

A Short History of the
Ladner Lawn Bowling Club
“The First One Hundred Years”

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The Early Years

On Nov 6, 1916 a notice appeared in "The British Columbian" the newspaper of the day, which stated "BOWLING CLUB FOR DELTA " in Ladner.

A committee has been formed to encourage bowling on the green and are canvassing for those interested to take shares in a society

to purchase an acre of the Ladner estate and put in shape for the next season. Mr. J. McKee who has the matter in hand, has been successful and hopes to report at a meeting next week that all the shares, amounting to \$1000, have been taken. The purchase price of the lot is to be \$600. The balance will be used to fence the grounds and put it into good shape for a bowling green. Ladner has a good team which have played for the past three months, mostly on Mr. W. A. Kirkland's lawn, but it is felt that a society green is needed, and hence the effort is now being made.

The \$1000 was raised, and the property purchased, it was located on Victoria Drive (now 72nd Avenue) and measured 122.75 ft. x 351.8 ft. This property became known as the Ladner Country Club. It was also to include tennis courts as well as a bowling green. These clubs would be charged annual rental fees for their use of the facilities. On January 5th, 1917 a meeting was held at the Municipal Hall, then located on Elliot St, to form the Ladner Lawn Bowling Association. A constitution was drafted, and the Club entered the Lower Mainland League.

The first elected officers were:

President: Rev. W. R. Stillman

Vice Presidents: W. A. Kirkland and J. A. Williamson

Secretary W H Wilson

Treasurer S W Walters.

A committee was formed to draft a constitution consisting of the president, secretary and Mr. J McRee. It is obvious that several members of the Country Club Consortium were also members of the Bowling Association. Incidentally this is the only meeting where the term association is used, thereafter we became known as the Bowling Club.

Work was underway on the green construction by February 17th superintended by Mr. J Mills under the direction of the directors. On March 17th the draft constitution was adopted after clause-by-clause consideration. Mr. J A Williamson was appointed as a second vice president.

At a special meeting on March 25th, 1917 Mr. L J Ladner was made an Honorary member.

On April 27th four skips were selected and proceeded to form rinks to be challenged by other rinks, if defeated twice the skip had to give place to another. Opening day was set for May 1st, and March 19th, 1917 was the date of the Annual meeting. Twenty-one members attended. After paying \$50 to the Country Club and \$1 per member to the Lower Mainland Bowling Association the Balance was \$11. Fees were set at \$5 for men and \$2 for Ladies.

On May 17th a meeting was held to plan the season's games and fees were set at \$3 for men and \$1 for ladies. By August 1917 the green measuring 120ft. by 105ft. was complete, levelled, and awaiting rain prior to seeding.

In 1918 there were discussions concerning a tennis club which would rent grounds from the bowling club, three courts were laid out. The new green was completed and formally opened on June 5th. Mrs. Kirkland threw the first jack and Reeve Patterson threw the first bowl. Dr King who was president made a speech, and the Club presented a set of lawn bowls to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kirkland.

There were about one hundred and fifty people present including members of the tennis club. During the season games were played against East Delta, Vancouver, Terminal Club and Burnaby.

In April 1919 a clubhouse was proposed with a central room 16ft. square surrounded by a 6ft. veranda, to be used by the bowling and tennis clubs and visiting teams. Work started on April 24th and was completed on May 13th. The work was done by club members. Lockers were provided but members had to provide their own locks. Fees were increased to \$10 for men and \$3 for ladies. The green was opened on April 18th. Mr. W. H. Mackenzie presented the club with a silver button to be played for in a singles competition.

The Twenties

At the AGM in 1920 it was reported that the Bowser Cup had been won by W.A. Kirkland, S.W. Walter, A Henderson and P Smith. The club played nine interclub games and won five, lost three and tied one.

The Country Club rental was \$167. The season ended with a social at the Odd Fellows Hall followed by Toasts and finished with a musical programme.

In 1921 the Club affiliated with the Lower Mainland and BC Bowling Associations. At this time membership was about 25 men and 23 ladies. The name had become the Ladner Bowling Club, and fees had risen to \$10 for men and \$3 for women. Ladner beat Kerrisdale by ten points and sent three rinks to Stanley Park in June, and in July the Kirkland rink lost to Terminal City in the second round of the Lower Mainland championships.

In 1926 the season opened on May 5th. At the SAGM the new constitution was read and adopted as a whole. One hundred copies were printed. During the season the Ladies won first prize at a competition in Stanley Park. The season ended with social activities.

In 1927 a whist drive and social generated \$39 and in 1928 a social at the Odd Fellows Hall with cards and refreshments raised \$29. Umbrella games (presumably what we call aggregates) were started in the 1920s with an entry fee of 10 cents per game. In 1929 twenty games were played with an average of 16 men and 10 ladies.

On June 24th, 1929 a party on the green in honour of Mrs. Landseth's seventy sixth birthday was proposed, Men to provide the refreshments.

An associate member category was set up for former members who could no longer play, the fee was \$1 per year in 1928.

The Thirties

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$209.33 at the AGM in 1930, the Country Club rental fees were \$200. Men's fees were \$10, ladies \$4.

C Herman was runner up in The Champion of Champion Singles, "by a slight margin and a lot of hard luck."

Four members W A Kirkland, J P Smith, A Hundreth and D Martin travelled to California to play in a tournament in 1931.

In June 1932 the Vancouver and District Lawn Bowling Association held its first meeting and elected Mr. W A Kirkland as Honorary President.

Dr King donated four shares of the Country Club to the Bowling Club.

The economic downturn in the early thirties led to men's fees being reduced to \$8, payable in two instalments. In 1934 the Country Club rental was reduced to \$100, but the Club had to "take over keeping the grounds and environment in good order." In 1936 the membership had declined to eight ladies and fifteen men. Some members donated \$5 to the club which was short of funds. Lime was donated for the greens upkeep. By 1939 membership had increased to 20 men and 22 ladies.

The tennis club had ceased to function in the later thirties, it had been difficult to maintain the playing surface of the grass courts. In 1933 younger members of the club decided to build a court using wood. The playing surface was two by fours mounted on edge. This worked well for a time, but rain and sunshine affected the surface and it had to be abandoned.

In 1939 the clubhouse was enlarged with most of the "work being done by older club members."

The Forties

At the 1940 AGM the treasurer reported a balance of \$171 of which \$ 34.45 was from umbrella games. The Country Club rental was \$75 and \$10 had been donated to the ladies' club. A Red Cross Committee was formed and \$22.45 was donated.

Vancouver and District asked clubs to donate to the Save the Children Fund in 1941. The club held a mixed fours tournament with clubs from loco, Burnaby, Kitsilano and Delta which raised \$25.50 which was sent to V and D.

1941 was reported to be a very successful year with a dry summer. There were nineteen men and twelve lady members, and three " sailor boys" who were allowed to play in the umbrella games. The treasurer reported a balance of \$223.98. The Country Club to receive \$75, the Red Cross \$25. And the Ladies Fund \$10.00.

Members took part in the Howe Trophy a V&D competition to raise funds for the Crippled Children's Hospital which raised \$236.

V and D raised a total of \$3,465 for the Save the Children Fund During the war years interclub games were cancelled due to gasoline rationing. The club raised money for Raise the Children Fund and the Red Cross and Save the Children Fund.

The ladies made quilts for the Red Cross in 1943 and 1944. The ladies were asked to bring their own sugar for tea. New curtains for the clubhouse were purchased in 1944.

1945 was reported to be one of the most successful years, the Hudson Bay Cup was won by J P Smith, W A Kirkland, C O Lambert and Ray Hutcherson as skip. In 1947 shingles were installed on the west and south sides of the clubhouse. A comment was made to the ladies "asking for cooperation concerning wearing high heels on the green". In 1948 The Ray Hutcherson rink won The Union Steamship Cup at a tournament on Bowen Island. Ray was also elected to the executives of BC Bowls and V and D Bowls.

At the AGM it was decided to level the greens and replace the curbs prior to the 1949 season. A third of the greens were raised a level of three inches. They had to be levelled and the grass cut before opening day. Members who could, worked on the greens and those who were unable to undertook the financial end". At the 1949 SAGM the greens were reported to be in good shape with a cement curb all around.

A well was dug on the property to provide water in the dry season and the hedge was trimmed by club members.

The Country Club fees were \$75 for most years.

The Fifties

The clubhouse was extended in the spring of 1950 using a donation of \$1,000 from Mr. W A Kirkland. Membership had grown to 23 men and 20 ladies. The ladies made an Afghan which was raffled off and the proceeds were turned over to the club.

In 1950 there were discussions with the Country Club regarding a long-term lease for the property. This resulted in a proposal to purchase the property and a special meeting was held in July and the motion to purchase was approved at a cost of \$1,000. This was financed by a ten-year mortgage. The mortgage lender was Amy Morrisson who at one time was a tennis club member. This purchase made the club somewhat unique in that most clubs play on land owned by the municipality and not by the club.

The Club was re-organized with the usual elected officers plus three others. All assets were transferred to the new club which was registered under the BC Societies Act as a corporation.

1950 was also a good bowling year. The Club won the Banyard Cup, Ray Hutcherson was president of V and D Bowling with W A Kirkland as Honorary President. Ray Hutcherson was also on the BC Lawn Bowling Association executive.

Two members were charged with renting out the area formerly used by the tennis club for agricultural purposes. This was letting the grass grow and harvesting for Hay. 1951 was recorded as a successful year owing to exceptional weather. The Ray Hutcherson rink won the LC Jack Cup at a tournament in July.

The Ladies donated new folding chairs in 1952. The north end of the green was lowered by three inches to its original level. It was also proposed that a hedge along Victoria St (now 47th Avenue) be lowered, so that games could be watched by the public. This motion was defeated.

A beginner's league was set up in 1953, experienced skips and three beginners to play on Tuesday nights at a cost of 25 cents per game. The proceeds of these games to be used as prizes.

Discussions concerning the south portion of the lot were held. However, there was no access except through the club, in 1957 it was decided to sow it with grass and clover, which could easily be sold. A new sprinkler system was installed.

In 1958 J P Smith, a long-time member, was honoured as Ladner "Man of the Year". No prizes were awarded for umbrella games because "they spoiled good gamesmanship"

The Ladies Club continued their good work during the Fifties. In 1955 they held a potluck with the men bringing the food and doing the dishes afterwards. They made donations to the club for repairing tables in the clubhouse and the new sprinkler system. They asked each member to make one or two quilt squares to make a quilt which could be raffled off. In 1959 they held a potluck and charged members of the men's club fifty cents to attend.

The Sixties

On August 1st, 1960 the final mortgage payment on the property was made. On August 5th the Mortgage Burning Ceremony" started with a spider. Teams were drawn and a game played under perfect weather.

After the game a special cake was enjoyed in the clubhouse and then Emily Bradford set the discharged mortgage alight to loud applause.

The Ladies Club donated two hundred dollars towards the final payment.

The use of the green was granted 'free of charge' on Wednesdays to Old Age Pensions groups. Negotiations started with the Senior Citizens Association group concerning selling the old Tennis

Court area.

In 1961 the tennis court area known as the south lot was sold to the Senior Citizens Association for \$1,000 which was below the market value, said to be worth \$2,500. A letter was sent to the Senior Citizens Association stating that \$1500 was a donation. A right of way to the back of our property from Evergreen Lane was written into the Agreement of Sale to allow truck access to our site.

The Ladies decided that their affiliation with the Ladies Lawn Bowling Association be discontinued in 1963. They then joined the BC Ladies Lawn Bowling Association. In 1966 C O Lambert was presented with an engraved lighter for 50 years of bowling.

1967 a party was held for J P Smith for 50 years with the Club. Of course, he had the first slice of the cake.

V and D approved Ladner teams wearing turquoise shirts at interclub tournaments.

In 1968 the ladies held a "Good Will Tournament" in association with the Ladies Lawn Bowling Association of BC and raised \$203 which was distributed to the Cancer Clinic \$53, Central City Mission \$50, Indian Center \$50 and Ladies of Atonement \$50.

The Seventies

In 1970 men's fees were raised to \$25 and ladies' fees to \$10 and beginners to \$15. A discussion was started on amalgamating the ladies and men's clubs. In 1972 the clubs were joined, and ladies would have voting rights and position on the Board of Directors. Land values had increased so that the assessed value of the land and buildings reached \$10,000. At this time the club was paying property taxes, but they were offset by grants from the Municipality.

In 1974 the club was awarded a New Horizon grant of \$8,865 for the installation of a new sprinkler system, new outdoor lighting, a new fence and additions to the club house equipment.

In 1977, it was announced that the Kennedy Park green was completed, and a green was planned for Tsawwassen.

In 1978 Amy Morrison and Ernie Crowe won the mixed doubles.

The Eighties

1982 saw another New Horizon's grant, this time for \$5,460 for repairs to the clubhouse, a new water main, drinking fountains were relocated, new cupboards were installed, and new mats were purchased. The membership had risen to 101 members.

In 1984 the BC Bowling Association would no longer receive Government grants, so they instituted a lottery with all clubs selling tickets. Ladner was allocated 100 books of 5 tickets. They

eventually sold 1318 tickets; Lloyd Shea alone sold 803. A lady in Delta won the \$6,000 top prize and the club profited from their share of the ticket sales.

A new competition "Scotch Doubles" was instituted. Teams consist of one man and one woman, each skipped seven ends and there was no specific order in which the ends were played.

The Harald Thayer Trophy was presented by Lorraine Thayer for mixed fours competition.

Early in 1986 a Lottery Grant of \$3950 was received and used for repairs to the lawn mower and verticutter, new jacks and mats, repairs and upgrades to the wiring for the outdoor lights etc.

A green was made available for limited vision bowlers on Sunday afternoons.

In 1987 the Club provided facilities for the BC Summer Games and hosted the finals for the Ladies event and visually impaired bowlers.

Sixteen club members visited California early in the season. They were regally entertained. The club reciprocated the favour by hosting bowling and a lunch for the Californians when they visited later in the season.

In 1988, mainly because the 120' x 105' green was not regulation size games in inter club competitions could only be played in the north south direction. A suggestion was made to either purchase the adjacent property on Evergreen Lane, or to sell the club and re-locate elsewhere.

The Nineties

War Amps days were initiated in 1990 and the club collected \$150. These are now an annual event supported by Bowling Clubs across Canada.

In 1990 membership fees were raised to \$50 and locker fees to \$3. A special day was held for Harry MacDonald, a ninety-two-year-old member. He was also made an Honorary Member. Delta Cable televised games on six bowling days and showed them on Channel 10.

In 1991 Gladys and Gordon Merrick won the McFarland Trophy at Terminal Lawn Bowling Club.

Jim Wilson was made an Honorary Member in 1992. Ladies Nights were initiated on Wednesday evenings. Some damage was done by a car being driven through the hedge. The hedge, the boarding and a bench were damaged, so an insurance claim was initiated. As a result, the gates were to be locked and members given a key on payment of \$1, repayable if the member left the club permanently.

The assessed value of the property was noted to be rising steadily and in order to maintain the club as a self owned operation it was decided to amend the constitution. Ladner Lawn Bowling is an

unusual club in that it owns its own land and buildings, most clubs are on municipal property and maintain their green and buildings. On July 1st, 1992, an extraordinary general meeting was held to amend the Constitution by adding an Article IV, which stated that in the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society all funds and assets would be donated to charities designated by members of the Society at the time of dissolution. Both motions were carried unanimously.

In 1993 the Social Member category was established, i.e. spouses of members so they could attend all social functions. The cost to be \$10.00 per member. Alan Russell, a long-time member, was elected to be president of War Amps Canada.

Six club members worked as volunteers at the Casino for two nights after attending a training course. As a result, the Club received \$13,600 for renovations and repairs to the club house including enlarging the Ladies washrooms and an addition for new men's washrooms. These renovations were estimated to cost \$20,000, so a second Casino night was applied for, and a further \$10,000 was received. The club house renovations were completed in 1993.

Tsawwassen Bowling Club was allowed to use our green to bowl on Tuesday nights because they had no floodlights. In 1994 George Yakel was made a Life Member at the Annual General Meeting. He was approaching his 90th birthday. Alan Russell advised that the Champs (now War Amps) program had raised \$8,265 across Canada in that year.

In 1995 the Vancouver and District Men's and Ladies Clubs amalgamated and informed clubs that they were now called the Vancouver and District Lawn Bowling Association. Club fees were raised to \$70 and \$5 for lockers.

In 1996 Langley Indoor Bowling Club opened and fifteen of our members signed up for an initial fee of \$10. A garage sale was held in 1997 which raised \$1,107. The club also received donations of \$500 from the Royal Canadian Legion and \$5,000 from the Delta Agricultural Society. Another Casino night was held in April and the Club received \$46,430. This allowed for the purchase of a new mower, verticutter, and roller and fertilizer spreader. A concrete sidewalk was installed around the green and a patio installed at the rear of the clubhouse. New kitchen equipment was also purchased, and the clubhouse floor was tiled. Hedges at the east and north sides of the property were removed and a chain link fence was installed. The exterior lights were upgraded, and new lockers purchased.

In 1998 the Club requested that the Municipality allow us an extra 20 feet on the east side so that the green could be made regulation size. In 1999 a new roof was put onto the clubhouse and a new ceiling installed and the inside was repainted. The clubhouse floor showed instability and had to be braced up.

Amy and Dugald Morrison were made Honorary Members of the Club. The Municipality started a review of the Mckee House and the adjoining area including the club request in 1999. The club made presentations at these meetings. The property between the club and Evergreen Lane had been demolished some time earlier and was an untidy plot used as a shortcut across one corner to 47th Avenue.

Weeds spreading from this lot onto the green had been a problem for some time.

Year 2000 and Beyond

Fees for the 2000 season were set at \$100 plus \$10 for a contingency fund. The membership was 200 members. The club was short of funds because the sub floor was rotting and had to be replaced. A private loan from a member helped cover the problem. The next year it was decided to set up a Building and Contingency Fund to cover unexpected expenditures which could not be covered from operating funds. This fund was only to be used after approval of the executive, and club members notified. The initial amount deposited was \$2000.

In the latter half of the nineties the municipality had acquired the property between the east side of the green and Evergreen Lane. The buildings were demolished in 1998. In 2001 the Club requested that the Municipality lease us an extra twenty feet on the east side so that the green could be made the usual size allowing eight lanes of sixteen feet plus an allowance on each side. The Municipality was at this time conducting a survey of the land in the McKee Triangle which resulted in the decision to build the current McGee House and to allow the Bowling Club to lease the twenty feet of land on the east side requested. A draft lease was presented and after one or two iterations a lease was signed for a ten-year term at \$1 per year, to be renegotiated at the end. The Club immediately extended the fence to include the extra land. Investigations into a new green were initiated and the option to simply extend the width was quickly rejected because other clubs had tried this, but in time, the new portion settled differently and interfered with the bowling. Initial estimates for a new grass green were between \$150,000 and \$250,000 and an artificial green would be higher.

The Club entered into a major fund-raising era and at the same time maintained the normal schedule of aggregates, leagues, Singles doubles and triple competitions, interclub games, V&D games, social functions etc, the grass green was maintained as usual during the off seasons by fertilization, moss control, thatching, coring and re-sanding and re-levelling as necessary.

BC Gaming Commission grants were obtained to assist with operating funds, members donated paintings and Quilts for Art Raffles. Garage and Baking Sales were held annually, and Bridge Tournaments were initiated. Meat draws were held at several local establishments together with raffles at events like the Christmas Dinner. We even had a recycling fund and a spare change fund, plus 50/50 draws as often as possible. The largest source of money was from members donations, either directly to the club or via the National Trust Sports Fund. Pete Cullis had researched this fund which allowed members contributions to be characterized as charitable donations. Most donations were made via this source.

During the fundraising years members were invited to play on an artificial green at Mann Park in White Rock, some even played in a winter league there. We obtained advice from experts on grass green construction, but there was only one source of artificial green construction, Marathon Services, who had installed the green at Mann Park. However, by the time our green was ready to be installed they had completed greens in Mission and Richmond.

Pete Cullis who was our groundskeeper at the time was runner-up in the 2009 V&D singles competition.

A new grass green would take a year to install so we would lose a playing season. An artificial green could be installed in a much shorter time with the preferred installation of the surface layer during warm weather. The carpet on an artificial green would be guaranteed for ten years but would be expected to last longer. Money would have to be set aside to meet this expense when it occurred. The annual cost of maintaining the old green was approximately \$8,000 per year so this would not be a major change in operating costs.

After much thought, time and discussion it was decided to opt for an artificial green. The Municipality completed their study on the use of the McKee House and presented a proposal in 2001 allowing us the use of 20 feet of the adjacent lot on payment of \$1 per year, renewable after 10 years.

Also, if the club is sold or terminated the Municipality has the first right of refusal on the asking price for the land. After some revisions the contract was signed in 2002 and the club installed a new fence in 2003 to include the leased land. Fund raising started slowly and it took ten years to reach our goal. The New green account was kept low as money was transferred into GIC accounts to obtain interest. In the spring of 2012, we had enough money to sign a contract with Marathon services. The main sources of funds were

- Members Donations
- Operating Fund transfers
- Fund Raisers
- Corporate Donations
- Delta Agricultural Society
- Delta Firefighters
- BC Tire recycling
- Other

\$ 250,000
\$ 81,400
\$ 53,100
\$ 5,000
\$ 1,000
\$ 30,000
\$ 550

It was decided to raise the level of the green by six inches. Also, to move it to the east, to allow a wider entrance way and to the south to increase the width of the surround on the north side. The old surround structures were removed and replaced with new ones.

The old green was removed, and a drainage system was installed consisting of porous pipes laid at intervals under the green and connecting to a drainage system on 47th Avenue. This was covered by a layer of coarse gravel, then a layer of fine gravel. A layer of recycled tire material one inch thick was added and covered with a porous membrane. The surface level was checked to be within one

eighth of an inch over the whole surface. The new carpet material was on hand, it was supplied by Dales an English company, and they sent two installers from England who laid it in two weeks. The light standards had to be relocated to allow for the wider green. The sidewalks were widened and made from poured concrete all around. The area in front of the clubhouse was also raised to eliminate a step at the clubhouse door. Two handrails were installed on at the gate and the other at the steps adjacent to the rake shed.

The total cost paid to Marathon was close to \$470,000. During the year the funds in hand were insufficient and a member loaned the club funds to cover the shortfall, At the end of the fiscal year the loan stood at \$19,500. Part of the reason for this was that we had to wait for two GICs to mature before we cashed them. The outstanding loan was paid off in two years. In 2012 the club membership peaked at 112 playing members. During this year we not only got a new green we also received a New Horizons Grant of \$9,500 which was spent on new benches to surround the green. The new green was officially opened on July 6th. Having an all-weather green allowed us to set up winter aggregates and we have also introduced Boxing Day Bashes and New Years Day events. Club members fees allowed for all year-round bowling and winter only bowling fees were introduced, alternatively winter bowlers could pay a drop-in fee.

In subsequent years money that had been spent on maintaining the grass green was redirected to a green replacement fund consisting of GICs. A new floor was installed in the clubhouse and the kitchen was upgraded with new cupboards, counters and a high-tech dishwasher. Sunshields were installed on the north side of the green. The concrete pad on the south side of the clubhouse was enlarged and a tent was installed for use in the hot summer evenings like the corn roast etc. Lately the north wall of the clubhouse was replaced and new windows which could be opened on hot days were installed.

Matt Yole a past president and a long-time member of the club participated in the BC playdowns of the Blind Bowling Association of Canada in a partially sighted category for several years. In 2015 he won his category and represented BC at the National final and won the gold medal for the partially sighted category. He was inducted into the Delta Sports Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, an injury kept him out of the competition in 2016 when Ladner hosted the National championships.

The Centennial Year (2017)

2017 was a fine season with extended periods of sunny weather. Prior to the season a collection of photographs dating back to the early years and about ten-year intervals afterwards was assembled and mounted in the clubhouse.

Several special events were held to mark the centenary. The first on Victoria Day was the introduction of a new club competition " The 100th Anniversary Trophy held on May 22nd. This competition will be held annually in the future. The first winners were the Pete Cullis rink with Kerry Derbyshire, Shirly Layton and Evelyn Fraser.

The main opening ceremony was held on June 3rd and was attended by invited guests and hosted by President Garry Parenteau. Carla Qualtrough our local member of parliament, Vicki Huntingdon,

recently retired MLA for South Delta, Lois Jackson Mayor of Delta, and representatives of Bowls Canada, BC Bowls, and V&D Bowls. Also invited were presidents of the V&D Clubs and past presidents of Ladner Lawn Bowling Club. Speeches were made and plaques presented to the club noting the Centenary which were to be displayed in the clubhouse.

Following the speeches cake and refreshments were served and Garry taught Carla Qualtrough how to deliver a bowl. Members were invited to play a short game.

A past members tea was held on August 5th and was attended by about forty old friends.