

THE MORNINGTON GOLF CLUB 1916-1991

Proposed Berhampore Municipal Golf Links

In early 1914, a deputation headed by Dr R.A. Cameron and Mr A. Whitelaw went to the Wellington City Council with a scheme to create a nine hole golf course. The proposal was favourably received by Council and a Council Golf Committee was formed to look at plans, course formation, costs and upkeep of the proposed Municipal Golf Course.

An estimate of about £300 (300 pounds) to cover all expenses for gorse clearing, forming putting greens and tees and getting the course in good order for play, was tabled. It was suggested that once the course was formed into good playing condition, one man should be able to do all that was required to keep the course in order and collect green fees etc. — the salary to be £3 per week.

1 round of 9 holes	6d (6 pence)
1 round of 18 holes	1/- (1 shilling)
1 day of golf.....	1/6
1 week of golf	5/-
From 12 noon on Saturdays.....	1/-
Annual Membership.....	£1/1/- (1 guinea)

W.C.C. Reserves Sub-Committee Meeting — 27 May 1914

Present

Crs Luckie (Chairman), Buddle and McKenzie, The City Engineer, Messrs J. Watt (Heretaunga Golf Professional), G.A. Sutton and W. Simpson. The Mayor sent an apology for non-attendance, but intimated that he would be only too pleased to do what he could to further the proposal on the agenda.

Mr Simpson's estimates of formation and ground fees for the suggested Municipal Golf Course were as follows:

Formation:

Cutting gorse, fences round greens, formation of greens, bridges, tee boxes, track cutting and drainage	£30
Plant	£50
Annual Upkeep	£300

Estimated Receipts

Casual Fees (to be fixed), plus about 100 subscribers at £1/1/- £300

Receipts from 'Grazing Rights' on the land to be added.

Mr Sutton reported that the membership lists in other clubs were all full and many applicants were waiting for admission. He said that with a fairly good playable nine hole course, his estimates of the receipts would be at least £300 per annum. Listed membership of the clubs around Wellington were as follows: Miramar 400, Heretaunga 407, Karori 200, Hutt 250, Johnsonville 150, Waiwhetu 100. Total 1507.

It was arranged that the City Engineer, with Messrs Watt and Simpson, would have the course pegged and surveyed. The measurements would be shown on the subsequent plan and supplied to the Reserves Sub-Committee within about three weeks.

W.C.C. Reserves Sub-Committee Recommendations

1. A report be obtained from Mr Morton regarding the probable cost of moving the Plague Hospital Building and re-erecting the same on south frontage of Britomart Street, and equipping it as a golf house.
2. The nursery and the land be utilised in the golf links.
3. A report be obtained from the City Solicitor as to the rights of the Council to charge 'so much per round' to players.
4. Obtain a report as to the rights of the Council to resume possession of the land now leased, but which will be required for the proposed golf course.

On 30 March 1915, four professional golfers surveyed the course and on 30 October of that year the 9 holes, bogey (par) 39, Wellington Municipal Golf Links (later to be renamed Berhampore Municipal Golf Links) was opened for play by the professionals Messrs Watt, Duncan, Marshbank and Douglas.

Inauguration of the Mornington Golf Club

On 29 January 1916, 18 men attended the first meeting in a pavilion of the Wellington Municipal Golf Links, Berhampore.

Present: Dr R.A. Cameron (Chairman), Messrs P.W. Bass, A.J. Cameron, N.F. Dunlop, T. Howse, T. Gibson, T. Johnson, G. McCarthy, J.M. McIntosh, L.J. Pirani, R. Richmond, A. Rogers, G.H. Scott, J.P. Shand, S.R. Shannow, J.T. Twomey, P.C. Watt and W. Whitehead. It was resolved that those present form themselves into a club to be called The Wellington Municipal Golf Club.

The First Elected Executive and Committee

Chairman-Captain	Dr R.A. Cameron
Secretary	Mr W. Whitehead
Treasurer	Mr J.M. McIntosh

Committee Men:

Messrs N.F. Dunlop, T. Gibson, A. Rogers, G.H. Scott and P.C. Watt.

The meeting resolved that:

- 1.The quorum at any committee meeting be three (3).
- 2.The subscription be set at five shillings (5/-) per annum.
- 3.Entry for weekend competitions be at two pence (2d) per card.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr McIntosh for the work he had done in connection with the golf links and the formation of the club.

A vote of thanks to Dr Cameron for his services in the chair terminated the meeting.

The First Committee Meeting, held at 111 Customhouse Quay, Wellington on 4 February 1916

Present: Dr R.A. Cameron (Chairman), Messrs W. Whitehead (Secretary), J.M. McIntosh (Treasurer), T. Gibson and A. Rogers.

Rules of the Club

The following rules drawn up by the Secretary, were considered, amended and adopted:

- 1.A committee meeting be held on the last Saturday of each month at 5pm, unless a special meeting be requested by any member of the Committee.
- 2.The whole Committee to be the handicapping Committee with two (2) to form a quorum.
- 3.The bogey (par) of the holes to be as follows: 1st hole 4, 2nd hole 4, 3rd hole 4, 4th hole 5, 5th hole 4, 6th hole 5, 7th hole 5, 8th hole 4, 9th hole 5. Total 39.
Note: 1st and 9th holes probably shared the same green.

This nine holes, bogey (par) 39 Wellington Municipal Golf Links, (later renamed Berhampore Municipal Golf Links) was opened on 30 October 1915.

The Secretary was authorised to purchase a Minutes Book, Membership Book, Cash Book, Ledger, Receipt Book, Petty Cash Book, rubber stamp, Membership Cards and Scorecards. The Treasurer's offer to take charge of the club funds in his trust account to offset bank charges, was accepted.

Competitions

Continuous Bogey and Stroke Competitions to be played for prizes in each separate competition. The prizes to be purchased out of the Entrance Fees (2d per card). Prizes to be played for by players returning the best cards during each preceeding month. On the first Saturday of each month, Bogey; on the second Saturday of each month,

Stroke. Competitors to play on their handicap on each Saturday.

A monthly competition for a silver button, to be played over nine holes on handicap, on the third Saturday in each month. In February, April, June, August and October, Stroke. In March, May, July, September and November, against Bogey. Entry Fee 6d.

it was resolved that a Club Championship competition be held, the eight best gross scores over 18 holes on the first or second Saturday in October to qualify to play off in Match Play over 18 holes. Entry Fee 6d each.

Every competitor was told he must obtain a Book of Rules, to read and learn the rules prior to entering competitions on pain of disqualification.

Members' handicaps were fixed and local rules were considered and amended.

The Committee decided that the rule in club competition that allows competitors' cards to be marked only by members of the club, be rescinded, and that the following rule be substituted: In a club competition where a club member is not available as a scorer for a competitor, it shall be permissible for a Committee man or the Secretary to appoint some person as scorer. in the absence of any Committee man and the Secretary, a scorer may be appointed by the Custodian.

The question of arranging matches with other clubs was left in the hands of the Secretary.

On 24 June 1916 the following team was chosen to play against the Waiwhetu Golf Club: W. Whitehead, L.B. Rhodes, J.T. Bowness, F.N. Dunlop, A. Rogers and J. McIntosh. (Note: This was the first recorded team).

it was in this year of the club's history that a clubhouse consisting of a two roomed building was secured for men and lady golfers, on a level part of the town belt where Britomart and Farnham Streets meet in the suburb of Mornington. The building was leased from the Wellington City Council. Dr Cameron (Club Chairman-Captain) who was a City Councilor in 1913 and 1914 was highly regarded by the Council. It had been said that the lease was 'pushed through' at the request of the good doctor.

By the end of the club's first year, the following gentlemen had been elected as members (in order of acceptance): Dr R.A. Cameron (Chairman-Captain), Messrs W. Whitehead (Secretary), J.M. McIntosh (Treasurer), N.F. Dunlop, T.H. Gibson, A. Rogers, G.H. Scott and P.C. Watt (Committee), J.T. Twomey, S.R. Sharrow, A.J. Cameron, L.J. Pirani, R. Richmond, T. Howse, J.P. Shand, P.W. Bass, G. McCarthy, T. Johnson, J.R. Bowness, T.A. Johnston, A. Feldwick, C.H. White, R.E. White, J.W. Haslam, S.H. Underwood, T.O. Tremayne, A.E. Odlin, G.L. Brett, Fanning, G.H. Loney, R.J. Christie, W. Fielding, T.M. Fletcher, J.A. Fuller, H. Partridge, J.L. Black, I.W.S. Male, L.B. Rhodes, E.R. Nicholson, R. Edwards, Wright, W. Yarrow, S.Y. Jones, F.M. Griffen, G.R. Brooks, L. Simm, D.M. Mcintyre, A. Shand, Carter, Charles, H.M. Frazer,

F.A. Midlane, T. Martin, R.W. Shallcross, S. Turner, R. Dwyer, M.F. Gibson, F. Rasey, J.W. Blake, L. Blake and Col. J.G. Hughes. Total 61 members.

The Treasurer and Secretary presented a statement of accounts for the year ended 31 December 1916, showing a balance of £10/14/5d in the club's favour.

A dozen golf balls were donated to the club from time to time during the year and these were played for on the first Saturday of each month, one ball being won each Saturday. It was resolved that the following prizes be given out of the club's funds:

- Continuous Stroke Competition to the value of 10/-
- Continuous Bogey Competition to the value of 10/-
- Club Championship Competition to the value of £2121-
- Match Play Tournament to the value of 10/-

In this, *the last Committee meeting of our first year, dated 28 February 1917*, the Committee decided unanimously that an Honorarium of £4/4/- be donated to the Secretary as an acknowledgement of his service during the past year.

Eleven (11) members attended the 1st Annual General Meeting on 17 March 1917.

Present

Dr Cameron (in the chair), and Messrs Dunlop, Watt, Charles, Rogers, McIntosh, Shand, T. Gibson, M. Gibson, Twomey, Whitehead.

After the Minutes of the Meeting of Golfers, held on 29 January 1916 had been read and confirmed, Dr Cameron reviewed the history of the formation of the links and club, and spoke about the Council's adverse attitude with regard to a proposal for a change from Saturday play to Sunday play.

A recommendation was made to the incoming committee to promote a match play tournament for junior players only.

The AGM decided that a letter be sent to Mr Hollis (the Caretaker), expressing appreciation of his courtesy, geniality and care for the interests and well being of the members.

It was resolved with acclamation that Dr Cameron be elected President of the club (our first).

Elected Officers and Committee

Dr Cameron (Chairman-Captain), Mr W. Whitehead (Hon Secretary), Mr J. McIntosh (Treasurer), Messrs P.C. Watt, F.N. Dunlop, A. Rogers, F. Gibson and L.B. Rhodes (Committee).

Elected Vice Presidents

Hon A.L. Herdman, Dr Newman MP, A.H. Hindmarsh Esq. MP, T.M. Wilford Esq. MP, R. Fletcher Esq. MP, D. McLaren Esq., A.J. Cameron Esq., Professor Mckenzie and Colonel Hughes CMG, DSO.

Elected Honorary Members

Councillors Frost, McKenzie, Luckie, Fitzgerald, Thompson, Hutcheson and Messrs Morton, Patterson and McBain.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Secretary for his service during the year, donors of prizes, and to the Chairman at the termination of the meeting.

Extracts — 1917

It had been resolved at the AGM of 17 March 1917 that Opening Day and the competitions be advertised, and all golfers be invited to take part. Invitations to be present were also to be sent to the members of the following clubs: Wellington, Miramar, Hutt, Waiwhetu, Paekakariki, Karori and Johnsonville.

Dr Cameron Shield: It was suggested that the mode of play should be that the player returning the best net aggregate score of two rounds of 18 holes in each of the months of May, June, July, August, September and October should be entitled to play off in the final in November, on a day to be fixed by the Committee, 18 holes play on their handicaps at that date — a player only to qualify once.

2nd Annual General Meeting — 23 February 1918

Subscription increased from 5/- to 10/- per annum. Dr Cameron was requested to approach the City Council with a view to obtaining season tickets at as low a rate as possible.

At a Committee meeting during the year, Mr T. Gibson gave notice of motion that the name of the club be changed. Members were invited to suggest a more appropriate name. Later it was proposed that the name The Cosmopolitan Golf Club be taken to the next Annual General Meeting for approval and adoption.

3rd Annual General Meeting — 8 March 1919

At this meeting, a proposal was put to the members that the name of the club be changed to either 'The Berhampore Golf Club' or 'The Mornington Golf Club', and a ballot of members be taken to determine the name they prefer. The voting was in favour of 'The Mornington Golf Club'.

The Secretary was asked to write to the following clubs, regarding inter-club matches: Johnsonville, Karori, Paekakariki, Hutt, Miramar and Waiwhetu.

A memorandum re: buying golf balls from boys on the links, was to be prepared and circulated to all members.

Club Days of Competition Change From Saturday to Sunday

In the early 1920's, the club hired a King's Counsel to persuade a reluctant City Council to permit change from Saturday play to Sunday play. The change resulted in a marked increase in membership and increased activity on the links.

26 June 1921

Mr G. Brett presented a cup.

6th Annual General Meeting — 19 March 1922 Subscription increased to 12/6d.

3 June 1923

Mr H. Black donated a trophy in the form of a 'One Club Cup'.

The first recorded Club Championship was staged in 1923.

Many prominent golfers and administrators made their first serious swipe at a golf ball at Berhampore.

Two noted NZ Amateurs, Harold Black and his brother Jack were closely associated with the club. Harold was the Secretary for a time in 1923, when he presented a trophy to the club (Black Cup) before moving to the Miramar Golf Club.

Jack Black joined the Mornington Golf Club four months after it was formed. Later, Jack left the club and became a prominent Wellington golfer and runner-up in the NZ Amateur Championships on five occasions.

Wellington Freyberg Rosebowl player, Ken Carter started off at Mornington, as did Bob Dailey and Neil Nankivell (both Wellington Reps.)

Peter Church (12 times Mornington Senior Match Play Champion from 1944 to 1972) was also Senior Champion at Levin and Shandon during these years.

Wellington District Association President, Ken Stephen and Albie Watkins (Mornington and Miramar Executive Committee Members) each won Club Championships at Mornington.

8th Annual General Meeting — 6 March 1924

Subscription increase to 14/6d.

25 March 1925

Mr J.D. Sievwright presented a cup.

The second nine holes on the eastern side were completed about this time. Mr T.A. (Tim) Johnston (a first year member) recounted how members had to cut neck high gorse to make way for the new holes, and fence the greens to keep horses and cows off.

With the completion of 18 holes, Wellington's Municipal golf links had come of age, with breathtaking views when the summit at the 11th tee between Mt Albert and Houghton Bay Road was reached. Affectionately named 'The Goat Track', the course was reputed by many to be the most loved and most hated in New Zealand. A golfer could hit a ball off one of its blind tees and never see it again. You needed the hardiness of a mountaineer to negotiate its steep and rugged hills, and balancing skills to withstand the wind that swept in from the sea. Some of the greens were poor, very poor. Artificial watering was unheard of and the paths over which golfers pulled their trollies, in many places were little better than miniature river beds, uneven and rocky. Ever encroaching gorse had to be constantly kept under control, usually by voluntary club working parties. Heavily overgrown water courses and high rough added to the difficulties facing golfers who were not consistently accurate. But, in spite of all that, club members were out at first light of day for a round of golf, be it championship finals or just a stableford competition. These people had no special rights on the course ahead of the general public.

11th Annual General Meeting -22 March 1927

Subscription increased to £1/0/-, reducible to 15/- if paid before 1 June.

On 3 April 1927, the Secretary was asked to obtain quotes for the purchase of new scorecards with the names of the holes as follows:

No.1 -	Watts Venture No.10 -	Stony Rise
No.2 -	Camerons No.11 -	Kaikoura
No.3 -	Hill Crest No.12 -	The Descent
No.4 -	Double Gully No.13 -	Over the Top
No.5 -	The Crossing No.14 -	Compassion
No.6 -	Waimunga No.15 -	The Lawn
No.7 -	Waterworks No.16 -	Waterloo

No.8 - Crooked Creek No.17 - Western Slope
No.9 - Half Way No.18 - Mornington

12th Annual General Meeting - 11 March 1928

The Secretary was asked to write to Mr H. Black, explaining a change of conditions of play, re: his Cup, i.e. change from 'One Club' competition.

13th Annual General Meeting - 25 March 1929

It was decided to appoint a patron - Mr G.A. Troup.

Resolved that in future, handicaps of 15/11 and under constitute Seniors.

Mr J.R. Bowness presented a Cup.

15th Annual General Meeting - 16 March 1931

The following were elected Life Members: Messrs J.T. Bowness, T.A. Johnston and R. Rawlings.

New Pavilion at Wakefield Park

The Wellington City Council built the brick structure in 1931. Its main function was to serve the golfing public as a pavilion/tea rooms with locker facilities. The Council's intention at that time and even up to 1947, was to lease the pavilion to a catering establishment, and frequently called tenders for someone to lease the building, provide light refreshments and collect green fees. As a commercial venture, it never succeeded and lapsed.

In 1932, after lengthy discussions with the City Council, the club successfully secured a lease of the back room of the pavilion (present locker room) which served as 'everything', i.e. changing room, 19th hole, locker room, wet clothes, eating etc. This room was previously used as a changing room for sports players using Wakefield Park. The Ladies' Club was given the adjoining room, a combined total area of 108 sq. metres.

With the shifting of the Mornington Golf Club to the Wakefield Park pavilion where the Council was already established, the original No.1 hole (Watts Venture) was abandoned, and the whole sequence of holes on the links were changed to accommodate a new No.1 hole (Outward Bound) much nearer the pavilion.

New Sequence of Holes

No	Name	Bogey (Par)	No	Name (Par)	Bogey
1	Outward Bound	3	10	The Crossing	4
2	Double Gully	4	11	Waimunga	5
3	Compassion	4	12	Waterworks	3
4	The Lawn	3	13	Crooked Creek	3
5	Waterloo	4	14	J.D.S. Fancy	3
6	Western Slope	4	15	Stony Rise	4
7	Mornington	5	16	Kaikoura	3
8	Camerons	4	17	The Descent	3
9	Hill Crest	4	18	Over the Top	3

17th Annual General Meeting - 27 March 1933

Annual subscription reduced to 12/6d.

It was resolved that a rule stating: Members two years in arrears with subscription, be automatically struck off the roll, be rescinded and the new rule to read 'the unfinancial members of the club at Closing Day be struck off the roll at the Committee's discretion'.

On 25 May 1933, the Auditor, Mr A. McKinnon resigned and Mr L.J. Evans appointed.

Council Charges for Play 1933

Adults (9 holes)	9d
Adults (18 holes)	1/-
Children (18 holes)	6d
Scorecards	3d
Season tickets (Men)	£3/3/-
Season tickets (Ladies)	£1/11/6d
Learners' Course (Athletic Park)	9d

18th Annual General Meeting - 19 March 1934

Longest recorded AGM. The meeting closed at 1.15am.

1935

In those days, golf competitions were mainly of a rotary nature.

Club Competitions

Nineteen major and 58 other competitions were played during the season. The competitions were well patronised and the club thanked those gentlemen who so generously donated trophies for the competitions.

20th Annual General Meeting -4 March 1936

The Executive reported a balance sheet credit of £52.13.0 after expenditure of £35.0.0 on non-recurring items. When reading the Revenue Account, it was also noted that the club had additional assets in furnishings and 44 lockers.

An item of expenditure which showed an appreciable increase compared with the previous year was in the area of trophies purchased. In this regard, the additional amount expended was about £100.0.

Honoraria Approved by AGM

Secretary/Treasurer (20 guineas)	£210.0
Custodian (5 guineas)	5.5.0
Assistant Custodian	2.0.0
Auditor	2.0.0

It was decided that 15 gallons of ale and two bottles of whisky be purchased for Opening Day.

At that time in the club's history, the principal room in the pavilion was set aside by the City Council for a public tea rooms, but nobody would patronise the tea rooms. It lay unoccupied and up for tender, but was not considered to be a viable proposition as a tea rooms. On Opening and Closing Days the club had to hire the tea rooms (62 square metres) from the Council.

Interclub Matches

Two away games were played during the season. The results were:

	4BBB	Singles
Mornington	6	11
Greytown	4	11
Square	3	4
		Win to Mornington
Mornington	3	5
Whakatiki	3	8
Square	1	1
		Win to Whakatiki

A return game with the Whakatiki Club on our links had to be abandoned after play commenced, owing to adverse weather conditions. In spite of this however, our visitors and members in true golfers' style, did not lack taking advantage of the situation to make the day a 'social success'.

A Captain v Secretary match was played in July, followed by a social gathering. Each winning team member to pay 1/- and each losing member to pay 3/- towards costs.

1937 Opening Day Competitions -Ladies Clubs Invited to Participate

Morning:

Mixed Canadian Foursomes were played and prizes to the total value of £1.10.0 were presented to the winners.

For gents who were not able to get partners, a separate competition was played with golf balls as prizes.

Afternoon:

Separate 9 hole competitions for ladies and gents. The Mixed Canadian Foursomes were thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned and it was decided that they be included in all future Opening and Closing Day competitions.

Special General Meeting Called for 26 April 1937

The meeting was called to deal with a notice of motion.

1. That Rule 4 be altered to read: The club shall consist of Ordinary, Honorary, Life and Provisional Members. The Committee shall to time being, determine the number of Ordinary Members, provided the number so determined shall not exceed 250. Amateur and professional golfers are eligible for membership. Ladies are not eligible for membership.

2. The following be added to Rules 9 and 9a: The Committee shall be empowered to deal with any matter not otherwise specifically covered by these rules.

Notice of motion that Rules 4, 9 and 9a be altered as per above. After considerable discussion, the motion was put to the vote and carried.

Local Rule

It was decided that a temporary local rule be made, allowing a ball lifted and dropped without penalty from hoof marks on the 10th fairway

Championship Divisions for 1937

Senior 0-11, Intermediate 12-18, Junior 19-24.

Club Visit to Levin

The railway bus offer was approved and a charge of 8/6 per player was made. The following 'refreshments' were procured for the trip: 10 gallons beer, six large lemonade and one dozen assorted soft drinks.

Note: Our club visits to Levin were made with regularity until the mid-1960's when the annual event had to be dropped because of lack of numbers making the trip.

June 1937

As a result of unsuccessful overtures to the City Council over a number of years to get a five or three year lease on the back room of the pavilion, the club decided to look at the lower half of a section adjoining the first fairway, with a view to building a clubhouse on that site. The Secretary was asked to explore the possibility of leasing the land at £1.5.0 per month for a period of twenty years with no other encumbrances and with the right to build a clubhouse on same.

March 1938

Records show that the club had decided to accept a lease from Mr Haines (the owner) but a search of information at the Native Land Office re: leasing of the land in question indicated possible complex involvement, The Secretary enquired at the City Council office regarding a permit, but after many lengthy discussions, permission to build was refused.

A building fund drive had been under way since June 1937, and regular payments had gone into it. The club started negotiations with the City Council involving a site on the town belt but that also fell through.

22nd Annual General Meeting - 14 March 1938

Club assets of £154.6.1 includes receipts and expenditure balance carried forward, £95.19.2. Net profit for the year: £23.7.8 compared with £19.18.6 last year.

Honoraria

The Secretary received an increase to (25 guineas) £26.5.0 plus a residential telephone. An amendment that the telephone be installed in the clubhouse was lost.

Membership

Life Members	6
Ordinary Members	112
Non-Playing Members	7
Honorary Members	6

Members Abroad

1 Total 132

Interclub Matches

Against Levin, Manor Park and Athletic Park Golf Clubs.

Results

at Levin Levin 17, Mornington 12, Squared 6

at Manor Park Manor Park 10, Mornington 6, Squared 6

at Mornington Mornington 16, Athletic Park 3, Squared 2

In 1938 the club was invited to participate in the Bustin Cup interclub matches.

24th Annual General Meeting - 11 March 1940

It was moved and seconded that all members going on active service retain their full membership. Carried.

A deputation was asked to wait upon the City Council with reference to water reticulation on the tees and the remainder of the greens. Meantime, the Council was to be thanked for the improvements made on the links.

An annual 36 hole competition was 'floated' to raise money for the National Patriotic Fund. A.M.: 18 holes Stroke. P.M.: 18 holes Stableford with a 4BBB competition in conjunction with the second round.

During the 1939-40 season, 14 new members were accepted, resignations were received from 13 members and 13 names were struck off the members' register as non-financial.

Value of club assets, after deducting liabilities totalled £216.5.5.

Messrs A.E. Watkins and D.B. Stratmore were appointed as selectors for the Bustin Cup matches and as delegates to the Bustin Cup Committee.

Home and away games with the Boulcott Golf Club were included in the year's programme.

In September 1940 a concert was arranged to give the club an opportunity to farewell several of its members who were going overseas with the Armed Forces. The programme, run by professional entertainers, was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Typical Sunday Competitions & Club Procedure During the 1940s

7am start. Soup after 9 holes. Stew or silverside corned beef was the standing menu for

lunch. Club members were given a feed so that they would stay on and buy bottled beer which was stored in lockers.

Many Mornington golfers can be classed as a race apart, in the sense that they prepared for a round of golf at Mornington differently from other courses. For a start, golf trundlers were 'out'. It was no fun dragging one of those over the tortuous slopes. It was a case of travelling light. A small bag with a few clubs was usually the order of the day. One ingenious fellow was seen to have made his own bag by sewing up the leg of a trouser. Some members did not bother to carry a bag at all. They just carried a few clubs by hand. The footwear too was interesting. Hob nailed boots or gumboots were often worn.

1941

Interclub Golf

Mornington Bustin Cup team won that trophy for the second time by finishing 7 points in front of Tui Glen who were runners up.

1942

Subscriptions were increased to £1.0.0 plus 2/6 levy. (Rebate of 2/6 for prompt payment).

Membership

Life Members	6
Ordinary Members	92
Absent Members on Active Service	42
Non-Playing Members	13
Honorary Members	3
	Total 156

1943

Financially and socially the season had been most successful despite the curtailment of interclub matches. Club members were thanked for their keen interest and loyal support during that difficult period.

During 1943, club members on active service totalled 55. It was with deep regret that the club had to record the deaths of Private F. Cooch who died of wounds in the Middle

East and Messrs D. Ganson and W. Taylor.

Club assets of £322.5.9 included Building Funds £177.14.7 and Bombe Bonds £18.11.0.

The Secretary acknowledged the assistance received from Executive colleagues, especially when Home Guard and E.S.P. duties made it impossible for the full committee to be in regular attendance.

A distinctive drop in social activities was due to the conditions at that time.

Opening Day -4 April 1944

Competitions

AM: 18 holes Mixed Canadian Foursomes (prizes valued at 10/6 for each winner), and 18 holes competition for 'Men Only'. Invitations were sent to Boulcott and Tui Glen. Two members from all other clubs were invited as official guests.

Opening Day Requirements

Fifteen gallons of ale, five gallons to be issued after nine holes of the morning round. The secretary was requested to arrange catering.

April 1945

As a result of overcrowding in the back room of the pavilion, the club again decided to ask Council for a lease of land on the town belt on which to build a new clubhouse. In July of that year, the Council advised us that again our application had been declined, but that they would consider alterations in the roof of the pavilion to accommodate a clubroom upstairs. Certain committee members were in favour of an upstairs clubroom, but there were others who had doubts about the advantage to be gained. After a full investigation, it was decided that the alterations could not be done i.e. to make a suitable clubroom in the space that would become available.

Metropolitan Golf Association

In July 1945 the club decided to affiliate.

Armed Forces

It was decided that members returning to civil occupation would not be liable for their membership subscription until the following season.

J. Force

It was resolved that club members going to Japan in His Majesty's forces to be treated the same as members who served in the forces overseas in World War 2 (i.e. parcels to be sent at regular intervals.)

3 May 1946

Social and Dance

For Returned Members, was held in a hall on 27th July. Members of the Mornington Ladies Clubs were invited.

Accounts for Payment

(Typical running costs at that time).

NZ Golf Association	£4.12.2
Committee Meeting 2/5/46	6.0
Committee 2/5/46	9.0
Cleaning April and May	2.0.0
Clean Towels	3.0
Interclub Game with Boulcott	3.7.9
Trophies	39.18.0
Club Room Rental	£30.0.0
Insurance	1.5.0
Mixed Canadian Foursomes	1.11.5
Metropolitan Golf Association	2.2.0
Telephone	3.10.0
Lighting and heating	2.6.5
Closing Day	27.6.0

Annual Captain v Secretary Match

Resolved that this game be held on Saturday 19th October. Each player put in 1/- and losers to pay a further 2/-. Total cash to cover refreshments after the game. An evening social gathering in the 'tea rooms' to follow. All members and partners to be invited.

Closing Day — Saturday 16 November 1946

Mixed Canadian Foursomes and Stableford Competitions were played, followed by luncheon, afternoon tea, refreshments and presentation of trophies. Social and dance held at 8pm in the tea rooms. Refreshments were 10 gallons of ale for afternoon, 30 gallons for evening. Two members from all clubs were invited as guests.

Annual Report — 1946-47 season

Income exceeded expenditure by £40.22.5. Building Fund stands at £297.1 3.7.

Membership	
Life Members	9
Ordinary Members	99
Non-Playing Members	15
Total	123

Interclub Matches

The Metropolitan Golf Association arranged interclub matches between the B Grade clubs as a start for the coming season, when the Association would arrange games similar to those played before the war. All pre-war players agreed there was a thrill in playing new opponents on unfamiliar courses.

Arrangements were made for visits to the Mahunga Club in Masterton, and to the Levin Club.

The annual match against Boulcott for the Crayfish Shield did not lack in good cheer and good play. Said to be the best yet, although Boulcott won comfortably.

Conditions on the Course

It was reported that course conditions were very good throughout the winter season, but towards the end of spring and during summer, conditions deteriorated. Hopes were held that with a new Director of Parks (Mr Hutt) taking office, an improvement would be seen on the Berhampore links.

Building Fund

Prospects for a new clubhouse were very remote. All avenues had been explored. No lease or part of town belt, no lease of tea rooms. Alterations and additions to the roof of the pavilion not practical. Lease or purchase of private property or house not available. The question arose about what to do with the money in the building fund. Members were asked to consider and decide at the next Annual General Meeting.

Recommendations from Committee for AGM

1. Money in fund to be transferred to the General Account.
2. All monies given specifically for new building to be returned to donors.

8th May 1947

The reported death of Mr J.D. Sievwright was received with much regret. Mr Sievwright

(a solicitor and advocate in the higher law courts) served on the Executive as President of the club from 1928 to 1947 and as Captain for a number of years as well. His valued advice had always been available to the club.

Interclub Competitions for 1947

Home and away matches were played during the season. Although we were well beaten in some matches, we finished second in the Dunlop Cup competition. Congratulations were extended to the winners, Pukerua Bay. It was pleasing to note that some of the new members made the team and acquitted themselves well.

Club Visits

Our visit to the Mahunga Club, Masterton was a great success. Thirty members made the trip. For some, it was their first trip away from Wellington. All members looked forward to the next visit.

Twelve members played at Levin under pleasant conditions. Our numbers were disappointingly small, but everybody who made the trip had a most enjoyable time. Both clubs were to return the visit that year.

Our annual match with Boulcott, played at Mornington, had its usual good cheer. Enjoyable games were played with the Mornington Ladies' Clubs in the Mixed Canadian Foursomes.

Course Conditions in 1948

Not consistently up to expectations. A recommendation to the incoming Committee was that representations be made to the Parks Department regarding the condition. We looked forward to 1949 with the hope that fairways and greens would be cut with more regularity, greens rolled and rough kept under control.

Relocation of 11th and 12th holes

When the Martin Luckie Park development started in 1948, the 11th hole (Waimunga) now the 15th, which backed onto Lavaud Street, was shortened to a bogey 4 as it is today. The entire 12th hole (Waterworks) now the 16th, was moved to its present position, and extended to change the hole from a bogey 3 to a bogey 4.

32nd Annual Report for 1948-49 Season

Finance

Our accumulated funds totalled £495.11.8 of which £149.4.1 represented excess income for the season.

Membership

Life Members	9
Ordinary Members	146
Non-Playing Members	22
Honorary Members	4
Total 181	

Interclub Golf

Matches were played for the Dudding Shield which the club had regained as winners for the season. Most matches were closely contested, and all were thoroughly enjoyed by the members of our team.

Friendly visits were to Manor Park and Levin, and all who enjoyed the genial, almost overpowering hospitality of those two clubs were staunch advocates of such visits.

Early in the season, members of the Ladies' Club were entertained by provision on the programme for the Annual Mixed Canadian Foursomes, the ladies returning the compliment towards the end of the season.

Socials

Social activities during the year were confined to Opening and Closing Days and the Captain v Secretary match. Fame of our social evenings had spread to such an extent that it appeared advisable to confine future gatherings to club members and partners only.

4 July 1949 — Memo from the Director of Parks to the Town Clerk

On 20 June 1949, the Mornington Golf Club made application to lease the tea rooms in the pavilion at Wakefield Park. Similar applications from that club have been before the Committee and not approved. The tea rooms are frequently let for weddings and other social functions and are a desirable asset in that district. I am of the opinion that the Golf Club's application should not be approved, and recommend accordingly.

Result

Application not approved. Dated 13 July 1949.

But presumably the City Council 'relented' because we were granted a lease of the tea rooms on 2 November 1949. Conditions of the lease included:

1. Leasehold and rental to be reviewed every two years. Rent and payments six months in advance.
2. The Mornington Golf Club to supply a minimum of tea and biscuits to any member of the public on request.

The City Council stipulated that the public locker room and the vestibule remain public, and the ladies' area remain in their possession at no cost to them.

On 2 November 1949, our Secretary advised the Director of Parks that we had taken over tenancy of the tea rooms at Wakefield Park, and were having them renovated prior to moving from the back room. The Secretary added that as it would be our Closing Day on Saturday 12 November, our intention was to combine this with our opening of the new club room.

Closing Day

The programme included afternoon tea at 3pm, presentation of trophies at 4pm. A cordial invitation had been extended to the Director of Parks to be present, when the club would take the opportunity to express its appreciation to the Reserves Committee for having made this additional accommodation available to us. The Secretary asked for permission to have a limited quantity of liquor on the premises on that day.

34th Annual General Meeting — 27 March 1950

Treasurers Report

Accumulated Funds total £500.9.0. Excess Income for the year £59.15.4. In comparing this with last year's income, it should be borne in mind that expenditure for renovation of the new club room had been met out of current income.

Honoraria

Hon Secretary/Treasurer	(50 guineas) £52.10.0
Hon Auditor	(3 guineas) 3.3.0
Custodian	as previous year
Assistant Custodian	as previous year

Membership

Life Members	9
Ordinary Members	153

Non-Playing Members	18
Honorary Members	4
	Total 184

General Business

The Executive were complemented on obtaining the tea room as a clubroom and on the general state of the club's finances, this having been reportedly the most successful year in the club's history.

A vote of thanks was extended to those few stalwarts who so willingly assisted in the renovation of the new club room. It was said that the report on the new club room would be incomplete if special mention was not made of the very able assistance given by Mr L.J. Evans, in helping to convince the Reserves Committee that the club should be given this additional accommodation. The Club Captain said he trusted that members' behaviour would improve, as a lot of opposition had been met re: granting of a lease, and the period of tenancy would be regulated by members' behaviour.

9 August 1950

Resolved that 16 to qualify in Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championships as in 1949.

Calcutta

To be run on the Intermediate Championships, tickets to sell at 2/6. The drawer of a 'horse' to receive 25% of amount bid. The balance to go to the pool for splitting into 60%, 20% and two at 10%.

Course Management

The Greens Committee was asked to arrange to have the collars of grass at various holes cut. Also that the said committee visit the 18th tee with a view to re-siting it. A prolonged discussion on general course management then ensued. It was suggested that it might be possible to utilise some of the plantation up on the south western part of the course, and then do away with the five holes to the east of Russell Terrace and Houghton Bay Road.

With reference to Mr W. Shepherd (greenkeeper of one years standing), a vote of thanks was extended for the work and improvements accomplished during the season. It was agreed that a remarkable transition had taken place during that short period.

Interclub Golf

Dudding Shield games were again most enjoyable, and our club finished 1st equal with Pukerua Bay. Congratulations were extended to both teams.

35th Annual Report — 1951-52 Season

Membership	
Life Members	8
Ordinary Members	204
Non-Playing Members	21
Honorary Members	4
	Total 237

General

During the year, 'Club Nights' on alternate Wednesdays were instituted, when indoor bowls, darts etc. were played. These nights were sufficiently popular, with an average attendance of 20 members, to warrant being continued.

Obituary

The club suffered a sad loss with the passing of its Patron Mr H.J. Shanks. Harry, as he was known to all, had always had the club's interests at heart. His membership extended over a period of some 32 years. During that period he held practically every executive position. In his remaining years with the club as its Patron, Mr Shanks remained keenly interested in club affairs.

Subscriptions for 1952

Subscription	£1.10.0
Competition Fees	1.0.0
Hole in One	1.0

The above fees did not include green fees.

36th Annual Report — 1952-53 Season

Accounts

Neg gain of £130.11.4 after the following payments:

Lockers	£798.9
Piano Repairs	35.0.0
Scorecards	49.3.5
Honoraria	101.0.0
	Total £264.12.2

Membership

Life Members	8
Ordinary Members	191
Non-Playing Members	18
Honorary Members	5
	Total 222

Appreciation

A vote of sincere thanks was extended to the greenkeeper Mr W. Sherpherd, and his staff for the work done on the course. It was said that compared to other B Grade clubs, our greens were second to none, and indeed compared favourably with greens on A Grade courses.

Interclub Matches

This club was runner up to Boulcott in the Dudding Shield. Friendly games were played against New Judgeford, Manor Park and Boulcott. All those who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The annual visit to Levin was again an overwhelming success.

Mixed Canadian Foursomes proved popular. A record number of 34 couples took part on Opening Day, and 32 on Closing Day.

Summer Golf

Since Closing Day the usual competitions for the Williams Cup and Cameron Shield had been played, and the introduction of an eclectic competition was an added interest.

37th Annual General Meeting — 30 March 1953

It was decided that an Honours Board for Life Members be obtained for the club room, inscribed with the names of past and present Life Members. A Life Membership badge to be presented to each of the present Life Members.

Honoraria

Hon Secretary/Treasurer	£52.10.0
Hon Assistant Secretary	10.10.0
Club Captain	5.5.0
Hon Auditor	3.3.0
Custodian (Mr W. Shepherd)	10.0.0
Mr C Wood	5.0.0

Grants of £1.1.0 were made to each of the Home of Compassion and the Presbyterian Boys' Home.

Appreciation

A vote of thanks was again extended to Mr W. Shepherd and his staff for the work that had been put into the course. The club's appreciation was expressed to the caterer, Miss R. Cohen. Members agreed that catering had become a very important part of the club's activities.

Interclub Golf

Mornington won the Dudding Shield for the third time since the Second World War.

Friendly matches were played against Boulcott (against whom we were able to win back the Crayfish Shield), New Judgeford, Tui Glen and Levin.

Mixed Canadian Foursomes were popular with members who took part and enjoyed the company of the lady members.

Social games included a novelty nine holes (Returned Servicemen v The Rest), Captain v President and Past v Present Members. Each event was followed by a social evening to which members were able to bring wives and lady friends.

The club had a very successful Queen's Birthday Tournament for club members only.

1953 — Rules for Club Championships

1. Each member must return cards for five major trophy competitions before being eligible to compete in the Club Championships.
2. Top sixteen in each grade to qualify for the Championships.
3. Members to play off in order of draw.
4. All grades to be played without handicap strokes.
5. Finals of each grade to be over thirty-six holes.

Those beaten in first round to play off in Championship Flights. Members who fail to qualify, to compete in Championship Consolations.

It was recommended that umpires be appointed for finals of Club Championships.

1954 — Berhampore Bowling Club Proposal

Plans of that club's new pavilion were passed to our Committee for perusal and comment. Their proposal was to extend nearly 60ft (18.34m) into the 9th fairway (Hill Crest), for a total length of 149ft (45.55m). The Committee had these measurements pegged out in the area concerned, and after viewing, decided against the proposal and the Director of Parks was contacted to ascertain his feelings on the matter.

Correspondence — To Mr Hutt, Director of Parks

To keep you conversant with conditions prevailing between the Golf and Bowling Clubs, we have decided to advise you of our difficulties. Following discussions with the Berhampore Bowling Club's Committee regarding the piece of land on the 9th fairway, required by that club for their proposed new pavilion, the Committee of my club have reluctantly had to refuse consent to their having this area. In our opinion, this area measuring 149ft x 60ft takes in too much of the fairway concerned and would deprive members of this club and the public from playing the hole.

In the bowling club's request, these persons were under the impression that this area would be readily available when that area on the western side of the links, now being prepared for additional holes, was completed. However, in consultation with the Custodian, Mr Shepherd, we have been shown that there is to be no alteration in the position of the 7th, 8th and 9th holes. As you are probably aware, the loss of this hole would be serious to all golfers. The Committee of this year, and indeed of past years, with Mr Shepherd's practical help, have been endeavouring to keep the links to its greatest possible length and any alternative suggestion will only tend to shorten the links.

We would like to add that following our last meeting with the bowling club we understand that they have already made their own application to the Chairman, Parks and Reserves Committee for that piece of ground under discussion.

Mr Hutt indicated that he was against the bowling club having this portion of the golf links and the proposal was turned down.

39th Annual General Meeting — 30 March 1955

Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for the late Dr R.A. Cameron who had passed away during the year. Dr Cameron was widely recognised as the father and founder of the Mornington Golf Club. A letter of sympathy was sent to his widow.

Club Lease

The City Council granted a renewal of tenancy of the tea room and locker room for a further period of two years as from 1 June 1955. Rental was set at £70.0.0 per year.

Interclub Golf

The Dudding Shield was won by Mornington. Friendly games were played against Boulcott, Levin and Paremata.

The Committee agreed to allot 4/- per head for catering for interclub games, with a

payment of £1 to the caterer for her efforts.

Starting Times

During the season a starting time board was introduced. Members were given the opportunity to enter their starting time for the following week, thus being able to take their place on the starting tee without the customary long wait in the early morning.

Note: This system has endured.

Honoraria for 1956

Hon Secretary/Treasurer	£52.10.0	plus special grant
Hon Assistant Secretary	5.5.0	of £26.5.0
Club Captain	5.5.0	
Hon Auditor	3.3.0	
Custodian/Greenkeeper	15.0.0	

Grants

Home of Compassion	3.3.0
Presbyterian Boys' Home	3.3.0

It was agreed that the club purchase 12 tables, 50 chairs and a glass washing machine.

The club accepted Tui Glen's invitation to play an annual match at their club on Anzac Days.

Golfers Lose the Athletic Park Course

When the nine hole course at Athletic Park was obliterated to make way for Macalister Park, the Berhampore links became the only public course in Wellington. Club members, casuals and learner golfers from Athletic Park joined our own members and public golfers in the traffic jam on the first tee on Sunday mornings. A 'ball in the chute' device ensured that club and non-club golfers got equal starting rights on the first tee.

Accounts for 1957

Excess of income over expenditure was £63.0.4, but because the 1956-57 honoraria was paid during the year, a decrease in our total assets of £50.13.10 was noted.

Membership

Life Members	9	
Ordinary Members	153	
Non-Playing Members	18	
Honorary Members	1	Total 181

Appreciation

The fine work done on the course by Mr Shepherd and his staff, and the high standard of catering provided by Miss Cohen earned the praise of club members.

Subscriptions for 1958

Subscription	£3.0.0
(reducible to £1 .10.0 if paid by 30 May)	
Competition Fees	1.10.0
Casual Playing Members	2.0
(per individual competition)	

Extracts from B Grade Clubs Meeting

Resolved that:

- 1.Dudding Shield matches for future years to be played on neutral courses.
- 2.B Grade delegates called to serve on the District Association for not longer than two years.

Extracts from District Association Annual Meeting

Resolved that:

- 1.Two B Grade delegates to be on the Association Committee.
- 2.Club subscription to Association be increased to £33.0.
- 3.Dudding Shield teams to be increased to sixteen players, and foursomes added and played simultaneously with singles.

42nd Annual Report - 1958

Membership

New members accepted during the year numbered 16, but due to resignations and lapsed membership, our numbers fell to 147, a decrease of 34 compared with last year.

Appreciation

Not the least of the amenities available to the club, was the catering provided by Miss R Cohen. It was regrettable therefore that Miss Cohen, after five years service to the club had tendered her resignation. The committee and members extended to her their thanks and appreciation. Mr Shepherd's leaving the links was an added loss to the club. Suitable presentations were to be made.

Interclub Golf

The Dudding Shield was won by Mornington. Most gratifying as this year the foursomes were introduced and teams were increased from 12 players to 16.

43rd Annual General Meeting - 18 March 1959

Attended by 34 playing members and two intending members. Smallest AGM attendance for some years.

Honoraria

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer	£52.10.0 and £265.0 grant
Assistant Secretary	15.15.0
Club Captain	5.5.0
Hon. Auditor	5.5.0

Grants

Home of Compassion	3.3.0
Presbyterian Boys' Home	3.3.0

Subscriptions for 1959

£3.3.0 (reducible to £1.10.0 if paid by 30 May)

Competition Fees £1.10.0

Affiliation Fees 7.0

The above fees did not cover green fees.

Junior Members

The question of accepting Junior Boys 14-16 years into the club was discussed at length. It was agreed that Junior members would be an advantage to the club, but suitable facilities were not available.

General

It was decided that the Greens Committee approach the Director of Parks in connection with obtaining water, and with regard to proposed improvements to the golf course.

Finance

The season ended with an excess £42.14.9 expenditure over income. Funds were used for purchase of a typewriter and a water hose, which in effect were actually assets.

Membership

135 members. Down by 12 on last year.

Appreciation

During the season, Mr D. Gill was appointed Custodian and Greenkeeper of the Municipal Links and club members quickly came to realise the value of the appointment. The course was developed into excellent order, due entirely to the excellent work done by Mr Gill and his staff. Our sincere thanks was extended to Mr Gill who was accepted as an Honorary Member.

The club was able to persuade Miss R. Cohen who had tendered her resignation as caterer, to help out for another season. To Miss Cohen, we extend our thanks and appreciation.

44th Annual General Meeting -22 March 1960

Agreed that subscription and competition fees be the same as for the previous year.

It was decided to accept Junior member aged 14 to 18 years into the club. The caterers' room to be Committee and Junior members' room. Doherty Cup (for Junior Boys) was introduced.

11 May 1960

'Locker System' brought in and placed on a roster involving six members' lockers.

Holes-in-One

All Dudding Shield players were charged £1/-/- as an insurance, in the event of one or more holing in one when playing at a visiting club.

Club Championships

All matches to be played over 18 holes until the semi-finals and finals which were to be played over 36 holes.

Catering

During the past year the club had difficulty in finding someone to undertake the catering. It was suggested that the club purchase pies each weekend and make them available to

members at a charge of 1/-. It was agreed that this be given a trial for a few weeks.

Heating

A general discussion took place with regard to clubroom heating. It was decided to push for satisfactory heating before the next winter season.

Interclub Golf

Andy Shaw Trophy

Six players were chosen for this annual one day event. A charge of 5/6d per player was paid by the club.

Dunlop Cup

Won by Mornington at Paremata.

Junior Boys and Dudding Shield

After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously agreed that Juniors be excluded from Dudding Shield sides.

Club Monogram

A sample monogram, suitable for members' blazers was submitted. It was decided that the club purchase sufficient to cover members needs.

Subscriptions for the year were raised to £2.10.0. The increase to help pay for the cost of additional heating in the clubroom.

Membership

Life Members	10
Ordinary Members	84
Non-Playing Members	11
Junior Members	14
Honorary Members (Greenkeeper)	1
Total	120

From the above figures, it was quite evident that the need for increased membership was essential for the club to operate on a satisfactory basis. Members were asked to treat this matter as urgent, and do what they could to assist the club by introducing potential members.

At the last AGM it was decided to admit junior members to the club. It was seen to be

an excellent decision in view of our membership problem.

During the season, some notable performances were given by some of these juniors, especially in the Junior Boys' Tournament at Miramar. It became apparent that these juniors were going to make their presence felt in senior trophy events in future seasons.

Extracts from Meetings in 1961

Catering

Our volunteer caterers assured the Committee that they would be happy to continue again during 1961, to which the Committee expressed its grateful thanks.

Reefer Jackets and Monograms

Reefer jackets were priced at £9.10.0 and monograms at 13.9d. The manufacturer informed the club that he was waiting for suitable material for blazers, and he was prepared to hold a bolt against any orders from members. It was agreed that the monograms be made from the same material.

Pies for Sundays

Agreed that pies be provided for convenience of members.

Social Golf

Returned Services v The Rest. Rum and coffee before starting.

Mornington v Hutt at Mornington - Social Golf with a Humorous 'Twist'
In this game, our top golfers Fred Musgrove and Ron Cowie were pitted against two Hutt players who were also Wellington Reps., in what was proving to be a very close match. As a result of a private discussion on the tee at the 218 yards 12th hole (Waterworks), both Hutt players who had been out-hitting our players on almost every tee, had apparently decided to 'go for the green' with their tee shots. Both tee shots were hit to their satisfaction, but neither ball was ever seen by them again.

Annual Report - 1961-62 Season

The club incurred an operating loss of £19.12.7. As a result of increased subscriptions, income for this year was £1 30.18.0 in excess of last year. To offset this, clubroom expenses increased by £121.17.6, as a result of installation of clubroom heaters, painting of locker room and increased electricity charges.

Membership increased by 17 compared with last year.

Junior members this year totalled ten compared with 14 last year. These boys played with considerable success throughout the season, when competing with the senior members for the club's major trophies. So encouraging was their standard of play, that the club decided to subsidise boys who wished to enter the Wellington Boys' and Junior Championships held at the Hutt Golf Club. They were very worthy representatives of our club, and the enjoyment and experience they derived was well worth the money invested.

Appreciation

To Mr Gill and his staff for the very capable course management and for their co-operation with the club during the season.

To the ladies who carried out our catering requirements. The food was first class and much appreciated by visiting teams and our own members.

Interclub Golf

Our Dudding Shield team performed very well after a rather bad start and finished worthy runners up. Our Dunlop Cup team won for the second year in succession.

Social Golf

The club visited Tui Glen, Levin and Martinborough, and the club hosted Boulcott and Hutt. All matches were well supported and greatly enjoyed.

A highly successful Christmas Cheer Competition was held during December. This one day competition was supported by 80 players representing a combination of the Weekend and Midweek Ladies' clubs and the Mens' Club. The clubroom was suitably decorated for the occasion and all competitors received a prize.

45th Annual General Meeting -26 March 1962

The Hon Auditor reported on the very high cost of the club's social golf and club nights during the season. The Auditor was thanked for his report, but it was pointed out that additional revenue had been received through our social funds, partly covering expenses on the social games.

Honoraria

Hon Secretary/Treasurer	£78.15.0(including grant)
Hon Assistant Secretary	15.15.0
Club Captain	5.5.0

Hon Auditor 5.5.0

Grants

Home of Compassion 3.3.0

Presbyterian Boys' Home 3.3.0

Subscriptions

Entrance Fee £1.1.0

Subscription 2.10.0

Competition Fees 1.10.0

Affiliation Fee 7.0

These fees did not cover green fees.

46th Annual General Meeting - 18 March 1963

Notices of Motion

1. That consideration be given to allowing the Mornington Ladies' Golf Clubs, both Weekend and Midweek, the use of the clubroom during the winter season. Defeated.
2. That consideration be given to Junior Boys being eligible for selection for Dudding Shield matches. Carried.

1963 Season

It was decided to have future club programmes presented in book form.

Jubilee Fund

Agreed to hold a raffle with 240 tickets at 5/- each, prizes to be: 1st: one set of irons; 2nd: one pair of golf shoes; 3rd: one dozen golf balls. Proceeds to go into our Jubilee Fund. With the approach of the club's 50th Jubilee, and anticipating the amount of work that would be involved in the organisation, the Executive decided to make a start, especially in the area of finance. With the support of the newly formed '300 Club', the Jubilee Fund drive to that date had amassed a total of £376.7.8.

Catering

This season the club was fortunate to have its catering problems well covered by a very fine team of wives and friends of members. Their efforts were much appreciated by the Club Executive and members.

New Greenkeeper

Mr W. Baskim was thanked for his co-operation and effort during the time he had been the greenkeeper.

Working Parties

To those members who assisted behind the scenes with club cleaning, clubroom repairs, marker pegs on the course, assistance with transport, etc., at no cost to the club, a vote of grateful thanks was extended.

New Handicapping System

The introduction of this system entailed many hours of hard work for the Handicapping Committee, which was required to review cards for the past three years.

Burglary

Our clubrooms were entered during the season. A jar containing donations to the Jubilee Fund, worth about £25.0.0 was stolen along with club spirits valued at £1 0.0.0. Three windows were broken and thieves removed all the padlocks and keys. We can say perhaps, that we were fortunate because a cupboard they broke into containing £30.0.0 worth of golf balls remained untouched. Full details were given to the police, but no progress was reported.

47th Annual General Meeting -25 February 1964

The meeting was attended by three life, 48 ordinary, three junior and four intending members.

Moved, seconded and carried that suitable heating be installed in the boys'room.

Resolved that subscriptions for this season remain the same as for 1963. Honoraria and grants to be unchanged from last year.

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3 May 1964 -Added Accommodation for 50th Jubilee

A general plan for possible enlargement to the clubrooms by removing inside walls, was outlined, and it was agreed to hold a Special Committee Meeting to discuss the proposed plan.

Social Interclub Golf

The Crayfish Shield games were abandoned.

Club Championships

The Committee was asked to consider introduction of a 4th grade for the above.

Suggested Grading

Senior 0-13, Intermediate 14-18, Junior 19-23, Junior B 24-36.

1965

In view of the coming Jubilee Year 1966, the committee of the day with commendable foresight applied to the City Council for an extension of the club's leasehold to cover the public golfers' room, with a view to alteration and renovation of the interior of the pavilion, to form an enlarged clubroom. The club submitted plans and specifications together with quotations for the work which totalled about £3,000 and intimated that we were prepared to provide £1,600 towards the cost.

Director of Parks Report

I consider these proposed renovations will be a decided asset and it is indeed pleasing to see tenants of the City Council building sufficiently interested to expend a considerable sum of money to the mutual benefit of themselves and the Council. I therefore recommend that the Mornington Golf Club be permitted to alter and modernise the interior of the golf house pavilion at Wakefield Park provided that they arrange to have the work carried out by their own contractors, subject to the requirements of the City Engineer, the General Manager of the Municipal Electricity Department and to the satisfaction of the Director of Parks and Reserves.

The then Director of Parks and Reserves in his report to the Council, recommended that a sum not exceeding £2,000 be granted to assist with costs. With Council agreement, the work was put in hand and completed.

Voluntary labour by club members was used to upgrade all other facilities including the ladies' room. our air conditioned/heated clubroom had been transformed into reputedly the most modern in B Clubs at that time.

1966

Mr J.B. (Jack) Lawson, Club Secretary (1965-1970) initiated the push for clubhouse enlargement to accommodate increased membership and the 50th Jubilee. As Club Captain from 1961 to 1964, Jack and other members of the Executive had studied the feasibility of the project. Plans and specifications had been worked out during those years. Mr Lawson became a Life Member of the club in 1967.

Membership was limited to 140 after the new enlarged clubroom was completed and there was a waiting list at that time. About 70 percent of the entire pavilion (approx 276

sq metres) had been leased to the Mornington Golf Club when preparations for the 50th Jubilee had been completed.

A Jubilee Committee under the chairmanship of Darcy Emmerson had been formed to assist the Club Executive Messrs Kel Baker (President), Jack Cunningham (Club Captain), Jack Lawson (Secretary) and the Committee with the running of the Jubilee.
Back Row: M. Sellen (Hon. Treasurer), R.M. Teague (Social), D.D. MacKenzie (Tournament), K. de Graaf (Tournament), W. Cook (Social)
Second Row: L. Clark (Registrar) M.A. Reid (Social), A. Bridge (Tournament), T.W. King (Registrar), W.H. Baldwin (Registrar)
Sitting: R.I. George (Asst. Secretary), D. Emmerson (Chairman) K M. Baker (President), J.G. Cunningham (Club Captain), J.B. Lawson (Hon. Secretary)

The club and Jubilee Committee had arranged quite a variety of activities, including a full scale Jubilee Ball, Ladies Only Cocktail Evening at a night club, golf competitions and continuous entertainment and refreshments during the Easter weekend. Past and active members participated.

As Club Patron, the 88 years old Mr T.A. (Tim) Johnston, elected a Life Member in 1931, was a centre of attention. Tim was the last of the First Year Members actively involved with the club. The grand old former bespoke tailor regularly went to the club on Sunday afternoons to 'have a chat with the boys'.

4 New Holes on Western Side

During 1965 and 1966, extensive earth moving took place on the scrub covered plantation adjacent to Kingston, to accommodate four new holes (present 6th, 7th, 8th and the unused hole beyond the 6th and 8th greens).

The area of the 13th hole (Crooked Creek) and 14th hole (J.D.S. Fancy) was destined to be utilised for the Mt Albert Park Sports Complex, and the 16th hole (Kaikoura), for the Chinese Culture Centre.

The Municipal Golf Links of the 'foreseeable' future would consist of 13 holes on the western side and five on the eastern side of Adelaide Road. But the proposed par 4 hole in the far western corner of the course, on close inspection, was deemed unsuitable until drainage work could be afforded. A par 3 hole near the nursery (present 11th) came in as a substitute.

1967

With the installation of modern appliances in our new kitchen, the caterers who were members' wives, operated under much improved conditions and this proved to be the beginning of more than a decade of particularly amicable relations between the caterers

and the club.

On club days, a menu was placed on the wall and meals were served through the slide. The caterers also serviced interclub matches which involved 60 visiting players and about 12 others.

Slow Play and Congestion on the Course

It was reported that players whose balls were lost in heavy rough were not calling the following players through within a reasonable time. Members asked that the 13th drain be cleaned out or filled in to help the speeding up of play, as balls were too frequently lost in that area. Some members were unsure about the local rule covering the area of the left side of the 10th donga. They asked that it be clearly defined with pegs.

1967-68

Fences were erected around the 2nd, 7th and 11th greens and as protection fences at the 3rd, 5th and 9th (present 6th) tees.

Course Management Report

It is very difficult to get the City Council interested in the course. Tees and trolley paths require a lot of attention. Watercourses and drains are overgrown. It has never been club policy to approach the greenkeeper on course matters. Dealings were direct with Parks and Reserves.

It was recommended that we should press for regular watering of the greens over the summer period. Some greens are already showing signs of dryness.

Standard of Dress

Some members had to be regularly reminded about their poor standard of dress in the clubrooms and about leaving golfing clothing on and under seats in the locker room. A 'community heap' of clothing had built up and members were asked to remove useful clothing before it was disposed of at the tip.

14 April 1969 — Tenancy of Tearooms at Wakefield Park Pavilion

The club was informed that the City Council had granted it a renewal of tenancy for a further period of two years from 31 May 1969 to 31 May 1971.

Conditions of. Tenancy

- 1.The club to maintain the premises in good order and pay all charges for electricity and gas.
- 2.The club will be required to cater for the general public by providing a minimum of tea and biscuits.
- 3.All requirements of the Director of Parks to be complied with.

The Council has also decided to increase the rental as from the date of renewal from \$11.67 to \$15.00 per month.

Club Fees for 1970

Entrance	\$2.00
Subscription	7.00
Competition Fees	4.00
Affiliation Fees	1.00
Junior Membership	4.00

These fees do not cover green fees.

Fire Extinguishers

The possibility of getting fire extinguishers fitted throughout the clubhouse was discussed. It was said that it was in the Council's interest that they be installed. A suggestion was made that Council be approached for the fittings.

1972 Club Photographs

In view of our Dudding Shield team's win for that year, it was decided that this team, and future winning Dudding Shield and/or Kau Kau Trophy teams, together with the committees of the times, have their photographs taken, framed and placed on the clubroom wall. The exercise: to procreate added interest to the records of the club's interclub and administrative history. This was the standard procedure during the 1970s and 1980s, whenever we were winners of interclub competition. The Mornington Ladies Clubs' Pennants winners and committees were invited to be present at these evenings for photographs and 'refreshments' whenever they too met the criteria.

TWELVE TIMES MORNINGTON SENIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPION (1 944-1 972)
A.P.W. (Peter) Church)

Twelve times Mornington Senior Match Play Champion from 1944 to 1972 and Senior Champion when a member at the Levin and Shandon Clubs between those dates. Peter has served on the Mornington Golf Club Executive as Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Club Captain and Vice President. He became a Life Member in 1989.

Personal Tidiness in the Clubroom

Club policy has always been that its members maintain a reasonable standard of dress in the clubroom. From time to time however, poor standards set by some members came to the attention of the committee. A word from the Club Captain to the people concerned was usually effective, but for the benefit of members who needed constant reminders, and for those who had chronic dress problems anyhow, a prominent notice on the locker room wall served to remind them of their obligations to the club.

56th Annual General Meeting - 5 March 1973

Resolved that subscriptions for 1973 season remain the same as for 1972, except that the general insurance be increased from \$1.65 to \$2.00.

Calcutta

With reference to a club decision to move the calcutta to the Top Dogs competition, a certain long standing club member took exception to the club's decision, and he moved that the club revert to running this on the club championships, as had been done in previous years. It was explained to him that a 'fall off' in interest and attendance by members after the completion of the club championships in recent years had been noted. To rectify this, the Top Dogs competition together with the Calcutta, was moved into this vacuum with excellent results. The motion for reverting was pursued and seconded, but it was defeated on a show of hands.

New Stroke Play Championship Competition

It was at this meeting that a proposal for the above was received and discussed at length. The meeting saw no problem in accommodating this new competition. Competitions set down for April and May could be played simultaneously. It was suggested that in line with Match Play Championships procedure, participants in the new Stroke Play Championships be graded according to their handicaps, into Seniors, Intermediates, Juniors and Junior Bs. The proposer moved that a Stroke Play Championships competition be introduced, and that it be entered in the club programme for 1973. Seconded and carried. Agreed that details be worked out at the Committee Meeting of 9 March.

9 March 1973 - Proposed Bar and Coolroom Extension

The establishment of a bar for the club was proposed. The Committee to consult with builders and discuss the matter in detail at the next meeting. Resolved meanwhile that we adopt a 'ticket system' and operate it for an indefinite period with a view to familiarising members with it before a bar was introduced.

On 2 April, a lengthy discussion on the subject of alterations to permit the instalment of a new bar and storeroom extension followed requests from the builders for further information re plans and specifications. Itemised lists were produced, but the builders maintained that certain problems would not be completely overcome if the existing specifications were strictly adhered to. The builders suggested modification to the specifications, but this was declined. A date was set to meet the tenderers for a close study of the specifications and other requirements. On 10 May, the proposed new bar and coolroom was again discussed in detail. A set of plans which included an alternative plan was produced. This alternative plan, without alterations to the existing toilet arrangements was adopted, and a sub-committee was formed to manage the project. On 12 July, the alternative plans and specifications were handed to the two interested tenderers and a price was sought by 29 April. The outcome was: no bar and no storeroom extension. It was rumoured that the tenderers had lost the plans and specifications.

The Question of Cheaper Beer

The Treasurer reported that \$5,917.50 had been spent in purchasing 7,045 flagons at 84c per flagon at the Southern Cross Hotel during the 1972-73 season. He said Mr Coltman of the Grand Hotel had offered beer at 70c per flagon. The Treasurer asked the club to accept this new offer and save \$1,000 per year. Mr Coltman's offer was accepted together with his offer to donate a trophy (Coltman Cup) for our Veteran's Tournament.

The question of lowering the price of beer to the members was considered. It was resolved, however, that the price would remain at \$1.00 per flagon.

10 May 1973 - Course Management

The Course Management Committee decided to invite the Director of Parks (Mr Galloway), the Town Clerk (Mr McCutcheon) and the Mayor of Wellington (Sir Francis Kitts) to attend at a meeting over morning tea in the clubhouse, with the intention of asking them to inspect the general condition of the course. The convenor advised that an invitation should be made after a definite programme for improvement, including a maintenance timetable had been prepared. His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Spry and Mr Galloway met our Course Management Committee (Messrs J. Fagan, J. Lawson, J. Myers, K. Olivant and M. Lousich) on 8 September.

Our method of approach was to let them know that we were not happy with the general condition of the course, but we did not try to antagonise them into meeting our requirements. We expressed our feeling that the green-keeper was in need of an assistant, and should not be pushed into doing more work without help. The club pressed for the following assurances:

1. All present land be retained.
2. Some major development be carried out every year.
3. Better and regular maintenance be instituted, and a set routine planned.

4. Control of gorse.
5. Club concession on the first tee from daylight to 9.00am on Sundays.

We asked on what basis did they increase the green fee charges, since no extra staff had been put on, and no extra maintenance had been carried out since the green fees had gone up by one hundred percent. The meeting ended in a friendly atmosphere over an excellent morning tea.

Appreciation

The Secretary suggested that a token of appreciation be presented to the Midweek Ladies' Club members who provided an excellent morning tea at no cost to our club, on the morning of the meeting with the City Council on Saturday 8 September. One dozen golf balls were presented to the ladies concerned.

Further to Meeting With the City Council

When asked on 7 November whether anything had been done since the meeting with Parks and Reserves, the course management convenor said we are giving Council time to carry out the work they agreed needed doing, but we intend to contact them again just prior to Opening Day.

Handicapping

The Wellington Golf Association advised that a recommendation was made to call a meeting of club handicappers within the Association, to press for changes in the NZGA system of handicapping, provided of course that any proposals have the support of the majority of clubs.

Venue: Tentatively Manor Park on 1 August. Our delegate to the B Grade meetings said there was a leaning towards a new American handicapping system. Handicappers were asked to analyse results of handicap matches and possibly stroke events, and to endeavour to establish if the NZGA system favoured the longer handicapper, and to undertake any other statistical analysis of handicaps or results within their clubs, that might be desirable.

The Secretary who attended the meeting on handicapping at Manor Park reported as follows: General opinion was that the present two and three over system was proving to be more efficient than preceding systems. Most handicappers agreed that the system permitted rapid processing of cards. Records were produced to show that players on low, middle and high handicaps all enjoyed a measure of success in all types of competitions. Reversion to the 3/4ths or 7/8ths difference in match play was not supported. Information that the NZGA would require all clubs to adopt a new American handicapping system in September, was offered at this meeting. The WGA was asked to request copies of the new American system from NZGA to circulate to clubs for study, along with ballot papers. The WGA Secretary agreed to NZGA in September with

instructions to express the feelings of clubs in the WGA.

Resolved on 13 December 1973 that the new American handicapping system, "Equitable Stroke Control" would become effective throughout New Zealand on 1 January 1974.

Socials

Wine and Cheese Evening

The club decided to issue tickets to each attending club member at our Wine and Cheese Evening on 12 May, along with a charge of \$1.00. Members' wives and fiancées to be admitted free of charge. It was stipulated that jackets and ties must be worn by club members.

Closing Day

The Island Bay Surf Club building was booked for 24 November and the caterer (Mr Don Upchurch) and band (Mr Rocky Heather) were engaged. It was reported that our catering costs last year amounted to about \$450.00. Limiting the costs as much as possible this year was recommended, to permit the Social Committee of 1974 a measure of financial freedom when planning social activity. It was decided that each person be charged \$2.00 on Closing Night, and a recommendation to go to the next years Committee, that a small charge at social evenings in 1974 be made to offset costs.

Professional Coaching for Junior Boys

Information was received that the Wellington Golf Association had allocated about \$80.00 to the Miramar-Mornington section of the Junior Coaching Programme under Neil Munroe. The allocation was expected to permit about 15 hours of professional coaching. It was estimated that about 12 junior boys from the Miramar Club would attend. It was revealed that since two names only were submitted from Mornington, more names should go forward.

National Coaching School

A circular from NZGA invited nominations. The committee decided that no junior member at Mornington had yet attained a standard of golf that would justify a nomination.

Report from Professional Coaching School for Junior Boys

Information received: The Coaching School had given two coaching sessions with four

to come. Reports for each individual to be submitted by the professional, and boys whose reports are favourable would be nominated again.

Finance

The Treasurer reported that accounts were paid to date, but he said some entrants in the Labour Day and other tournaments had moved off without paying entry fee, and unless these things are finalised, we do not know where we stand. The Treasurer added that the accounts from the Closing Day function had not yet come to hand, but the cost of this and other functions for the year is expected to be about \$800.00. He said these expenses were satisfactory, but raffles in 1974 to permit extra shows were recommended.

Trophy Costs

\$600.00 compared with \$580.00 last year.

57th Annual General Meeting -4 March 1974

Balance Sheet

The Auditor said his predecessor had remarked about the way cash was handled. He personally did not think it necessary to put a tag on the balance sheet. He said the Treasurer and he had gone into it without losing flexibility, and it should be a lot easier that way. A quarterly checkup on accounts was suggested. The Balance Sheet was adopted.

Referring to subscriptions for 1974, the Chairman said the outgoing Committee had recommended that \$1.00 be added to form a Hole in One Fund. He said it is our intention to present ties and have golf balls mounted and the hole in one fund would cover these expenses. The Chairman moved that club fees be \$19.00 for 1974. Seconded and carried.

Honoraria

It was decided that this be the same as for last year.

Stroke Play Championships Honours Board

A member suggested with relation to our Stroke Play Championship competition that was added to the playing programme last year, we should discuss the possibility of a new honours board. The Secretary was asked to enquire if a suitable board can be purchased.

Liquor Licence

The Chairman said it does appear that clubs are going to get a licence to handle liquor. He said we will have to have a bar, and might have to rethink and look at revamping our ideas about the whole clubhouse including new toilets.

10 April - Local Rules

The handicapper submitted a new draft of the local rules together with new scorecards for Committee approval. White pegs to indicate boundaries were recommended. These items were discussed in some detail and accepted.

Irterclub Golf

The Club Captain said the Dudding Shield and Kau Kau Trophy teams' days out should be subsidised. He recommended that an allowance be made to owners whose cars are being used. It was resolved that both teams be given club subsidies of \$20.00, and that the petrol question be left to the Club Captain.

Castlecliff Easter Tournament

It was noted that the Weavers Johnson Cup at the above tournament was won by a team of eight from Mornington.

Club Visit to Mahunga - Saturday 19 October

The Secretary reported that a bus was ordered at a cost of \$106.00. Recommended charge was \$3.00 per person. At that time it was not known whether any other expenses such as green fees and competition fees would have to be met. It was resolved that the club would cover green fees and competition fees if necessary.

Programme for Closing Day - Saturday 23 November 1974

Presentation of Trophies

5.30pm in the clubhouse.

Cocktail Hour

7.30pm to 8.30pm, followed by Dine and Dance in the Regency Rooms (National Party Buildings), Customhouse Quay. All liquid refreshments to be free of charge. Charge to be \$5.00 double (members and escorts only). Eighty couples were expected.

Christmas Cheer - Sunday 15 December 1974

Prizes

Four first prizes (hams), four second prizes (turkeys), four third prizes (chickens). All other participants to receive prizes of lesser value. Raffles to include ten hams plus liquor hampers.

12 March 1975 - Re: Liquor Licensing

A lot of work for the committee of 1975 was anticipated. The spending of a lot of money to upgrade the premises with a chartered licence in view was expected. It was predicted that a clampdown on those premises that are not adequate would take place.

Personal Insurance

The Secretary referred to insurance coverage through the NZGA and said the improved conditions that are offered in Personal Accident, Personal Effects and Public Liability Insurance for the year commencing 1 April 1975 would require a premium of \$1.00 from each member, to become payable by clubs during July. Agreed that we should follow their policies, even if it costs us a little more.

Honoraria for 1975

Hon Secretary	\$350.00
Hon Treasurer	250.00
Hon Assistant Secretary	150.00
Club Captain	100.00
Hon Auditor	20.00

10 April 1975 - Publicity

The Secretary said golf results were not being published with any regularity. Some clubs were dissatisfied with the coverage given by the newspapers. Views were aired at the WGA meeting of 26 March. The Chairman (Mr Treacy) said the Association had approached the newspapers as a result of complaints. Coverage had improved for a time, but it has again fallen off. The Secretary said he would welcome committee suggestions. It was suggested that an 'occasional gift' to the Sports Editor might be effective. Alternatively, we should approach the Southern Sentinel and Brooklyn News.

Interclub Competition - Possible Change

At the recent AGM of the WGA, Mr J.W. Hearn tabled suggestions for a new interclub competition in the Wellington area. It was agreed at this meeting that these proposals be circulated to clubs for their opinions. The Secretary who had attended at the meeting, said any new competition would be subordinate to Duncan Cup. Teams of six

to be graded on golfing ability. The Dudding Shield and Kau Kau Trophy to be abolished. The Secretary added that B Grade clubs would get access to the A Grade courses. The committee was in favour of the proposal.

Course Management

In reply to our letter of 19 May, the Director of Parks advised as follows:

- 1.Provision has been made for the employment of a full time assistant to the Greenkeeper.
- 2.All greens have been sprayed for moss and broadleaf. The greenkeeper is at present manuring all the greens, and should finish this task in early June. It is intended to core, sand, light soil and sow down in pencross, numbers 5, 6, 11 and 12 greens in the week commencing 9 June. The same treatment will be given to the remaining greens in the spring.
- 3.Because of the confined areas of numbers 3, 5, 8, 16 and 18 tees (no alternative places for temporary tees), it is almost impossible to resow or turf them. It is intended that mats be put on the tees.
- 4.Seasonal topdressing to be carried out each spring.

Obituary

Messages of sympathy were sent to the next-of-kin of the late Mr Dick Rawlings, on club members' behalf. Mr Rawlings had been associated with the club as Greenkeeper/Custodian, and as a club member for more than thirty years. He became a Life Member of the club in 1931.

B Club Representatives

The Committee was reminded that expenses had been incurred and paid by Mornington members of the Wellington B Rep. team. It was said that this club had thrived through the standard of top players, and their expenses should be subsidised by the club. Agreed that the players concerned be subsidised.

Twilight Golf

The Committee decided on 13 November 1975 to run twilight competitions before and after Christmas. The possibility of letting the Ladies' Clubs into these competitions was discussed by the Committee. It was said that the factors are that this was a Men's Club, and the rules of the club are that women can come in by invitation only. The Club Captain said that the Social Committee should be given the power to let them in if it sees fit. It was thought odd that a club member cannot ask lady golfers to play in social games. The question was, "what can be done with a setup like this?" After debating, it was decided that the Ladies' Clubs be permitted to enter our twilight competitions.

1976

The 10th donga and water hazards along the 10th and 12th holes were piped at a cost in excess of \$50,000.00.

Desire for Further Clubhouse Expansion

The pavilion being a substantial one piece building of pleasing aesthetic appearance, could not be readily extended. Even if the City Council permitted it which was most unlikely to maintain its external appearance would have been a costly exercise for little advantage.

Alternative

The club take over the entire pavilion and resite Council facilities on the putting green, together with a new men's locker room. Incorporate present men's locker room as extension to the lounge. Present public locker room to be converted into a bar to accommodate ancillary licensing. Thus, all club facilities to be in main building, under one roof except the locker room.

Note: Although plans and specifications were put to the Annual General Meeting of that year, nothing eventuated.

16 March 1977 - Course Closing

The Committee noted with concern, that some members had played the course on a day last year when club competition for the day had been cancelled because of course saturation. The Club Captain said we cannot expect the Council to co-operate with the club in course management when our members do not respect the course. The Club Captain was asked to approach the Custodian with a view to getting the 'Closed' sign out when the club decides that the course should be closed.

B Clubs' Management Committee Report

It was agreed that the term B Clubs should be scrapped. Dudding Shield and Pennants Clubs was the new name suggested at the meeting. This was to be referred to clubs for approval or alternative suggestions.

The Management Committee approved a suggestion that the fees of \$2.50 per player in Dudding Shield and Pennants competitions be raised to \$3.00 and that an accompanying stableford competition with trophies for winners be reinstated. The Management Committee also decided that players directly involved in disputes over rules for interclub competition shall not participate in deciding the dispute.

Mr J. Myers was congratulated on his election as a Rep. Team Selector on the Management Committee.

Course Management

Referring to the extensive excavations on the 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th holes, the Course Management Convenor (Mr J. Fagan) said the Secretary had reminded him that Mr Galloway (Director of Parks) had advised us at a meeting with Council that the 14th drain would be an open one. The drains on the 14th and 15th holes have now been dug up and have proved to be much wider and deeper than expected. The Council intends to place pipes in the drain that passes across the front of the 14th tee. Mr Fagan said his Course Management Committee was unhappy about the size of the open drains. He had drawn this fact to the notice of Mr McKelvie (Council Works Engineer) and some improvement was promised.

14 April 1977 –Application for Ancillary Licence

The Chairman (Mr Fagan) advised the Committee that the last day for application for a licence was 30 April 1977, and in this light, the Committee was asked to decide on the course the club is to take. Questions tabled:

1. Does the Committee wish to apply for an ancillary licence?
2. Does the Committee wish to get a solicitor to handle this?
3. What hours should we apply for?

Committee Decision

1. It was resolved that the Mornington Golf Club apply for an ancillary licence.
2. A solicitor be engaged to handle the application.
3. Hours of the licence should be: Wednesday 4pm-10pm. Saturday 10am-10pm. Sunday 10am-8pm.
4. The Trustees of the club be empowered to carry the application through and incur such fees as may be necessary.

Note: Wellington City Council to be notified about our application for licensed drinking and their approval sought.

On 6 September 1977, the President (Mr Fagan) reported that the Club Captain (Mr J Myers), the Secretary (Mr M Lousich) and he had met the Solicitor for a final briefing before the hearing. The Solicitor advised us that the club might be required to adhere to the hours approved for other clubs. The club was seeking 28 hours in total each week, but they had to fit in with our Wednesday twilight competitions and our Saturday and Sunday games.

A letter from the club's solicitor (Mr B.N. Gundersen) confirmed that the club's application for an ancillary liquor licence was heard before the Licensing Control Commission on Thursday 20 October 1977. A list of costs relating to the application was enclosed with the letter. A second letter dated 8 November 1977, advised that the Commission had allowed the licence for throughout the year on the following days: Wednesdays 4.00-7.30pm. Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays 10.30am-7.30pm.

A standard condition to apply which provides that during the period of daylight saving

the closing times are extended to 8.30pm. It is to be noted that the Commission has imposed the condition of incorporation on the club before the licence is issued. The consent of the Wellington City Council must also be produced, and the solicitor has undertaken to contact the City Council on this point.

It was resolved that the club's legal adviser be instructed to proceed to register the club as an Incorporated Society forthwith.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr Fagan who capably represented the club at the hearing of 20 October 1977.

15 December 1977 - Rules of the Mornington Golf Club and Incorporation Mr Fagan's report: Incorporation does mean that we have to change our Constitution of Rules to comply with the Act. I make the following recommendations to the Committee:

1. The club shall be called 'The Mornington Golf Club Incorporated'.
2. A letterbox be fitted to the front door, and a sign indicating Registered Office of the Mornington Golf Club (Inc). be affixed.
3. The club's official address be 566 Adelaide Road, Wellington.

Mr Fagan said we have got the fifteen signatures necessary for incorporation. The Committee decided that the Mornington Golf Club became an incorporated society, and that the Constitution of Rules of the Mornington Golf Club be amended. The Secretary was asked to call an extraordinary general meeting for 7.30pm and the AGM for 8.15pm to be held in the clubrooms on Monday 13 February 1978.

19 January 1978 - Approval for Sale of Liquor on Council Reserve, Pursuant to Clause 16, Part XII of the Wellington City Bylaws

The Town Clerk (Mr I A McCutcheon) advised that the City Council gave its consent to the Mornington Golf Club supplying liquor under an ancillary licence, subject to conditions set out in the letter (regarding the Police Department, Department of Health and NZ Fire Service), and subject to the club becoming incorporated.

On 13 February, the Constitution of Rules of the club were amended to accommodate incorporation on the club's solicitor's advice, and the way was open for the club to become an incorporated society.

Estimated cost of upgrading the club's facilities for an ancillary licence was \$3,000.00. It was suggested that the Wellington City Council be asked to pay some of the costs. Discussion with the Council were recommended, to cover all alterations including Fire Board requirements. Club feeling was that we should not be expected to spend a large sum of money on upgrading a building it did not own. We touched on the possibility of Council aid for this. Council consideration was given to proposals regarding fire requirements, but not directly to ancillary licence.

Working Bees to Cut Costs

The Committee met to decide on procedure for work in the area of the new bar and related requirements. We planned to call for a number of 'working bees' to do a lot of the work. Two inner doors together with the back and kitchen doors were to be adjusted to open outwards, the latter two to open out onto concrete landings. Other requirements included a towel dispenser cabinet in the ladies' washroom, dry cleaning and fire retardant treatment of the drapes and curtains, and a letterbox fixed on the inside of the front door. Plans were in hand to cut a doorway through the back wall of the bar room to give access to a proposed crate storing compartment outside. We had to get the dimensions of the glass washer and coolers to work out the size and location of the new doorway, the concrete base on the outside and the overall plans for the new bar.

Facts and figures on the emergency exit lighting to be supplied by the Chloride Battery Co.

Coolers, Glassmaster etc

Dimensions and prices were tabled and discussed. It was resolved that two 16 cubic ft coolers priced at \$790.00 each, and a Barmaster glass washer at \$675.00 be purchased for the new bar. A 10 percent reduction for cash was anticipated. Both lots of drawings for the bar were promised by the next meeting. An expense budget to cover everything was suggested.

The projects convener said we decided on four bar managers instead of the five originally agreed upon. Bar managers would cost \$50.00 each for the first licences which run for three years, then \$25.00 per bar manager. The licence to be uplifted by 27 November 1978.

Ladies' Club with Relation to Licensing

With club licensing impending and its requirements to consider, the future of the Ladies' Clubs with relation to licensing had to be settled. On 11 December 1974, our club received a letter from the Mornington Weekend Ladies' Club, requesting a meeting to discuss the possibility of amalgamation and sharing of facilities. We advised them that we thought it feasible, but intimated a similar letter from the Midweek Ladies' Club would have to be forthcoming before a meaningful meeting of the three clubs could take place. The Secretary advised them that their proposal could not be taken to our Annual General Meeting in its present form.

A meeting involving the three clubs concerned did eventuate that year without agreement, but when licensing came in we were obliged to amalgamate and share facilities.

Course Management - 1978

A close liaison with the WCC Parks and Reserves Department was continued. The club's proposal for extending the course on the eastern side to create a par four at the

18th hole was approved by the Director of Parks.

New Hole Behind 6th

Reportedly the City Council has no plans to bring this hole in before the drainage has been worked out.

Changed Method of Accounting

Treasurer's Monthly Report

Date	Item	In	Out	Balance
10/5/79	Cash in Bank			3328.07
to	Income	2391.27		5619.34
14/6/79	Expenditure		2447.90	3171.44
	Cash in Hand	200.00		3371.44

Value of Club Stock

Liquor golf balls meat cigarettes trophies	Approx. 700.00
Cash Flow	No shortages
Bar Profits	373.37
Raffle Profits	219.56
Pool Table Takings	57.40
Wrought Board Takings	59.00
Poker Money (29/4/79 to 3/6/79)	94.10

Club Membership

Life Members (Playing)	5
Financial Playing	103
Junior Playing	6
Non-Playing	9
Partly Financial	4
Unfinancial Playing	24
Unfinancial Non-Playing	3
Total	154

Club Amenities

In 1979 the club became incorporated and holder of an ancillary licence. Club amenities included a cafeteria, pool table and coloured television.

During 1979 club membership had increased to 170 men and 77 ladies who also use the facilities.

Again the club considered the possibility of a lounge in the roof of the pavilion, but in the light of earthquake awareness, some committee members preferred to 'take another look' at the project suggested in 1976. In 1980 however, the committee as a whole, and the Club Captain (Mr C.G. Boyce) and Treasurer (Mr A.W. Potts) in particular, opted for the mezzanine lounge in the roof of the pavilion and we pushed ahead with plans and specifications and a close estimate of costs. The package was taken to the AGM for approval and sanction to take it to the City Council.

Estimated Cost of Project

\$38,000.00 (furnishings not included), of which \$27,000.00 is estimated for 'close in' stage.

Questions were raised about the wisdom of investing so much club money in property that can never be owned by the club. Members asked whether the club could negotiate a long term lease with right of renewal.

Club Executive's Report to the AGM

We told Council about our desire for a long term lease and expressed our concern about the ever present possibility of a Council decision to terminate our lease at the end of any given two year term. Council said they had no record of any tenant or tenants of Parks and Reserves buildings whose leasehold was given up involuntarily. We were reassured that it was not their policy to terminate leases of responsible tenants. They did state, however, that all sports organisations occupying Parks and Reserves buildings do so under two year leaseholds.

After lengthy deliberation, the project for building in the roof of the pavilion was approved by the AGM.

Conditions for Building Upstairs Mezzanine Lounge

In 1981 the Mornington Golf Club's application for an extension was approved by the Wellington City Council with a condition that the club insure all club occupied parts of the building.

City Council's Insurance Cover Requirements

Building Replacement	\$250,000.00
Plant, Mach., Furn., Fittings	40,000.00
Stock Replacement	4,000.00
Fire etc, Total Sum Insured (Cover)	294,000.00
Burglary	9,000.00
Money	3,000.00
	Premium - 1,950.00

Insurance to operate from 12 August 1982.

Finance

1981 had been an exceptional year for the club. A marked increase in the number of members playing golf had resulted in increased activity in the clubrooms. Bar profits reached a 'new high' level of \$9,646.00 and Cascade Lotteries netted \$3,560.00. Pool table takings were \$1,118.00. This, together with increase vigilance in the area of costs had contributed in no small measure to a net club gain of about \$11,000.00 for the year.

Building Project

The permit for the new clubroom extension was uplifted and work had started. Completion was expected to take place by the end of March 1982.

The Liquor Licensing Commission had confirmed their acceptance of our application for an extension of the licence to cover the new lounge.

Building Project Estimates

Estimated Total Cost (including Furnishings)	Estimated Income	Balance
\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00
	1980-81 \$17,000.00	28,000.00
	1981-82 \$15,000.00	13,000.00
	1982-83 \$11,000.00	2,000.00
	1983-84 \$ 2,000.00	-

Note: The above only included pre-paid subscriptions in the years that they became due for payment. Little need for borrowing had been anticipated, except perhaps on a short term basis.

Course Management - Convenors Report

The greens remained in good condition throughout last summer because they were watered regularly by our Course Management Committee. The water pressure on the 6th, 7th and 8th greens is poor. The water comes through private property in Breton Grove. In July the greens were sprayed and topdressed with fertiliser. Coring is to be carried out at the end of the season with club help. Most tees are badly worn. We have been placing tee markers in the best places to give relief. We haven't heard from Council this year, but trees have been planted. The condition of the course as a whole has improved.

Interclub Golf

Our President Salver and Schroder Trophy teams were congratulated on their efforts in A Grade competitions. The President's Salver team held its status for 1982 by finishing fifth, while our Schroder Trophy team took third place in its competition. Votes of thanks

were extended to the managers, caddies, spotters, match committee and club members for their loyal support to the teams and the club.

Junior Golf

A new three rounds Stableford competition for Juniors had been built into our programme. A change to bring the (pm) Doherty Cup Junior competition into the morning timetable was to be recommended to the incoming Committee.

Junior Coaching

Nine 'under twenties' attended a coaching school run by Mr P. Cataldo at Mornington on 5 April. A coaching school scheduled for 22 and 23 August at Shandon was rained out on the second day.

Social Golf

Social competitions were played at McLean's Island (Christchurch), Whitby, Waikanae and Wainuiomata during the year. All were won by the host clubs. Our club held six successful twilight competitions during the summer season.

Socials

A Dutch auction, two sports nights, a film evening and the End of Year function were held during the season.

Honoraria

A 20 percent increase was approved by the AGM.

Comparisons	1981	1982
Secretary Manager	\$350.00	\$420.00
Treasurer	250.00	300.00
Assistant Secretary	150.00	180.00
Club Captain	100.00	120.00
Auditor	30.00	(66.66%) 50.00

Subscriptions for 1982

Approved by the AGM.

	1981	1982	Increase
Subscription	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$3.00
Competition Fees	12.00	14.00	2.00
Affiliation Fee	<u>6.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>2.00</u>
	40.00	47.00	7.00

No increase for Juniors and Non-Playing members was sought.

Opening of New Mezzanine Lounge

The Mornington Golf Club's new lounge was opened by the Mayor of Wellington, Sir Michael Fowler on Saturday 17 July 1982. About 200 guests and club members attended including the Director of Parks (Mr Ian Galloway), the Assistant Director (Mr Richard Nansen), the President of the Wellington Golf Association (Mr Roger Brennan), Vice President and Life Member of the Ladies' Golf Union (Lady Rae Meech), officials from other golf clubs, Mr Harold Black (an early member of the club) and Life Members of the Mornington Golf Club Messrs Kel Baker, Joe Bartley, Jack Lawson, Maurice Lousich, Ron Mason, Andy McLean, Ken Olivant and Ray Watts.

The Club President (Mr John Myers) told guests and members that he felt privileged to be the one to welcome such distinguished people to the club. Mr Galloway was thanked for his advice and assistance when getting the project started. Mr Myers told the gathering that the financing, building and furnishing of the new lounge was the end result of a total club effort.

Mr Brennan said he had association with the Mornington Golf club for many years and had always found it to be progressive. He said Mornington golfers in numbers had regularly gained selection for the Wellington B Grade representatives.

Before formally opening the lounge, Sir Michael spoke at length about the club's initiative and courage in taking on the project. Sir Michael remarked about the number of young people connected with the club.