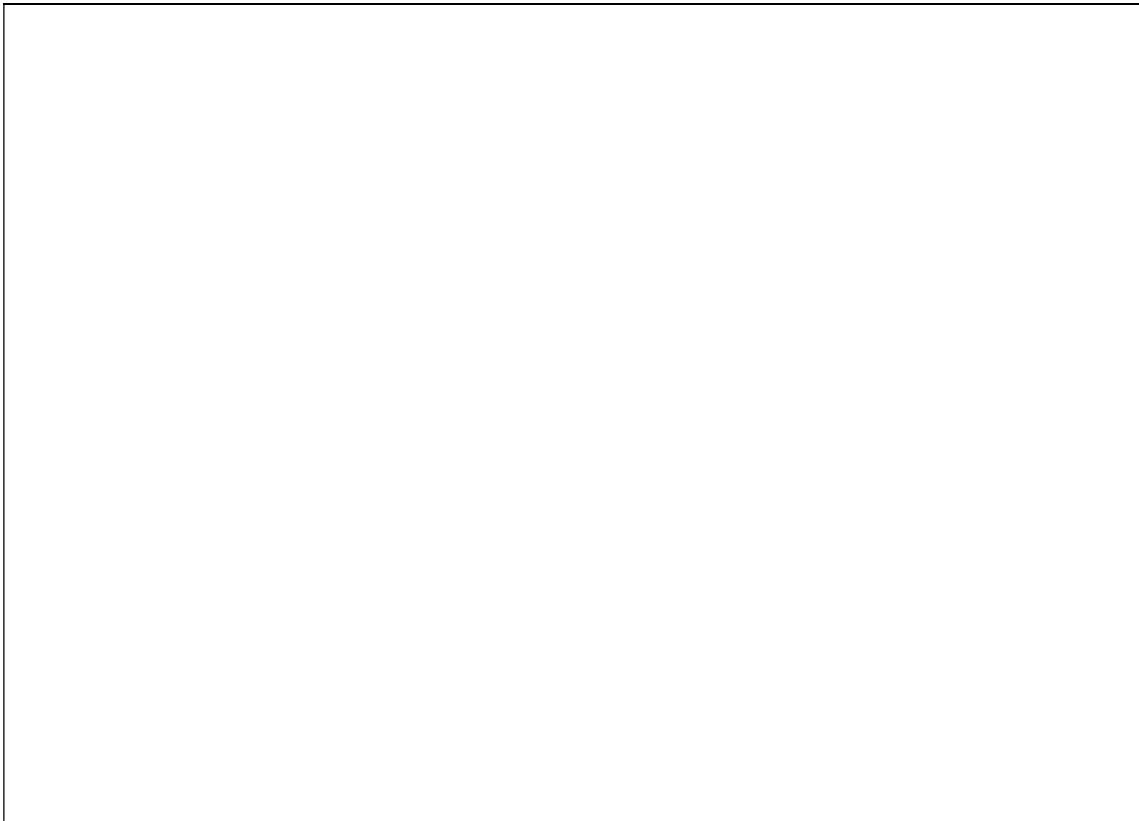


Figure 13: Golden Jubilee opening 1952-53 season



**Figure 14: Members at the opening**

## **1953**

The Jubilee banquet was held in the R.S.A. rooms on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Bowlers' wives catered for 72 guests. This was a splendid evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Annual General Meeting recommended that we "sponsor the formation of a Ladies Bowling Club". This was put to the meeting and carried, no votes being recorded against it.

### **September**

Conditions for the Ladies' Bowling Club were drawn up. 1<sup>st</sup> year sub 1 pound 10 shillings; limited to 35 playing members. Opening day for ladies was 28 October with 15 new members.

## **1954**

### **January**

Mr Harry Bates of the Mandeville Hotel presented a Cup for Presidents Fours.

### **July**

The AGM Annual Report comments that the Ladies were now well established and had proven a great assistance to the club. Towards the end of the season several mixed afternoons were played and enjoyed by all.

## **1955**

### **January**

Friendly games against Darfield and Rakaia were a feature for several years. On visits to Rakaia the Midland bus was used.

### **May**

The Ladies' Croquet Club reported that there was a hole in the wall above the sink with rats about the clubhouse.

### **June**

The AGM reported that the club was dependent on regular Sunday Tournaments for finance. Subscriptions would not cover outgoings. It appears there was no sponsorship in those days.

## **1957**

### **January**

A husband and wife Tournament was held for the first time and proved very popular.

### **June.**

At the AGM a friendly game was organised to be played against the newly formed Cust Club. One of their members presented the McLaughlan Cup, which has been contested annually ever since.

## **1958**

### **March**

A new building programme started with a Post Office account with donations of 132 pounds 10 shillings and 380 pounds in debentures promised. Mr E Johnson submitted the plans and specifications for the proposed new toilets and tool shed. The tender of 355 pounds from Mr W.C. Tourell was accepted. The Croquet Club was allowed use of the toilets for 2 pounds 2 shillings per annum.

### **April**

A. Oakes was congratulated for winning the Champion of Champion Colts.

## **1959**

### **July**

The AGM reported a generous gift of 100 pounds from the Women's Bowling Club. At an Extraordinary General Meeting the Women's Bowling Club membership was increased to 40, with the proviso that the names of any new members must be submitted by letter to the Men's Committee.

## **1960**

### **July**

Notes from the AGM showed that a soil shed had been completed for 51 pounds 4 shillings and 3 pence. A lot of voluntary work went into this project.

**August**

A building committee was formed to draw up plans for future development.

**October**

A record number of 13 new members were elected. A cup for junior singles was presented by Mr G. Gimblett. Mrs & Mr T. Coup and E. Johnson presented cups for the junior pairs.

**1961**

The AGM reported that the club had no liabilities and that all debentures had been paid. Congratulations were extended to Mr T. Coup for having won the 3 championship events and to Mr G. Matthews for winning the 3 junior championships.

After the season ended the live fence on the east side was pulled out and replaced with concrete posts and an iron fence.

**November**

Kaiapoi Women's Bowling Club gave 100 pounds towards the building fund.

**1962**

At the A.G.M congratulations were passed to Mr K. Ashley and Mr T. Coup for winning the Champion of Champion Pairs. Mr Coup again won all 3 championship events. Mr E. Fitzgerald was thanked for organising a raffle, which raised 42 pounds 9 shillings and 6 pence. During this season the Christchurch Centre tried to enforce the wearing of whites for Sunday Tournaments but was unsuccessful.

**1963**

The accounts presented at the AGM showed that the building fund balance was up to 372 pounds 12 shillings and 6 pence.

**1964 March**

Mr E. Fitzgerald proposed a raffle scheme for raising funds. This was approved for a 6 month trial, eventually known as the "Little Gold Mine". It ran for many years winding up in 1978. It was a great assistance to the club.

**1965****January**

The winning of the NZ Women's Fours was noted and a presentation evening would be held on 20th March.

**April**

A Special Meeting was called for a report on the financial position of the building fund. It was decided before the building programme could commence that we had to establish our boundaries, part of our property on the riverside being on a legal road. The survey must be completed before we could raise the necessary funds by way of mortgage.

**June**

At the AGM it was noted that membership was now up to 66. The Building fund balance was 1557 pounds 12 shillings and 4 pence. Open Championship Fours were introduced. The previous Club Fours were to remain as drawn fours.

**1966**

The President at the AGM reported confirmation of the legal right to property allowing us to proceed with the drawing up of plans and specifications. Subscriptions increased to 5 pounds.

**September**

The Croquet Club was advised that they couldn't have the use of the bottom green, as this was the site of the new pavilion.

**December**

A General Meeting discussed plans submitted by the building committee. After discussion on these and future intentions it was moved "That a building be built to size as per plan."

## The Recent Times

### 1967 March 13

A Special Meeting gave approval of acceptance of Mr E. Johnson's tender of \$13,750 subject to the necessary finances being arranged. Messrs T. Coup and G. Matthews were appointed to negotiate the mortgage with the Canterbury Savings Bank. This was approved in April for \$8,000 at 6%, both gentlemen acting as guarantors.

### June

At the AGM the President reported that the pavilion was now in an advanced state of construction.

### August

The pavilion was completed and mats were laid. Charges for play were evening games 30c and daytime games 20c.

### September

The opening of the new pavilion by Mayor Mr Owen Hills was conducted before a large gathering.



Figure 15: New pavilion opening, September 30th 1967.

The pavilion was specifically built for Indoor Bowls in the off season. From 1967 it has been a great source of revenue although the first charges of 30c for night play and 20c day time seem reasonable today. Since then it has been used to almost full capacity at times, day time, evening and even Sunday afternoons with over 200 playing a week.

As a starter for new bowlers it has proved an asset and useful for coaching purposes. The Indoor Bowls committee have organised the draw and tournaments very efficiently and tribute must go to Les Hall and Stan Robson for over 20 years of service. In the last few years they have been assisted by Laurence McFadden and Terry Holland.

The space provided by the Indoor Bowling area has proved useful for big club functions such as Christmas parties, garage sales, quiz nights and casino evenings. For a couple of years the Kaiapoi R.S.A used it for refreshments after the ANZAC Day service.

#### **October**

Two new members Mr Les Hall and Mr Harry Trumper were welcomed to the club. Les, as mentioned previously, has given many years service on the Indoor Bowls Committee and is still doing so today. Harry is now our club Patron.

#### **1968**

At the AGM the President reported his appreciation to the Women's Club for their excellent contribution by way of supplying curtains, floor coverings, kitchenware and furniture for the new pavilion. A further \$200 had been received from them. New rules as set by the NZ Bowling Council were submitted for approval and after discussion it was resolved that they be adopted as the Club Rules.

#### **December**

The Centre Christmas Fours was won by the club for the first time.

#### **1969 September**

A new 4 inch well for flooding the green was drilled and was a great success.

#### **1970 January**

It was resolved that the green be converted to Cotula Weed as soon as possible.

#### **November**

A Life Members board was to be introduced

#### **1971**

AGM reports show that during the last season there was great advancement. The boundaries were fenced, trees planted, lights for night play installed, new mower was purchased and even the old pavilion had some renovation. An Umpires badge was attained by Harry Trumper.

#### **November**

A cup presented in memory of Mr Geoff Witte was accepted for presentation to the Most Improved Player during the first four years.

#### **1973 September**

Shorts were introduced for the first time for Pennants but not for Centre fixtures.

#### **1974 January**

Harry Trumper was appointed a Commonwealth Games Umpire. Travis Coup was nominated for the NZ Bowling Team. 16 new mats purchased at \$4.00 each and are still in use today.

#### **March**

A grant was received from the Ministry of Recreation for \$100 to go towards the installation of a further set of lights.

### **1975 July**

A rat was discovered in the electric stove and it was recommended "that the stove be checked for rat damage before the purchase of a replacement".

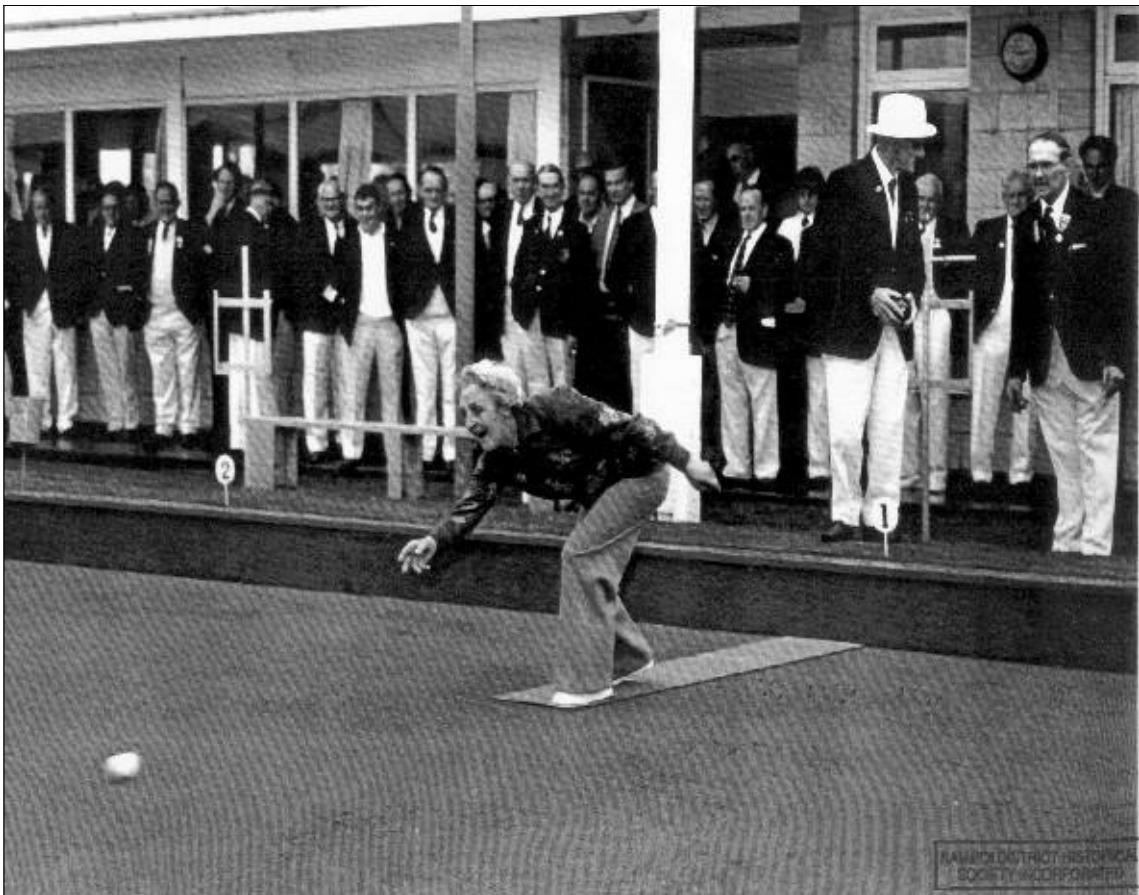
### **1976 February**

Travis Coup was selected as a South Island Representative. A new block fence was advocated for the Revell Street side of the green comprising some 1403 blocks. This was accomplished in May with a contract of \$660.00 by Baldwin Construction. The blocks were an additional \$450.00.

### **December**

A silver tray was donated in memory of Mr Jack Clemett (ex President) and it was decided that this should be the trophy for the newly introduced Champion Triples.

### **1977 October**



**Figure 16: Opening of 75th Anniversary season, October 1977. Mrs Eileen Trumper, wife of President Harry Trumper, delivers the first jack.**

### **1978**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee held 10 meetings prior to the celebrations which were held on NZ day weekend 3/4/5 February 1978. The Jubilee Dinner was held on the Friday evening at the Island Tea Rooms with 80 members attending at a charge of \$7.50 per head. The cost was

partially subsidised by profits from sponsored tournaments and a raffle, which raised \$346. An Invitation Tournament was held on Saturday and a Mixed Tournament on the Sunday. At the banquet, Mr W. Cole, N.Z.B.A. Councillor, and Mr A. Murray Christchurch Centre Vice President, were among the guests. Mrs Trumper provided a Jubilee cake and Ozzie Hayward was presented with his Life Membership badge.

Travis Coup presented a new Club Championship singles trophy.

## 1979

The Dick Taylor Memorial Trophy was presented for annual play against Kaiapoi Workingmen's Club. Dick started his bowling as a teenager with our club in 1948 but subsequently transferred to the Kaiapoi W.M.C. The Cup is permanently lodged there.

## 1981

### April 27<sup>th</sup>

A special meeting was held with 32 men and 6 lady members to discuss the supply of liquor. The motion was carried 28 for and 5 against. The proposed extension to the pavilion was to be a lounge and bar 30ft x 30ft. The cost of the building along with fittings and furnishing was approximately \$20,000. Debentures to the value of \$2700 were issued.

### November

A successful dinner was held organised by Bob Duncan and with raffles resulted in a profit of \$678.48. Charles Rice was appointed Bar Manager.

## 1982

In May the introduction of Maniototo weed to the green was made. At this time the car park was constructed.

## 1983

The big metal roller was sold for \$200 and a new electric sit on roller made by Mr Henry Hunt of Ashburton was bought for \$300. 3 rain trains were purchased for watering the green.

### November

The first **Kitty and Jack Tour** was organised very efficiently by Gordon Henderson to Blenheim and Nelson. It was well supported and much enjoyed by all. The five day holiday (Monday to Friday) then became a feature over several years. Usually short games of bowls were played at various clubs with the hosts providing either lunch or afternoon tea.

After Gordon's premature death in 1985 Bill Campbell took over as organiser and trips were made to Oamaru, Greymouth, Westport, Timaru and Blenheim, all of which were very much enjoyed. A highlight, which involved a lot of travelling, was to Queenstown in 1989. Bowls were played in the Domain and also at Arrowtown. Local sightseeing trips were a feature of all these tours and often a night out at a local restaurant.

In June 1997 a special 3 week holiday at very reasonable cost was organised by Ron Richardson and Bob Phillips to the Gold Coast, Australia. With some 50 members taking part the trip went extremely smoothly. With all the entertainment available plus shopping and sightseeing it was indeed a memorable holiday.

## **1984**

An expel air fan was installed with a request that there be no smoking in the indoor bowls playing area. A burglar alarm for the pavilion was installed. The Kaiapoi Borough Council upgraded Revell St with a medium strip to exit to Raven St.

## **1985**

A Members of Distinction board was introduced and qualifications for inclusion were approved. At an executive meeting it was moved T. Coup and seconded A. Nye "that the President tells the member concerned to keep his dogs off the green!"

## **1986**

The Centre Three Fours trophy won by division 1 was presented. The introduction of the rainbird automatic watering system for the sum of \$4,477 was approved and an offer from the Kaiapoi Workingmen's Club for the rain trains for \$600-00 was accepted. Roly Adams donated trophies for over 70's singles and Bill Campbell for over 60's mid-week triples.

Eight shelters around the green were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Trumper (3), Mr. and Mrs. Coup (2), Mr. Len Holden, Mr. Andy Hide and the Ladies Club.

The old pavilion was dismantled and a fence erected between the croquet club and the green.

## **October**

The membership was limited to 90 men members but never enforced. For several years the membership was close to this mark.

## **1987**

A display cabinet was installed for trophies at a cost of \$400. New monograms for club blazers were approved. Bill Campbell took over the Kitty and Jack tours. The extension and upgrade of the car park by Ready Mix was completed. Chris Bullock won the Centre singles championship.

## **1988**

Super sevens were introduced with the club in the first division. Laurence McFadden took over the upkeep of the club gardens, and he is still doing a great job today.

## **December 15<sup>th</sup>**

The club's long serving secretary, Andy Hide, died suddenly in the car park. He left the sum of \$10,000 in trust to the club. His son, David, donated the piano in the lounge to the club

## **1989**

The Robinson Shield for junior bowlers with 10 years or less combined experience was won for the first time. The team comprised Rodney Walls, Alan Counihan, and Jim Steele and was skipped by Roly Adams. In the same event the following year Roly again skipped the winning four with Ron Richardson, Rodney Walls, and Ivan Walls the other members of the team.

At this time the bar was extended and renovated at a cost of \$4525. A new Scott Bonner mower was purchased for \$5875. Mr and Mrs R. Peters of the Mandeville Hotel helped with a \$2000 donation towards this.

Jack Stephenson donated the two cypress trees by the car park lawn.

### **May**

Renovations to the green occurred when 3 inches were planed off the green. This was a major job with upwards of 50 members assisting at working bees. The kitchen was also extended at this time under the guidance of Lionel Oram. The ladies' club provided finance for a dishwasher, new vinyl flooring, and to upgrade the lighting.

### **1990**

New scoreboards were introduced –all sponsored by local businesses.

### **1991**

A new honours board combined with the Women's club was suggested and with grateful thanks to Brian Siviter and his team it was unveiled at closing day.

### **1992**

An invitation to Stephen Clack to attend the North Island under 19 singles tournament was accepted. Stephen performed creditably finishing third. The club assisted with his travelling expenses.



**Figure 17: Alan Griffin, Ian Cross and Tom Bayliss celebrate their champion of champion triples win in 1992. This gave Alan his Gold Star for 5 Centre titles**

Alan Griffin achieved Gold Star status by skipping the champion of champion triples team and received the award in May. His premature death at 48 years, some four months later was a great blow to the club. Mrs Griffin presented a memorial cup for annual play against the Kaiapoi WMC champion triples team.

At the AGM the first club captain, Punch Williams, was appointed. He accepted this in addition to his other portfolio, that of publicity officer.

### **1993**

The AGM saw Travis Coup nominated and accepted as the club's first patron.

#### **May**

A special meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July attracted 67 members (men and women) to discuss the planned extension to the lounge at a cost of \$45,466 plus furnishings of \$13,798. To cover the shortfall a loan from Trustbank was available. A secret ballot resulted 69 in favour with 3 against. The result was received with acclamation.

#### **October**

Tom Bayliss (lead), Warren Stanbury (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Ratko Glucina won the inaugural Canterbury 2 bowl triples championship. This was the first time 2 bowl triples had been introduced and is arguably the most popular form of the triples game today.

### **1995**

New carpets were laid for the indoor bowling area and the men's toilet was upgraded and shower installed by Paul Mariu at labour free cost.

Derek Ansell introduced the club programme handbook with advertising to cover cost. Everyone agreed this was an excellent idea. Fundraising in the form of a monster Xmas raffle, garage sale, and several social visits to Woodpecker's Restaurant at Parklands resulted in over \$6000 for the club.

A grant from the NZ Lottery Board of \$5800 plus GST was received for the toilet extensions.

#### **September**

Travis Coup was appointed club captain. The arrangement of certificates and photographs of centre champions was arranged by Ron Richardson on the west wall of the pavilion.

The barber's raffle sponsored by "The Kaiapoi Barber" Warren Gibson was introduced for attendance by club members at 5.30pm on Saturday nights. This is still in operation today, the minimum of \$5 being the prize.

#### **December**

The Christmas party was a resounding success with a large attendance. The New Year's Eve bowls and barbecue was also well attended.

**1996**

Travis Coup died in Blenheim on the 20<sup>th</sup> March. Some 400 people attended the funeral at St Bartholomew's, Kaiapoi. Many bowlers were from all over the South Island. At the AGM, Harry Trumper accepted the honour of patron.

**November**

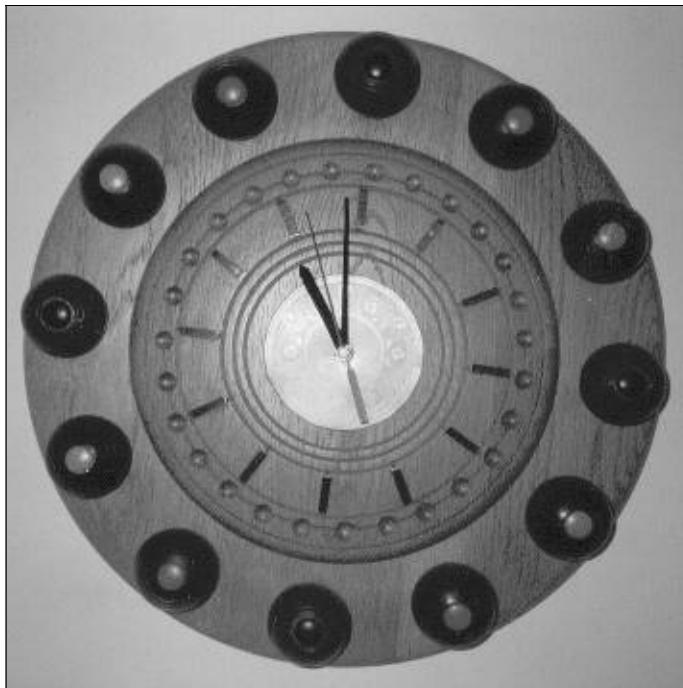
The two gambling machines installed several years earlier were sold for \$1000. While they probably paid for themselves over that time, the introduced tax and licence fees meant the Government were the only winners in the long run.



Figure 18 : Wooden tableau of antics of bowlers by master woodworker, Roly Adams.

**1997**

Roly Adams with his woodworking skills produced a remarkable tableau of antics of bowlers on and off the green. This can be seen on the west wall of the lounge. Over several years Roly has produced many useful articles for the club, including a clock (figure 19), gavel, trophies, table numbers, wrong bias receptacle, and a memorial board. He designed the present flag.



**Figure 19: Clock in bowling lounge made by Roly Adams with wood and small indoor bowls.**

The club was linked to the main line sewer at last after 83 years. The septic tank was connected via a pump and tank outside the back door of the pavilion. A trophy, in memory of a long time member Tom Eder, was presented to the club by his son and daughter. It was decided to use it for club drawn fours. A trip to the Gold Coast, Australia, organised by Bob Phillips and Ron Richardson, was a huge success. 50 members and friends took part. Paul Harris was appointed club captain. A position still held today.

Bob Phillips and his wife Elaine emigrated to Australia. This was a huge loss to the social side of the club. During his few years as a member, Bob acted as Bar Manager and social committee chairman. Many money-raising ventures were the result of his endeavours. The lotto board and joker jackpot raised thousands of dollars for the club.

The two four fours teams did extremely well by winning their sections. The division 5 team went on to beat Beckenham in the final 4-0. Both teams were promoted the following season. Another successful Xmas raffle was organised by Tom Fenwick and this resulted in \$2354.25 profit.

### **December**

The Centre Christmas Mixed fours was won by Kaiapoi with Janeen Worrall (lead), Monica Gibson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Terry Holland (3<sup>rd</sup>), helping George Matthews to his 3<sup>rd</sup> win in this event.

### **1998 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

72 members attended a Special Meeting called to discuss the possibilities of having an all-weather bowling surface. A vote to investigate further resulted 47 in favour and 23 against. Sources of finance were to be investigated.

The mixed 10's team reached the final of this event playing off against the strong Bowls Papanui Club. The result was 2 games all; Bowls Papanui winning on ends won.

**June**

During the winter the proposed sports complex in Kaiapoi Park, home of the Kaiapoi Rugby Club, was investigated. The Rugby club had sought support from several sports clubs but with insufficient space for at least 2 bowling greens no further action was taken.

At the AGM Tom Fenwick was accorded Life Membership.

**1999****June**

At the AGM, Ron Richardson spoke of the need to elect a committee for the 2002 centennial. He suggested that it should be comprised of 4 men and 4 ladies.

He also spoke in regard to progress with the sports centre development. Brian Siviter and Warren Stanbury had had discussions with other sports club delegates but difficulties with the rugby club and their attitude to the project was stifling any real progress and did our club wish to proceed. It was moved "that the club executive be empowered to continue investigations into the project only as long as any club funds are absolutely guaranteed."

Men's subscriptions were set at \$112 subject to any increases Bowls NZ may make by way of levies. Match fees for all day tournaments to be \$6 per player and \$5 for half-day events.

**July**

Under the new approved programme from Bowls Canterbury and as numbers were dropping it was felt that only a 3 fours team would be entered this season To enter a sevens team also would mean some members might not get games. A very successful mid-winter Christmas party was held with a request that the caterer Mrs Wheeler be employed at Christmas also.

With regard to the sports complex it was moved that the cricket and netball clubs be asked to pay an equal payment for outstanding accounts. A new trust was to be formed with the Board of Management incorporating representatives from other sporting bodies, as well as the rugby club, who were not in favour of the complex at Rugby Park. A new trust deed was to be drawn up and the Trustees suggested that the other sports clubs combine to persuade the rugby club to agree to setting up the complex. A meeting of all sports clubs would be held in the spring once the trust deed was finalised.

**Centennial Committee-** Joan Fenwick, Dawn McIntosh, June Smitheram, Margot Green, Russell Hoddinott, Terry Holland, Malcolm McIntosh and George Matthews would form this committee with the Presidents of both sections being ex-officio members.

**August**

Ian McNish reported to the Executive that eventual progress on the site at Rugby Park appeared unsatisfactory and it looked like developments would not go ahead. Mike Towart suggested that a business house bowls tournament be investigated.

**September**

Brian Siviter brought forward some ideas for an artificial green. After discussion it was decided that a real effort be made to investigate and report back on the possibility of an artificial green. Brian had been in touch with Mr N.McPherson who had just finished working with the Coalgate Bowling Club. It was moved Siviter/Stanbury "that discussions be started with Mr N.McPherson re the costs involved in his employment to investigate the installation of an artificial green."

### **November 4<sup>th</sup>**

A Special General Meeting under the chairmanship of President Ron Richardson was called. He introduced Brian Siviter who spoke of the purpose of the meeting as being to introduce the possibility of the club installing an artificial bowling green. He spoke of progress to date with the consultant, Norm McPherson, and a proposed draft timetable. He spoke of the steps necessary to further the matter and the areas by which funds could be raised. The club would be required to raise \$12,000 by some method in a time span of 10 months. Several questions were asked and answered in a positive manner. After further discussion the chairman proposed a vote be taken. A secret ballot was called for with a result of 46 in favour and 7 against.

### **The new green would proceed as soon as possible.**

At the executive meeting this month Brian Siviter spoke of further progress and introduced a cash flow chart for the future. Letters of support had been received from Sutherlands Timber Co Ltd, and Blackwells Department Store. Further letters were promised from Bowls Canterbury, Kaiapoi High School and the Kaiapoi Community Board of the Waimakariri DC.

### **December**

A copy of the draft case statement was produced, which outlined in detail matters pertaining to the new green.

### **2000**

### **January**

Form filling progress was noted and some concerns about fundraising were voiced at the Executive meeting. Brian Siviter reported that construction tenders had been called for and a starting date in August was still being projected. Investigation as to the actual surface brand to be used would be looked at carefully.

### **March**

Members' donations, interest free loans, and/or interest bearing loans totalled \$15,000. Undertakings from other avenues totalled \$22,000.

### **June**

Treasurer for the new green, Tom Fenwick, spoke re funding for the green and the fact that it seemed certain that it would not now proceed by August. He had prepared a future budget, which would require some extensive fund-raising to meet commitments of up to \$6,000 per year for the next few years. A recommendation was made that a date be set to dig up the green as a step towards the installation of the artificial green immediately the 2001 season ceased.

At the AGM new President, Warren Stanbury, expressed appreciation and thanks to retiring President, Ron Richardson, for his untiring efforts in the chair over the preceding two years.

### **August**

Members' promises of at least \$20,000 had been invested. A visit from the Crown Public Health office saw a written host responsibility plan instituted.

## **2001**

### **January**

Westpac Trust agreed to a loan of \$20,000 for the new green. It was moved at the executive meeting “that as per our written case statement, that we proceed with the new artificial green subject to finance and that a letter of intent be sent to Astroturf”.

Pumpkins, grown as a fundraiser, would be ready in a month’s time. The suggested sale price would be \$1. Campervans could now use the car park area in return for a donation to the club. Ian McNish won the Canterbury singles.

### **February**

Brian Siviter reported that Astroturf was the cheapest for sand and fill and their prices were competitive. Shearings would take away the rubbish and knock down the sheds so that the contractors could have access to the green. The question as to the location of the sewer and the water lines was asked. Working bee nights would be Thursdays.

### **March**

Work would start on the new green on Monday 2 April. Official opening day could be the first Saturday in September, giving us time to get everything shipshape.

### **April**

Laurence McFadden presented the Treasurer with a cheque for \$2400 and expected to end up with a total of \$2800 for pumpkin sales.

### **May**

Tom Fenwick reported that the cost of the new green will be \$121,000 plus GST.

### **June**

All the pumpkins had been sold for a final total of \$3016-50. New World is looking forward to dealing with Laurence next year. The green was now finished and everything had gone well apart from a few small jobs. The AGM reported that subscriptions would be left at last seasons sub of \$112 subject to any variation in Bowls NZ or Bowls Canterbury levies.

Life Memberships were accorded to Laurence McFadden and Brian Siviter.

### **September 1**

Opening of the new green.



Figure 20: After 97 years the soil is carted out



Figure 21: A container arrives with the carpet



Figure 22: Laser levelling top surface



Figure 23: More laser levelling



Figure 24: First layer of carpet

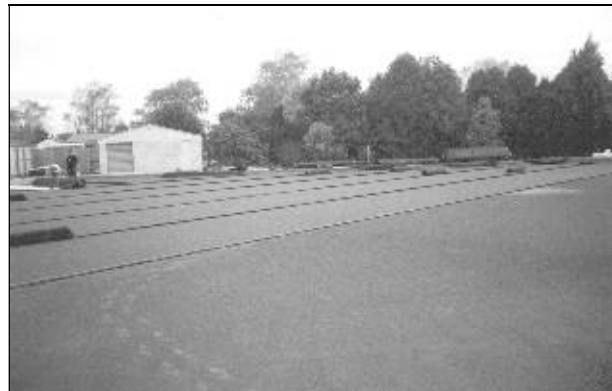


Figure 25: Looking good

### The preparation of the new green



**Figure 26: Above and right-Opening of new artificial green, September 1st, 2001**



**Figure 27: Harry Trumper, first jack.**



**Figure 28: Doreen Richardson, First bowl.**

## **October**

Reference was made to business house bowls at the executive meeting. When would it start? Who would run it?

## **December**

Business house bowls would be run on Wednesday nights over a period of 5 weeks starting 13 February. The cost would be \$2.50 per person with supper included.

## **February 2002**

The Match Committee reported that the Watson Shield team was in the semi-final against Rangiora. The Sevens team had won their section and at that time the Manning Cup team was in second place.

## **March**

The Centennial committee reported that a sign was in place at the Belfast end of the Northern Motorway. The Match Committee reported that Centre competitions had finished with the club winning their division of the sevens, winning the Manning Cup for the third time in the history of the club, and finishing runners-up in the Watson Shield. This would arguably be the best ever year for the club in Centre competitions.



**Figure 29: MEN'S SEVENS DIV 3 WINNERS, 2001-2002 season**

**Ian McNish Gary Bodger Tony Gray Warren Stanbury Terry Holland Paul Harris Ron Mealings**



**Figure 30: MANNING CUP DIV 1 WINNERS, 2001-2002 SEASON**

**Back Row:** Ross Bennetts Maurice Wilson Lance McKay Henry Barnes Humphrey Heward Dave Howell

**Centre:** Peter Mallinson Brian James Mick Dempsey George Matthews Dave Moffat Laurence McFadden Stan Robson

**Front Row:** Roly Adams Dave Schulz Alan Rutherford Don Stockton Malcolm McIntosh Harry Hope

**May**

Tom Fenwick reported that we were on track to pay our members back the \$25,000 loaned for the new green.

**June**

At the AGM, President, Warren Stanbury, reported on a most successful year in office with many projects having been successfully accomplished. Financially the club was very healthy and all were looking forward to the centennial celebrations in October.

**August**

A very successful opening day was held with the President of Bowls Canterbury, Noel McGregor, in attendance. The MP for Waimakariri, Clayton Cosgrove, rolled the first jack, and the first bowl was bowled by youngest member, Kaiapoi High School pupil, Lachlan York.

**October 11,12,13  
Centennial celebrations.**

Friday 11 OCT	7PM	Registration/ Conversazione Night
Saturday 12 OCT	12.30PM	Bowls Tournament
	5 PM	Photographs and Social Hour
	7 PM	Dinner
Sunday 13 OCT	11AM	Thanksgiving Service
	12 Noon	BBQ Lunch
	1.30PM	Bowls

## Players and Personalities

### Lieutenant Colonel David Cossgrave

One of the most interesting members was Lieutenant Colonel Cossgrave, the schoolteacher at Tuahiwi. He had served as an officer in the Boer War and was friendly with the hero of Mafeking, Lord Baden Powell. When Baden Powell started the Boy Scout movement, the first scout troop in New Zealand was formed in Kaiapoi in May 1908. Cossgrave noticed the activities of the boys and wrote to Baden Powell for more information and was subsequently appointed Chief Scout of New Zealand until his death in 1920. He toured throughout the length of New Zealand with Baden Powell in 1912 and many of his ideas were passed on to him. Cossgrave wrote several books including "Girl Peace Scouts". The Girl Peace Scouts were started in Kaiapoi long before Girl Guides began in England.



Figure 31: Lieutenant Colonel David Cossgrave.

In 1913, while playing bowls at Kaiapoi, Lieutenant Colonel Cossgrave noticed a lad in difficulties in the Kaiapoi River and although he was not a young man, he dived in and rescued him. The Royal Life Saving Society awarded him a medal. For anyone interested in the life of this gentleman, the National Scout Museum at Blue Skies portrays his life in detail and his South African war medals and Life Saving medal are also on display.

### Travis F Coup

Trav Coup lived in Kaiapoi all his life and was a great grandson of William Coup, one of the early pioneers, who took up land extending from Ohoka Road to Clarkville in 1854.

His early schooling was at Kaiapoi Borough and Rangiora High School where he attended the school farm, learning wool classing etc. This was to be an advantage when eventually he started work at the Kaiapoi Freezing Works. For most of his 42 years at the works he was the Fellmongery Foreman.

During the war years Trav volunteered for the Navy in 1941, serving four years on the Monowai and Gambia.

It was during the war, in Auckland, that he met his future wife, Edith, and they married in 1943. They settled in Kaiapoi after the war and raised 2 daughters and 4 granddaughters.

He always enjoyed sport, being an accomplished pony rider, fisherman, marksman, pigeon fancier and a better than average golfer and footballer. The indoor game of bowls first attracted Trav and he represented Canterbury on several occasions. From this it was natural that he would take up the outdoor game of bowls.



**Figure 32: Travis Coup**

He first played at the Kaiapoi Workingmen's Club winning the Colts Championship in 1953. Two years later he won the Senior Singles there but the following season he transferred to the Kaiapoi Bowling Club.

Over the next 40 years he became a legend in Canterbury bowling circles. No less than 78 Club Championships came his way – one for every year of his life. This would be a record hard to beat anywhere in New Zealand. In his last season he won all three Club Championships he entered into.

At Canterbury Centre level he won 8 titles, being the first bowler outside the city to win the coveted Gold Star in 1982. He also played a large part in helping George Matthews and Alan Griffin to achieve this goal.

He represented Canterbury for 25 consecutive years including many years as skip of the Fours, winning the New Zealand Inter-Centre finals in 1970 and 1971. South Island representation came his way in 1975-76 and he was nominated and close to New Zealand selection at the time of the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch in 1974, the same year he was made a Life Member of our club. In later years he was a Canterbury Selector.

Travis was known throughout the South Island for the many major tournaments he attended. He played at Oamaru in the big Easter tournament for many years, winning on 6 occasions but being from another centre he was not eligible for a Gold Star.

At the Annual South Island R.S.A tournaments in Timaru he had great success winning on 9 occasions, the last just before he died. In 1995 he skipped the Four, which won the New Zealand R.S.A title at Papakura.

As a coach he was a Foundation and Life Member of the Canterbury Provincial Bowling Centre Coaching Association. Acting as Zone Coach he unstintingly gave of his time and expertise to clubs throughout North Canterbury.

As Patron, Life Member and Club Captain of the Kaiapoi Bowling Club at the time of his death, Travis had served on the Executive for all of his 40 years with the club.

He served as President for 2 years in 1967-68 and was Green Superintendent for many years. The pavilion built in 1967 was a tribute to his foresight, being large enough to cater for indoor bowls in wintertime.

As a Selector and Coach he helped many Kaiapoi bowlers reach Canterbury Representative level.

From 1980, during the winter months, he and his wife Edith were regular visitors to Queensland, playing in the prestigious Gold Coast Tournament. Here he played with distinction on one occasion beating the Australian Singles Champion, Keith Poole, only to be beaten by Peter Bellis in the next round.

As a singles player he was hard to beat, having success at club level on 20 occasions. On his only trip to Auckland for the New Zealand Championships in 1976, he played a singles game, as recorded in figure 33. It was a record that would surely be hard to beat.

Later in the Tournament he beat Phil Skoglund (5 times New Zealand Singles Champion) and later, just lost to another outstanding New Zealand bowler Kevin Darling. With Cyril Thompson of Oxford they reached the last 6 in the Pairs.

T.F. COUP V. J.O. OWEN				
SCORE	TOTAL	15 S	SCORE	TOTAL
4	4	1	-	-
4	8	2	-	-
4	12	3	-	-
4	16	4	-	-
4	20	5	-	-
3	23	6	-	-
		7		
		8		
		9		
		10		
Dominion	11	SINGLES		
	12			
AUCKLAND	19	76		
	14			
27	12	76	15	
	16			
	17			
	18			
PLAYED	19	AT		
	20			
	21			
ORATIA	22			
	23			
	24			
	25			
	E	H		
Skips	May		Skips	J. Owen
Init			Init	
<b>LION BROWN</b>				

Figure 33: A record that would surely be hard to beat.

On another occasion in 1980 Trav was invited to a big Singles Tournament in Rotorua. His most notable scalp was New Zealand Champion Sid Giddy, the score being 16-2. He eventually lost in the semi-final after a terrific battle to Bruce Ballinger (brother of Ian) 17-15. In 1979 he won the Prestigious Singles title at the Oamaru Easter Tournament.

The Waimak Tournament held at Easter by the Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Woodend and Belfast Clubs for many years was another tribute to his organisational ability.

He was noted for his never say die attitude which won him many matches, but his gentlemanly conduct and his dry sense of humour won him many friends, both on and off the green. His motto being: "Humble in Victory and Gracious in Defeat".

His funeral service was held at St Bartholomew's, Kaiapoi, where the church was full to capacity with a large overflow outside. Sportsmen from throughout New Zealand were there to pay tribute to one of Canterbury's greatest lawn bowlers.

### **Ian S Cross**

Ian Cross commenced his bowling career with the Waihopai club in Invercargill in 1978. He was variously Treasurer, President, and Greenkeeper winning 11 club titles and 1 Centre title and represented Southland in the senior 7's.

In 1981 in the Southland Bowling Centre Invitation pair's tournament he was paired with Travis Coup. They went on to win this prestigious event, which included many of New Zealand's top bowlers. When he was promoted on transfer as manager of SIMU in Christchurch, he moved to Kaiapoi and renewed his acquaintance with Travis by joining the Kaiapoi club.

It did not take him long to make his mark at Canterbury Centre level. A member of the coaching association from 1988 he served as President from 1991-1993. He was also responsible for starting the secondary schools bowls initiative programme in Canterbury.

As a player he won the Canterbury Champion of Champion Triples with Tom Bayliss and Alan Griffin in 1992, and after transferring to the Belfast club he had further success winning the Canterbury Open pairs on three occasions.

He served on the Centre Executive from 1994 being President in 1999. At the time of his untimely death earlier this year he was President and Green Supervisor at the Belfast Bowling Club.

### **Gilbert S Dunn**

Gilbert Dunn joined the club in 1945 and was appointed Centre Delegate in 1947 and eventually in 1956-57 season was elected President of the Christchurch Bowling Centre. He was President of the club in 1950-51. He resigned in 1958.

### **Tom R Fenwick**

Tom Fenwick, the financial wizard of the club started bowling in 1985. He has served continuously on the executive since 1989 and was elected President for two terms in 1992-94. At that time he was instrumental in forming a sponsorship committee primarily for funding tournament prizes. There would be few sources of income that Tom hasn't tried.

To raise extra funds Tom has run monster Christmas raffles over several years along with garage sales in the pavilion. These have resulted in many thousands of dollars for the club.



**Figure 34: Tom Fenwick**

During the last 10 years there have been major developments in the club. The lounge area has been doubled in size, new mats have been laid for Indoor Bowls, the toilets have been upgraded and finally last year the new all-weather green and surrounds were completed. The cost of these amenities would be close to \$200,000.

To help pay for these assets, the sponsorship committee under Tom's expert guidance have applied for and received large grants or donations from the Kaikanui Hotel, the Community Trust, Kaiapoi Electric, Lotto and several Pub Charities. The bulk of the funding has been found without increasing our mortgage.

With his inspirational leadership and effort we have been able to achieve these goals, which appeared to be impossible a few years ago. At present the club is in a very strong and healthy position with assets close to half a million dollars.

Tom was made a Life Member of the club in 1998.

### **Dick Haworth**

Dick Haworth originally gave a cup for Evening Pairs play in 1951. It was intended to break down any barrier between learners and experienced players and mix the membership up.

A bowler for almost 60 years with the Canterbury Club he was a triple New Zealand Champion, having skipped the Pairs and Fours in 1936 and the Fours again the following year.

He joined our club while living at Kainga and was Secretary in 1956. At this time he gave the first lessons to four women who were to win the National Fours championship 10 years later. Travis Coup also gave tribute to Dick for the coaching he received early in his career. George Matthews vividly remembers Dick when he turned up one evening and being one short was pressed into a game. Although at that time Dick was well into his eighties he still had lovely style and played great bowls. When asked if he would be playing in the elderly bowlers tournament the following week the retort came “that’ll be the bloody day!”

### **Laurence G McFadden**

Since joining the club in 1984, Laurence McFadden has been a tireless worker for the club. Within a few years he took over the gardens providing almost all the plants himself. Over the years visitors and members alike have taken great pleasure in the lovely displays that Laurence has provided. Another project that Laurence has done almost single-handed is the growing of pumpkins to help pay for the new green. The results from the last two seasons amount to over \$5,000.



**Figure 35: Laurence McFadden**

For several years he has been a committee member looking after the Indoor Bowls Competitions. Laurence was made a Life Member of the club in 2001.

### **Paul Mariu**

Paul Mariu was an instant success as a bowler winning the Champion of Champion Colts in his first year 1995/96. He later played as lead for Canterbury in the New Zealand Junior Finals.

### **George R Matthews**

A member since 1960, George was President in 1994-95 and also served 3 years as Treasurer and one as Secretary. As a selector, match committee and tournament organiser, George has helped on and off for 40 years. He became an official coach in 1985.

On the bowling green he had a long association with Travis Coup. At Centre level they combined well especially in Pairs. After winning the Oamaru Easter Pairs in 1964, they went on to win the Canterbury Open Pairs a record 3 times and were twice runner-up. With further wins in the Champion of Champion Fours and the Christmas Fours on 3 occasions, George was awarded the coveted Centre Gold Star in 1986. On no less than 9 other occasions he was runner-up in Centre events.

A Canterbury Representative for 20 consecutive years, 1969-1988, he also played in the New Zealand Inter Centre Qualifying Games in 1983. George was made a Life Member in 1994.

### **Edwin Parnham**

Edwin Parnham who undoubtedly was the founder of the Kaiapoi Bowling Club had a very interesting life. He was a young man of 22 when he arrived in Lyttelton on the "Glentanner" in 1857. His first employment was sawing timber in the Kaiapoi bush. Later he went to the Goldfields and was at Gabriel's Gully for a short time and then returned to Kaiapoi. He went to work for Mr Mein's butchery business, eventually taking it over, and later passing it on to his son, so he could give more attention to his farms. He had some 700 acres of land north of Kaiapoi at "Beachvale" opposite the Kaiapoi Golf Course, and 220 acres at Sefton. There was a considerable amount of cropping and large numbers of sheep and cattle on his farms.

His homestead at "Beachvale" was surrounded with every comfort and convenience such as gardens, an orchard and outbuildings. His large lawn was certainly a good substitute for a bowling green. He was active in athletic sports of various kinds and was an active cricketer in his time.

Edwin Parnham was one of the first promoters of the Kaiapoi Mill and was a director for many years. He took a wide interest in Kaiapoi and was active in many organisations including the formation of the volunteer Fire Brigade. He served as Mayor of Kaiapoi in 1883.

With six sons living in 1897 it is surprising that there are little or no descendants still living in Kaiapoi with very few listed in the Christchurch telephone directory. There are none shown in North Canterbury.

The Roll of Honour in the Methodist Church reveals that during the First World War no less than six Parnhams were on active service. One Private Eric J. Parnham was killed in action at Gravenstaell on October 4<sup>th</sup> 1917. It is quite probable they were all grandsons of Edwin Parnham.

### **Ron Richardson**

Ron Richardson joined the club in the season of 1989-90 and quickly adapted to his new sport. In his second year he was lead for the four which won the Canterbury centre Robinson Shield for junior bowlers for the second year running. Although remaining competitive throughout his playing career at the club, it was his administrative skills and willingness to serve which Ron will be remembered for.

Ron, a retired bus driver, was always willing to organise and often drive the coach to the many social gatherings held outside of Kaiapoi. Reversing a coach backwards down one of Lyttelton's steepest streets was a good example of his skill in this area.

He also helped organise the club's first overseas trip when a group of bowlers and friends ventured to the Gold Coast in 1997.



**Figure 36: Ron Richardson**

Ron served two terms as President and was immediate past president when he passed away unexpectedly at the Burwood Park Bowling Club in January 2001. It was in his two years of Presidential office that the majority of planning for the new Astrograss green was done. Ron spent many hours visiting other greens that had artificial surfaces and organised members trips to bowling clubs at Dunsandel and St Martins as well as visiting Akaroa and Coalgate himself, in order to fine-tune the preparation for our own green. The culmination of the many hours that Ron had spent bringing the project to fruition came when his wife Doreen rolled the first bowl at the new green opening on September 1, 2001.

#### **Eric N Sincock**

Eric Sincock made his mark in the New Zealand Junior Finals 2 years running. In 1988/89 he played lead in the Fours. Other members of the seven players in the team included Gary Lawson, Andrew Curtain and Kelvin Scott, all to be New Zealand Champions many times over in years to come. Eric also won a Centre Champion of Champions Triples Title in 1990 playing lead for Travis Coup, Dave Cope being the second.

#### **Brian A Siviter**

Brian Siviter has been a member of the club for over 20 years and has served on the executive continuously since 1987. Over the years he has been on the match committee, selector, tournament organiser and social committee chairman. He was elected President for 3 terms in 1995-98.



**Figure 37: Brian Siviter.**

A jack-of-all-trades, one of Brian's biggest jobs was foreman of the working bees around the green while the new all-weather green was being laid last year. The demolition of old sheds and fences, concreting and block laying, the installation of shelters, the erection of a new wooden fence, together with painting etc. kept a large team busy for weeks under his guidance.

Brian also organised the installation of the large combined men and women's Honours Board. He also put a great deal of research into the amendments to the rules of the Constitution, which were adopted in 1989. For many years he was responsible for the engraving of our many cups and trophies. Brian was made a Life Member in 2001.

#### **Harry J Trumper**

Harry Trumper is the longest serving President of the club having accomplished two terms of three years, 1975-78 and 1981-84.

Joining the club in 1967, Harry quickly made his mark by becoming our first officially badged umpire and was honoured to officiate at the Commonwealth Games held in Christchurch in 1974. He was appointed President of the Christchurch Centre Umpires Association in 1976.



**Figure 38: Harry Trumper**

A tireless worker for the club, Harry put in countless hours of voluntary work. He also acted as greenkeeper or superintendent for many years.

He was a Canterbury Representative bowler against Otago in 1971.

Despite suffering a stroke a few years ago, which curtailed his bowling, Harry still retains a great interest in the club. He was appointed club Patron in 1996. Both he and his wife Eileen have been generous benefactors to the club providing many useful items over the years.

Harry was made a Life Member in 1985.

### **Harry Wilson**

Harry Wilson was President of the club for two terms in 1925-1927 and also served as secretary for several years. A fine bowler he transferred to the Linwood club in 1927. He twice skipped the New Zealand fours winners in 1934 and 1938 for that club.

## Kaiapoi Women's Bowling Club

A meeting was held in the Oddfellows Hall on 16 May 1953 to form a club and the following were elected to office.

President	Mrs G. Fitzgerald
Vice-President	Mrs F. Hart
Secretary/Treasurer	Mrs R.C. Crow

The men's club approved the formation with a membership limit of 35 playing members. This was increased to 40 in July 1959, provided that the new members names were submitted to the men's committee. Subsequently in December 1983 this was increased to 75. The first subscription was one guinea (\$2.10).

Over the years the ladies have contributed magnificently to the club's welfare through street stalls, work tables and in many other ways they have raised thousands of dollars to help pay for the amenities we enjoy today.

### Prominent Lady Members

#### Mrs G Smith

Gwen Smith was a foundation member of the Ladies' Club and a very prominent bowler for many years. A winner of some 25 Club Championships, she won the Champion of Champion Singles in 1965 and in the same year skipped the Kaiapoi four to victory in the New Zealand Women's Championship in Dunedin. She was elected President on 7 occasions and was made a Life Member in 1981.



Figure 39: Women's Dominion Fours winners 1965. Mrs C. Chapple (2nd), Mrs E. Hopkins (3rd), Mrs G. Smith (skip), Mrs A. Scott (lead)

### **Mrs E Coup**

Edith is our longest serving member of the club having joined in 1956 when she won the First Year Player award. Over the years she has been a Club Champion on 21 occasions and twice has been skip of the Champion of Champion Pairs. The first was with Helen Phelan in 1968 and the second with Ora Bate in 1991. Serving on the Executive for many years she was President for two years in 1973 and 1974 and is a Life Member of the club.

It is probably not well known that Edith was no mean golfer. The Press reported that on March 13<sup>th</sup> 1976 she had an especially pleasing round when she scored a hole-in-one at the 13<sup>th</sup> on the Kaiapoi Golf Course.

### **Mrs K Wilson**

Kath Wilson is another long serving member who joined in 1957 winning the First Year Player award. She also had success in the Singles on 3 occasions and was four times a member of the winning Four. She served on the committee for many years and was made a Life Member in 2001.

### **Mrs O Bate**

Ora Bate started bowling in 1978 and won the First Year Player award. Her total of 17 Club Titles include 7 Singles Titles. With her Champion of Champion Pairs win with Edith Coup, Ora, has also won 3 Centre Titles with the Linwood Club. She was a Canterbury Representative on several occasions.

### **Mrs R D Peters**

Raelene Peters was an instant success as a bowler winning the Champion of Champion Singles for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Players in 1986/87. She was President of the Women's Club for two years in 1989-91. Playing Third she was in the winning team for the Champion of Champion Fours in 1991. After winning the Club Singles the following year, Raelene transferred to the strong Linwood Club, but retained her membership at Kaiapoi as a social member.

It was not long before she began to make her mark as a top lady bowler. Playing for Linwood she has extended her Centre titles to 18 which gives her the Gold Star and two bars.

Playing at National level she has won a New Zealand Fours and was also been runner up. Winning in the New Zealand Zone Finals for Canterbury has also counted as a National Title. The holder of 3 Super Bowls titles she was also runner up in the New Zealand Singles.

For the oncoming season she is a Canterbury Selector.



**Figure 40: Raelene Peters**

## Life Members

Although Life Membership was available to members from the first constitution drawn up in 1912, it was not acted upon until 1924 when Mr Richard Wylie was elected the first Life Member. Messrs L.B. Evans and J. Williams were honoured in the 1940's when a clause in the constitution relating to Life Membership allowed members the opportunity to buy the same for the sum of 10 pounds. It appears that nobody took advantage of this clause, which was deleted at the AGM in 1961.

### 1924 August 28

**Mr Richard Wylie** was elected the first Life Member. He had served as President for 2 years and also as Secretary. Known as "The Grand Old Man of Bowls" he won the Maddison Trophy for the Champion of Champions Singles in 1914 and also skipped the Champion of Champion Fours in 1917. Joining the club in 1904 he won many titles including the Singles on several occasions. After his death in 1926 a memorial known as the Wylie Badges was given for challenges between the club and the Kaiapoi W.M.C This was to be a fours game, the winners receiving the Four Badges and holding them until the next challenge. Over the years it was played on and off sometimes several times a season until 1970 when they seemed to have disappeared. Richard Wylie was Mayor of Kaiapoi 1912-14.

### Mr L.B. Evans

Llew Evans joined the club about 1912 and was elected President for the 1915-16 season. For 21 years he served as the Club Delegate for the Christchurch Bowling Centre and for two consecutive years in 1931-33 was the Centre President. The records show that he was the only one to serve two terms of office. In 1940 he was elected President of the NZ Bowling Association. Shortly after his death in 1951 his son Mr Dick Evans presented an electric clock in memory of his father. This is still the one on view from the green today. The minutes reveal that Mr Evans who owned the flourmill at Ohoka often donated (during the war years) 25lb sacks of flour to Tournament winners; entry fees were 1 shilling per head.

### Mr J. Williams

Joe Williams joined the club in 1923 and was a member until his death in 1960. He was Treasurer in 1931 and on the Committee for many years. As green superintendent and greenkeeper he worked hard over a long period.

**Mr A. Jackson 1944** – This gentleman owned the property known as "Revells" (the present car park) and in 1944 offered to donate this land to the club in consideration that he and his father Mr J. Jackson be made Life Members. A Special General Meeting on December 2 1944 was called to discuss the matter and an overwhelming majority was in favour. There is no evidence to show that either gentleman ever played bowls. Mr A. Jackson was apparently living in Rakaia in 1953.

**Mr J.G. Yellowlees 1951** – Jock Yellowlees brought his golf clubs to New Zealand and in 1908 he was instrumental in founding the Kaiapoi Golf Club. Prior to this he joined the Bowling Club in 1905 and was for 55 years a member. The minutes reveal that he tendered his resignation on four occasions but they do not appear to have been accepted. In 1917 records show that he played for the Kaiapoi Workingmen's Club but it is quite probable he was a member of both clubs.

A fine bowler he won the Club Singles on six occasions and many other titles as lead. He also served on the Committee for many years and as Secretary/Treasurer in 1937/38. He was elected a Life Member in 1951

**Mr W. Tinkler 1959** – Wal Tinkler was a member from 1942 and served many seasons as greenkeeper. He resigned in 1976 when leaving Kaiapoi. The club sent a telegram of congratulation on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

**Mr W.C. Tourell 1960** – Bill Tourell was another long serving member joining in 1923. He was President in 1930 and served on the Committee on and off for many years. As green superintendent he was responsible for producing a fine playing surface for many seasons. A fine bowler his name appears on the Honours Board no less than 12 times. His family as a memorial gave the Tournament draw boards in 1973. Bill was a builder by trade. Many fine buildings in Kaiapoi are a result of his work. The most notable being the Methodist Church built in 1934.

**Mr E. Fitzgerald 1964** – Ted Fitzgerald joined the club in 1940 and was President in 1946. He served as Treasurer on six occasions and was a long serving Committee member. In 1964 in conjunction with the Catholic Church he introduced the “Little Gold Mine” weekly raffle, which ran for 14 years and produced a steady income for the club. This was largely responsible for paying off the mortgage on our new pavilion built in 1967. Ted was proprietor of the Mandeville Hotel for many years. Although not an active bowler in his latter years he was still acting as Auditor in 1976.

**Mr A.M. Inwood 1969** – Arnold Inwood joined in 1950 and served as President in 1960. A very efficient Secretary he held that position for 8 seasons including 3 as Secretary/Treasurer. A very fine bowler, he could play in all positions, but in his latter years he specialised as a lead. Playing for Travis Coup, as lead, he won the Christmas Fours in 1968. He also played with the same team to be runner-up in 1966 and 1972. He also represented Christchurch Centre on several occasions. He was a bank manager by profession.

**Mr F. Bryden 1969** – Frank Bryden was a long time member from 1941 until his death in 1979. He was President in 1956 and served 3 years as Secretary/Treasurer and 2 years as Secretary. In 1947 he was Deputy Mayor of the Kaiapoi Borough.

**Mr L.E. Hughes 1970** – Les Hughes was a member from 1945 and served two terms as President in 1962 and 1966. He did sterling work on the building committee of the new Pavilion, in 1967, overcoming opposition from many who advocated a much smaller building.

**Mr H.O. Hayward 1977** – Ozzie Hayward was a fine bowler who could play in any position, but as a specialist second he was hard to beat. Joining the club in 1960, he won numerous titles in Pairs, Triples and Fours. In the Centre Christmas Fours he was a winner in 1968 and runner-up on two occasions. He served on the Committee for several years and also acted as green superintendent and greenkeeper. A painter by trade Ozzie was a handyman who spent a lot of time maintaining the club property. For several years his next-door neighbour was Norman Kirk, later to be NZ Prime Minister. His daughter Margaret was “Big Norm’s” private secretary and later wrote his biography “The Kirk Years”. Ozzie left Kaiapoi for Wellington in 1983 to live with his daughter. He died a few years ago aged 92.

**Mr A.R. Hide 1982** – Andy Hide became a member in 1962 and quickly made his mark as a fine lead bowler winning several titles in that position. On the administrative side he took over the Secretary’s job in 1968, a position he held until his untimely death in 1988.

A generous benefactor he left a trust of \$10,000 to the club. Under certain conditions the interest can be used for travelling expenses and for prizes in Tournaments. Before his death he started the “Andy Hide Pairs” run under Australian Rules. It is now played annually as a memorial amongst club members. His wife Lorna who pre-deceased him left the serving trolley to the club and his son David presented the piano.

**Mr P.A. Mealings 1983** – Phil Mealings was a son of Jim Mealings one of our earliest and most successful bowlers. He joined the club in 1944 and was a long time member of the Committee serving as President in 1953. A winner of the Singles in 1952 and Pairs in 1974, Phil also skipped a Four, which included his father and brother, to victory. With his son Ron now a member, the Mealings name has been prominent in the club for nearly the whole century.

**Mr F. Moss 1990** – Fred Moss arrived in Kaiapoi in 1946 and along with fellow Yorkshireman Eddie Johnson set up in business as builders in Peraki Street. After first building their own homes, Fred later went to work at the Woollen Mills as a carpenter and also at the Fellmongery until his retirement. For over 35 years from 1957 he was a loyal and hardworking member of the club. He served as President for 3 consecutive years 1971-74. A better than average bowler Fred was well known for his dry wit and humour.

**Mr G. Gimblett 1990** – Geoff Gimblett was another long serving member of the club stretching over 40 years. After starting at the Kaiapoi W.M.C he joined the club in 1957. He quickly made his mark on the Committee becoming President in 1961. A keen sportsman Geoff will be remembered by many as a fine football coach for the Kaiapoi Rugby Club.

Other life members covered elsewhere in this publication include:

**T.F. Coup 1974**

**H.J. Trumper 1985**

**G.R. Matthews 1994**

**T.R. Fenwick 1998**

**LG. McFadden 2001**

**B.A. Siviter 2001**

# Kaiapoi Bowling Club Honours Board

## Christchurch Centre Titles

### Maddison Trophy - Open Singles

1914 R. Wylie  
1987-88 C. Bullock  
2000-01 I. McNish



Figure 41: Chris Bullock

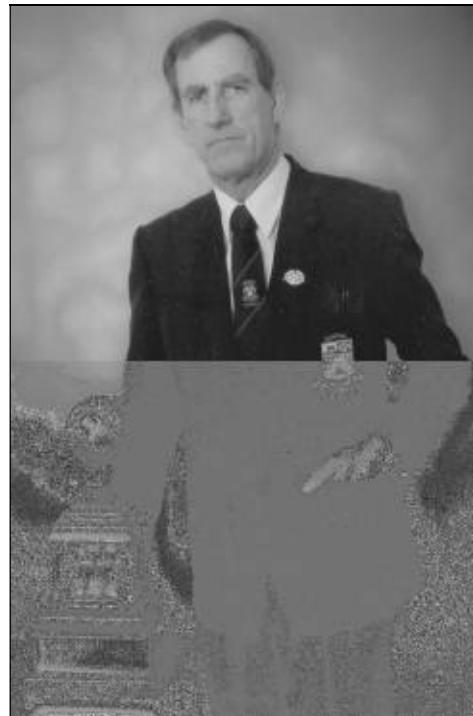


Figure 42: Ian McNish

### Champion Of Champion Pairs

1914 J. Pavitt - F. Parnham  
1917 E. Monk - E. Simpson  
1961-62 K. Ashley - T. Coup  
1980-81 A. Griffin - T. Coup  
1983-84 A. Griffin - T. Coup

### Champion Of Champion Triples

1989-90 E. Sincock, D. Cope, T. Coup  
1991-92 T. Bayliss, I. Cross, A. Griffin

### Champion Of Champion Fours

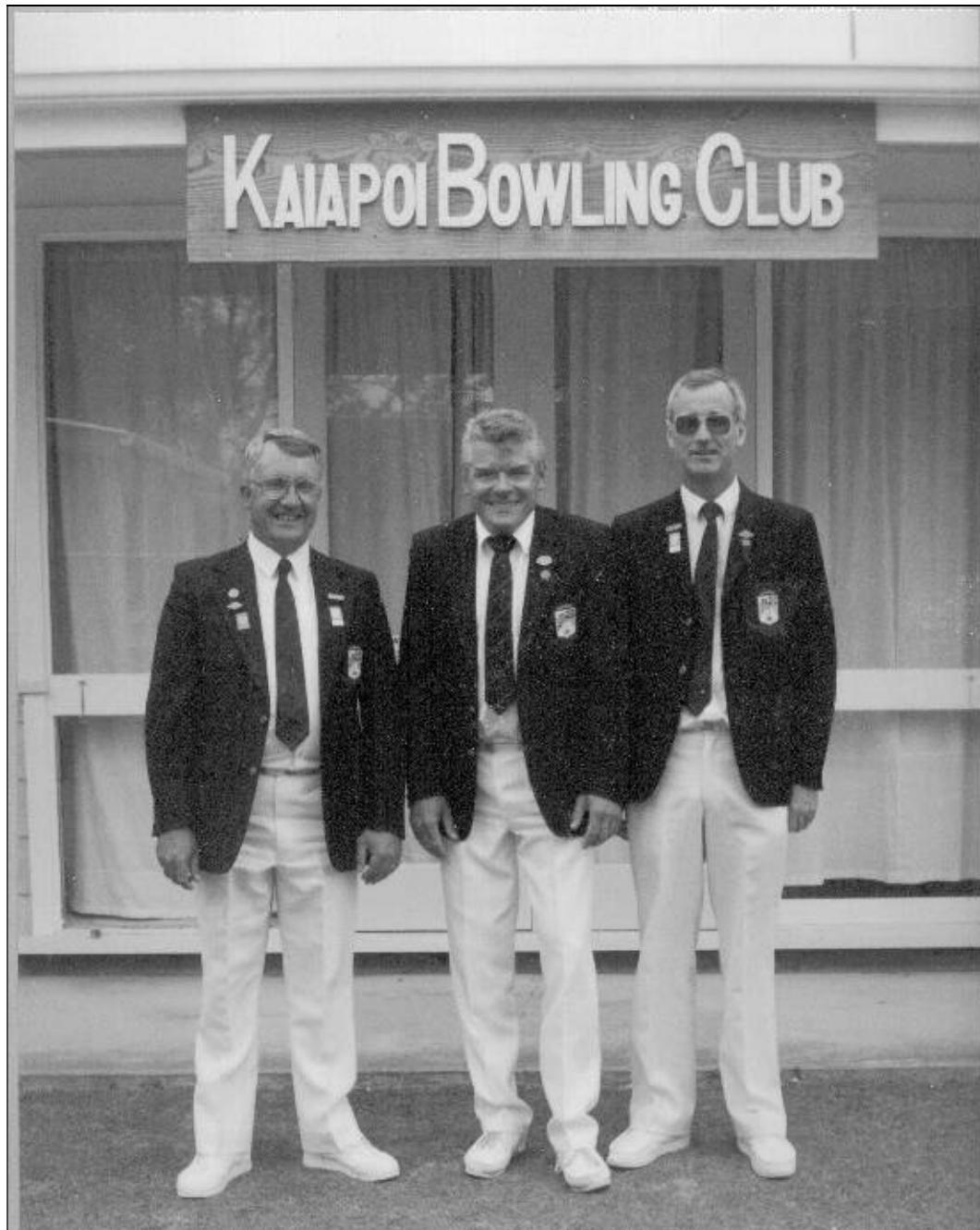
1917 E. Monk, J. Mealings, G. Hall, R. Wylie  
1985-86 M. Beeby, G. Howse, G. Matthews, A. Griffin

### **Open Pairs**

1976-77 G. Matthews, T. Coup  
1981-82 G. Matthews, T. Coup  
1985-86 G. Matthews, T. Coup  
Also Runners-Up In 1983-84 And 1984-85

### **Open Triples**

1993-94 T. Bayliss, W. Stanbury, R. Glucina



**Figure 43: Warren Stanbury, Ratko Glucina, Tom Bayliss**

### **Champion Of Champion Colts**

1958 A. Oakes  
1995-96 P. Mariu

### **Christmas Fours**

1968-69 A. Inwood, O. Hayward, G. Matthews, T. Coup  
1982-83 M. Beeby, T. Hopkinson, A. Griffin, G. Matthews  
1997-98 Mrs J. Worrall, Mrs M. Gibson, T. Holland, G. Matthews

### **Robinson Shield - Junior Fours**

1988-89 R. Walls, G. Counihan, J. Steel, R. Adams  
1989-90 R. Richardson, R. Walls, I. Walls, R. Adams

### **Mr S Manning Cup**

Mr S. Manning was the winner of the first New Zealand Singles championship in 1887. A member of the Christchurch Club he presented this cup in 1925 for Inter-Club Pennants (fours) competition on Saturday afternoons. For many years it was the premier trophy until the introduction of Super 7's, Open 10's and Four Fours in recent years. The club first won this handsome trophy in 1932; the second occasion was in our Jubilee year 1953, finally it was won for the 3rd time this last season 2001-02.

## **Kaiapoi Women's Bowling Club**

### **WINNERS OF NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FOOURS**

1965 Mrs A. Scott, Mrs.C. Chapple, Mrs E. Hopkins, Mrs G. Smith

### **Christchurch Centre Titles**

### **CHAMPION OF CHAMPION SINGLES**

1965 Mrs G. Smith

### **CHAMPION OF CHAMPION PAIRS**

1968 Mrs H. Phelan, Mrs E. Coup  
1991 Mrs O. Bate, Mrs E. Coup

### **CHAMPION OF CHAMPION FOOURS**

1991 Mrs D. Richardson, Mrs B. Williams, Mrs R. Peters, Mrs D. Mustchin

### **FIRST YEAR PLAYER**

1987 Mrs R. Peters

## Club Officers

	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
1902	Rev. J. Holland	A.F. Mackay	
1903	E. Parnham	A.F. Mackay	
1904	E. Parnham	A.F. Mackay	
1905	G.H. Blackwell	A.F. Mackay	
1906	W. Wright	Rev. J. Holland	J.A. Hayman
1907	R. Moore	T.R. Leithead	
1908	A.F. Mackay	F.L. Parnham	
1909	A. Pearce	R. Wylie	
1910	A. Pearce	W.T. Crick	
1911	F.L. Parnham	J.W. Wright	
1912	R. Wylie	W.T. Crick	
1913	R. Wylie	J.A. Mealings	
1914	T. Douds	G.A. Kissling	
1915	L.L. Evans	G.A. Kissling	
1916	W.V. Poole	G.A. Kissling	
1917	Dr. J.H. Crawshaw	G.A. Kissling	
1918	G.A. Kissling	J. Wylie	
1919	Dr. J.H. Crawshaw	J. Wylie	H. Wilson
1920	Dr. J.H. Crawshaw	H. Wilson	W. Reeves
1921	W.H. Reeves	H. Wilson	E.B. Simpson
1922	J.B. Wylie	H.W. Childs	R. Brown
1923	Dr. Maxwell Ramsey	E.E. Papprill	
1924	Dr. Maxwell Ramsey	H.W. Childs	
1925	H. Wilson	H.W. Childs	
1926	H. Wilson	H.W. Childs	
1927	Dr. Maxwell Ramsey	H.W. Childs	
1928	B. Pendlington	W.G. Wylie	J. Bosomworth
1929	H. McIntosh	W.G. Wylie	J. Bosomworth
1930	W.C. Tourell	W.G. Wylie	J. Bosomworth
1931	A. Gordon	J.D. Williams	
1932	S. Menneer	W.G. Wylie	
1933	S. Menneer	W.G. Wylie	
1934	S. Menneer	W.G. Wylie	
1935	Rev. W.H.A. Vickery	W.G. Wylie	
1936	Rev. W.H.A. Vickery	W.G. Wylie	
1937	W.G. Wylie	J.G. Yellowlees	
1938	W.G. Wylie	J.G. Yellowlees	
1939	W. Hart	A.E. Miles	
1940	W. Hart	A.E. Miles	
1941	E. Monk	A.E. Miles	
1942	E. Monk	A.E. Miles	
1943	G. McGregor	E. Fitzgerald	
1944	J. Murphy	E. Fitzgerald	
1945	W. Wallace	E. Fitzgerald	
1946	E. Fitzgerald	G. Hammer	
1947	N.E. Clemens	C.H. Court	
1948	R. Calder	F. Bryden	
1949	R. Calder	F. Bryden	
1950	J.S. Middleton	E. Fitzgerald	S. Wright

1951	G. Dunn	E. Fitzgerald
1952	J.S. Middleton	E. Fitzgerald
1953	P.A. Mealings	F. Bryden
1954	E. Fitzgerald	F. Bryden
1955	H. Archer	T.G. Hardy
1956	F. Bryden	R. Haworth
1957	T. Cross	A. Inwood
1958	T. Cross	A. Inwood
1959	H. Wilkinson	A. Inwood
1960	A. Inwood	F. Bryden
1961	G. Gimblett	A. Inwood
1962	L. Hughes	C. Waite
1963	G. Brown	C. Waite
1964	G. Brown	A. Inwood
1965	L. Hughes	A. Inwood
1966	T. Coup	A. Inwood
1967	T. Coup	A. Inwood
1968	W. Power	A. Hide
1969	W. Power	A. Hide
1970	F. Moss	A. Hide
1971	F. Moss	A. Hide
1972	F. Moss	A. Hide
1973	J. Clemett	A. Hide
1974	J. Clemett	A. Hide
1975	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1976	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1977	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1978	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1979	W. Thiele	A. Hide
1980	W. Thiele	A. Hide
1981	E. Johnson	A. Hide
1982	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1983	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1984	H. Trumper	A. Hide
1985	C.A. Rice	A. Hide
1986	C.A. Rice	A. Hide
1987	R. Duncan	A. Hide
1988	R. Duncan	A. Hide
1989	C. Tyson	A. Hide
1990	C. Tyson	C. Wheeler
1991	W. Campbell	C. Wheeler
1992	W. Campbell	C. Wheeler
1993	T. Fenwick	W. Stanbury
1994	T. Fenwick	W. Stanbury
1995	G. Matthews	W. Stanbury
1996	B. Siviter	D. Ansell
1997	B. Siviter	C. Ferguson
1998	B. Siviter	G. Matthews
1999	R. Richardson	R. Hoddinott
2000	R. Richardson	R. Hoddinott
2001	W. Stanbury	R. Hoddinott
2002	W. Stanbury	R. Bennetts

# **Kaiapoi Bowling Club**

## **Elected Officers 2002/2003**

<i>Patron</i>	H.Trumper
<i>President</i>	W.Stanbury
<i>Vice President</i>	R.Bennetts
<i>Hon Secretary</i>	R.Bennetts
<i>Hon Treasurer</i>	T.Holland
<i>Centre Delegate</i>	W.Stanbury
<i>House Manager</i>	D.Howell
<i>Green Superintendent</i>	B.Siviter
<i>Club Captain</i>	P.Harris

## **Ladies Officers**

<i>President</i>	D.McIntosh
<i>Past President</i>	J.Fenwick
<i>Vice President</i>	B.Kitson
<i>Hon Secretary</i>	A.Ogier
<i>Hon Treasurer</i>	J.Dempsey
<i>Centre Delegate</i>	B.Kitson