

A SHORT HISTORY OF NEDLANDS LADIES BOWLING CLUB, 1932-1987

The Nedland Ladies Bowling Club was formed in 1932, the Foundation President being Mrs A Forestal, and Foundation Secretary, Mrs Steplins. Mrs Steplins had been invited by Mrs Forestal to call the meeting and she asked: "if the men would really like to have a Ladies Club formed?"

In 1934, Nedlands Bowling Club had a small Clubhouse, two greens being established in 1935. The Men's Club grew rapidly and other greens became available in 1950 and 1959.

In 1959, the Club was suffering the loss of many good players to Dalkeith Ladies so a Minute was placed on the books in 1961:

"That if a member belonged to more than one Club in the district and played Pennant, then they played Pennant for Nedlands or could not belong to our Club".

The new Clubhouse as built in 1960-61 and another green was added. The Ladies membership grew to 160 members by 1970. However, by 1987 the membership dropped to 65.

On 29 September, 1982, the Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary. The Club has since amalgamated with Dalkeith and, with great sadness, the doors closed on a great Club where many had enjoyed bowls and friendships made over a total of 55 years.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER

Mrs Jen Edis W.A.L.P.A. President and Life Member of the Association, serving on the State Executive 1962-84 Patron of Dalkeith-Nedlands Ladies Bowling Club.

(Extract from W A.L.B.A. Inaugural History of W.A Clubs)

Ladies Committee, 1995-96

Vice-Patron	Shirley Cruickshank
President	Helen Sandford
Vice-Present	Margaret Connor
Hon. Secretary	Fay Turner
Hon. Secretary	Lesley Phillp
Match captain	Cathy Minchin
Pennant Selector	Norma Foreman
Social Convenor	Noelle Stade
Delegate to WALBA	Mary Hilton
Committee:	Anne Atkinson Libby de Burgh Sue Vernon
Match Committee:	Celia Bakker Ann Carrington-Jones Phyll Chappell Joan Oldham

Ladies Championship Results 1994-95

CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES:

Winner:	C. Minchin
R/Up:	A. Moss
Plate:	J. Simpson
R/Up Plate:	M. Hilton

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS:

Winner:	N. Stade, H. Sandford
R/Up:	C. Minchin, S. Flanagan
Plate:	J. Simpson, M. Fethers
R/Up Plate:	W. Broad, M. de Pledge

CHAMPIONSHIP TRIPLES:

Winner:	N. Stade, H. Sandford, E. Heath
R/Up:	A. Atkinson, P. Chappell, G. Shovelton
Plate:	M. Fether, J. Simpson, M. Clough

CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS:

Winner:	N. Stade, H. Sandford, A. Moss, E. Heath
R/Up:	M. Fether, J. Simpson, V. Palmer, C. Bakker



Shirley Cruickshank Opening Ladies Summer Season.



Cathy Minchin, Singles Winner.



Molly Marshall, Life Member, 101 years
Treasurer 17 years at Opening Day 1994.

Forthcoming Events - Ladies Calendar

August 9-10am - Fashion Parade & Morning Tea

Parade by Thompson's
Members and freinds, and wives of members are all invited.

September 6 - Final Card Day - Soup and Sandwich Day

12 midday: All members and friends invited, play cards, mahjong or bowls.

Ladies Opening Day - 13 September, 10.30am.

A Brief Outline of the History of the Nedlands Bowling Club from 1930 to 1980

This outline was prepared by Reg Buckett for the 50th Anniversary Dinner, held at the Club House, Bruce Street, Nedlands, on 23 July, 1930.

The first general meeting was called by the provisional Committee and was held in the Nedlands Picture Theatre on Wednesday, 23 July, 1930. (So tonight we are as close as possible to the 50 years span of time, and that meeting.)

It was reported to that meeting that negotiations with the Claremont Road Board, relative to terms and conditions and of obtaining the use of a Bowling Green site in Melvista Avenue, had been held

The Claremont Road Board had advised it was prepared to rent out the bowling green for a period of two years at a fee of one hundred pounds per year.

This would include the maintenance of the green and the erection of a pavilion, the cost of which was not to exceed four hundred pounds. Rental to be reviewed at the end of two years. The Board regretted not being in a position to install electric lighting. This would have to be provided by the Club.

Not surprisingly, it was resolved to accept the Claremont Road Board offer and that a club be formed to be known as the Nedlands Bowling Club.

The first President was Mr Forrestal and the first Patron was Sir Norburt Keenan, MLA.

It is of note that over the 50 years the Club has only had two Patrons - the late Sir Norburt Keenan from 23 July, 1930 until his death in April, 1954, and Sir Charles Court, who joined the Club in March, 1953, and was elected Patron on the demise of Sir Norburt, a position he still holds.

The formation of the Nedlands Ladies Bowling Club was on 10 February, 1932.

At a meeting of the Nedlands Bowling Club held that night it was debated at some length the conditions under which the members would agree to the formation of the Ladies Club. When decided, these included:

- 1) Members of the Ladies Club must be female relatives of members of the NBC.
- 2) That when a member of NBC resigned, the matter of his female relative continuing as a member of the Ladies Club be left for decision by the Ladies Club.

3) That 2 rinks be available for the use of ladies on a Tuesday & Thursday afternoon (provided they were not needed for pennant games by the men) and that four rinks be available for ladies on a Saturday night (remember, only one green at that time).

4) Ladies be asked to provide afternoon tea during men's pennant games at a charge of 9d per head and that any profit accruing be donated to NBC to offset rent of the green and the cost of electricity.

It is not entirely clear when a Patroness was first elected, but it is thought to be in 1962 when Mrs Ball, who is still a life member, was elected. In 1965 Lady Court was elected as Patroness - a position she has held continuously since then. So it is almost certain that the Ladies Bowling Club also has only had two eminent persons holding this office.

The first mention of the Nedlands Road Board rather than the Claremont Road Board was in 1933.

As a matter of interest, in view of a very much later discussion about a similar proposal, there was the suggestion in September, 1934, from the Nedlands Golf Club, that there should be formed an association of Nedlands sporting bodies.

In December, 1934, the NRB agreed to complete a second green.

In August, 1935, four members of the Club advanced a loan of fifty pounds to complete the extension to the Club pavilion.

In January, 1947, the first game against the Postal Institute was held. The association with the Postal Institute has continued every year since then.

In February, 1949 it was noted that the alterations to Club premises had been completed and that the NRB agreed to finance it to a value of £1200 on a repayable loan basis. The same year negotiations for the laying of the fourth green were commenced and the Nedlands Road Board agreed to assist.

It is interesting that a resolution was passed by the general committee in March, 1956, that each sporting body in the district donate a link for the Mayoral chain which would be required as Nedlands had just been raised in status to a Municipality.

Further extensive additions to the Club premises have been carried out since that time with the assistance of loans by the Nedlands Council - the last, and most comprehensive, being in 1974

Postscript

On 9 July, 1987 a Special General Meeting of all Club members & associates was held for the single purpose of considering a proposed merger with the Dalkeith Bowling Club, or finding an alternative to such a move.

After full discussion a motion was moved, seconded and carried unanimously by that meeting.

On 1 October 1987 the amalgamation of the two clubs was in place, and the present Dalkeith-Nedlands Bowling Club was created.

For all bowlers when bowling
before 4.00pm

GREEN FEES

\$2

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