



## CLAREMONT BOWLS CLUB INC

### The First 40 Years HISTORY 1960-2000



In the late 1950's, a suggestion that a bowls facility be provided adjacent to the Claremont Golf Club gained lot of interest and support. The purpose was to give golfers an alternative recreation to golf during the summer months and also to add to the sporting amenities provided for Cadbury employees.

With the support of the Cadbury organization an investigative committee was formed to consider the proposal and ultimately the go ahead was given.

The inaugural meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1960, at which there were present four persons who were golf members and also employees of Cadburys, nine golfers and four Cadbury employees. Also, in attendance by invitation were the president and three other senior executives of the Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association, all of whom were not only top administrators but also top bowlers.



It was pointed out that the first steps required were to appoint a committee and draw up rules for the new club. This was done immediately with Mr. A Rothwell appointed president and an examination of the golf club rules indicated that these were suitable for the following by the bowls club. A few minor amendments only were needed. To ensure that an experienced person be available to interpret these rules it was decided that future bowls club committees would be represented by at least one registered golfer. Whilst fixing the rules to incorporate this requirement the opportunity was taken to also include a proviso that at least two Cadbury employees form part of the committee.

The president of the STBA mentioned that in the majority of cases in the formation of a new bowls club, it was usual for the first year to be spent in learning the game before playing competitively. In the case of Claremont however, a few of those persons active in getting the club started had some bowls experience and were anxious to become competitive to maintain interest. Despite being in the minority their views were accepted, an application was prepared for submission to the STBA for a side to be entered in the "C" Grade and this was granted despite some opposition from established clubs.

One of the executives present offered to bring sets of bowls from the manufacturer in Melbourne and sell to the first 50 members at wholesale price. This offer was accepted.

The STBA president offered to give tuition to recruits and this of course covered the majority of the membership. This course took the form of two evenings at the golf club using indoor mats. It is interesting to note that of these raw recruits, four of them went on to ultimately represent Tasmania.

Whilst this was going on, the formation of the green was steadily progressing.

The area had been leveled involving a considerable number of loads of ashes from the Cadbury factory mainly because the land sloped sharply to the river. The site had been considered the most suitable because of its proximity to the golf club pavilion and amenities. This is currently referred to as the 'top green.'

Both clubs were to operate as separate entities, responsible for their own administration and financial dealings. Cadburys advanced the bowls club £600 to assist in the purchase of equipment. The two major items were a 30" mower costing £250 and a triple roller costing £237.10.0 Labour was supplied by the golf club and charged to the bowls club.

The green was ready for use for the 1960/61 bowls season which was a commendable achievement. The club's first pennant was against Kingborough, and the Claremont side won by 9 shots, this being the first of many successes.

The club initially started with 57 members (43 golfers and 14 Cadbury employees).

- The club was officially opened by the patron, Mr. JPD Lloyd (Right) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1960. Mrs. Lloyd threw the first kitty and the wife of the president Mrs. M Rothwell the first bowl. Mr. Lloyd was a senior manager at Cadburys.



Entrance fee was set at £2.2.0, and the first season's subscriptions were as follows: -

Cadbury/Golf member	£6.6.0
Golf only member	£6.16.6
Cadbury Employee only member	£8.8.0
Others	£9.9.0

In September 1960 associate golf club members formed a holding committee to submit an application for membership to the bowls club. Supporting this application was a list of 23 names of ladies desirous of playing. The committee requested that a set of rules be drawn up for its consideration. These were tabled and approved in January 1961 together with the above mentioned 23 ladies plus 6 others. The associates affiliated with the Southern Tasmanian Women's Bowling Association, and a side accepted in the "B" Grade pennant competition for the 1961/62 season.

In March 1961, the club was host to a visiting party from New Zealand.

As mentioned earlier in this report, the bowls club paid the golf club for labour supplied. On payments made this averaged out at about 22 hours per week. Catering for afternoon teas was handled by the golf club caterers and the cost of which was paid by bowls club members participating. As far as the bar was concerned the arrangement was for the bowlers and their visitors to use the golf club facilities for which the bowls club received £200 annually. The additional turnover was welcomed by the golf club during the summer months when bar activity needed a boost.

The first annual general meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1961. The only item worthy of comment was agreement to increase subscription and to add a new category for social members. The new rates were-

Cadbury/Golf Member	£7.15.0
Golf only Member	£8.5.0
Cadbury Employee only Member	£9.15.0
Associates	£3.3.0
Social Members	£6.6.0

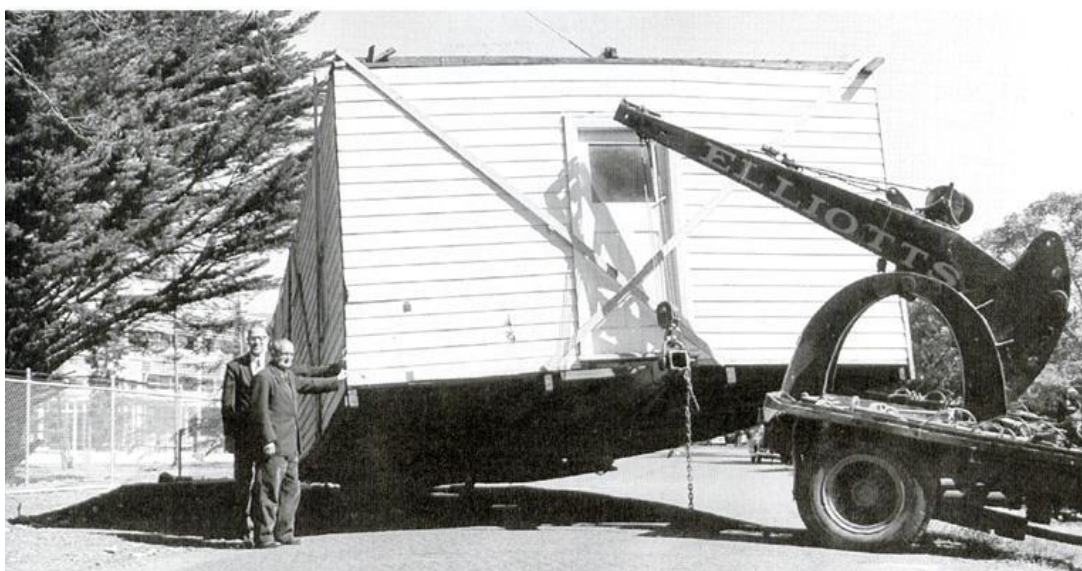
Registered members not golfers were accepted as non-playing members of the golf club.

The main social activity in the early years of the club was the regular barbecue/bowls function on Sundays. This was so popular that it was essential members placed their name on the list early to ensure a game.

Probably the reason for its popularity stemmed from the fact that there was a predominance of husband/wife numbers in the club's membership.

Claremont approached the Derwent club by suggesting that they play a mid-week competition between the two clubs, each side to consist of 8 players. This series commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> January 1962.

Despite the fact that the golf club pavilion was available it was considered desirable that the bowls club have its own pavilion for convenience. To avoid the cost of a new building Cadburys had just replaced an old library building with a new one and offered the old one to the club, this offer was accepted, plans drawn up, foundations prepared, and the building transported wholly in its existing form and placed on the foundations. A closed-in verandah was added, and provision made for storing green equipment. In the transfer to the site, fences had to be removed and then re-aligned.



**Cadbury hall (library) being moved to its new use as Clubhouse for Claremont Bowls Club**

The total cost was £2700, paid by Cadburys and repayable at an annual rental of £162 over a period of 40 years. The move took place on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1962.

In January 1962, the associates establishment was increased to 32 in anticipation of applying for a side in both the "A" Grade and "B" Grade 1962/63 pennant competition. This application was accepted by the STWBA.



(Left) Dudley Coleman was a Charter member of Claremont Bowls Club. The picture was taken at a Cadbury Conference in 1963.

The men also made application to the STBA for a side to be accepted in each of the “A” Grade, “B” Grade and “C” Grade pennant competitions for 1962/63. This application was accepted. This gives an indication of the advancement achieved on the green. In fact, a year later i.e., the 1963/64 season, Claremont won the “A” Grade Pennant



S.T.B.A Division 1 pennant winners for season 1963/1964

*(back row) Jack Wiley, Clarrie Wagner, Eddy Doig, Ray Poke, Bill Frost, John Prouse & Joe Ash  
(centre row) Jim Biggar, George Onn, W. Watson, H. Walker & Andy Dunbar  
(front row) K. Wynne, Dudley Coleman, J. Williams & Rex Triffitt*



*(left) a cartoon of Rex Triffitt and Ken Wynne (some spelt Rex’s surname finishing in ett and others itt)*

After a few years, the stage was reached when the arrangements with the golf club for the use of its facilities was proving unsatisfactory. This was due mainly to the restrictions imposed on bowlers requiring bar service at the close of pennant games on Saturdays. As an example, access to the bar was denied because of golf presentations and this was embarrassing for bowlers with their visiting players. There also developed a certain amount of tension between the two committees and the earlier co-

operation regarding use of the golf club labour and sundry equipment deteriorated. As a result of this, the bowls club committee, supported by members, decided to apply for its own liquor licence and thus operate independently of the golf club. On application and after many visits by inspectors from the licensing branch and health department, the license was conditionally granted. An extension to the pavilion was necessary, alterations were needed in the kitchen area to meet catering standards, and improved toilet facilities were needed, all with the view of coping with the increased membership on which the license application was based. The constitution and rules had to be re-written to meet the requirements of the Associations Act. The club received its “Certificate of Incorporation of an Association on 31<sup>st</sup> May 1973.

It was about this time that the next major step in the history of the club occurred with the amalgamation of Cadburys with Schweppes. The new company decided to dispose of all non-income-earning assets within the Commonwealth and this included properties on the estate thus involving the land occupied by the golf and bowls clubs. The valuations placed on these were ridiculously low and obviously accepted by the clubs.

The whole of the area was valued at \$150,000 of which \$129,000 was apportioned to the golf club and \$21,000 to the bowls club.

The bowls club figure seemed high when compared with the golf club and when this was mentioned to Cadbury management it agreed that there appeared to be an anomaly in the apportionment. To rectify this the company decided to include in the \$21,000 the land behind the houses in Bournville Crescent. This was a tremendous acquisition as it provided the facility for an ultimate 2<sup>nd</sup> and then a 3<sup>rd</sup> green.

Plans were drawn up to cover title to the new property. It should be pointed out that the title provides the following three rights-of-way to the bowls club property: -

1. 20' width of the road leading from Bournville Crescent to give access to the rear of houses facing Bournville Crescent. Under the new title these residents continue to have right-of-way as they did in the past.
2. 20' width strip from the fence of the house bordering on the golf club car park. This strip extends from Bournville Crescent to the club's property. It has not been necessary for the bowls club to make use of this strip, but it is a safeguard should the present arrangements with the golf club regarding the bowls club use of its car park fall through.
3. 12' wide right-of-way from the golf club car park to the eastern end of the top green.

Soon after the acquisition of the additional land, the area proposed for a second green was bull-dozed level and left to consolidate for some time.

It was early in the 1980's when it became apparent that one green was not sufficient to meet the requirements of members. It was always a worry that the wear and tear would have an adverse effect on the surface of the green and there were times when the use of it for a full season was touch and go. The decision was made to form a second green for use in the 1982/83 pennant season. Thanks to the many days spent on the spreading of the ashes, 2" metal and half-inch metal by retired members, commonly referred to as "Dads Army" the timetable was met.

Over the period a number of additions and alterations have taken place to give members added comfort and facilities. The outlook from the pavilion would be the envy of most clubs throughout the Commonwealth. More recently alterations were made to take advantage of this delightful asset. There is now an unobstructed view from the pavilion of the Derwent River, the more northerly suburbs and distant hills and mountains.



(Left) In 1985 the club celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The picture shows the President of the day addressing the members on this occasion.

In the first 40 years of the club there have been many outstanding achievements by individuals and sides. One that stands out is the winning of the Division 1 State Pennant title in 1991-92. This game was played at Devonport against a side from the North.



**State Pennant Fours Division One 1991-1992**

(back row) Lester Martin, Steve Monaghan, John Courto, Alan Anderson, Alan Smith, Tom Fletcher, Jamie Miller, Tony Hack, Michael Taylor, Ron Suckling, Denis Menzie, Clem Hoggett, and Bobby Woods  
(front row) Jim Bigger, Ted Murray, Alan Schofield, Dudley Coleman, Tom Courto, Dale Christie and Archie Wallace

There would be more successes in the 90's as the club grew in numbers and reputation.



**CLAREMONT BOWLS CLUB INC**  
**HISTORY**  
**1999-2009**



The 1998-99 Season saw the club management adopt a computerized accounting system adding to our professionalism and the start of a major constitutional review. The sundeck became reality enhancing our river views and work was undertaken on new sunshades.

In 1998 the President of the day, Dr Tom Foley, instigated negotiation to re-acquire the area adjacent to our bottom green with a view to construct a third green. Dr Foley pursued lengthy discussions with the Glenorchy Council for over a year before the transfer was finalised.

Unfortunately, a decade later, work has not yet commenced and a decision on the use of the area is yet to be reached.

The club adopted a new nonsexist Constitution, and we entered the new millennium as one club with both men and women being equal members.

Claremont was one of the first bowls organizations in Tasmania to become unified with the Tasmanian Bowls Council and the STBA following suit much later.

#### **Division 3 Team of 1998-1999- WHAT IS THEIR STORY?**



**Back Row:** Basil Byrne+, Phil Willis, Tom Bird, Mike Quinn, John Garrett, Don McKerrow, Frank Browning & John Grimsey+  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Row:** Noel Hart+, Warren 'Wassa' O'Rourke, Sel Roberts+, Hugh Pillins+, Allan Riseley, Royce Farrow  
**Front Row:** Peter Trikilis, TAS Perkins+, Bill Miller & Don Hanley+  
+ Deceased as of 2019

The design of the tops may look a bit flash, but this team had a wonderful year in the end after an ordinary time early on.

The team from Orford had gone right through the season undefeated and looked a certainty for the pennant flag. The side from Claremont was running 5<sup>th</sup> as the last pennant game loomed up. To make things difficult they had to travel to Orford. Nether-the-less a bus was hired and a top, as above, was given to the bus driver as they set off for the east coast with all but one player aboard. (Hugh Pillans, who took his car)

Something incredibly special happened on that trip which was to unfold. The Claremont team beat the Orford boys and as a result scrapped into the final four. As Orford had finished on top of the ladder, in those days, all finals were held at Orford.

The next Saturday Claremont set off again for Orford, in the same bus, with the same driver to play in the first semi final against the third side. At the same time Orford played the runner up, Beltana, and the former was beaten. Claremont, on the other hand, went on to secure a win.

The next day, a Sunday, Claremont was again off to Orford- same bus & driver. One member of the team had tickets for that very day to attend the Riverdance concert at the Derwent Entertainment Centre, so he gave his ticket away so he could play for his team.

Again, the Claremont boys gave a polished display to overcome the home side and thus gain entry to the Grand Final, the next Saturday at Orford. One had to feel a little sorry for the Orford Club because right throughout the three weeks they provided refreshments, afternoon teas and meals.

With the same bus and driver, the Claremont team, plus a number of supporters, set out to the east coast to take on Beltana in the Grand Final. It is now history that Beltana was just a bit stronger and won an interesting game by four shots.

It was, however, a great achievement and those still alive remember with pleasure the effort of that team in 1998/99.

### **Back to the history**

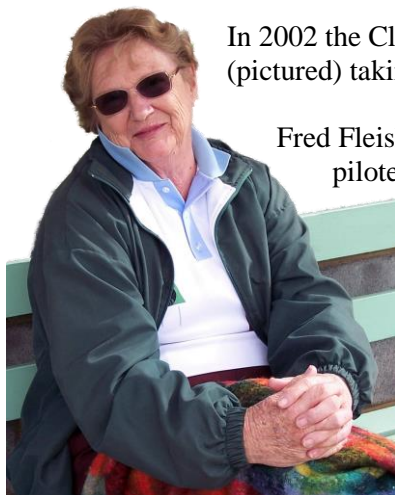
The GST arrived on the scene in 2000-2001 and was adopted without much fuss however it imposes a level of responsibility on a social organisation comprised mainly of volunteers that is hard to justify. None the less life goes on.

2001/2 saw maintenance work on the club rooms continue with a new dance floor and carpets.

Neville “Nifty” Pattison took on the task of project management of sealing the car park. The sealing although delayed due to weather problems has added another dimension to the presentation of the club facilities and was complemented widely by visitors and members alike.

The club traded at a marginal loss but expended \$22,000 on improvements – a major achievement.

Our division 2 Reserve side won a much-needed premiership for the club and went within a narrow margin of winning the State Premiership. Our ladies made the grand final but were unable to win the flag.



In 2002 the Club elected its first female President with Jocelyn Balmer (pictured) taking the reins for what turned out to be a three-year term.

Fred Fleishmann and Peter Goldsmith ably assisted by club volunteers piloted the erection of sliding shadecloth on all four sides of the top green filling a long-standing void in this area. (Sadly, in the years to follow, Claremont was subjected to some very strong winds which destroyed much of the shading)

An STBA re-organisation saw our division 1 men’s side reallocated to Division 1 Reserve causing the loss of several players to other division 1 clubs.

In 2003-4 the club was able to fight its way back into Division 1 and over the next few years this saw new members help us to eventually field five teams in men’s pennant on 2005-6. Four sides played in finals in this year with Divisions 5 and the mixed competition teams taking flags. (Next page)





**STBA Division 5 Premiers 2005-2006**

(Back Row) J Rader (S), S Roberts, B Hudson, C Balmer, A Tauber & M Quinn  
 (Front row) P Goldsmith, D McKendrick (S), N Nugent, N Hart, S Weeding & H Haremza (S)

(Reserves) P McGruver & K CRISP



STBA Saturday Mixed Division 2005-2006

(back row) Phil Powe, Bernie Barry, Ray Bennett, Fritz Umgeher, Kerry Hay and Horace Geappen  
 (middle row) Zena Miller, Hazel Hansen, Yvonne Keane, Jack Breadon, Ann Bird and Bill Miller  
 (front row) Yvonne Woodward

In 2005 work commenced on installing a cool room to enhance our bar operations. Whilst the work was undertaken by a contractor, many volunteers carried out the groundwork to make the installation possible.

During this period, the Annual Reports note the contribution of the Claremont Club to the many facets of Bowls administration in the state.

In season 2006-07 Claremont had two Premiership sides in Division 2R and 4R. There were great celebrations when the two sides returned to the club.



**BTS Saturday Division 2 R 2006-2007**

(back row) G Wheeler, F Pfund, T Wylie, A Anderson, N Buckingham, A Woodward, M Weir, D Jolly & D Menzie  
 (middle row) T Bird, T Foley, D Coleman, P Willis, M Barry & PO Grover  
 (in front) L Hoskinson



**Division 4R Premiers 2006-2007**

(back row) E Johnson, K Hay, S Roberts, T Wallner (S) & C Balmer  
 (middle row) F Browning, H Williamson (S), P Powe, P McGruver, N Hanson (S), A Wallace, J Sutherland & M Quinn  
 (front row) S Weeding, P Goldsmith, N Hart & J Rader (S)

Max Barry continued to pilot the Umpires organization both locally and state levels whilst Ron Suckling (pictured) was a state coach and was heavily involved in coaching development at state and local level.



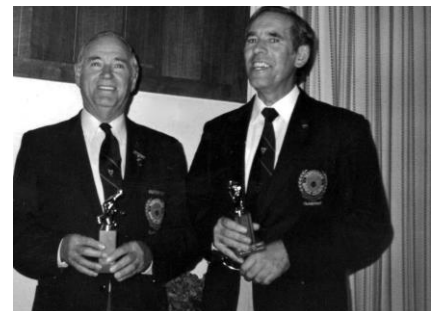
May Backhouse and Colin Balmer were both members of the fledgling Bowls Tasmania organisation. Tony Fulton was Secretary/Treasurer of the STBA and was also State Treasurer.

Claremont was certainly doing its bit for the advancement of the Sport.

Our volunteers were once again to the fore at Claremont in 2007/8 with a group led by Kerry Hay, Tom Bird, Peter Goldsmith and Peter Parker to name just a few laying pavers along one side of the top green further enhancing the presentation of the club.

A new floor was laid in the clubroom to cater for Indoor Bowls teams to compete in the local indoor competition thus adding a further activity to the club's portfolio.

A significant event occurred in the 2007-8 season when the Board unanimously agreed to name the top green in recognition of the outstanding service to the Club of Molly & Dudley Coleman.



(Right) are Dudley Coleman and Ron Suckling



(left) President Archie Wallace (dec) chaired the proceedings in front of a large attendance of present and past members.

Peter McGruther designed and donated a wonderful carved wooden sign recognising the event. (Dudley and the sign right) Under President and Bar Manager, Archie Wallace the club was now attracting several private functions, and this added to our Bar profitability.



As our fiftieth anniversary approaches our ladies had successfully fought their way into Division 1 after topping the Division 2 Pennant and our second ladies' team have moved up to Division 4.

Our Men have maintained their division 1, 2, 3, and 4 statuses to this point, which was a healthy balance for the future.



The atmosphere around the club was pleasant and members had a great team spirit.

**CLAREMONT BOWLS CLUB INC**  
**The Next 10 YEARS OF CLUB**  
**HISTORY**  
**2009-2019**



As the 21<sup>st</sup> century got underway Mike Quinn decided to take regular photos of the players and events. He also put together a club newsletter called 'Drawshot.' This added to the club's history as we will see.

At the end of the Midweek season Claremont would hold the Midweek Carnival. Four clubs would be invited to participate. Cadburys and the Fosters Group would provide prizes for all, and the ladies would serve up lunch.



*(left) Yvonne Keane, Eleanor Burge, Zena Miller & Ann Bird, who prepared the meal.*

For many years, the club conducted the Cadbury Fours each Monday, but that also ceased when Cadburys pulled out as sponsors. In the future this popular event can be rekindled with a new sponsor.

At the beginning of the 2009-10 season the members elected:  
 PRESIDENT: Max Barry, DEP. PRESIDENT: Maureen Noor, DEP. PRESIDENT: Derek Jolly  
 TREASURER: A (Tony) Fulton, SECRETARY: A (Tony) Fulton to guide the club.  
 As the season approached this message was in the newsletter: *"Many thanks to those who braved the weather on the weekend to give the club rooms a spring clean."*

*Fridges & cupboards were cleaned, and the notice boards were re clothed, and the painting of the walls is almost finished. The new fences are just about complete as well.* Over time volunteers came forward for working bees, repairs, care for gardens and verges and all their efforts were appreciated. (The same ones seemed to be there each time)

Club Members were invited to a meal and tour of the Tasmanian Parliament Buildings, organised by Hon Lisa Singh and one funny comment was made:



*“They say there is no such thing as a free meal, but Tony Fulton, the Minister for Financial Disasters, had other ideas last Tuesday. After the visit and meal at Parliament House Tony got home to realise, he had not paid for the dinner, as the cheque was still in his pocket.”*

It was about this time that the Claremont Golf Club advised it had financial problems, owed at least a Million \$ and was exploring ideas to

extradite itself. For the next 6/7 years we were to hear about ideas, development plans and need for funding to back these suggestions. It would be until 2019 that we saw some development on the golf course, and we will talk about that later.



The uniform looked like this (left- modelled by Brian Glover, Michael Pursell & Mike Quinn), for some years, with the only change being white trousers, then blue ones and then maroon.

Other club uniforms were added.

New ideas for uniforms were discussed many times and some time in the future we may see

a change. Main obstacle would be finding a suitable sponsor.

By Christmas of 2009, the Claremont side’s positions on the ladder looked like this:

Div 1 5<sup>th</sup>, Div 2 9<sup>th</sup>, Div 3 10<sup>th</sup>, Mixed 5<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 1 9<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 4 1<sup>st</sup>, Ladies 5 Composite with New Norfolk 10<sup>th</sup> and Midweek 1 8<sup>th</sup>.

After the last roster game, the positions on the ladder were slightly improved: Div 1 5<sup>th</sup>, Div 2 9<sup>th</sup>, Div 3 10<sup>th</sup>, Mixed-Open 5<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 1- 8<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 4-2<sup>nd</sup>, Ladies 5 Composite with NN 9<sup>th</sup> and Midweek 1- 9<sup>th</sup>.

The only side in the finals was the Women’s’ Div 4 team, which bore the nickname the ‘Wonder Women’, and in the finals the results were: - 2nd Semi Final-Claremont d Kingborough 12-0 (65-40) Grand Final Brighton 10 d Claremont 2 (76-49)

### Season 2010-11

At the AGM on 20th June 2010 the following were elected to serve on the Board: -

President: Max Barry, Secretary: Len Fletcher (photo on right),

Treasurer: Mike Quinn

Committee: Glenn Miller, Tom Foley, Phil Powe, Bernie Barry, Yvonne Keane, and Alan Smith.

President Max threw down some challenges for all members of our club.



“As we move into the 50th Anniversary Year of Claremont Bowls Club it is important we work together to make our celebrations worthwhile—on and off the greens.”  
Once the board met it was announced the following would be in charge of various areas of the club: -

Public Officer– Secretary Len Fletcher- Greens, Gardens etc.: Max Barry will coopt several others, - Bar– Archie Wallace & his team - House & Buildings: – Glenn Miller - Social & Fundraising: Phil Powe, Bernie Barry & Yvonne Keane- Marketing/Sponsorship: Tom Foley  
Membership/Publicity: all should take on this responsibility.  
The selectors for the coming season were: - Div One– Wayne Lampkin, Div 2- Alan Anderson, Div 3 R Tony Wallner and Midweek Wayne Lampkin.

***Len at that time was employed by Win TV and was keen to work hard for the club. He set up a Web Site for CBA.***

The major event will be the 50th Anniversary Dinner on October 9th-2010 at the Claremont RSL Club.

Fees for the coming year were: -Full membership \$240, New Members, who have not played bowls before \$120, Juniors \$25, \*Social Playing \$120 and Social \$35 (\*Social Playing members had all rights to the club, but could play only 4 pennant games in a season)

**“Get Down & Get with It”** This motto came after a suggestion from Tom Foley. He had been down at Royal Hobart Bowls Club where its motto was **“We stoop to conquer.”** The club adopted Tom’s suggestion and the motto stuck and continued to be used.

Humor, friendship, and teamwork made the club a pleasant place to be. The Bulletin Editor of the day added this poem, probably fiction, to a bulletin: -

***It was lady’s day at the Bowling Club. The Sun was shining bright, A perfect day for bowling with the girls all dressed in white.  
There were cries of "Good shot Rosie", and very quiet applause, there were draw shots and a drive or two, all within the laws.  
The day was quiet as usual, no trouble so it seems, but you would never guess what happened, not in your wildest dreams.  
Just as Helena played her shot, the best that you have ever seen, a man devoid of clothing, Dashed across the green.  
"A STREAKER! YES! A STREAKER!" The ladies screamed as one, as the stalker flashed his hairy chest, and showed his pale white bum.  
He made a dash across the green, the girls could only stare, as he displayed his twiddly bits, with everything quite bare.  
Well! the ladies got excited, some fainted with the fright, some looked away in horror, some cheered with sheer delight.  
Yvonne made a mighty lunge, and tried to grab the bloke, Gail called excitedly, "I nearly had a stroke!"***

***Kathleen took a piece of chalk, and chased him down the track, she said, "I'll mark his toucher! I think he moved the jack!"  
Maureen said, "He's not my type, a fellow you'd never want", and Saucy Sal, the redhead said, "He's not a member of the 'Mont!"  
As the stalker disappeared, Bev was heard to say, "That stalker brought back memories, I'd forgotten 'till to-day!"  
Now on Ladies Day there's trouble, you will see lots of wayward bowls, they simply cannot concentrate, they wander off -Poor Souls!  
Their form is quite erratic, their shots are getting weaker, they are praying for a nice warm day, and another young buck stalker.***

In an effort to keep the club suitable for all a message was to appear near the bar saying “The swear tin is on the bar counter for a special reason. We would like to see the tone in the club rooms lifted, so that it becomes a pleasant place for all. It is quite simple to manage our language and attitudes– It had some effect, but the swear tin did all right.

At about this time the Federal Government gave us a couple of computers for seniors. They were to be used for some time.

By September, the greens were open, and practice matches arranged and a New Members night was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

It was during this season that Claremont Bowls Club would celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Plans were made early to make sure this event was marked with appropriate events. Our Secretary, Tony Fulton, worked very hard on this. The major event was the 50th Anniversary Dinner on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Claremont RSL Club. Invitations to present and former members, family and dignitaries were sent out and all looked forward to this special occasion.

There were many large and small items that had to be taken care of- catering, advertising,



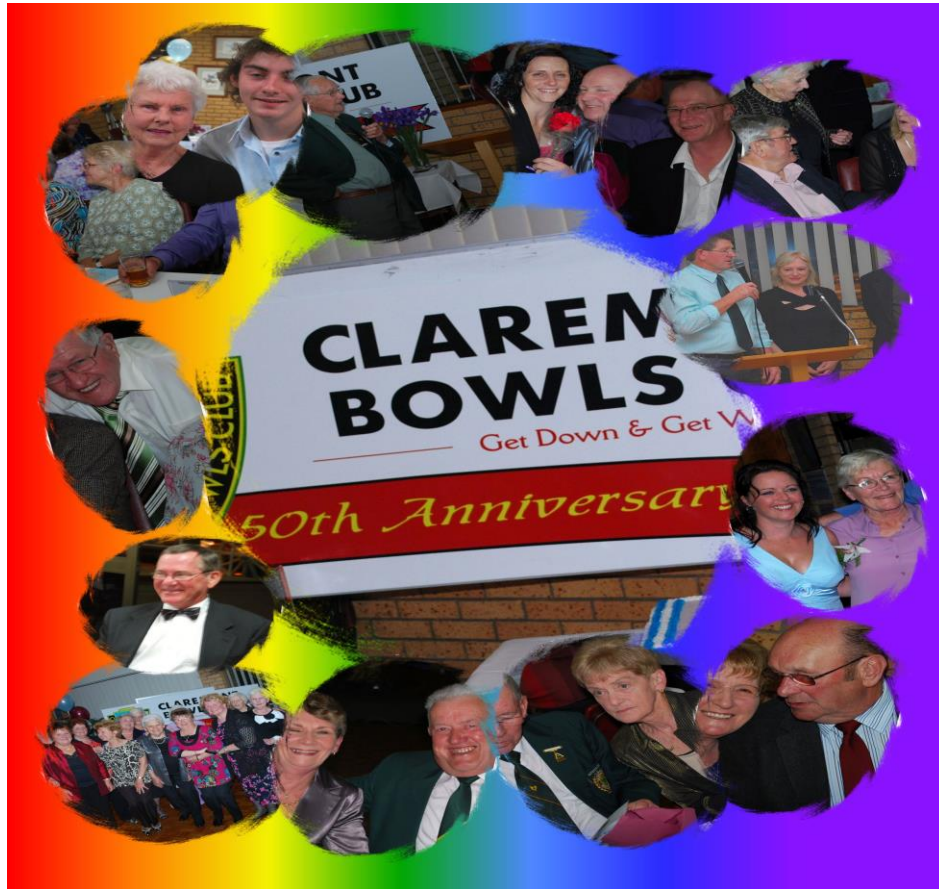
catering, advertising, decorating, menus, entertainment, follow up on invites and so forth, but all seemed to go very smoothly. It was interesting that names of previous members started to pop up as the acceptances came in. It became clear that Claremont Bowls Club had meant a lot to them during their time with the club.

Notices like this one on the left started to be seen.

On the next page we will take the liberty of posting some of the photos taken at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. Sadly, some of them

have passed away since that time.

## 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010- The 50th Anniversary Dinner



### And what a night that was!

Well over 100 people gathered at the Claremont RSL Club to join in a spectacular event, rarely seen in our lifetime. Past and present members of the club, distinguished guests, friends and family, life members and foundation members all were there to witness the achievements of the CBC from 1960-2010.

The organising Committee of **Phil Powe, Maureen Noor, Max Barry & Tony Fulton** had worked for months on this event, and it showed. Everything was just right– the decorations, the balloons, the history booklets, the gifts for all and the wonderful atmosphere of the evening. Add to this a more than filling three course meal and some short, but inspiring speeches.

(Right) **Ted Best**, former Cadbury's CEO, who has been a great supporter of CBC and **Ken Wynne**, a foundation member of CBC.



**(Below) Max Barry was a very proud President as he spoke to all present, whilst (Below right) Tony Fulton, with his wife Robyn, was pleased with the event, which he had put so much effort into.**



**Tony had reason to smile due to his effort preparing for the dinner.**



The season opened on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010 with Midweek and the Women's rosters also beginning that week. A composite side was formed with Berriedale to form a division 4 Midweek team. As well a mixed side was entered for the first time.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010, a most unusual thing happened when Division 3R travelled to Bruny Island to play on its artificial green. It was an amazing day at Bruny Island, one that some of our older players could not remember a similar day— hailstorms, rain, wind and very cold. Before the game began Archie Wallace took ill and eventually was taken to the Royal Hobart Hospital for observation. This left Claremont one short. The Bruny players were keen to play on despite frequent stoppages and we obliged. In a close finish we lost by 3/4 of a shot (4/10— 59 1/4—60) In the conditions all our members played well.

**(Right) Tom Bird shows his bowl at the end of the game covered with hailstones.**



On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November in Round five all teams won and on 4<sup>th</sup> of November two of the three Women's teams won.

The Northern Rivers area has ten different bowls clubs and once a year about 100 of the bowlers pack up and head to another state. This year it was down to friendly Tasmania.



From the 13<sup>th</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup> November they visited four clubs in Launceston, went sightseeing down the East Coast, played at Claremont, Glenorchy RSL, St. John's Park & Berriedale, travelled down to Port Arthur and the Huon and will finish up on the Northwest Coast at Burnie, Smithton as well as a look at the Nut.



**(Left) Norm was the oldest of the visiting group at the age of 94.**



Don Johnston, OAM, from Alstonville Bowls Club, has been involved with all but one of the tours and that is why one half of the group is called 'Johnson Jokers,' and the other half 'Clarkie's Challengers.'

In Northern Rivers area the pennant, as we know it, runs from January to about May & during other times they have a lot of social bowls and tours.

Their theme song is to the tune of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' and they usually sing this at the end of their tour.

Our photographer of the day asked them to pose for a photo. They raced out onto the top green, sorted themselves in order, all looked at the camera, which was most unusual. All done in under a minute.



(above) group photo.

Claremont Bowls Club at that time tried to establish Barefoot Bowls and even had a photograph of three of our ladies for the local newspaper. However, it did not happen, and the club would have to wait a few more years to try again.

(Right) Gaye Coleman, Kathleen Pfund and Roselyn Browning show us a bit of barefoot bowling.

By Christmas, with the pennant about halfway the position on the ladder was: -Div 1- 6<sup>th</sup>, Div 2 - 9<sup>th</sup>, Div 3R - 10<sup>th</sup>, Mixed-Open - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ladies 1 -7<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 3 - 1<sup>st</sup>, Ladies 5- 2, Midweek 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & Midweek Composite 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Overall, it was a fair situation, but things would improve in 2011. The usual Christmas gathering was held, but our bulletin editor decided to go overseas, so no real record was kept.



January arrived and plans announced for the near future were: -

- Cadbury's Fours every Monday
  - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January– Two Bowls Triples at Claremont.
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> the International Fours
  - A date for the Midweek Carnival at Claremont still to be set.
- By the end of January five our Claremont's teams would be in the final four.

Floods hit quite a few bowls clubs in Northern Australia and here is one (right) at Bardon Bowls Club in Queensland.



The Cadbury Fours were run on Mondays for some years and proved popular. Cadburys would donate boxes of chocolates and chickens would go to the winners. Later Cadburys would change hands and the new regime stopped all sponsorship.

The 2 Bowls Triples was well supported and after a day of good bowling the result was: -



**(left) the winners– Jimmy & Chris Chalker and Denis Menzie.**

**(below) the runners up– Smokey Beaton, Chicken Chandler & Phil Garwood. This team came all the way from Beauty Point.**

**(Below) Third place went to Jan McPherson, Ron & Gaye Coleman.**



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February was a very wet and wild day, and many greens were almost under water, but the players soldiered on to finish the day's play.

By then quite a bit of maintenance had happened around the club inside and out. The shade cloth weather protectors were proving a little troublesome, as the wind was quite fierce at that time.

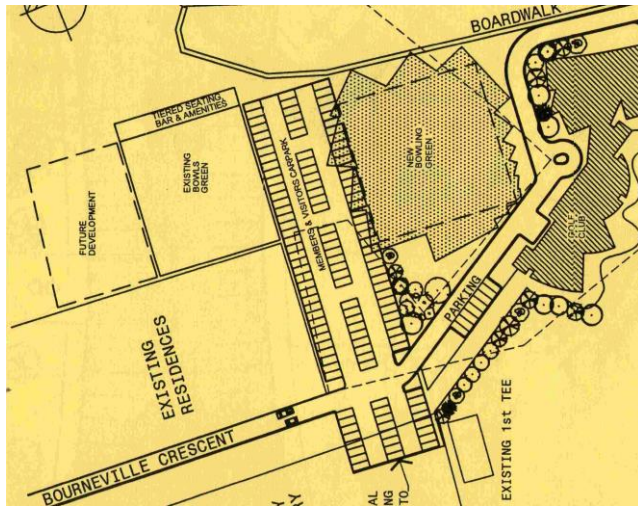


**(Left) They did not win anything at the International 4's, but they look very colorful. Peter Goldsmith (dec), Mike Quinn, Steve Weeding (dec) & Fritz Umgeher were sponsored by MyState Bank,**

Talking about young bowlers our Jack Ellis (right) featured in the Bowls South Tasmania junior fours. Well done to Jack and his three teammates in 2010.

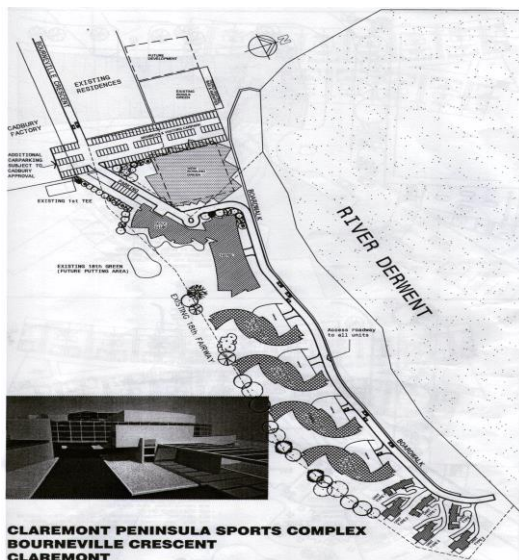


The club at that stage purchased a brand-new fax machine, because in those days all results were faxed to the statistician, but even so some never reached him.



In February 2011 more discussions went on about a proposed sporting complex and members were invited to a meeting with the Claremont Golf Club. The main speakers were David Bliss, President of the CGC & David Gillies, Architect from Bullock Consultants. David Gillies gave some background to the project to date, which has been developing over the past 18 months. He explained that despite talks with the Glenorchy City Council, they, the council, wanted a plan submitted. This went to Council on Thursday 17/2/2011. David went

to great pains to state that all that this submission seeks to do is to have the prescribed area of land, including the Bowls club land, rezoned so that this project could proceed. The Bowls club has been invited to join with the Golf club to form one entity and together move through to the completion of this potentially superb sporting complex. A basic plan was left for all to look at.



In February 2011, probably, for the first time for a long time the boards of both the Bowls & Golf Clubs (Right) met to open up dialogue about the proposed Sports Complex. The discussions were to go on for a long time, but in essence about 4 or 5 propositions were put up and in the end none of these got off the ground, mainly due to not having a developer with the money to fund the ideas. The land did get rezoned, and we would have to wait a few more years before any development happened.

By March 2011 Claremont had 5 sides in the Four and was looking forward to the oncoming finals.

**Both Midweek Teams would contest the Grand Final on Wednesday 23/3/2011.**

**Division 2 won their Grand Final and Division 4 Composite was runner up.**

**Women's Div 3 & 5R were in the finals on the 22nd, 23rd, & 25th March and the Mixed Open would enter the Grand Final**



(above) Division 5 Red team won the Grand Final after a great run home in the last few roster games.



(above) Division 3's Premiership Side, with their Match Manager Zena Miller (right)

More success was to come from the Open Mixed Saturday side. The result was: -

**DIVISION MIXED OPEN:**  
**Claremont d. Rosny Park 8-4 (60-57)**  
**G. Coleman lt. P. Jackson 18-23 J.**  
**Breadon lt. D. Lee 20-22**  
**E. Burge d. P. Simpson 22-12**

Side is pictured on next page.



(above) back row: John Grimsey, Steve Weeding, Peter Parker, Len Fletcher, Fritz Umgeher, Bernie Barry, Phil Powe, and Eleanor Burge. Middle row: Gail Hay, Di Salter, Jack Breadon. Front row: Rose Ryan, Yvonne Woodward, and Gaye Coleman.

**At the Presentation Night the awards went to: -**

**Top skips**

**Midweek Competition**

Div 2: Cam Tegg (9 wins 1 draw)

Div 4 Composite: Trevor Keough (7-1)

**Saturday Competition**

Mixed Div: Gaye Coleman (9 wins)

Men's Div 3 R: Eric Johnson (7 wins)

Men's Div 2: Terry Wylie (10 wins)

Men's Div 1: Chris Chalker (9-1)

**Ladies Competition**

Div 5 R: Pauline Cure (7 wins)

Div 3: Pauline Throupe (12 wins)

Div 1: Eleanor Burges (8 wins & 1 draw)

**For loyalty and Service to the club:**

Ron Suckling, Frank Brooking & Mike Pursell

**Ladies Club Champions**

B Grade Fours: Clarice Whelan (S) Joan Cripps, Hazel Hanson & Noeline Suckling

B Grade Triples: Shirley Bryan (S) Verna Stevens & Kay Weeding

B Grade Pairs: Inga Makowski (S) & Verna Stevens

B Grade Singles: Verna Stevens

Open Fours: Zena Miller (S) Yvonne Keane, Maureen Noor & Ann Bird

Open Triples: Di Salt (S) Helena Gaylor & Jan McPherson

Open Pairs: Gaye Coleman (S) & Maureen Noor

Open Singles: Zena Miller

### **8 Badges:**

Div 3 R team of David Miller, Peter Goldsmith, Tom Bird & Noel Hart

Div 5R Women's team of Brenda Pinnington, Bronwyn Lynch, Shirley Johnson & Rae Freestone

### **Men's Champion Awards**

B Grade Fours: not played

B Grade Triples: not played

B Grade Pairs: Joe Rader & Bill Miller

B Grade Singles: Bill Miller

Open Fours: Brett Ellis, Jack Ellis, Cam Tegg & Chris Chalker

Open Triples: Wayne Lampkin, Warren O'Rourke & Jack Ellis

Open Pairs: Cameron Tegg & Bobby Woods

Open Singles: Michael Dawes

**Bowls Tasmania South Junior Fours Champion – Jack Ellis**

**STBA Premierships went to** Division 3 Ladies, Midweek Division 2 and Division Mixed Open. Well done all concerned.

(right) At the BTS Presentation Evening Len Fletcher and Gaye Coleman are seen receiving the trophy for the Open Mixed Grand Final winners 2011-12.



### **Season 2011-12**

At the AGM the following were elected to serve the club for the coming 12 months

#### **The Board**

President: Glenn Miller, Secretary: Greg Wheeler, Treasurer: Tony Fulton

Vice Presidents: Derek Jolly & Yvonne Kean

Members: Max Barry, Glen Edwards, Craig Coad, Jack Breadon, Tom Foley & Len Fletcher.

#### **The Men's Bowling Committee**

Chairperson: Derek Jolly, Secretary: TBA

Members: Brett Ellis, Denis Menzie, Bill Miller, Craig Coad, Jack Breadon, Norm Hanson & Allan Anderson

#### **Ladies Bowling Committee**

**Vice President - Yvonne Keane, Secretary - Gaye Coleman**

**Committee - Pauline Cure, Bronwyn, Lynch, Jan McPherson, Verna Stevens, Noelene Suckling, Clarice Whelan.**

**Statistician - Maureen Noor**

#### **Selection Committee:**

**Chair - Brenda Pinnington, Div 1- Gaye Coleman, Div 2 - Helena Gaylor, Div 5 - Janette Mizzen.**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 about a dozen, keen members turned up for the first Working Bee Yesterday, including Kathleen Pfund. Quite a bit was achieved, and the club rooms were left in 'a spick 'n span' condition. Many thanks to those members who helped. (right) Derek Jolly, Ron Suckling (dec) & Craig Coad.



Frank Brooking passed from this world on Sunday 18th September 2011. Frank was a dedicated bowler and member of Claremont for many years. He assisted many new bowlers to learn the game and certainly was missed. **In the time Frank spent with the Claremont Bowls Club he achieved many titles, but maybe this was not uppermost in his life.**



**Open Singles: 1992-93 F. BROOKING**  
**B Grade Pairs: 1988-89 F. BROOKING**  
**B Grade Triples: 1987-88 F. BROOKING**  
**B Grade Triples: 1989-90 F. BROOKING**  
**B Grade Triples: 2001-02 F. BROWNING**

In his back yard at Wyndham Road Frank once built a bowls rink and his grandson, Matthew, is seen here learning the game.



Our Fashion Parade on Monday 19 September was a successful fund-raiser for the Tas War Widows group and the Club. Our Claremont models, Gail, and Maureen acquitted them-selves most professionally on the ‘catwalk’. \$440 went to the club.

On Sunday (8/10) the President of the club, Glenn Miller, officially opened the season 2011-12 and Noel Hart blessed the greens. The two Vice Presidents, Yvonne Keane & Derek Jolly put down the first jack and bowl and a practice match followed. The enjoyable afternoon finished with a BBQ. Season rolls off this Saturday 15/10.



(L-R) Noel Hart (dec), Glenn Miller (dec), Derek Jolly, and Yvonne Keane

In the opening Saturday game on 15 October 11  
 Div 1 d Geeveston 14-0 (112-75)  
 Division 2R Howrah d CBC 12-2 (94-72)  
 Division 3R d Royal Hobbit 11-3 (100-61)  
 Not a bad start.

Midweek 19/10/2011– Round 1

DIVISION 1: Claremont d. Brighton 8-4 (51-50) Div 4: d Rosny Park 10-2 (75-47)

Woman’s Pennant 1st Round

Div 1: Howrah d Claremont 10-2 (60-46) DIV 2: Claremont d. Rosny Park 10-2 (61-57) C. Whelan d. P. Berry & Div 5: Howrah White d. Claremont 10-2 (58-45)

We won’t continue with all scores as it would take up too much space.

There are always some interesting stories coming out of bowls games.

Some time in 2011 Tony Fulton’s wife, Robyn, pack a lunch of ham & tomato sandwiches. Tony placed the box near the bowls green. Another bowler had bought along his fluffy dog, who sat there enjoying the game. The dog saw the sandwiches and devoured the lot apart from the tomatoes, which he did not fancy. We’ll leave you to consider what Tony thought about this!

Barefoot Bowls wasn’t having much luck with the weather on Fridays at this time.

(right) Our Christmas Time Lunch was always very well attended with lots of kids, adults, and



Santa. Most of these kids with Santa had an enjoyable time with presents, games, and lots to eat.



By early 2012 the ladder looked like this.

Overall, we were going OK.

**\$1000 2 Bowl Triples Tournament on 6 January 2012**

Last Sunday's event was marred by the scorching heat, which caused some bowlers distress.



However, in the true bowling tradition they battled on.

Again, a contingent of bowlers travelled down from Beauty Point to take part.

The eventual winners were Max Barry (pictured with a ginger beer?), Joe Daniels & Derek Jolly

Division	Last week	This Week
Div 1	2nd	2nd
Div 2R	4th	5th
Div 3R	5th	5th
Div 5	4th	2nd
Ladies 1	4th	4th
Ladies 2	5th	5th
Ladies 5	8th	8th
Midweek 1	4th	4th
Midweek 4	2nd	2nd

Our newsletter editor loved to put in a few jokes and cartoons from time to time.

The one (right) was meant to emphasise how dedicated a lawn bowler can be.



***“WHAT? I’m on my honeymoon & you want me to play lead, ‘cause Bob’s sick?..... I’ll be right over!”***

And this one- We take a humorous look at some of the different styles we all have seen on the bowls greens- No 1- Head well down- pendulum swing. Delivers every bowl exactly the same regardless of the jack. Can be devastating if colleagues are adept at casting the jack to the exact spot the plonker’s bowl is aimed at.



Platform One sponsored the Midweek Team of the week and on 15 February 2012 the winners were: Bill Miller, Tony Wallner (dec), Peter Goldsmith (dec) and Fritz Umgeher with 16 shots up. The club has always been very thankful for the number of sponsors that supported Claremont.



At the end of the 2011-12 rosters two sides remained in the four- Saturday Div 5-1st Ladies 1-4<sup>th</sup>.

Div 5 made it to the Grand Final, but came up against a more determined Cremorne-Claremont 10 d Claremont 2 (62-52) B Edmund 20 lt E Johnson 23, R Leitch 19 d A Anderson 14 & L Hoggett 23 d M Quinn 15.

The women's team put up a good effort in the finals, but not good enough- 20/3/2012 First Semi- Div 1: Claremont d. Kingborough 8-4 (60-54) E. Burge d. M. Lovell 31-12, G. Coleman lt. M. Firth 17-19 P. Throupe lt. S. Maraldo 12-23

Second Round of Finals

Sandy Bay White d Claremont 10-2 (65-43) S. Martyn d P. Throupe 23-11 C. Bannister d E. Burge 29-18 C. Hobbs lt G. Coleman 13-14

### Season 2012-13

Talk of a combined sports complex of the bowls and golf clubs would continue for some time. Various suggested plans would come to light, but we would all have to wait until a final decision is made. At about this time part of bowls and golf land was being rezoned.

The photo (right) appeared in the Mercury Saturday August 18 of the possible development of units on the Claremont Golf site.



### The Proposed Sports Complex

Just to let you know the Golf Redevelopment proposal in respect of the Unit Developments ONLY was approved by the GCC Planning committee on Monday 27/8/12.

It now goes to the State Planning Commission for consideration over the next 90 days. (The plan did not go ahead however we record this event for history's sake)

### AGM —17th June 2012

The 52nd AGM of CBC got off to a flying start with Acting President, Derek Jolly, firmly in control.

The numbers were good, and a special welcome was given to Scott Bacon (pictured left) - Member for Denison (*Minister for Tourism, Minister for Hospitality, & Minister for Veterans Affairs*)

The formal meeting took place with the presentation and adoption of all reports. The next important item on the agenda was the election of the Board for 2012-13.

**President: Derek Jolly**

**Secretary & Treasurer: Tony Fulton OAM**

**(Vice Presidents will be Rose Ryan & Bill Miller)**

A vote was necessary to determine the six other Board members who are: **-Max Barry, Craig Coad, Glen Edwards, Tom Foley, Jake Moate, and Ron Suckling. (An assistant Secretary is to be officially appointed at the first Board meeting)**

**Max did say that most likely we could see a change for season 2013-14 so that the three Tasmanian regions come into line. (It would take a long time!)**

**President Derek was pleased that the Club finances had picked up in the last 12 months and we could be back in the black in the next two seasons. He looked forward to a good year.**

### Two New Life Members Elected

Yvonne Keane and Archie Wallace (dec) were unanimously elected as Life Members of CBC to a tumultuous round of applause, and both were presented their badges by Veteran and Oldest member of the Club, Dudley Coleman (dec).



### President's Privileges

At most meetings these days it is a courtesy to turn off your mobile phone. Not so our own President Derek Jolly.

**During the Board meeting his mobile went off and he had the cheek to say that it was his pacemaker!!!**



At that time in Launceston was held the Australian Indoor Bowls Championships. CBC Members Cam Tegg, and Jack Ellis have been chosen to represent Tasmania with Cam defending his Australian Champion Title.

The Club has provided some assistance to both in meeting expenses and in the photo (left) Secretary Tony Fulton presents a cheque to Cam and Brett Ellis (dec), standing in for Jack.

It was at this time that new smoking rules were passed by the Tasmanian Government meaning that smoking on the greens was banned and smokers had to keep a certain distance from the greens.

**CBC have entered in the Saturday pennant Div 1, 2R, 3R and 4R. This means we will need a minimum of 64 players plus -to cover absentees, injuries etc. Midweek will have two sides and the minimum required will be 24 players plus.**

### OPENING DAY

Numbers were down on Sunday 29th September when the greens were blessed by Noel Hart and officially opened by Bill Miller and Yvonne Keane as proxies for our President and Vice President. Despite the weather a game was possible, and the greens were running well, if a little slow. The following BBQ was enjoyed by all and those who arranged this are to be thanked.



Well, in less than a week the season will be-gin, so good bowling to all. (above) **Pauline Throupe, Jenny Geapon, Yvonne Keane, & Gail Hay all rugged up.**

**Saturday 6th October 2012 and the season is away.**

**Div 1: d Beltana 11-3 (96-78)** A great start to the season with a credible win at Beltana.

**Div 2R: lt Beltana 2-12 (90-100)**

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**Div 3R: lt Sandy Bay 0-14 (68-79)**

**Div 4R: d Berriedale 12-2 (77—63)** Overall a reasonable start to the new season.

**The Show Day bowls contest was cancelled due to inclement weather.**

**Team of the Week for the last week of October 2012 was made up of: -**

Big Al Smith, Fritz Pfund, Paul 'Fruitfly' Grover and Tod Williams with 22 shots up.

Rain interfered with some of the games at about this time which tempted our Bulletin editor to concoct this picture showing three of our bowlers struggling to reach the other end of the green.





Jack Ellis (pictured) was part of the very successful junior Fours that swept all before them at the State-wide Pennant-Juniors Round 1 & 2 at Launceston last week. He played three to Brad Mabb. Others in the team were Connor Munnings & Ryan McCoull.

At the end of the day South finished up with 8 points, North & Northwest 2 a piece.

That week the club had five out of nine teams in the Four.

A little bit of trivia was added to the bulletin: - “When Div 3R ventured to Bruny Island last Saturday Tom had trouble finding a spot at Kettering to park his 4WD. As time was running out Tom thought he’d found a spot, but ‘**crunch**’, the back of his vehicle slid into a culvert. Well, the 4WR couldn't get Tom out, so he needed a tow.”



Joke of that week: -

*“It is always very difficult when a selector has to drop a good player who is out of form. So, one selector rang up the player and said. — “Well, Reg. I don't know how we will manage without you, but from this week we are just gonna' have to try.”*

At least he was told the bad news!

After a crushing 33 shot win by his rink, we asked Tom Bird to sum up the win. Tom said: *“Easy, put the mat here, throw the jack down the centre line there, pick up the bowl - hold it as best you can - and allowing for a bend in its course, roll it to the jack, kitty, kate, or what have you... Good! That's all & I had nothing to do all afternoon.*



By the end of November 2012 only two sides were in the Four, so the challenge was to make up for lost ground.

Leaving behind your bowling gear is not advisable, but this did happen: -

**“I'm Dreaming of Two White Bowls”**

They tell us men are pretty lost without our woman folk and Michael ‘Chalkie’ Dawes is testament to that—almost. Last Saturday ‘Chalkie’ alighted from the car, farewelled Maree, who drove away and then discovered his white Christmas Bowls were still in the boot. Now, who do you think was at fault?

**“Got everything dear?”**

On 7 December both Midweek sides had good wins with the following comments in our bulletin about one rink: -

**“Midwreck Demolition Team: - Big Al ‘The Jack Hammer’ Smith, Mike ‘the Wrecking Ball’ Pursell, Trevor ‘Bulldozer’ Keough & Fritz ‘the Pile Driver’ Pfund won with 48 shots up.”**

After a very successful win by Division one on 10 December the club reporter got really carried away when he wrote in the next bulletin: -

“The Santa with Banta— Chris - gathered his elves for a talk before the big game. “Now, we have the little orphans from Brighton here today, so I want you to be good elves & make their visit one to remember. They’ve had it tough out there with their Bypass operations, so be kind.

Chris called his Elves—*Celtic Craig, Jack in the Box Jake & ‘Iceman’ Chalkie-* into a huddle and whispered, “Forget all that rubbish and go out and paint ‘em into a corner” Which they did.

Lambie the Garden Gnome had his rink of Elves called *Toddles, Brockles & Fritzalls* and his instructions were quite clear. "Squash 'em like Cockchafers or Christmas Beetles!" And so, they did.

We mustn't forget our Ladies teams who were going along fairly well at this time and a report was in the bulletin of 19 December: -

### **Div One Goes Up**

The top ladies' team had another good win on Thursday and moves to 5th spot on the ladder. Solid wins by Eleanor & Pauline with a draw from Gaye and strong support from their fellow bowlers has the side on a good track.

Div 2: met top side GR and gave their best, gaining 2 points and slipping one rung.

Div 5: Brenda Pinnington's rink set the bar with a 35 to 5 shot win, which carried the side to an 8 shot win.

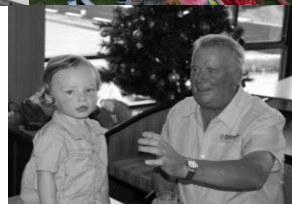
\* Pauline Throupe's surname gets spelt various ways. On the Bowls Tas. South web site, it was *Throllpet* this week. (Hope that's not a rude word)

Christmas time at Claremont was, for a number of years, a time for families to get together for a season lunch. As can be seen from the



photos it was indeed a happy time for old and young.

Sadly, some of the adults are not with us in 2022 and we wonder what has happened to all the youngsters?



And so, another year had slipped away.

## **2013**

The year started with some cold and windy weather, but the bowlers battled on.

On 14 January 2013 Div 1: Claremont 14 d Geeveston 0 (119-77) and Division 5 had a good win over Taroona.

In the opening game our ladies Division 1 had a good win as well defeating Howrah 10-2 Team of the week was Chris Chalker, Gene Ayton, Michael Dawes & Craig Coad with a massive 32 shots up. (That's possibly the highest we can remember and in Division one).

Next week this notice was advised: -

***"The Hobart Bowls Centre and the Hobart Indoor Bowls Club inform all clubs and bowlers of the following:***

***The Centre will close on 21st January 2012.***

***The Hobart Indoor Bowls Club will play its home matches at Buckingham Bowls Club from 4th February and for the remainder of the season. Mixed matches from 4th February will start at 1.00 p.m.***

***The Club will cease to exist after completion of this season.***

***The Bowlers shop will reopen on 30th January in the pavilion between greens 2 and 3 at Buckingham bowls club, under the new ownership of Robert McGuire.***

***Please ensure that all your affected selectors, match managers, and players are aware of the changes.***

The centre had operated for some time and was the only indoor bowling club in the south.

Special birthdays were usually noted in our bulletin and here is one.

On Monday 23rd January Michael 'Chalky' Dawes reached a milestone –his 50th year on this planet.

His mother, Maureen, well remembers the day he was born when the doctor said: "He'll never make a bowler!"

Was he right or wrong?

PS: For his birthday he got a new hair style.



A bit of trivia appeared courtesy of our Statistician which may have interested some members: -

Q. How many players have represented the club? A. Saturday Pennant 73, including 7 ladies. Midweek Pennant 31

Q. How many Skips have been used? A. Saturday Pennant 29 Midweek Pennant 12

Q. What is the average of wins against losses?

A. Saturday Pennant 58% & Midweek Pennant 65% (those percentages far outweigh figures at the same time of the season over the past few years. With say 50% being a benchmark we have only a handful of players below that mark.)

Whilst playing Cremorne on their synthetic green on a very windy day a comment made was:

***- The boys at Cremorne were interested in Mike Quinn's Classic 2's. On more than one occasion Mike, to get the right green due to the wind, had to draw around two cars parked in the street, a lamp post & the nature strip and still came back near the jack!***

Back to more serious matters. By mid-January 2012 CBC had five teams in the Four and all were going quite well.

### **What the Butler Saw?**

Apparently, a few of the boys were having a meal at the pub and Kenny Broomy ordered a meal but had to leave before it was served.

After he had left his order did arrive and this photo (right) was taken:

- Looks like two burnt fish sticks. Broomy did you order above?



The late Terry Wylie set off to play with Div 2R on Saturday 4th February. He turned up at



Glenorchy/Rodmans (wrong venue) and then went back to Claremont before he found out he should be at Rosny Park.

Meanwhile at Rosny the team was one short so Mark Weir who happened to be on hand with no gear, was subbed into CBC wearing sox and using borrowed bowls. Mark played a couple of ends until Terry arrived.

**Team of the Week:** Mike Quinn, John Weeding, Peter Goldsmith & Eunice Schofield with 24.5 shots up.

### **He Don't Measure Up!**

Peter 'Topsy-Turvey-Tricky' Trikilis has, for the last three weeks, had to borrow someone else's measure and has protested that the thing was "δεν είναι καλό", which in Greek means 'no good'.

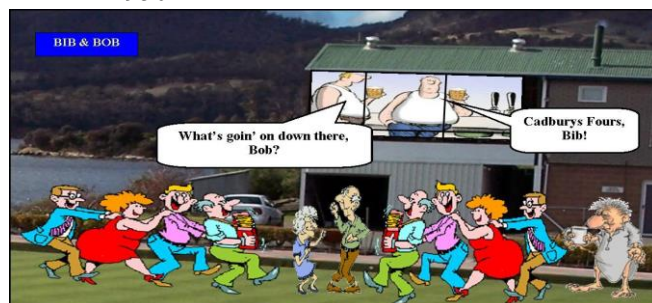
Several players observed Tricky' use of the tape and suggested he would do better if it were not up-side-down.



**Jake Moate, Trevor Keough, Mike Pursell and TBone** played in Glenorchy/Rodman's Handicapped Fours last week and won all games including the final. Apparently, the team used a plan put together by Professor Mike based on The Pythagorean Theorem. This formula expresses the fact that differentiation and integration are inverse operations of each other??



Ken Broomhead is in this photo (left) taken in 1950 at St. Theresa's School.



(right) a weird couple called Bib & Bob had a regular say in happenings and this is one of them.

A common phrase relating to bowls you will hear in New Zealand is:

**'CAN YOU HANDLE YOUR JANDAL?'**

A Jandal is another name for flip flop or as we would call them a pair of thongs. The phrase is used mainly in barefoot bowls where jandals are worn. Here at Claremont, some years hence, a bowler called Rob Batge was to make the jandals very popular at our club.

Our resident bulletin editor frequently got carried away when describing action on the greens. Here is an example in describing a Midweek game on 15/2/2012.

***"MORE FUN THAN AN APPENDICITIS OPERATION"***

To comment on Div 1's game against Hobart Indoor/Outdoors we have called on Dr. Tom Foolery: -

"What a game! I haven't had so much fun since I performed my first appendicitis operation!" Considering the state of health our side was in a 3 shot loss was quite remarkable. This game had everything. Everyone got so excited. Even my stethoscope had palpitations. Big Al looked a bit pale— not sure if it was the sun or the wee drams before & during the game. Lamsie's allergy to HI (*Hobatisindoorus*) flared up again— *will be doing lab tests this week*. Hank Noor's heart rate jumped to 190 as he carefully dissected his opposition. Trevor Keough's bowls had a bad case of Hypo-chondriasis, but at least I was encouraged by having the assistants of Professor Michael Pursell, my anaesthetist.

And so, another game slipped off the operating table, but after the epidemic we were able to make our way to the dispensary for some suitable medication. Ah! Med School was never like this".

*Thanks Doc. I half expect a visit from the AMA shortly.*

26/2/2012:

**CONTROVERSY SCHROUDS SATURDAY**

**During Saturday's pennant heat was on all when the temperature, in the south, rose to nearly 40. This made it hard going for some bowlers. Quite a few games were abandoned, and others stopped after 15 ends, but it was the Div 1 Game of CBC v Bucks that has caused a major concern. I understand the game was not far off the 15-end stage, with CBC in front overall, when after-noon tea was called. The Bucks Side Captain, Don Patmore, refused to continue the game causing much confusion. Eventually, under protest from CBC, the game was abandoned. With Bucks 3rd on the ladder and CBC 5th it is easy to see which club benefited most by the abandonment! Whether a formal protest will be submitted is yet to be seen.**

**On the other green a lower Division was playing Beltana and by 13 ends were a mile in front. This game was also abandoned due to heat.**

(Trivia: Mike Quinn was Side Captain and despite many calls that the temperature had exceeded 37 degrees Mike said he was guided by the club thermometer which showed 37. He then found out the thing had been stuck on 37 for years and it was quickly disposed of).

In this great game of ours there is always a spot for a laugh. e.g., Here is the story of the SPOD. Does he still exist?

Quite a few bowlers later would turn up with a small bag and two bowls.

### The SPOD – Behaviour Pattern and Recognition Signals

The species is, fortunately, of a somewhat naive disposition and should present few identification problems, even to our raw recruit.

The SPOD is instantly recognizable as he emerges from the clubhouse loaded down with spare bags, hold-all, duster, thermos flask, daily newspaper and sundry impedimenta and, despite the sun blazing down from a clear blue sky, draped about with spare sweaters, waterproofs and a thick woollen scarf.



*The SPOD going out to bowl*

11 March 2012: A pleasant day, a good turn up, a tasty lunch all made this year's International Fours event a success. Many came along with an international flavour, such as Pink, the USSR Bowels Team, the HS Ballarat Beauties, the Sponge Boys, the Creatures from the Black Lagoon, the International Congress of Accountants, and many others.



We must thank our organisers Bill Miller and Norm Hanson, our team of ladies who prepared the lunch and made all feel very welcome, our bar staff Kerry Hay & Archie Wallace and Mr. Weatherman for supplying a nice day.

And the winner (twice out of the last three years) of the 'Clown of the Day' goes to J Tegg. Leading the 'Sponge Boys' Josh once again personified the ancient Chinese proverb

"A fall into a ditch makes you wiser, but once you pour water from your bucket, it's hard to put it back." The Sponge Boys sure soaked it up.



(left) This pretty foursome calling them selves the Pink gave the event a bit of class.

By 17 March 2012, the ladder was this: -

Division Last week This Week

Div 1 7<sup>th</sup>, Div 2R 5<sup>th</sup>, Div 3R 5<sup>th</sup>, Div 51<sup>st</sup>, Ladies 1 4<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 2 6<sup>th</sup>, Ladies 5 8<sup>th</sup>,  
M'Week 1 7<sup>th</sup>, and M'Week 4 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Tom Bird produced this odd-looking item in the clubrooms. Since then, we have not been able to identify what it was.

Car sharing is good way to get to distant clubs, except for this guy waiting for a lift home when he is getting married that evening!



Claremont didn't have much luck in the Grand Finals that season.

CBC congratulates all the Grand Final Winners in Saturday's Competition.

DIVISION 1: Sandy Bay DIVISION 2: Dover RSL

DIVISION 2 RESERVE: Glenorchy Rodman DIVISION 3: New Norfolk

DIVISION 3 RESERVE: Brighton DIVISION 4: Orford

DIVISION 4 RESERVE: New Norfolk DIVISION 5: Cremorne

MIXED – OPEN: Rosny Park MIXED – B GRADE: Huonville

Easter came and went so it was time to start planning for season 2012-23.

Details of the ladies AGM: -

WOMEN'S BOWLING COMMITTEE

INFORMATION FROM RECENT MEETINGS

At the 2012 Annual General Meeting the following officers to serve until the AGM in 2013: -

Chair and Vice President Rose Ryan

Secretary Gaye Coleman, Past Vice President Yvonne Keane

Committee Pam Cooper, Sandra Hocking, Jan McPherson,  
Brenda Pinnington, Verna Stevens, and Noelene Suckling

At the Committee Meeting, following recommendations from the Ordinary General Meeting, the following were appointed:

Statistician: Maureen Noor

Selection sub-committee: Eleanor Burge, Gaye Coleman, Gail Hay, Helena Gaylor and Brenda Pinnington

Match sub-committee: Pam Cooper, Jan McPherson, and Noelene Suckling

Social Bowling sub-committee: Sandra Hocking and Yvonne Keane

The Women's Committee representative on the CBC Greens Committee is still to be appointed, and the Committee is considering the role of Provedore.



On Tuesday 22nd May 2012 Derek Jolly, Acting President, introduced Brian Richardson, the President of the Claremont Golf Club, who gave a very comprehensive overview of the progress of the sporting complex to be known as “Claremont Peninsular Sports Complex”. It never went ahead however.



At the AGM held on 17 June 2012 the following election took place: -

President: Derek Jolly; Secretary & Treasurer: Tony Fulton OAM (Vice Presidents will be Rose Ryan & Bill Miller)

A vote was necessary to determine the six other Board members who are: Max Barry, Craig Coad, Glen Edwards, Tom Foley, Jake Moate, and Ron Suckling. (an assistant Secretary and Treasurer is to be officially appointed at the first Board meeting)

Yvonne Keane and Archie Wallace (dec) were unanimously elected as Life Members of CBC to a tumultuous round of applause, and both were presented their badges by Veteran and Oldest member of the Club, Dudley Coleman (right).



The Board made the following appointments at its first meeting: -

Portfolio Allocations: Bar Liaison (Tom Foley), Greens (Max Barry), House and Building (Glen Edwards), Women's Committee (Rose Ryan), Men's committee (Billy Miller), Marketing and Publicity (Mike Quinn), Coaching (Ron Suckling), Social Committee (to be advised), Bowls & Golf (Max Barry, Derek Jolly and Tony Fulton) Assistant to the Treasurer and Men's Secretary (Jake Moate), and Assistant to the Secretary (Jessica Lamb)

Good news was that Cam Tegg and Jack Ellis have been selected in the State Indoor Bowls team. Well done to both– we think you will do well. The photo (right) of both was found.



We managed a profit of \$855 from the Soup & Sandwich Luncheon. 61



people attended including our committee members. Many thanks due to those who donated ingredients, prizes, and trade table offerings, keeping our expenses down to \$108.70. Details - entry fees - \$610, raffle (a huge veg & fruit box with silverside & wine (left) - all donated) \$155, trade table \$198. Thanks to Kerry Hay for manning the bar.

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