

**THE SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB**  
**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS**

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## SOME FAMOUS QUOTES

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up.

Babe Ruth

Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you.

Arnold Palmer

Champions keep playing until they get it right.

Billie Jean King

If you are not courageous in life you will never achieve anything.

Muhammad Ali

You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get.

Michael Phelps

Never say never, because, limits like fears, are just an illusion.

Michael Jordan

Always be positive, always give 100%, never give up.

Harry Kramer

## Author's Note

The first 50 years of the Somerton Bowling Club was written and published in 1995. In the interest of keeping this important record accurate, and in its original spirit, this record has been re-written verbatim, in its original form, with all appendices updated till the present time.

Historical data from 1995-2021 has been added, from available material, to the original document so as to present an accurate record of the Somerton Bowling Club in its first 75 years.

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## **FORWARD – SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB (1995)**

As patron of the Somerton Bowling Club I consider it a great honour to be invited to contribute a few words to this important publication to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club's history.

Firstly let me congratulate the Committee and Author of the book for their enterprise in recording for posterity the initial 50 years of the Club's existence. In years to come the members of this club and the Brighton Community will be grateful for your foresight.

Brighton Council acquired the land on which the club premises are erected in 1922 and at that time it was called Somerlea Recreation Park. The size of the land in imperial measurements was one acre, one rod and thirty five perches, and encompassed the area bounded by Oxford Street, Eton Street (now known as Eton Road) and Radstock Street (which is now King George Avenue).

In 1945 the men and women returning from the Second World War were demanding the development of new and varied facilities in the Brighton area and with that demand came the creation of the Somerton Bowling Club. For a long period until 1968 the Bowling Club shared the use of the land with the Somerlea Tennis Club, but at that time the Bowling Club needed room for expansion and the

Tennis Club were seeking improved facilities of their own.

They then moved to a new location at Wilton Avenue on the eastern side of Brighton Road and known as Paringa Reserve Somerlea Tennis Club. They no longer exist but the Courts and Clubrooms are still used.

The development of the Bowling Club since 1968 has been rapid and continuous and the premises and greens that they now enjoy would be the envy of many other clubs in Adelaide. This development is a tribute to a succession of astute and far sighted Committees, and Brighton Council has been proud to assist in that development when thought appropriate.

Over the years the Somerton Bowling Club has considered it necessary to arrange loans to assist in its development. The loans have been raised in the name of the City of Brighton as owners of the property and the Council has been pleased to be part of that development. In every case the loans have been serviced by the Bowling Club in a most professional manner and the Council has never had concerns about the Club's ability to meet its obligations under a loan or the lease.

I have not the slightest doubt that the operations of the Club in the future will be equally as exciting and professional as those of the past 50 years.

My congratulations and best wishes are extended for the continued success of this significant club in Somerton.

Keith H. Jones

**MAYOR**

**CITY OF BRIGHTON**



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT – Dr F. Swiggs (1995)**

The following pages portray the history of the beginning and progress of a very vibrant bowling club over the past fifty years.

The Somerton Bowling Club has emerged from a very humble beginning to become a major bowling club in Adelaide's Metropolitan area.

It now boasts a membership of some 250 members, fielding eight pennant sides on Saturdays and six pennant sides on Wednesdays. The prestige of the club is high, the facilities of the club are excellent and so are the social activities. Over the years the club has achieved many state and pennant successes. Its top pennant side is One Red.

The committee of management, through the years, have been very diligent and through hard work of many dedicated members, have been able to place the club in a very stable financial position.

My committee and I feel deeply honoured to have been elected to steer the club through its anniversary year.

Dr F. Swiggs

**PRESIDENT**

## THE INCEPTION

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 1945 an interested group of gentlemen met at the Scout Hall, Walker Street, Somerton Park, to inquire into the possibility of forming a Bowling Club in the Somerton area. To pursue this possibility, a committee was formed – the committee consisting of N.H. Pope (chairman), F.W. Gingham, J. Morris, E.P. Lower, K. Hannaford, N. Bone, R. Morris and A.J. Palk.

The committee approached their task with diligence, and at a subsequent meeting held in the Methodist Hall, Bath Street Glenelg, those attending were told that the Brighton Council had agreed to lease portion of the Somerlea Reserve to the proposed Somerton Bowling Club for a period of 25 years at an annual rental of £1-0-0.

To enable money to be available for the initial expenses in preparation of the land and necessary facilities it was decided to raise money by the payment of an entrance fee of £1-0-0 from each of the 35 foundation members. In addition, the committee was authorised to raise further capital by issue of £5-0-0 debentures – each debenture to carry an interest of 3% per annum.

So at a meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1945, the first statement presented by the treasurer read:

Income	£36-15-0	
Expenditure	£1-10-9	Petty Cash

Cash in Hand            £1-9-3  
 Balance                    £33-15-0                    (Bank of NSW)

**Somerton Bowling Club** Loan Receipt  
N<sup>o</sup> 1

It is hereby Certified that Clifford W. Hooper  
 of King George Av. Somerton  
 has advanced to the Somerton Bowling Club the sum of Five Pounds (£5) as a loan upon the following conditions: The Club shall repay the said sum when the Committee shall have funds which they deem are available after making provision for the current expenses of the Club, and may determine from time to time which Loan Receipt shall be paid, and then such Loan Receipt shall be endorsed by the Holder, and returned to the Club. No trustee, officer, or individual member of the Club shall be personally liable in respect of any Loan Receipt.

Interest at the Rate of 3 Pounds per centum hereon shall be paid to the holder hereof annually.      for Somerton Bowling Club, by order of the Committee

Norman Hooper President  
A. Walsh Secretary  
L. Monico Treasurer

**£ 5 : 0 : 0**      30 JUN 1945

Also at this meeting it was decided that the Mayor of Brighton, (W.S. Walsh, esq.), be invited to be Patron of the club, and it has been a tradition of the Somerton Bowling Club from that day that the incumbent MAYOR Of The Corporation of the City of Brighton be patron of the club.

At this juncture the building of the clubhouse was deferred, but the provision of watering facilities and the construction of the greens was proceeding satisfactorily. By the end of June a bore had been sunk, bricked and roofed by the secretary (A.J. Palk), and Herbert Blight was employed to plant the greens – his remuneration to be £5-0-0 for a 44 hour week.

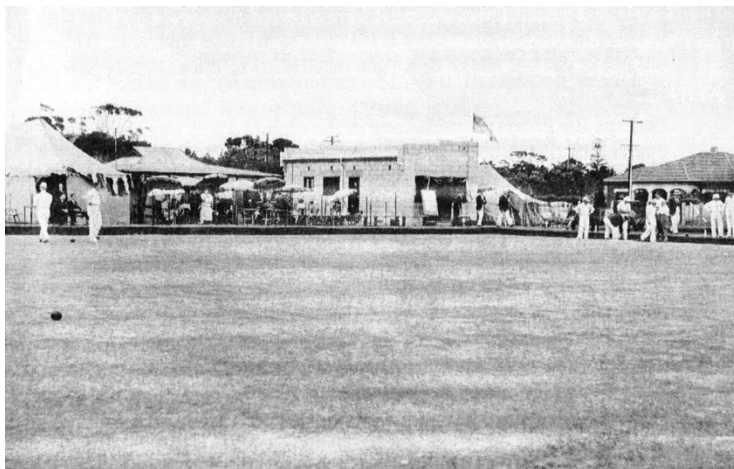
By the end of 1945 a brush fence had been constructed around the 6 rink green under construction – such fence being of concrete plinth and posts and the fencing material of brush. The concreting work was voluntarily undertaken by the members and the brushwork carried out by Herbert Blight at the cost of £2-0-0 for labour – which sum he later donated to the club.

The bore had been completed to a depth of 28 feet with water being available at 16 feet, an electric motor installed at the borehead, and the electricity connected to the motor. 1.25” piping had been laid around the greens. This allowed for adequate supply of water independent of the mains supply, and was proved to be invaluable later on when water restrictions were introduced.

On the administrative side, the rules and regulations of the club – based on the existing Rules of the Holdfast Bowling Club (with suitable amendments and additions) – had been prepared. At this juncture, the committee also recommended that the club be incorporated at the earliest.

From the foregoing facts on the inception of the Somerton Bowling Club it can be seen that, by the dedication and initiative of 35 foundation members – with the gratefully accepted assistance of the Brighton Council – Much had been achieved in a short period and augured well for the formation of a successful club.

The foundation president of the club, N.H. (Norm) Pope was a driving force during this period and his foresight and leadership laid a solid foundation for the efficient administration of the club over the next 50 years.



## **THE FORMATIVE YEARS**

1946 began on a sombre note with the death of the green keeper Herbert Blight who had devoted so much time and effort to the formation of the greens and surrounds. His position was taken by Mr J. Cook, who was hired for three half days per week at the rate of £1-0-0 per day.

But it was to be an historic year for the club, as it saw its entrance into the world of Pennant Bowls, and also the official opening of the club greens.

The committee made an application to the South Australian Bowling Association for affiliation, and nominated a team of 16 players in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division (Red) and a team of 8 players in the 2-rink section for Saturday Pennant matches. It should be noted that at this time the club had a membership of 45.

A feature of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division side was that only 2 players had previously played in pennant competition, so it was not surprising that the club finished at the bottom of the ladder of the division that year. However, it did prove the old adage that 'one must learn to crawl before one can walk.'

Perhaps the greater significance to the club in 1946 was the official opening of the club which was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 1946.

Although the committeeman Joe Morris had submitted plans for a clubhouse to serve both Somerton Bowling Club and the adjoining Somerlea Tennis Club, the general committee had decided to defer such expenditure until the club's financial position had improved. Consequently the club 'facilities' on the opening day were two army tents, but this in no way detracted from the importance and pleasure of the occasion, In the presence of a good attendance of members and guests, the President (Norm Pope), put down the first kitty and the Secretary (A.J. Palk) put down the first bowl.

Perhaps it is worth noting that the inaugural Club Champions in season 1946/47 were:

Club Champion	E.H. Freyer
Club Pairs	F.C. Fuss & K.B. Hewish
Club Handicap Singles	E.P. Lower

1947 was a year of steady progress for the club, with the £275-0-0 raised by the issue of debentures and additional membership fees, the committee was able to authorise the commencement of the new club house. The plans as prepared by Joe Morris were accepted, and he was authorised to purchase materials for the first stage of the new construction.

At this stage the Brighton Council advised of its willingness to advance a loan of £200-0-0 to the club, repayable in ten one-yearly payments interest free.

By September the 3-rink green had been planted and the 7-rink green had been levelled and top dressed in preparation for the 1947/48 season. The purchase of an electric roller for the club was greeted with delight by the volunteer members of the club who were required to hand roll the greens prior to each match.

Membership at the beginning of the 1947/48 season was 38 and 16 players were nominated for Wednesday pennants and 32 for Saturday pennants.

1948 saw the advent of night bowls at Somerton Bowling Club. Those wishing to avail themselves of this facility were subject to an entrance fee of £1-0-0 and an annual subscription of £2-0-0. In addition, there was a one shilling per night levy on those playing.

Phase two of the building programme had been completed and the facilities for the serving of afternoon teas were available. The General Meeting this year approved of the annual subscription for full membership being increased to £4-4-0.

1949 began disastrously for the club. Towards the end of the 1947/48 season, an act of vandalism caused much damage to the greens. However, the club – with the assistance of the Greenkeepers Association managed to repair the damage, and it is on record that the greens were in excellent condition for the opening of the 1948/49 season. As a token of appreciation, President Perc Lower presented a trophy (the Phenyl Cup), to be played for annually between the club and the Greenkeepers Association. This annual match was played on 28 occasions – the last game being played in 1982/83 – the Greenkeepers being victorious on 18 occasions and Somerton 10. The cup is at present in the custody of the Somerton Bowling Club.

Also in 1949, the incumbent Mayor of Brighton, W.S. Walsh, Esq. presented a trophy to be competed for



annually between Marion, Somerton and Brighton Bowling Clubs. This trophy – The Walsh Shield, was contested for until 1986/87, when the shield was won by Somerton and it is still retained by them. Of the 38 times played, the winners were Marion (25), Somerton (9), Brighton (4).

During this year, steady progress had been made on the clubhouse facilities and its environs. A slate path was constructed along the full length of the clubhouse, a fence erected from the clubhouse to the western boundary and a rose garden established.

The extensions and improvements to the clubhouse continued, and by the end of 1950 the new portion of the clubhouse had been floored, curtains were installed, and new chairs provided. In addition, a much needed tool shed had been constructed. It is of interest, in looking back, to note the value of the club's property in 1950 was £1,000 (\$2,200) in comparison to the current value which is in excess of \$300,000 (Buildings only).

Membership at this time stood at 83 full members and 13 Electric Light members. The club had 3 pennant teams on Saturdays (Divisions 4, 5 and 6) and 2 teams on Wednesday – both in Division 3. During this year the club enjoyed their first inter-club win when Messrs D. Cleland and T. Renner succeeded in winning the Phil Lee Pairs, a tournament sponsored by the RSABA. In 1950, an annual

competition between Somerton and Holdfast Bowling Clubs - the trophy being the C.W. Barnes Shield – was inaugurated. This event was originally played at night, but later changed to Sunday morning. Holdfast Bay has held the trophy on 27 occasions and Somerton 17. The present holder is Holdfast Bay and the competition is still an annual event.

The Jubilee Australian Bowling Carnival was held in Adelaide in 1951, and it was the first time that the club had competed. A large majority of the visiting players praised the condition of the Somerton greens, and the club had the privilege of entertaining 30 visiting players at a social evening.

During the year, house improvements consisted of the installation of a bar with cooling equipment to allow for the serving of refreshments, and the employment of a barman for Saturday afternoons at 15 shillings per afternoon. It may be of interest to current members to learn that, although a new bar had been installed, the then President and his committee decreed that on mixed evenings at the club only soft drinks, tea and coffee would be served.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of November 1951 the club became an incorporated body. It was also in this year that the E.W. Percival Shield for annual competition between Glenelg and Somerton Bowling Clubs was inaugurated, and is still

an annual event. To date, Somerton has been victorious on 24 occasions and the Glenelg Club 16.

At the end of the 1951/52 pennant season, the Somerton Club had met with varied success. The 5<sup>th</sup> Division team finished second, thereby earning elevation to Division 4, whilst Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Division won a pennant, earning promotion to Division 2.

Due to lack of ready finances, very little was done in 1952/3 for the improvement of club facilities. To this end, the Immediate Past President appealed to the members for greater support by means of debentures.

The principal items of income from the previous year were subscriptions £675 and House Committee £340. Of this income, £743 had been absorbed by wages (£596) and clubhouse fittings (£147). Such was the financial situation The Secretary was empowered by the committee to apply for a temporary overdraft of £200 from the Bank of New South Wales.

The year 1952/53 was not a good year for the bowlers. Two of the four Saturday pennant teams and one of the two Wednesday teams were relegated to lower divisions.

In addition, the annual competitions for the Barnes Shield, the Percival Shield and the Walsh Shield were all lost by Somerton to the Holdfast Glenelg and Brighton Clubs respectively.

But the following year proved to be a much better year from the bowling aspect. The Division 3 team won the club's first Saturday Pennant, and a team comprising of Max Albert, Gordon Scott, Max Hart and Ray Thompson (Skipper) won the Playford Shield (an annual event played at Burnside RSL). In this 1954 event there were 80 entries and the competition was played in four sections of 20 - 3 games of 10 ends.

In the first game Somerton defeated Clare 17 – 4, defeated Hawthorn in the second game 18 – 3 and made certain of a position in the semi-finals with a third game victory of 10 – 3. The semi-final was a thriller. With five ends to go Somerton led the Ballarat rink by 8 shots to 2, but Ballarat fought back to score 6 shots in the last 5 ends to make a tie of the match. An extra end was played and Somerton's fighting spirit came to the fore, scoring 3 shots to win their way into the final.

The final was played against a Kensington Gardens four-under lights and in cold conditions. After being down 6 – 1, Somerton fought back to win 14 shots to 12. The skipper of Kensington Gardens (Bill Adams), with his last bowl, needed to put Somerton's shot bowl into the ditch to score 3 shots to win, but failed to do so.

The Somerton Team celebrated with much hurling of mats etc., which would not have been approved of by Sir

Francis Drake. But then, Sir Francis Drake never won a Playford Shield.

In addition to these successes, Somerton was able to regain the Barnes Shield from Holdfast, and win the inaugural Somerton Shield, a trophy donated by Dave Liljegren for annual competition between Somerton and Gumeracha. This event was contested on 6 occasions, Somerton winning 4 of them. However, the Walsh Shield was again lost – this time to Marion – and the Percival Shield was retained by Glenelg.

During this year the extension to the clubhouse again proceeded – due to the generosity of one of the club members who preferred to remain anonymous. The clubhouse was also lined and ceiled, and this was made possible by two members (also anonymous) lending the club sufficient money to cover the cost. It is gratifying to know that these loans for the extensions and interior work were given interest free.

The domestic achievements for the 1954/55 season saw the addition of a kitchen, Secretary's office and additional conveniences at a cost of approximately £1,000 – the financing obtained mostly from the borrowing of £800. The pennant season resulted in two teams gaining promotion – on Saturday and one Wednesday team – whilst the annual Shield competition resulted in:

Barnes Shield                      Regained by Holdfast

Walsh Shield	Won by Brighton
Somerton Shield	Retained by Somerton
Percival Shield	Retained by Glenelg
Phenyl Shield	Greenkeepers def Somerton 63-45

## **YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT**

The third decade was to see great advancement for the club in establishing itself as a financially sound social club and as a club to be respected in competitive bowling.

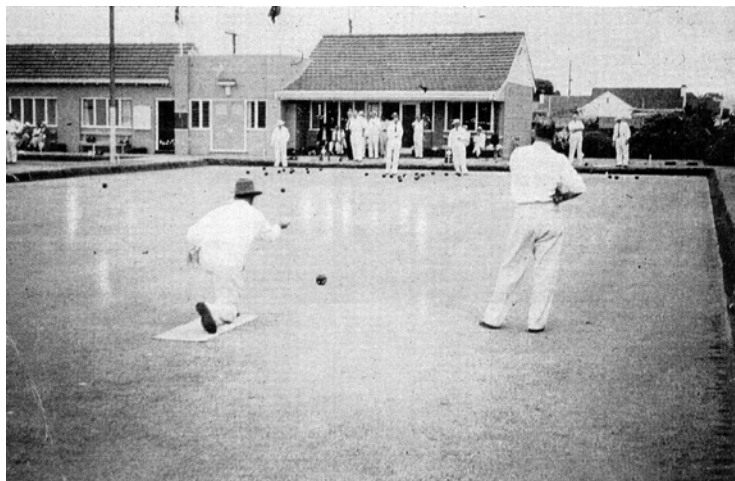
In 1960 the last annual event for the Somerton Shield was played with Somerton defeating Gumeracha and retaining the Shield. The Shield was destined to remain in the club archives until it was resurrected for competition under the title of the Cucumber Shield. This competition was inaugurated in 1970 at an annual event played between Pitti's Pals and the Somerton Seagulls.

Pitti's Pals team was chosen by club member Laurie Pitman (on whose private green the matches were played) and the Somerton Seagulls team was selected by another club member, Jack Mackie.

The event was contested on 15 occasions between 1970 and 1983, the Somerton Seagulls being victorious on 11 occasions. It should be mentioned that Laurie Pitman's team was mainly comprised of his friends and associates from the Marion Bowling Club.

1962 saw the construction of two extra rinks by reducing the western bank of the small green. This enabled the membership limit to be increased to 122. One of the club members (Fred Bates) who had devoted much time and effort in assisting the Greenkeeper (Kevin Costello) with

the construction of the additional rinks was rewarded with an honorarium of £50 plus his next two years subscription fees.



*Circa 1959*

Also this year saw the introduction of indoor bowls during the winter months. This proved to be a popular innovation for many years, helping to keep the club members together during the “off” season and maintaining a healthy social atmosphere in the club – plus contributing to the bar profits. Interest in this club has only waned over the past few years – most certainly due to the advent of winter lawn bowls competition.



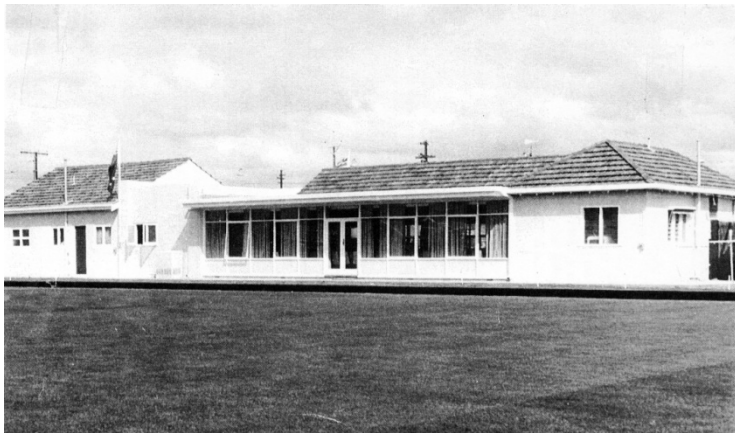
Season 1962/63 began with yet another conflict of opinions between the Greenkeeper and the committee, culminating in the resignation of the Greenkeeper. Consequent to this resignation, at a meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1963, the committee – on the recommendation of members Bill Fox and Gerald Cotton – decided to employ Brian Williams of Bordertown as greenkeeper at a wage of £20 per week. Brian Williams retired on 31-1-95.

It would appear that the culinary tastes of bowlers 30 years ago were in conflict with the present bowler's tastes. At a meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1964, it was resolved that afternoon tea for pennant matches would consist of scones with jam and cream, and also cheese biscuits. This may have pleased the majority of the bowlers, but it certainly did not please Mrs. O'Grady, the tea lady, who complained of the excessive washing up after afternoon tea causing the committee to resort to using paper plates.

1965 was a momentous year for the Somerton Bowling Club, as it saw the beginning of the acquisition of the extra ground so urgently needed for the extension of playing areas.

At a meeting between representatives of the Bowling Club and Somerlea Tennis Club, it was suggested that the Bowling Club would be responsible for the transfer of the

Tennis Club to the park at the corner of Paringa and Margaret Avenues, Somerton Park.



*11<sup>th</sup> April 1970*

Later that month, a Special General Meeting of the members of the club empowered the general committee to borrow a sum not exceeding £14,000 by such means as available within the club constitution for the purpose of carrying out one, or all, of the following proposals;

- (a) Transfer the Somerlea Tennis club to a designated site.
- (b) Establish a bowling green of 6 rinks on land at present occupied by the Somerlea Tennis Club – excess land to be used for car parking.
- (c) Extend or replace the Somerton Bowling Club's Clubhouse.

As a result of this decision by the members, a letter was forwarded to the Corporation of Brighton outlining the proposals, and seeking Council approval to allow the proposals to be implemented.

Negotiations for the acquisition of the Somerlea Tennis Club were to continue for another 2 years before finality. Minor setbacks were encountered such as, although the Saint Phillips Sports committee were willing to offer 2 courts at Paringa Park for £829, the Somerton Bowling Club did not agree with the 2 court only proposition. Further, local residents in the Paringa Park area had raised objections to the Council, and this matter had been further deferred by the Council.

An incident occurred in 1965 that is perhaps worthy of a place in the club's history. A team in Division 3 Gold (Saturday) consisting of Leo Guiney, Des Taylor, Bill Guiney and Eddie Edwards playing against Stirling won 22 of the 25 ends played to record a victory of 50 shots to 5. It was coincidental that the Stirling team was skippered by Tom Biddis, previously a foundation member of Somerton.

This feat was surpassed in the following year when a Division 5 White (Saturday) four of Joe Nash, Tom Dally, George Paine and Jim Clarke, playing against Salisbury scored on 23rd end for a 52 to 2 victory.

During 1967, club members Bill Fox and Hugh Theakstone were appointed as club representatives to negotiate a proposal to;

- (a) Relocate the Glenelg Congregational and Trinity Methodist Church Tennis Clubs from the Paringa Park Reserve to a site in the West Torrens Council area.
- (b) Transfer Saint Philips Tennis Club to its own church property.
- (c) Somerlea Tennis Club to take over the lease of 6 courts at the Paringa Park Reserve – with Somerton Bowling Club to provide a clubhouse.
- (d) Somerton Bowling Club to take over the Somerlea's Tennis Clubs present courts and embody this area in its current lease.

By October 1967, all arrangements had been completed, and Brighton Council approved the transfer of the Somerlea Tennis Club to Paringa Park Reserve.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of December that year, Somerton was privileged to be selected to host the final of the State Pairs Championship which was duly won by Colin Winkler and Des Moran of the Walkerville Club.

At the end of the 1967/68 bowling season, work was commenced on the establishment of the new greens. The Greens Committee consisting of Bill Fox, Alick

Bell, Hugh Theakstone and Bob Stacey (with technical advice from the greenkeeper) recommended that 12 rinks of couch grass be established on the area vacated by the tennis club. To this end, Brighton Council agreed to provide reasonable assistance in removing the vacated tennis courts, and the new greens were laid in October of that year.

It had been hoped that the new greens would be available for play by December 1969, but the official opening day was extended to the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 1970 when the ceremony was carried out by Harold Leedham, President of the Australian Bowling Council.

Looking back over the '60s, the executive and sub – committees and all members would have been justifiably satisfied with what they had achieved. They had, by judicious spending, good bar management and active fund raising, put the club on a sound financial footing. Membership had increased from 153 to 214. Their playing area had doubled and their social activities extended. In addition, their competitiveness in competition bowls was on the up, having taken out 6 pennants on Saturdays and 4 pennants on Wednesdays.

Some outstanding performances of this decade were;

1961/62 Champion of Club Champions won by T.C. Sharpe.

1963/64 Phil Lee pairs won by C. Morgan and D. Hardy.

1963/64 State Fours (Division 4). Winners – G. Hooper, B. Bruce 9 sub), A. Bell, P. Combes and W. Fox.

The 4<sup>th</sup> decade began on an optimistic note, with not only the opening of the new greens, but significant alterations to the clubhouse by extensions to the eastern end of the building to provide a locker room, the provision of a ladies toilet and minor improvements to the men's toilets. It was also at the Annual General Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1970 that the committee recognised the value of the work done by Fred Pengilly by electing him Honorary Life Member of the club. Fred did not rest on his laurels at having this honour bestowed upon him, as he continued to give valuable service to the club until his sudden death in September 1994.

During 1971 the now well-recognised 'Multi-purpose chocolate wheel' was introduced into the club. This wheel, designed and built by a club member (Tom Crabbe) is a wall mounted wheel approximately 4 feet in diameter which allows for a single or simultaneous drawing of raffles in all of 50, 75 or 100 ticket series. It replaced the small portable wheel which had served the club for so many years in raising funds. The new wheel is

still in operation and will probably continue to be so for many years, and is the subject of many admiring comments by visiting bowlers.



The Australian National Championships were held in South Australia during January/February 1972, and the Somerton Bowling Club provided greens and catering on 7 days of play. In addition to their carnival commitments, the Somerton Club was very active on the social side, providing a social night for Queensland visitors and wives (including a game of electric light bowls), a cabaret

attended by RSABA representatives and interstate visitors, and a trip to Victor Harbor, the visitors and members – approximately 100 – were entertained with a smorgasbord tea and musical evening. The interstate visitors were lavish in their appreciation of the hospitality of the Somerton Bowling Club during the entire carnival.

By the end of 1972 the club, through the diligence of Jack Mackie, Stan Rogers and Fred Pengilly, had been granted a restricted full licence by the Licensing Court. As a result of this, the committee place on record their appreciation to a member, Handly Tilden of the Broadway Hotel, for his assistance to the club over many years prior to the club being granted a licence.

In 1974, the then –Mayor of Brighton donated a sum of money for a perpetual trophy for competition between Brighton, Brighton RSL and Somerton Bowling Clubs. It was decided to name this trophy the Scott Shield in respect to the donor – Mr L. McD Scott. The first annual competition was played in the 1975/76 season, the initial winner being Brighton. This trophy has not been played for since the 1986/87 season – presumably through a lack of interest by all clubs. Of the 10 times it was contested, the winners were Somerton (4), Brighton RSL (3) and Brighton (2). The 1979/80 competition was a draw between Brighton and Brighton RSL, and in 1984/85 was not contested.



Changes at the club during the 1978/79 season saw the installation of an automatic watering system at a cost of \$9,150 which was financed by the club. Subsequent additions to the system were carried out in 1982 at a cost of \$600.

It was decided that in view of the number of players wishing to play on Tuesdays, Fox's Fowls Pairs would in future become a triples competition, and that pairs would be played on each Thursday.

At a November committee meeting it was resolved that a 3-year programme would be implemented to;

- (a) Replace B green couch surface with Tifdwarf.
- (b) Split C green with a North/South path to provide a 7-rink North/South and East/West green, and a 4-rink North/South green.
- (c) Replace A green with Tifdwarf.

1980 was the year in which the club began the expansion of the clubhouse facilities. The first major alterations and additions were carried out at a cost of \$107,000 – this money being made available by a loan of \$60,000 from the Brighton Council and the club financing the remaining \$47,000. The Western half of the clubhouse was rebuilt and the locker room and committee room were built. In addition, the kitchen was rebuilt and modern cooking equipment installed.

Some of the more noteworthy bowling achievements during the 1971 – 1980 period were the winning of the Division 5 State Fours by Somerton members on two occasions. In 1972/73 the four of N. Lee, B. Monaghan, V. Leary and F. Brooks was successful and the 1975/76 event was won by J. Stewart, L. May (sub), R. Soar, J. Tuckwell and J. Sharley.

In addition, the 1978/79 RSABA State Pairs Championship was won by H. R. Pike and C.G. Lloyd.

The 1980/81 season heralded the beginning of the committee's 3-year plan to upgrade the playing areas, and this project was duly completed by the beginning of the 1982/83 season. The alteration to the clubhouse had been completed, and the clubrooms social area was supplemented by the provision of an additional 52 chairs and 13 tables.

When the club was granted a Club Licence in 1972, the Licensing Court stipulated membership was not to exceed 250 members. During the 1981/82 season the membership was approaching this figure, and an application was made to the Licensing Court seeking an extension to that number. The application was successful and the Court granted an increase of membership to 275.

Brighton Council policy of 'peppercorn rental' for sporting bodies occupying Council-owned land was

changed, and the club was advised that in future the annual rental for the Somerton Bowling Club occupied property would be \$1000 per annum – this charge to be adjusted each 3 years in conformity with fluctuations in the Council rate charges.

1982/83 also saw the introduction of the Hotel Invitation Fours. This annual event – introduced by, and still organised by, club member Viv Lewis and comprises of various hotels nominating a team of four to represent their hotel in a day's play consisting of 4 games of 10 ends. It is a most popular day and an excellent revenue-raiser for the club.

The Australian National Championships were held in Adelaide during February 1983, and the Somerton Bowling Club was appointed by the RSABA to act as hosts to the Western Australian players (104) plus officials and accompanying ladies, and this was to be proved a most successful relationship.

Of particular historical note of this occasion is that a Somerton Club member (Dennis King) was invited to play as a substitute in a Western Australian Four and this four reached the final, only to be beaten by a four from New South Wales.

The only major works carried out in 1983/84 was the construction of a brush fence on the southern side of

the club playing area at a cost of \$10,000 financed by the club.

The 19<sup>th</sup> of November 1983 was a day to be remembered by Saturday players at that time. On that day all 8 club sides recorded victories, with all players that evening appreciating the President's traditional "Shout". This must have acted as an incentive for the Wednesday players, as a few matches later, they also won all of their 5 matches, a feat they were to repeat in February 1985.

The only construction work over the next 2 years was the demolition of the greenkeeper's shed and the building of a new one at a cost of \$14,500 financed by the club funds.

Season 1987/88 saw major alterations again being made to the clubhouse. The bar lounge was enlarged by relocating the locker room to what was previously the committee room – which in turn was shifted to a room created by adding an upper floor to the existing building. This move also allowed for space to be provided for the storage of fund raising items.

These improvements cost \$120,000 and were funded by borrowing \$80,000 from the Brighton Council and the balance coming from club funds. The bar lounge was re-carpeted and provided with new chairs and

additional tables. Improved kitchen facilities enabled catering for up to 175 persons for dinner dances etc.

This season was also a memorable one for the Saturday Pennant players. They won 5 pennants from the 8 teams competing with one other team finishing second and another third, so gaining 7 out of 8 divisional promotions for the season. In addition, on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1988, the Saturday players emulated their 1983 performance with all 8 teams being victorious.

Some of the more notable bowling achievements by the club during the period 1981 to 1990 were:

Winning the RSL Coopers Round Robin Fours in 1980/81 and in 1981/82.

Winning the RSL West End Fours in 1981/82, 1983/84 and 1986/87.

A team comprising M. McMahon, L. Phillips, J. McCarthy and H. Nicholas won the 1981/82 RSABA Fifth Division Fours.

The 1988/89 B Grade Metropolitan Fours Championship was won by F. Dew, C. Moule, F. Elliot and F. Mitchell.

In 188/89 the RSABA Division 2 State Triples Championship was won by F. Dew, F. Elliot and F. Mitchell.

And the 1989/90 RSABA Division 2 State Triples Championship was won by F. Byrnes, F. Elliot and A. Hurst.

With the club now fully established, the emphasis on progress could only be by extending the amenities for the members and a drive to further the bowling achievements of the club. To this extent, the club in 1992 completely rebuilt the men's toilets at a cost of \$24,750 (financed by the club) and embarked on a programme of recruiting established top division players to augment the already talented young members of the club. The result of this programme, of course, will only be realised in the future.

In the early 90's, the committee decided that winter lawn bowls would be an excellent method of keeping club members together and at the same time allowing them competitive practice. To this end Wednesday and Saturday bowls competitions were introduced and proved to be very popular. Unfortunately, the advent of this innovation spelled the doom of the once popular indoor bowls.

It would be remiss of the chroniclers of this great club if mention was not made of some of the organisations

and individuals that have helped to make the club what it is today.

There are the fundraisers who have contributed so much to the finances of the club. The executive committee in their wisdom decided in 1968 to establish a fund raising sub-committee, and from a humble contribution of \$4,483 in 1970 they have applied themselves to their task to increase annual contribution to the club revenue to \$28,177 in 1993.

Closely associated to the fundraising commitments to the club is the revenue by the House Account Section which consists of bar trading, social functions, etc, which from the contribution of a mere £213-0-0 in 1950 now contributes an amount of approximately \$60,000 a year.

Also contributing to the finances of the club are the Sponsors of the various social events during each season, including monthly mixed fours days and pre-and post pennant competitions. The Somerton Bowling Club is greatly appreciative of their support.

As well as raising funds for their own purposes, Somerton Bowling Club has always been a staunch supporter of Legacy. To this end, the club conducts a Legacy Day Competition annually. It was first played as a regular event on 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1983, when a sum of \$2000 was raised.

For convenience, the annual day was changed to the second Sunday of February each year. This meant that no event took place during 1984. Since then, cheques to a total amount of \$26,710 have been presented to Legacy – 1989 being the premium year, raising \$3,360.

It would be a mammoth task to name all the individuals who have made some specific contribution to the establishment of the Somerton Bowling Club, but there are those whose efforts are worthy of special mention. Apart from foundation members of the club who contributed so much under adverse conditions, recognition must be given to the outstanding services made by such members as Andy Johnson, club delegate to the RSABA for the first 24 years of the club's existence. To Fred Pengilly, Secretary for 16 years, Stan Rogers Secretary, for 18 years, and Bert Pollard, Treasurer for 9 consecutive years from 1984 to 1993. And to all members, especially Bill Fox and Hugh Theakstone, for the untiring efforts in acquiring the land occupied by the Somerlea Tennis Club.

Finally, we have the executive committees over the past 50 years who, through their dedication and whole-hearted commitment to the club, have maintained a stability of purpose and a planning programme that ensures the following executives will



have a sound basis on which to plan the future of the club.

In conclusion, whilst some readers of this chronicle may think very little has been written of notable events during the second half of the first 50 years of the club's existence, it must be remembered that a club's history only consists of 3 phases; the conception, the establishment of a viable proposition and the consolidation of a successful club. Any future improvement to the club's facilities or the establishment of club bowling achievements are merely statistics, and that the true history of the club was written by the pioneers of the club who, through their foresight, endeavours, diligence and club loyalty have left a legacy for all future members to enjoy and, it is hoped, appreciated.

## **THE NEXT 25 YEARS (1995-2020)**

With a successful fifty years behind it the Somerton Bowling Club had a rosy future to look forward to. It had navigated its way through good and not so good times, times when everything seemed positive, punctuated by times when there were significant headwinds.

The opening address by the President of the times stated;

“This is the kick off year for the next fifty years. The people who founded this club can rest in peace – their job is done. We are the founding fathers now for the next fifty years and so the discussion we make now has to also take into account the future ... Now is the time for a fresh start and a renewal of faith in ourselves.”

That year the club appointed John Mills, an experienced greenkeeper who made an enormous impact on the greens, setting a high benchmark for others to follow. As of March 1996 the total membership of the club was 227.

In 1996 South Australia hosted the World Bowls Competition in Adelaide. This international event saw 30 countries in competition and proved to be a great success. Somerton’s part in this event was to host the USA team, which it did with great pleasure.

Comments about the American team at the time were very complimentary. The American visitors were considered to

be good ambassadors for their country. As the President said at the time; "...it was a pleasure having them with us."



*January 1995*

As far as pennant competition was concerned, Saturday had 4 sides in Division 1 and 3 sides in Division 2. The Wednesday competition had 4 sides in Division 1 and 2 sides in Division 2.

At the end of the season disappointment was expressed that Division 1 did not get into Division 1 Red.

In the Wednesday competition 1 Blue was promoted to 1 White, Division 1 Green (C) was demoted to Division 2 Red.

On the social side of bowling, the Tuesday Triples proved to be very successful with an average of 30 teams per week participating. The Thursday Pairs competition was so successful that there were more players than available rinks.

In the early days of Night Owls an average of 24 players participated. During the 1996-97 Season the club decided to start a night owls competition with 5 rinks occupied. Night Owls was obviously successful, even more so with the introduction of women in the competition.

Sunday bowls also proved to be popular with a maximum of 20 rinks being used on occasions.

In April 1997 Somerton was promoted to Division 1 Red and 5 of the 7 Saturday pennant sides gained promotion to higher levels. In the Wednesday competition Division 2 Red (SE) also gained a pennant.

To boost Somerton's chances of staying in the coveted positions earned, the coaching team received a great boost by the appointment of Andrew Smith in the 1996-97 Season.

At the administrative level congratulations went to Mike Brown, a Somerton member who had become Senior Vice President of the RSABA.



*Div 1 Blue Pennant Winners (Saturday) 2005/06.*

During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century the world was becoming transformed by the development and acceptance of computer technology. The importance of computers was realised by its members and lead to the club purchasing a computer. This machine proved to be good value and helpful in many tasks that were done manually in the past. Somerton got with the times and entered the computer age.

Frank Elliott made a poignant comment at the time saying; “Certainly we will never catch up with our grand children but it is a good tool and not difficult to learn.”

As with the case with computer technology, new models that can do more in a shorter time always appear on the horizon. During the 1997-98 Season Reg Byrnes put his case for the purchase of a new machine. In typical Reg fashion, when asked, why do we need a new computer? He replied, “Why should we drive around in the first model Holden?” The inference being, when we can drive around in a new model with all the bells and whistles why shouldn't we, particularly when it will do so much more. In June 1997, the year after hosting the USA World Bowls players, a group of Somerton Bowling Club players and family visited California. There they played against some of the World Bowls players in competition and enjoyed themselves enormously.

During the 1997-98 Season the ongoing problem with vandalism continued.

Brush fencing was torched necessitating it being replaced with colourbond.

Graffiti to fences and clubroom walls was removed and minor repairs to the building were carried out.

Due to club break-ins security screens were fitted to the men's toilet windows.

At the competitive level, the club won 4 Saturday pennants and 2 Wednesday pennants in the 1997-98 Season. The Somerton Division 1 Green (C) side was

promoted to Division 1 Blue for the first time in the club's history. The club also congratulated Steve Bradbrook who made the State Team.

Socially, the Tuesday Triples, the Thursday Pairs and Sunday's Mixed Bowls remained very successful. The Night Owls Competition also continued to be successful in its second year. It had an 18 team competition involving 100 players with the average being 70.

In the 1998-99 Season the club maintained its' forward looking approach by changing its all white uniform to the current Seagulls Uniform we are all familiar with. In the computer department, Nevin Childs volunteered to set up a club webpage, whilst the new computer was used extensively for a whole range of club tasks.

In 1998-99 sun shades on the Northern Boundary, at the end of 'C' and 'D' greens, were installed. This satisfied a growing acceptance and duty of care requirements recognised by the club in order to provide a safe environment for all its members. Smoke free areas and dedicated smoking areas were also identified at that time. These zones were brought into effect to comply with State Government Regulations.



*All white club uniform before 1998.*



*Somerton First Ladies Team.*



The pennant sides on Saturday and Wednesdays did not achieve much success in terms of winning pennants but, saving relegation was a positive outcome, particularly after the success experienced the previous year.

The club congratulated Andrew Smith who defeated Steve Glasson to win the 38<sup>th</sup> Adelaide Masters Singles.

In the social arena, 2 bowl Triples was introduced on Tuesdays.

On Thursday nights the Night Owls competition continues to be important, raising \$7,888 in the 1998-99 Season. Even a group of players from the Minda Home were involved in playing in the Night Owls Competition, showing the inclusivity of the Somerton Bowling Club.

In the 1999-2000 Season, club membership was at 252 and due to the hard work of the computer committee, Somerton was firmly placed in the World Wide Web through its exposure on its website.

Night Owls continued to be so important and popular that it was now played two nights a week; Tuesdays and Thursdays.

2000-01 heralded a new millennium for us all. The Y2K bug some of us dreaded never eventuated, to the relief of many, but more importantly as far as the club was

concerned, Somerton had won the Division 1 Red Pennant. The President noted in his annual report that;

“The season certainly finished on a high. Winning our first One Red Pennant makes it a year we will always remember. The realisation of the goal of the One Red side goes back several years. In 1996 a committee was set up to see if we could improve our position in the division one section. (The club would be promoted one year to One Red only to drop back soon after.) To achieve this, the Bowling Club Development Sub-Committee was set up and through their efforts Andrew Smith joined the Club. The rest is now history. We must acknowledge with gratitude those members who had the foresight and initiative to plan this course of action.”

Congratulations were also in order for our two State representatives: Ray Whales (Senior State Side) and Corey Wildash (U23 State Side). The departure of John Mills, who had served the club so well as a greenkeeper, saw a new greenkeeper, Corey Wildash installed.

On a positive note, the club in the 2000-01 Season had recorded a large surplus of \$18,584 which was an indication of the vibrancy of the club and the active participation in all aspects of club activity.



*A jubilant division one red team!*



*The winning bowl!*

The healthy surplus for the year was in part due to the success of the Night Owls Competition. Peter Lambert was to report;

“Night Owls would now be considered a permanent fixture on the bowling calendar of the Somerton Bowling Club. We now have 20 teams (rinks full) participating on Tuesday nights and 18 teams on a Thursday nights with the promise of a couple more on Thursday nights next year and we will have reached our maximum.”

“Night Owls has two very important functions;

1. It allows people who for various reasons cannot play pennants on Wednesday or Saturday to enjoy the game of bowls.
2. It contributes at least \$10,000 profit into the club.”

“This year we had an average attendance of 150. The competition was played over 19 weeks and we had only two nights lost due to inclement weather.”

Later in 2001-02, Peter Lambert was to report; “Night Owls is the only growth area in Bowls.”

So popular was Night Owls that waiting lists for participation showed no signs of abating.

2002-03 saw;

“Thirty two (32) members of the English Bowling Association Presidents’ Centenary Tour of Australia and Thailand visited Somerton on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February after the ‘Somerton Seagulls’ had been selected to be one of the South Australian clubs to host the visitors. Tour Director Bob MacDonald demonstrated his organisational skills by providing rinks for the tourists to play members of our Club, in addition to re-arranging the usual Thursday Pairs game.”

“At approximately 1pm President Bob Patton welcomed the visitors to the Somerton Bowling Club. It was a fine February Day with the temperature around the mid

thirties. We at Somerton were impressed by the formality of the English group arriving dressed in jackets, wearing ties and being sufficiently disciplined to remain that way until their President announced 'Jackets may be removed'. After playing the 'up and back' prior to the match the tourists took off their ties until the completion of the game when they 'dressed' again. Obviously English President Arthur Hockley had far more control over his group than most South Australian presidents I know."

On a more sombre note;

"During last year's AGM Bill Moule reminded members of an accident at Riverside Golf Club and suggested we should ensure our roof structure is sound. S.A. Building Consultants were contracted to inspect the roof over our club house. A report prepared by Mr Peter Jankovic detailed eighteen matters requiring attention over a period of two years, however, committee agreed to the majority of matters immediately. Kari Heikkonen, a club member and licensed builder, carried out sixteen of the recommended repairs and the committee is now satisfied we have initiated all possible action to protect members and other persons using our premises."

During the 2002-03 Season, Somerton's second side gained a pennant in Division 1 Blue which now meant they were promoted to Division 1 White. Congratulations also to Div 1 Green (C)

who played off in the Grand Final against West Lakes.



*‘Night Owlers’ enjoying their bowls.*

In May 2002 the committee decided to upgrade the club’s security system.

In 2002-03;

“The position of almoner has recently been re-established, a decision which apparently met with approval of members”.

“The role of almoner involves monitoring the progress of members who are unwell, making the general membership aware and conveying our best wishes.”

“Hopefully, this role will not be onerous – in other words we wish good health to all – but membership of the Somerton Bowling Club has many features, one of which is sincere interest in each other.”

Also, sponsor advertising commenced on the big screen TV with sponsors advertising their services and wares and,

Legacy Day continued as usual raising \$500.

At the start of the 2003-04 Season a new greenkeeper was appointed to replace Corey Wildash who had taken a position of managing a hotel in Melrose in the North of South Australia.

The decision to appoint Brad Porter as greenkeeper was a sound one and the club had every confidence that the excellent quality of the greens would continue under his appointment to the position.

During the year;



“...there was much capital expenditure which included a verandah, a kitchen upgrade, improvements to the bar facilities and the installation of the bore for independent watering. This expenditure will ensure the Somerton Bowling Club’s facilities extend successfully through the next decade.”

Additionally lights were installed on ‘C’ and ‘D’ greens.

Also in 2004; “A small group of concerned members met and decided that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century it was undesirable to remain an all male institution. After several meetings it was decided to call a Special General Meeting to present a proposal to the members to allow women membership of the Club.

The initial proposal was defeated but at the subsequent AGM in June the proposal to accept women membership was successful.”

In 2005/06;

“As a result of members agreeing to females it was necessary to install a new locker room at the eastern end of our clubrooms. With the help of a couple of volunteers and the expert guidance of Kari Heikkonen the work was performed efficiently and at minimal cost. The decision to accept ladies to our club has evolved most satisfactorily. A pennant side will be entered in 2006/07 which will undoubtedly add to our status and will attract bowlers,

new and experienced, in the fullness of time - maybe earlier than later. Apart from that, it is pleasing to see the positive attitude which exists in relation to the mixed gender club we now experience.”

2005-06 saw the appointment of Scott Taylor as coach of the Somerton Bowling Club. Despite the resignation of 6 players success was still enjoyed by the club. It was noted that;



*Demolition of the old premises before renovation.*

“On the field of competition we can make our own assessment but overriding all else is the fact that we now have a 1 Red and a 1 White side in the Saturday competition. Only two other clubs have the same ‘upper

groups' format. Congratulations have been and will continue to be extended to 1 Blue (Saturday) and to 1 Blue (Wednesday) sides on achieving pennants. Two pennants is more than a satisfactory outcome in any year.”



*New facilities to be enjoyed by members and visitors.*

Beyond the club, “...a marvellous coaching effort established for the benefit of students from Brighton Secondary School and Sacred Heart College.”



*A gleaming new bar as part of the renovation.*

During the 2006-07 Season a major upgrade of the clubhouse was undertaken. As the President reported; “The committee decided the facilities needed to be upgraded. Initial ‘draft plans’ were drawn up by club member Colin Rugless and the final designs and specifications were completed by Fred Bekker. Due to the interest and background of Kevin Woolidge, a building contractor, Mark Moss Homes P/L was engaged to reconstruct the Clubhouse. Approx 20 members of the club provided significant voluntary labour to assist the contractor. The reconstructed Clubhouse took twelve weeks to complete...A gala event was held to celebrate the completion of the reconstructed Clubhouse, Bruce McAveny was the guest speaker at the night.”

As the President later commented;

“Initially and perhaps understandably there was a degree of scepticism but the end product has been largely acknowledged. We now have an outstanding facility which will serve us grandly far into the future.”



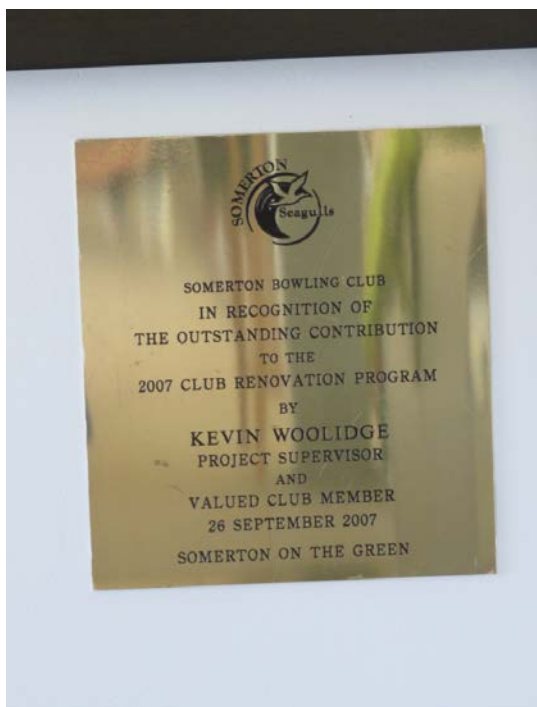
*A state of the art kitchen anyone would be proud of!*

A notable achievement that season was that the “Ladies representing the Somerton bowling Club for the first time in 60 years won a pennant.”

In the 2007-08 Season:

The entry of women into the Somerton Bowling Club in 2004 has been successful and as the President has noted;

“...the entry of ladies to the Club has been widely applauded and to their credit long time members of our former single sex club have responded enthusiastically. If I read the situation correctly the ladies have appreciated the efforts of the Board of Management and members generally to make the change a success. Well done to all who participated.”



*This plaque acknowledges the outstanding contribution made by KEVIN WOOLIDGE in the club renovation program.*

## \$500,000 redevelopment sets a new standard

**S**omerton Bowling Club has completed a \$500,000 redevelopment of its clubhouse to provide facilities that match the excellence of its greens.

The redevelopment, formally opened by the Mayor of the City of Holdfast Bay and Club Patron, Dr Ken Rollond, on 26 September, was designed to meet the demands of projected membership growth.

Upgraded features include a commercial level kitchen and modern bar facility to complement a refurbished dining and lounge area, known as 'Somerton on the Green', to provide restaurant quality dining with landscape views over playing areas.

New locker and change rooms for men and women bowlers, a first aid room, and facilities for disabled complete the redevelopment.

The official opening was celebrated with a "capacity house" dinner for 250 members and guests. Dignitaries included the President of Bowls SA, Bob Cooper and his wife, Rhonda; Dr Andrew Southcott, Federal Member for Boothby; Chloe Fox, State Member for Bright; and Dr Duncan McFetridge, State Member for Morphet.

Well-known sports broadcaster, Terry McAuliffe, was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Club President, Neil McCann, said the redevelopment fulfilled strategic planning to attract new members, to build on successes on the greens, and to define Somerton as a true community club.

"We now have an outstanding dining and entertainment facility opening up an exciting range of options for our members, their guests and the broader community," he said.

"The clubrooms will be available for special events, such as weddings and anniversaries, and to the business community for corporate functions."

Neil acknowledged the dedicated support of members during the construction phase and the commitment of member and project supervisor, Kevin Woolidge.

"Kevin attended the premises every day over the three months of the construction phase," Neil said.

"It is fitting that a photograph and plaque now holds pride of place in the clubrooms as a perpetual tribute to Kevin's skills in establishing facilities that define Somerton as a club of the future."

The opening event was a great success, crowned by a surprise performance from the Mount Barker Caledonian Society Pipe Band, organised by member Colin Rugless, a major sponsor and supporter of the renovation project.

For further information, please contact Neil McCann on 8296 8849 or 8376 1824.



The redevelopment incorporates modern bar facilities





*Celebrations when the renovated clubhouse was opened.*



*A newly renovated clubhouse.*



Also during the 2007/08 season;

Max Kleinig won the under 35s Singles Championship, and,

The Night Owls Competition was ever-popular and in 2007-08 a Wednesday Competition was added. This meant that an additional 18 teams were involved. This included 10 teams that had never played bowls before – What a great outcome for Bowls generally!

In the 2009-10 Season, the Board appointed an Occupational Health and Safety Representative;

“The necessity for this position and the associated responsibility is clearly indicative of the complex legal and industrial requirements associated with managing and facilitating a bowling club in this day and age. Fortunately our Club was in a sound position in relation to its responsibilities under the Act due to our past pro-activity. The development and implementation of our Risk Management Plan and OH&S Committee several years ago positioned us well in this regard.”

2009 saw the introduction of the ‘Volunteer of the Year Award.’ In support of this accolade it was said;

“...in keeping with the Boards’ desire to both express our heart-felt appreciation and acknowledge outstanding

performances of our many volunteers it has been decided to make this an annual event.”

In 2009 the Volunteer of the Year was Ron Shippey.

In 2010 G. Ascione won the Volunteer of the Year award and Volunteer Recognition was awarded to: P. De Gennaro, L.A. Edwards, H.R. Martin, M.S. McLeay, E.F. Phillips, R.A. Shippey and K.T. Woolidge.

In 2009-10 the management company D&D Curators was engaged to maintain the Somerton Bowling Club greens.

During the 2011-12 Season, the President reported that the many pennant defectors during the last two years had fully tested the club this season. As a consequence the club’s pennant performance suffered, resulting in Premier 1 being relegated to Premier 2.

The President took a philosophical approach commenting that, “No matter whether you win or lose the sun will get up the next morning and also the beer always tastes better after you win.”

This in itself was bad enough but, the President added that;

“I would like to comment on an incident that occurred in our kitchen in the second week in November. Once we

became aware that something had happened, our Secretary, Ray, initiated our risk management procedure. The Holdfast Bay Council Health Inspector in the course of visiting our kitchen complimented us on our procedures and helped us in our investigation. The investigation showed us that it was a process that was at fault and not the product. Suffice to say we have corrected and tightened up our procedures for food handling by all volunteers and paid staff.”

“Now for something positive that came after the sad death of Dixie Dunbar. Dixie had been a member of the club for a number of years. After his death a sum of money \$200,000 was bequeathed to the Somerton Bowling Club. The generous bequest to the club by Dixie was obviously greatly appreciated. In recognition of this generous donation a Dixie Dunbar Competition, in his memory and honour, would be held once a year. This competition has proven to be enormously successful, so much so that bowlers had regularly been turned away due to the heavy demand on the number of greens available.”

In its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, The Volunteer of the Year for 2011 was awarded to Bruce Watt. Volunteer Recognition was awarded to: Denise Cliffe, Peter Drew, Marion Hamence, Jim Hodgson, Faye Long, Mick O’Callaghan, Francine Renneboogh and Frank Sweeney.

At the start of the 2012-13 Season;

“...our vision was to have all teams in the top half of their divisions and the two Premier League teams to make the finals – this was achieved – congratulations to all concerned. The top side in the Saturday competition finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Premier 2. Apart from playing well such results as these are due in no small part to our excellent greens.”

The President made the comment that;

“The appointment of D&D Contractors was no doubt one of the best decisions made by the previous board.”

Obviously the volunteer help given freely by a group of people, including Ron Shippey, greatly assisted the greenkeeper, as the President of the club noted;

“Thanks must go to Ron Shippey (where will we get 3 men to replace him and his team for the upkeep of the surrounds and gardens that make our club an attractive place to visit. We still continue to enjoy greens that are the envy of most clubs.”

The Volunteer of the Year recipient for 2012 was Frank Sweeney. Volunteer recognition was awarded to: K. Callow, H. Martin, B. Pearce, R. Shippey and M. Tumbas.

The volunteer of the Year Award recipient for 2013 was Bob Pearce. Volunteer Recognition was awarded to Heather Martin, M. Tumbas and Ron Shippey.

In 2012-13, the area adjacent to B green was paved, with “Somerton Seagulls” emblazoned through the middle to improve the area under the verandah.

In the 2013-14 Season, the top Saturday Premier 2 side competed in the finals. In the preliminary final Somerton lost by one shot. The story in the Wednesday competition was different however. The Wednesday Metro 2 pennant was won by Somerton.

At the end of the Season Volunteers were again acknowledged. Maree Tumbas was awarded Volunteer of the Year, whilst Jim Martin and Jason Hallows were awarded with a Volunteer Recognition Award.

During the 2014-15 Season, Saturday’s top side played in the finals and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position. The club considered this result fairly average and it was keen to place itself in a position that they could win a pennant from in the near future.

Of note in 2015 was that on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015, it was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club. Again, volunteers performed many tasks within the club in an efficient and competent manner. The Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Jason Hallows, whilst Volunteer Recognition was awarded to: Jim Martin, Bob Patton, Maree Tumbas, Adrian Bartlett and Delma Williams.

“After the 2015 Annual General Meeting the newly elected President, Russ Thomson, wanted the Somerton Seagulls website to be rejuvenated before the start of the 2015-16 pennant season so as to support his vision of the club.”

Part of Russ’s future vision was the establishment of a modern forward looking website.

“A website team of Nevin Childs, Lee Pratt, Steve Scott and Rob Walton was formed in June 2015. Russ gave the team a simple brief; ‘create a site that is the leader of the pack.’”

“After many meetings and many versions, we finally agreed on the format for the club website. Nevin created the website framework and uploaded all of the raw data supplied by Lee, Steve and Rob. After a great deal of fine tuning by the team, the website was launched in September 2015 prior to the first pennant match. ...Pennant Teams, Results and Night Owl Premiership tables have been added weekly and much more club information when available.”

The President was to note; “The website has been embraced by our Members and Sponsors. During the Pennant Season an average of 71 people visited our site every day viewing an average of 346 pages every day.”

The website committee further added; “We believe the Club now has a website that is not only a ‘Leader of the Pack’ It is very functional, member friendly and meets the President’s criteria.”

A further important development in the 2015-16 Season was the appointment of Steve Foster as club coach. It was evident that Steve was a very knowledgeable person who brought with him much valuable experience and enthusiasm. It was also evident that if Somerton wanted a realistic shot at Premier 1 such a person was just what the club needed.

During Steve’s first season at the club, “Our Major League again made the playoffs for the second successive season only to lose to Payneham by the narrowest of margins. It was an excellent recovery by all as early in the season they were in threat of relegation. Most of the other Pennant teams finished in the top half of their premierships tables with special mention to Ron Shippey’s Metro 3 South West White team that won a Pennant. Our Metro 1 West side was relegated but all players performed well throughout the year in a tough section of Metro 1.”

The 2015-16 season was not only a time of change for the Somerton Club but also for bowls generally. For some years an unsatisfactory weather policy was overseen by Bowls SA, but as noted by the club President;

“At last Bowls SA adopted a sensible Heat Policy that enabled all sides to play every scheduled match by using early starts to avoid hot days. This change was well received by the bowls community generally and especially by our bowlers.”

Again, the Night Owls Competition held on three nights of the week was a great success and proved to be a way in which beginner bowlers and novice bowlers developed an understanding and liking for the game of bowls. During the 2015-16 Season 6 players joined pennant sides at various levels.

At the end of the season volunteers were again acknowledged. Volunteer Recognition was extended to Mick O’Callaghan, Tony Goddard, John Paul, John Tonkes and the Web Team. Adrian Bartlett was recipient of Volunteer of the Year.

The 2016-17 Season was a season of much activity and success. Major works in and around the clubhouse included:

“A complete upgrade of the greens lighting system.”

“Repainting of the clubhouse inside and out.”

“Replacement of extensive brush fencing.”

“New paving for the Northern greens.”

“Cleaning and recovering (re-upholstering) of outside chairs.”



“Various other maintenance items (e.g. bar, fridge).”

“An extended Council loan facility was applied to the new lighting system (given the size of the job and the extended economic life of this new asset). Council (at all levels: Mayor, councillor, officers) has been very supportive and quick-acting. The Federal Government MADEC program was highly beneficial to our Club and the program was a major success for all concerned. Grant funds from the State Government also assisted.”



*The newly constructed southern perimeter fence.*

Following the appointment of a new coach, Steve Foster managed to generate “...an energy and cultural lift within the club.”

Overall the 2016-17 season;

“...has shown to be a satisfying and rewarding one for our club. Our Club won two pennants in the Saturday competition (Division 5 West and 6 West) and one in the Wednesday competition (Division 7 West)...In addition, we had two sides finish second in their competition; six sides finished 4<sup>th</sup> and one 6<sup>th</sup>.”

Importantly for the club, the Division 1 side, ranked 4<sup>th</sup> made the playoffs and went down by 7 shots in the elimination final. But the stage was set for the following season.

Of further interest in the season;

The ever popular Dixie Dunbar Tournament (sponsored by Phil Hoffman Travel) was a sell out success.

Night Owls achieved yet another record year for team registrations (exceeding 100 teams).

The Night Owls ‘walk of shame’ (for wrong bias) has donated over \$550 for the Cancer Council.

The Volunteer Recognition Awards were earned by: Marion Hamence, John Paul, C. Perkins, Ron Shippey, John Tonkes and Brian Trout.

Volunteer of the year was awarded to Martin Ancone.

2016-17 was a year of much success on the bowling front as reported in the annual report;

“Last year we reported on the establishment of a new coaching/selection regime. Good results continued to flow into our impressive pennants record across most divisions this season. Congratulations not only to all pennant winners but to those who fought hard to achieve success. Members continue to comment on the increased energy levels and spirit within the teams. Steve Foster is fast achieving icon status and Alan Jackson has put in a solid coaching effort with the successful Thursday Pennant Team.”

“Our strategy on the bowling front spans more than just a single year. Our goal is to elevate as many divisions as we can over time to generate a more evenly balanced hierarchy through the divisions (for example: eliminating the current gap between Premier 1 and Division 3). The implication for our pennant players is that more opportunities should arise through this uplift process. Achieving Premier status and elevating our women’s team are significant accomplishments in this respect.”

In 2017-18, the annual report stated;

“This year, our club chose a new approach to our Pennant Competition by forming a Pennant Committee, comprising Ray Whichelo as Bowls Director, Steve Foster as Club Coach, Bob Pearce and Adrian Bartlett. This group managed all aspects of Pennant bowls within

the club. I (Adrian Bartlett) believe this approach has worked particularly well.”

“The 2017-18 Season has been a very successful one for our club, winning 4 Pennants and finishing in the top 4 in another 5 divisions. This should be seen as a stepping stone in the club’s future.”



*2017/18 Thursday Div 3 West – Premiers.*



*2017/18 Div 6 West – Premiers.*



*2017/18 Saturday Div 1 Premiers.*

“The season highlights included:

The Division 1 team’s incredible come-from behind win in the Grand Final, winning the Pennant and elevating our side into Premier League.

The Division 6 West team winning the Pennant, repeating last year’s great result and resulting in possible promotion to Division 5.

The Thursday Division 3 West team winning the Pennant which will see them promoted to Division 2 next season.

The Wednesday Division 3 West team topping off a super season by winning the Pennant.”

“Congratulations to all the players and those involved in these teams.”

Sadly this success was not achieved by participants in the Taylor Cup, as Ray Whichelo reported in the Club’s Annual Report;

“The 2017-18 Taylor Challenge was far from memorable for our club. We had very limited numbers of players making themselves available and this was reflected in our results. This is not a criticism in any way of those who played in the season, but rather a wake-up call for those who elected not to play in the competition.”

“Our club’s effort in hosting our match early in the season was poor and not in keeping with a club of Somerton’s standing. We will be looking for more players making themselves available next year and more involvement from club members generally as volunteers. Without both of these our club has no place in the competition.”

On a lighter note;

The 2018 Dixie Dunbar Tournament sold out again reflecting the premium status that this event has developed into.

The Volunteer of the Year Award for 2017-18 was awarded to Brad Beck.



At the start of the 2018-19 Season the club had a balanced budget. After the first couple of months however, the budget had to be readjusted because of the greenkeeper change over (Dane Fulwood became the newly appointed greenkeeper).

A number of other factors contributed to the strain on the club's budget. These included:

- Reduced bowler participation due to inclement weather.

- Extra resources that were needed to recover the quality of greens.

- Expenses involved in the greenkeeper change over.

- Increases in fixed costs such as electricity costs.

- Costs incurred in replacing the lighting on the 2 southern greens.

As the President reported;

“We had no choice other than to replace the lighting system on our southern greens. The total cost of that new system was circa \$130,000. Our applications for funding support resulted in an increased debt facility of \$50,000 (from Council) and a paltry \$9,000 (from the then State Government) that is a \$9,000 cash injection for a \$130,000 project. That was a manifestly inadequate response to our submissions.”





*Heavy equipment used to hoist light poles into position.*



*Working on the light poles.*



*Plywood sheets used to prevent damage to the greens.*



*New lights installed over A and B greens.*

“As reported in the Treasurer’s Report (2018-19), a raft of unforeseen and unpredictable scenarios contributed to a loss of \$46,000 which, as stated, was unacceptable but, at the same time understandable in view of the extraordinary period 2018-19 had become.”

Very positive news on the bowling front, however;

“Steve Foster and Alan Jackson again provided our club with quality team and individual coaching ...we had a number of teams in finals and it was particularly satisfying to see the women’s team progressing to a lofty position...five Divisions played in the final series, four of those making the Grand Final, unfortunately we came away with only one Pennant.”

The Pennant Season results were very encouraging;

“After being promoted from Division 1 our Premier 1 team held its colour with 10 wins and finished in a very credible 7<sup>th</sup> position.”

“Our Wednesday Division 2 South team had an excellent year winning the Grand Final by 50 shots.”

“Our Thursday Pennant team had a remarkable year, after being promoted they finished 1<sup>st</sup> at the completion of the minor round and went down narrowly in the Grand Final.”

Two other Divisions played in Grand Finals, Saturday Division 4 South: 2<sup>nd</sup>, lost by 13 shots.”

Also on a positive note:

“The 2018-19 Taylor Challenge saw us competing in the Gold Division against the best players in the State. We had 25 players available which created selection difficulties, but the entire playing list accepted the challenge and performed most creditably.”

“From 8 matches, we recorded 4 wins which was a very good result given we were giving players playing opportunities in order to better develop their skills and knowledge of the game.”

Also;

“On a positive note, the Club held two very successful tournaments with the Dixie Dunbar Day providing a profit of \$5,538 and the Skins Day a profit of \$5,135.”

In the past the greens at Somerton have had a reputation for being amongst the best in South Australia. This has however not been the case in the last couple of years.

The Green’s Report, in the 2018-19 Annual Report, stated:

“Over the last few years the committee of the day has felt that our greens were not up to the standard they were a few years ago...Thinking back a bit we realised we had a good young green keeper in Dane Fulwood a couple of years ago who had been let go by our contractors. Well a

small phone call to Queensland where he had followed his true love and a bit of negotiating we managed to get Dane back. I believe this has been a very positive move by the club. He has fitted in well not only in his work ethic but into the Bowling Club as well. It has been a great privilege to be working with him this year as greens manager and hope well into the future.”

“With changes Dane has implemented in his own way and being on board full time our greens have vastly improved. The repairs to our large watering system and better fertiliser application to our greens which also includes spraying for those nasties that do occur from time to time have been well handled by Dane. We also cored and top dressed (B Green) this year with the help of 15 loyal volunteers.”

From the above report it is obvious that the club has every confidence in our new greenkeeper. The club membership has found Dane to be ‘a breath of fresh air’ and a person whose work ethic will give the club every opportunity to again be able to boast that the greens at Somerton are ‘the envy of other clubs.’

The 2019/2020 season at the Somerton Bowling Club, as elsewhere, was marked by unprecedented upheaval.

The Corona Virus (covid19) originated outside Australia and spread throughout the world at an alarming rate. This caused chaos, suffering and death throughout the world.

The economic, social and political ramifications of ‘the virus’ would be felt for years to come.

Obviously, not only business and government were affected. Every aspect of life was changed virtually overnight. Bowling clubs were no exception. The arrival of the virus resulted in the shutdown of all club activities for a period of time. In response, the President of the club in his annual report stated;

“A club-wide email was released (also posted on our website) responding to the emerging Coronavirus matter. Relevant bowling authorities issued advice and Government directives provided explicit guidelines. We were an early leader in meeting all the emerging demands. Regular member ‘Updates’ are a regular feature in our response to this problem.”

“Our Constitution had the foresight to implant Emergency Administrative Action powers (section 59) to deal with unforeseen events. The Board is now applying this power in relevant matters.”

This resulted in a caretaker board for the 2020/2021 season until an AGM could be conducted and a new Board resolved.

“The situation is unprecedented, and all areas of our club are or will be impacted. Board Members plus key club

coordinators continue to work through all options to determine our next steps.”

Needless to say, the Pennant Program was put on hold resulting in the finals not being played. As the President commented in the 2019/2020 report;

“Pennant results were somewhat mixed and the sudden cessation of the finals perhaps did not help in one or two divisions. Congratulations though to our winning Thursday Ladies, Wednesday and Saturday teams that rose to the top.”

And on a forward looking note he stated that our strategy on the bowling front remains the same: to elevate as many divisions as we can over time to generate a more evenly balanced hierarchy through the divisions.

Despite the tremendous upheaval that the onset and persistence of the virus caused, many positive outcomes at the club were still achieved. The annual report noted that 23 new members had joined the club. Many of these new members played pennant bowls in the following season at all the pennant levels, some of whom bolstered an already successful premier 1 side.

As always, the greens in 2020 needed as much attention as at any time before. Unfortunately, Dane Fulwood became seriously ill and needed time to recover. During this time a group of members, headed by Martin Ancone,

took on the task of looking after the greens. As Martin stated in his greenkeeper's report he solicited the help of numerous club volunteers and also outside help from the Brighton Bowling Club. He wrote, in the Annual Report that;

“After a lot of discussion and negotiation, we were given a lifeline by securing expert assistance from Garry Thomson (Brighton Head Greenkeeper). His patience in teaching Scott Colvill and me how to cut, groom and shave was no mean feat. But nevertheless very successful.”



*Martin Ancone: As usual, working hard.*

Later in the year, it was, in Martin's words;



“---great to see our greenkeeper, Dane, back after his extended period away due to the treatment of his health problem. He is now back in the fray and rightfully proud of our club greens – we had the honour of being selected for the now postponed Premier and Division1 grand finals. Thank you also to Garry Thompson (Brighton’s Greenkeeper) for providing advice and support during Dane’s absence – much appreciated and a good demonstration of how the bowling fraternity can support each other.”



*Social bowlers, enjoying their day.*

Apart from a healthy pennant program, social bowls at Somerton during 2019/2020 resumed after delays due to

the Coronavirus. Social bowls were played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Social bowls were also played on Saturdays during winter.

“On Tuesdays a 2x4x2 Pairs competition is organized by Rob Tagliaferri with assistance from Rob Walton and David Kay. An average of around 16 pairs (8 rinks) consistently participate with a raffle about \$350 is collected.”

“On Thursday 2x2x2x2 Pairs competition has been organized by Russ Thompson and later by David Kay with assistance from Rob Walton.”

As usual, maintenance and the establishment of new infrastructure is an ongoing activity at most bowling clubs.

Before the virus shutdown, and using our own resources, a large scale solar panel system was installed on the roof of the clubhouse in an effort to reduce high electricity costs.

As Rob Walton, the manager for this project reported;

“The panels (113) and inverter were installed on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 and were ready to produce energy. Our existing electricity provider delayed the installation of the import/export meter which reduced our savings, the panels were not producing whilst we waited for the meter

to be installed. We changed our electricity provider and the import/export meter was installed on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.”

Since the installation of the import/export meter we saved approximately 75% on our electricity bill. The solar panels were funded by a loan over a 3 year period. The loan will be more than offset by the savings made by the solar panels.



*Solar Panels on the roof busily producing electricity.*



*The disabled walkway on the western boundary.*



*New shade cloth shelters erected on the north border of A green.*

On a smaller, though also important scale, a grant was received to install seating and shade cloth shelters on both the north and south side of A green, and also to the south of B green.

Additionally a disabled walkway was built at the western entrance to the clubhouse. This has facilitated access to the clubhouse by disabled bowlers from the disabled car parks nearby.

On a closing note, we acknowledge with gratitude our sponsors. Over many years they have given generously and contributed greatly to the success of the club.

It's clear from the 75 year history of the Somerton Bowling Club that it has a proud past. It's a club that has had many achievements brought about by the hard work and diligence of its members and a visionary administration.

As is the case with any organisation, the club has had its ups and downs, its good times and not so good. At every stage, however, the challenges have been addressed. It is therefore with a great deal of confidence and optimism that the club looks forward to the next 25 years, when in 2045, the Somerton Bowling Club will celebrate its centenary.

# PHOTO GALLERY



*Somerton's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday*



# Somerton ends jinx

By WARREN PARTLAND  
SOMERTON created bowls history by claiming its first 1 Red pennant at Hawthorn yesterday.

Led by superb performances from the fours of Steve Bradbrook and Roy Whales, Somerton overcame a spirited bid from Grange to triumph 91-87 in the grand final.

"It is a marvellous feeling. The hoodoo is off our back," said Keith French, who also is a selector. "I don't think we are the best side in terms of manpower but we are solid from front to back.

"The Hawthorn greens were quick, which suited us. Grange also had two hard matches yesterday while we played just the one."

The result was not determined until the final end.

Bradbrook's four dominated its match to grab an impressive 11-shot victory over Drew Bungey's team.

But Ron Taylor's four got 10 shots back for Grange with a 25-15 belting of the inform four led by Corey Wildash. Whales was Somerton's other winner

with a crucial 21-17 success over Andrew Smith's four.

Ironically, brilliant Smith left Somerton this season after four successful years in which he entrenched the club as a force in the top division.

Grange's Wayne Ruediger's four had a fighting 23-22 win over Barrie King's four.

French has acclaimed Smith's work with Somerton in transforming it from a "social group into a bowling club". "Andrew would be disappointed to lose today but he can be proud of what he did for Somerton," he said.

"He changed its outlook and we have had success."

West Lakes is the 1 White champion after downing minor premier Clearview 98-87. The two clubs will replace Modbury and Payneham in the top division.

Hawthorn joins 1 Blue minor premier Woodville in 1 White next season after beating Salisbury 107-97.



**IN TOUCH:** Roy Whales, one bowl in yesterday's decider ag



*Life members at 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



*Chloe Fox attending first ladies pennant game.*





*“Laser” levelling “C” green.*



*Fundraising-An important aspect of any club!*



**Kevin Woolidge**

*Project supervisor of the club renovation program 2007.*



*Andrew Smith: Winner of Champions State Singles 1997.*









*USA World Bowls Shirt 1996.*

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB



## VOLUNTEER AWARDS









Year	Volunteer Recognitions	Volunteer Of The Year
2009		 RA SHIPPEY
2010	P DE GENNARO, LA EDWARDS, HR MARTIN, MS McLEAY, EF PHILLIPS, RA SHIPPEY, KT WOOLIDGE	 G ASCIONE
2011	DENISE CLIFFE, PETER DREW MARION HAMENCE, JIM HODGSON, FAYE LONG, MICK O'CALLAGHAN, FRANCINE RENNEBOUGH FRANK SWEENEY	 BRUCE WATT
2012	K CALLOW, H MARTIN, B PEARCE, R SHIPPEY, M TUMBAS	 F SWEENEY
2013	HEATHER MARTIN, M TUMBAS, R SHIPPEY	 BOB PEARCE
2014	JIM MARTIN, JASON HALLOWS	 MAREE TUMBAS

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB



## VOLUNTEER AWARDS



Year	Volunteer Recognitions	Volunteer of the Year	Year	Volunteer Recognitions	Volunteer of the Year
2015	J MARTIN B PATTON M TUMBAS A BARTLETT D WILLIAMS	 JASON HALLOWS	2020	THE GREENS TEAM M ANCONE N WECKERT E STANDLEY K HEIKKONEN P GALE, S COLVILL	 ROB WALTON
2016	M O'CALLAGHAN T GODDARD J PAUL J TONKES WEB TEAM	 ADRIAN BARTLETT			
2017	M HAMENCE J PAUL C PERKINS R SHIPPEY J TONKES B TROUT	 MARTIN ANCONE			
2018	NIGHT OWLS CO-ORDINATOR AND TEAM	 BRAD BECK			
2019	WEBSITE TEAM L PRATT R WALTON Y BEKERIS B TROUT N CHILDS	 THE WEBSITE TEAM			





*Scott Taylor: Champion of Champions Club Singles 2006*



*QR code registration and Hand Sanitiser station.*





SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB INC.							
YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB CHAMPION	HANDICAP SINGLES	PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	YEAR
1971	J. B. MACKIE	S. J. ROGERS	B. NEVANS	D. A. R. KING	R. D. HARVEY	L. E. ROHLRACH & R. H. HANCOCK	1972
1972	P. F. ANDERSON	S. J. ROGERS	A. R. BELL	D. A. R. KING	J. W. SHARPLEY	G. E. COOTON & M. T. CHINNER	1973
1973	P. F. ANDERSON	S. J. ROGERS	A. R. BELL	H. S. BIGGS	J. S. WHITEHEAD	G. E. COOTON & M. T. CHINNER	1974
1974	R. S. STACY	F. W. PENGILLY	A. R. BELL	A. R. BELL	J. W. WESTOVER	J. B. WHITEFORD & D. A. R. KING	1975
1975	R. S. STACY	F. W. PENGILLY	A. R. BELL	H. S. BIGGS	H. K. SPARRROW	K. L. ANDREW & F. R. BRADY	1976
1976	A. J. W. BRANSTROM	F. W. PENGILLY	A. R. BELL	G. E. HOLTHOUSE	O. C. HERTZNER	G. E. COOTON & M. T. CHINNER	1977
1977	A. J. W. BRANSTROM	F. W. PENGILLY	A. R. BELL	G. E. HOLTHOUSE	D. A. R. KING	O. C. HERTZNER & R. V. HART	1978
1978	A. L. POLLARD	S. J. ROGERS	A. R. BELL	N. ZUVICH	E. N. LONERGAN	A. R. BELL & R. S. STACY	1979
1979	A. L. POLLARD	S. J. ROGERS	A. R. BELL	N. ZUVICH	A. R. BELL	G. E. & M. HOLTHOUSE	1980
1980	F. W. PENGILLY	S. J. ROGERS	N. A. SMITH	V. J. HOLTHOUSE	S. J. ROGERS	D. A. R. KING & H. L. BIGGS	1981
1981	F. W. PENGILLY	S. J. ROGERS	B. NEVANS	W. R. CLAYTON	N. ZUVICH	D. A. R. KING & H. L. BIGGS	1982
1982	W. W. ERIKSEN	S. J. ROGERS	B. NEVANS	G. E. HOLTHOUSE	R. E. NELSON	A. R. BELL & R. S. STACY	1983
1983	W. W. ERIKSEN	S. J. ROGERS	B. NEVANS	N. ZUVICH	S. G. TIMMS	D. A. R. KING & W. M. FLEMING	1984
1984	V. E. LEWIS	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	D. A. R. KING	M. L. BROWN	B. THOMAS & R. K. WALTER	1985
1985	V. E. LEWIS	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	G. E. HOLTHOUSE	A. NACO	R. ESCOFFER & R. HANCOCK	1986
1986	T. E. DALY	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	N. ZUVICH	C. J. RUGLESS	N. ZUVICH & G. E. HOLTHOUSE	1987

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB CHAMPION	HANDICAP SINGLES	PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	YEAR
1987	T. E. DALY	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	D. A. R. KING	G. E. HOLTHOUSE & N. ZUVICH	G. E. HOLTHOUSE & N. ZUVICH	1988
1988	J. M. BYRNES	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	M. L. BROWN	R. E. DEBRONWISKI	D. M. J. FLOWER & N. A. HICKING	1989
1989	J. M. BYRNES	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	J. R. MACNAMARA	J. R. MACNAMARA	D. M. J. FLOWER & N. A. HICKING	1990
1990	J. G. RUBENBACH	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	K. W. HERRING	J. B. MONAHAN	R. G. JONES & H. L. PINNINGTON	1991
1991	J. G. RUBENBACH	S. J. ROGERS	A. L. POLLARD	K. L. FRENCH	K. W. HERRING	R. G. JONES & H. L. PINNINGTON	1992
1992	B. P. CRAWFORD	R. CADD	A. L. POLLARD	K. W. HERRING	K. L. FRENCH	R. G. JONES & H. L. PINNINGTON	1993
1993	D. F. SWIGGS	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	S. P. ROBINS	J. B. MONAHAN	S. P. ROBINS & A. D. RAYNER	1994
1994	D. F. SWIGGS	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	S. P. ROBINS	K. P. O'DONOGHUE	S. P. ROBINS & A. D. RAYNER	1995
1995	G. T. ASCONE	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	D. D. PILKINGTON	R. W. HERRING	S. P. ROBINS & A. D. RAYNER	1996
1996	G. T. ASCONE	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	D. D. PILKINGTON	R. W. HERRING	S. P. ROBINS & A. D. RAYNER	1997
1997	L. A. EDWARDS	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	A. N. SMITH	K. W. HERRING	A. N. SMITH & D. D. PILKINGTON	1998
1998	L. A. EDWARDS	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	A. N. SMITH	B. L. HERRING	A. N. SMITH & D. D. PILKINGTON	1999
1999	N. A. MCCANN	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	A. N. SMITH	K. N. GARRIGAN	T. MULLER & K. J. FRENCH	2000
2000	C. P. MADDERN	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	A. N. SMITH	J. B. MONAHAN	K. J. FRENCH & R. WAILES	2001
2001	C. P. MADDERN	M. F. MATTERS	B. P. KELLY	C. J. HARVEY	J. R. NEGERMAN	S. P. ROBINS & N. S. CHILDS	2002
2002	R. C. PATTON	F. G. ELLIOTT	B. P. KELLY	C. J. HARVEY	N. ZUVICH	G. M. NEVILLE & R. M. COTTER	2003
2003	R. C. PATTON	F. G. ELLIOTT	B. P. KELLY	C. J. HARVEY	P. MCK. HIGGS	C. J. RUGLESS & N. ZUVICH	2004
2004	P. J. DREW	P. MCK. HIGGS	B. P. KELLY	C. J. HARVEY	N. S. CHILDS	S. P. ROBINS & N. S. CHILDS	2005
2005	P. J. DREW	P. MCK. HIGGS	B. P. KELLY	N. K. SWINCKER	N. S. CHILDS	P. J. HAY & S. G. BENNER	2006

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CLUB CHAMPION	HANDICAP SINGLES	PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP
2006	N. A. MCCANN	P. MCK. HIGGS	A. J. SNEWIN	S. W. TAYLOR	B. HOBAN	N. K. SWINCKER & J. F. O'BRIEN
2007	N. A. MCCANN	A. MELDRUM	A. J. SNEWIN	S. W. TAYLOR	B. HOBAN	N. K. SWINCKER & J. F. O'BRIEN

## **OFFICE BEARERS**

Preliminary meeting 20-2-1945

### **CHAIRMAN**

N.H. Pope, Esq

### **COMMITTEE**

F.W. Gitsam

J. Morris

R. Morriss

E.P. Lower

K.H. Hannaford

### **Foundation Meeting 6-3-1945**

President: N.H. Pope, Esq

Secretary: A.J. Palk

Treasurer: R. Morriss

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
1946-47	N.H. Pope	A.J. Palk	R. Morriss
1947-48	N.H. Pope	R.V. RCromer	R. Morriss
1948-49	E.P. Lower	R.V. Cromer	R. Morriss
1949-50	E.P. Lower	R.V. Cromer	R. Morriss
1950-51	E.P. Lower	R.V. Cromer	R. Morriss
1951-52	A.C. Johnson	F.H. Short	F.W.Holdsworth
1952-53	A.C. Johnson	F.H. Short	F.W.Holdsworth
1953-54	R.C. Morriss	F.H. Short	F.C. Baum
1954-55	R.C. Morriss	F.H. Short	F.C. Baum
1955-56	F.W.Holdsworth	E. Cox	A.A. Osborn
1956-57	F.W.Holdsworth	E. Cox	C.F. Fricker
1957-58	H.E. Fullerton	F.W.R.Pengilly	C.F. Fricker
1958-59	H.E. Fullerton	F.W.R. Pengilly	C.F. Fricker
1959-60	H.E. Fullerton	F.W.R. Pengilly	C.F. Fricker

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

<i>Year</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
1960-61	T.E.Edwards	F.W.Pengilly	C.F. Fricker
1961-62	M.B. Hart	F.W.R.Pengilly	R.W.Lengnick
1962-63	J.R. Atkins	F.W.R. Pengilly	R.W. Lengnick
1963-64	G.S. Cotton	T. Pattison	R.W. Lengnick
1964-65	W.J. Fox	F.W.R. Pengilly	R.W. Lengnick
1965-66	W.J. Fox	F.W.R. Pengilly	R.W. Lengnick
1966-67	J.W. Coombs	F.W.R. Pengilly	R.W. Lengnick
1967-68	J.W. Coombs	F.W.R. Pengilly	R.W. Lengnick
1968-69	A.R. Bell	F.W.R. Pengilly	B.N. Evans
1969-70	A.R. Bell	F.W.R. Pengilly	B.N. Evans
1970-71	J.S. Mackie	S.J. Rogers	B.N. Evans
1971-72	J.S. Mackie	A.R. Bell	B.N. Evans
1972-73	PF.Anderson	A.R. Bell	A.R. Bell
1973-74	PF.Anderson	A.R. Bell	A.R. Bell

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
1974-75	R.S. Stacey	F.W.R.Pengilly	A.R. Bell
1975-76	R.S. Stacey	F.W.R.Pengilly	A.R. Bell
1976-77	A. Branstrom	F.W.R.Pengilly	A.R. Bell
1977-78	A.Branstrom	F.W.R.Pengilly	A.R. Bell
1978-79	A.L. Pollard	S.J. Rogers	A.R. Bell
1979-80	A.L. Pollard	S.J. Rogers	L.D.Phillips
1980-81	F.W.R.Pengilly	S.J. Rogers	N.A. Smith
1981-82	F.W.R.Pengilly	S.J. Rogers	B.N. Evans
1982-83	W.W. Eriksen	S.J. Rogers	B.N. Evans
1983-84	W.W. Eriksen	S.J. Rogers	B.N. Evans
1984-85	V.E. Lewis	S.J. Rogers	A.L. Pollard
1985-86	V.E. Lewis	S.J. Rogers	A.L. Pollard
1986-87	T.E. Dally	S.J. Rogers	A.L. Pollard
1987-88	T.E. Dally	S.J. Rogers	A.L.Pollard
1988-89	J.McByrnes	S.J. Rogers	A.L.Pollard

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
1989-90	J.McByrnes	S.J. Rogers	A.L. Pollard
1990-91	J.G.Rubenach	S.J. Rogers	A.L. Pollard
1991-92	J.G.Rubenach	S.J. Rogers	A.L. Pollard
1992-93	B.P.Crawford	P. Cadd	A.L. Pollard
1993-94	Dr F. Swiggs	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
1994-95	Dr F. Swiggs	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
1995-96	G. Ascione	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
1996-97	L. Edwards	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
1997-98	L. Edwards	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
1998-99	N. McCann	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
1999-00	N. McCann	M.F. Matters	-
2000-01	C. Maddern	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
2001-02	C. Maddern	M.F. Matters	B.P. Kelly
2002-03	R.C. Patton	F.G. Elliot	B.P. Kelly

## CLUB OFFICE BEARERS

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
2003-04	R.C. Patton	F.G. Elliott	B.P. Kelly
2004-05	P.J. Drew	P. Higgs	B.P. Kelly
2005-06	N. McCann	P. Higgs F.G. Elliott	B.P. Kelly
2006-07	N. McCann	A. Meldrum	T. Snewin
2007-08	N. McCann	R. Langford	T. Snewin
2008-09	J. Ganley	R. Langford	T. Snewin
2009-10	J. Ganley	R. Langford	T. Snewin
2010-11	J. Ganley	R. Langford	T. Snewin
2011-12	P.J. Lambert	R. Whichelo	T. Snewin
2012-13	P.J. Lambert	R. Whichelo	T. Snewin
2013-14	M. O'Callaghan	R. Whichelo	T. Snewin
2014-15	M. O'Callaghan	R. Whichelo	T. Snewin
2015-16	R. Thomson	A.J. Reed	E. Strudwick
2016-17	R. Thomson	A.J. Reed	E. Strudwick
2017-18	R. Thomson	R. Whichelo	E. Strudwick
2018-19	R. Thomson	B. Trout	E. Strudwick
2019-20	R. Thomson/ R. Crabbe	B. Trout	
2020-21	R. Crabbe	B. Trout	M. Kay

# CLUB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## *Men's Champion of Champion Singles*

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1999-00	Andrew Smith
2005-06	Scott Taylor

## *Men's Metro Singles*

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2009-00	Steve Grant
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## *Men's State Singles*

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1996-97	Andrew Smith
1999-00	Andrew Smith

## *Under 25's Open Singles (previously U35's)*

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2004-05	Nathan Swincer
2007-08	Max Kleinig



# CLUB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## *Men's Champion of Champion Pairs*

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1987-88	Greg Holthouse/Nick Zuvich
2003-04	Steve Robins/Nevin Childs

## *State Mixed Pairs*

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2008-09	Ian Miller /B. (Somerton) B. Dickson (Modbury)
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## *Men's State Pairs*

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2009-10	Adam Forbes (Somerton) Scott Thulborn (Adelaide)
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## *Under 18's Girl's Pairs*

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2009-10	Cassandra Harvey (Somerton) Desiree Cunningham (Pt Linclon)
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# CLUB STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## *Men's State Triples*

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2009-10	Darryl Williams	Michael White	Scott Taylor
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## *Under 18 Boy's Triples*

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2006-07	Max Kleinig (Somerton)	Ben Hastie (Grange)	Todd Brand (Laura)
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## *Men's State Fours*

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1996-97	A. Smith (Somerton)	D. Bungey (Grange)	R. Giles (Adelaide)	G. Fergusson (Grange)
1999-10	A. Smith (Somerton)	D. Bungey (Grange)	R. Giles (Adelaide)	G. Fergusson (Grange)
2003-04	C. Davies (Somerton)	R. Newell (Lockleys)	J. Davies (Adelaide)	R. Hooper (Adelaide)

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CLUB CHAMPION</i>	<i>HANDICAP SINGLES</i>	<i>PAIRS CHAMPION</i>
1946-47	E.H. Freyer	E.P. Lower	F.C. Fuss / K.B. Hewish
1947-48	K.B. Hewish	H.E. Fullerton	W. Brewster / T.E. Edwards
1948-49	E.H. Freyer	A.H. Eland	D.H. McLean / E.P. Lower
1949-50	D.F. Cleland	D.H. McLean	D.F. Cleland / E.G. Renner
1950-51	T.E. Edwards	R.P. Cant	D.F. Cleland / E.G. Renner
1951-52	R. Nelson	D.F. Cleland	D.F. Cleland / E.G. Renner
1952-53	O.W. Jeans	M. Allert	M. Hart / F.H. Short
1953-54	M.K. Jarrett	H.E. Fullerton	H.E. Fullerton / J. Morris
1954-55	S.L. Jones	C.K. Lecher	T.E. Edwards / G. Millhouse
1955-56	K.L. Giles	E.J. Cox	E.J. Cox / D.H. McLean
1956-57	E.G. Renner	J. Brown	D.H. McLean / C.F. Fricker
1957-58	F.G.I. Ker	W.L. Brewster	S.R. Gray / H.R. Holmesby

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CLUB CHAMPION</i>	<i>HANDICAP SINGLES</i>	<i>PAIRS CHAMPION</i>
1958-59	L.P.O. Hewett	D. Hardy	L.R. Lecornu D.H.McLean
1959-60	H.E. Fullerton	D.H. Redhead	M.K. Jarrett
1960-61	D. Hardy	F.H. Short	H.E. Fullerton T.C. Sharpe
1961-62	T.C. Sharpe	L.E. Rohrloch	P.M. Hart D. Hardy
1962-63	K.J. Brady	A.L. Grubb	G.M. Allert F.G.I. Ker
1963-64	D. Hardy	D.A.R. King	A.L. Grubb T.C. Sharpe
1964-65	T.C. Sharpe	T.C. Sharpe	A.L. Grubb T.C. Sharpe
1965-66	L.E. Rohrloch	E.L. Francis	D.F. Cleland T.C. Sharpe
1966-67	T.C. Sharpe	D.A.R. King	P.M. Thom F.G.I. Ker
1967-68	F.G.I. Ker	A.G. Britcher	F.H. Short R.W. Warner
1968-69	D.A.R. King	L.E. Rohrloch	E.L. Francis D.A.R. King
1969-70	D.A.R. King	R.C. Patterson	B.K. Hart A.G. Vines

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CLUB CHAMPION</i>	<i>HANDICAP SINGLES</i>	<i>PAIRS CHAMPION</i>
1970-71	C.G. Lloyd	J.M. Byrnes	T.E. Delly C.G. Lloyd
1971-72	D.A.R. King	R.D. Harvey	R.H. De Blaquiere L.E. Rohrlach
1972-73	D.A.R. King	J.W. Sharley	M.T. Chinner G.S. Cotton
1973-74	H.L. Biggs	J.G. Whitford	M.T. Chinner G.S. Cotton
1974-75	A.R. Bell	J. Westover	J.G. Whitford D.A.R. King
1975-76	H.L. Biggs	H.K. Sparrow	F.R. Brady K.L. Andrew
1976-77	O.C. Kurtzer	O.C. Kurtzer	M.T. Chinner G.S. Cotton
1977-78	G.N. Johnson	D.A.R. King	B.K. Hart O.C. Kurtzer
1978-79	N. Zuvich	E.N. Lonegan	R.S. Stacey A.R. Bell
1979-80	N. Zuvich	A.R. Bell	G.E. Holthouse V.J.. Holthouse
1980-81	V.J.. Holthouse	S.J. Rogers	H.L. Biggs D.A.R. King
1981-82	W.R. Clayton	N. Zuvich	H.L. Biggs D.A.R. King

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CLUB CHAMPION</i>	<i>HANDICAP SINGLES</i>	<i>PAIRS CHAMPION</i>
1982-83	G.E. Holthouse	R.T.Neilson	R.S. Stacey / A.R. Bell
1983-84	N. Zuvich	S.G. Timms	D.A.R. King / W.McDermott
1984-85	D.A.R. King	M.L. Brown	B. Thomas / R.K. Walter
1985-86	G.E. Holthouse	A. Naco	R. Soar / R.H. Hancock
1986-87	N. Zuvich	C. Rugless	G.E. Holthouse/ N. Zuvich
1987-88	D.A.R. King	D.A.R.King	G.E. Holthouse/ N. Zuvich
1988-89	M.L. Brown	R.E. Debrowski	D.M.J Flower / N.R. Hutchins
1989-90	M.L. Brown	J.R. McNamara	D.M.J Flower / N.R. Hutchins
1990-91	K.W. Herring	J.B. Monahan	H.J. Pinnington/ R.G. Jones
1991-92	C. Rugless	K.W.Herring	F.J. Byrnes / R.A. McDoald
1992-93	K.W. Herring	K.I. French	K.W. Herring / M.L. Brown
1993-94	S.P. Robins	J.B. Monahan	A.D. Rayner / S.P. Robins

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CLUB CHAMPION</i>	<i>HANDICAP SINGLES</i>	<i>PAIRS CHAMPION</i>
1994-95	S.P. Robins	K.O. Donohue	P.E. Robins K.I. French
1995-96	D.D. Pilkington	R. Handke	M.L. Brown K.W Herring
1996-97	A.N. Smith	K. Herring	A.N. Smith D.D. Pilkington
1997-98	A.N. Smith	B. McPerson	A.N. Smith D.D. Pilkington
1998-99	A.N. Smith	K. Garrick	P. Mueller K.I. French
1999-00	A.N. Smith	J. Monahan	K.I. French R. Whales
2000-01	C.J. Harvey	J. Negerman	N. Childs S. Robins
2001-02	C.J. Harvey	N. Zuvich	G.M. Neville K.W. Cotter
2002-03	C.J. Harvey	P. Higgs	C.L. Rugless N. Zuvich
2003-04	C.J. Harvey	N. Childs	S.P. Robins N.S. Childs
2004-05	N.K. Swincer	-	P.J. Hay S.G. Bennier
2005-06	S.W. Taylor	B. Hoban	N.K. Swincer J.F. O'Brien

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>MEN'S SINGLES</i>	<i>MEN'S PAIRS</i>
2006-07	M. Kleinig	R.J. Langford / R.J. Matters
2007-08	M. Kleinig	S.W. Taylor / L.R Jones
2008-09	M.A. White	D.J Williams / M.A. White
2009-10	M.A. White	S. Foster / S. Grant
2010-11	D.J Williams	D.J Williams / M.A. White
2011-12	D.J Williams	S.J. Lee / T.A. Cannavan
2012-13	G. McGough	P. Higgs / D.J Williams
2013-14	P. Crawford	R.K. Whichelo / J. Hallows
2014-15	G. McGough	R.K. Whichelo / J. Hallows
2015-16	G. McGough	N. Simlon / H. Simlon
2016-17	R.K. Whichelo	N. Simlon / H. Simlon
2017-18	G. McGough	M. Hocking / L. Mortimer



# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>MEN'S SINGLES</i>	<i>MEN'S PAIRS</i>
2019-20	N. Pederson	S. Colvill / N. Pederson
2020-21	N. Pederson	S. Colvill / N. Pederson

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## CLUB CHAMPIONS

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>WOMEN'S SINGLES</i>	<i>WOMEN'S PAIRS</i>
2007-08	S. Meldrum	—
2008-09	J. McCreed	S. Meldrum / H. Martin
2009-10	B. Clutterbuck	A. Pincombe / N. Keogh
2010-11	C.B. Harvey	—
2011-12	M. Tumbas	M. Tumbas / C.B. Harvey
2012-13	C.B. Harvey	L. Shippy / M. Tumbas
2013-14	C.B. Harvey	A. Pincombe / C.B. Harvey
2014-15	M. Tumbas	L. Shippy / M. Tumbas
2015-16	M. Tumbas	L. Shippy / M. Tumbas
2016-17	Y. Bekeris	L. Shippy / S. Coultas
2017-18	B. Mules	M. Tumbas / K. Sander
2018-19	Y. Bekeris	M. Tumbas / K. Sander
2019-20	Y. Bekeris	Y. Bekeris/L.Shippey
2020-21	Y. Bekeris	Y. Bekeris/L.Shippey

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## PENNANT VICTORIES

<i>SATURDAY</i>		<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	
<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>
1953-54	3 White	1951-52	3 Major
1958-59	4 Green	1958-59	4 Section (2)
1958-59	6 Green	1959-60	3 Minor
1959-60	2 Red	1967-68	3 White
1960-61	3 Red	1967-68	5 Blue
1962-63	6 Blue	1969-70	5 White
1963-64	4 Red	1971-72	3 Red
1964-65	3 White	1973-74	1 Blue
1965-66	3 Gold	1976-77	3 Blue
1970-71	3 Red	1977-78	1 White
1970-71	5 Red	1978-79	4 Red
1972-72	3 Gold	1980-81	2 Purple
1972-73	4 Purple	1984-85	2 Purple
1973-74	2 Gold	1985-86	2 Purple
1976-77	6 Green	1986-87	3Red
1977-78	3 Red	1988-89	2 Red (S)

# SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB

## PENNANT VICTORIES

<i>SATURDAY</i>		<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	
<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>
1979-80	1 White	1988-89	2 Purple (W)
1980-81	6 Purple	1989-90	2 Green (S)
1983-84	3 Blue	1990-91	1 Blue (S)
1983-84	5 green	1990-91	2 Blue (S)
1987-88	1 Silver	1993-94	1 Blue (S)
1987-88	1Brown	1993-94	1 Green (S)
1987-88	2 Blue (C)	1993-94	2 White (SW)
1987-88	2 Green (C)	1996-97	Red
1987-88	2 Silver (W)	1996-97	Red
1988-99	3 White (S)	1997-98	2 White (SW)
1988-89	2 Blue (C)	1997-98	3 Red (SW)
1988-89	2 Gold (S)	2002-03	S.W. L2
1989-90	2 Red (C)	2005-6	1 Blue (S)
1989-90	2 Green (S)	2006-7	Premier 1
1990-91	2 Blue (SE)	2007-08	Metro 2 (SW)
1992-93	1 Purple (C)	2008-09	Metro 1 (S)

## SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB PENNANT VICTORIES

<i>SATURDAY</i>		<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	
<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>
1992-93	2 Blue (SW)	2009-10	Premier 1
1997-98	1 Green (C)	2010-11	Premier 1
1997-98	3 Red (SW)	2013-14	Metro 3 (S)
1997-98	3 White (SW)	2015-16	Metro 1 (W)
1997-98	4 Red (SW)	2016-17	Division 4 (W)
2000-01	1 Red	2017-18	Division 3 (W)
2002-03	1 Blue (S)	2018-19	Division 2 (S)
2002-03	S.W. L1	2019-20	Division 1
2003-04	1 Green (C)	2020-21	Division 3 (W)
2003-04	2 White (C)		
2005-06	1 Blue (S)		
2006-07	Metro 1 (S)		
2007-08	Metro 1 (S)		
2008-09	Metro 1 (S)		
2015-16	3 White (SW)		
2016-17	Division 5(W)		

**SOMERTON BOWLING CLUB**  
**PENNANT VICTORIES**

*SATURDAY*

*THURSDAY*

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>
2016-17	Division 6 (W)	2006-07	Metro 2 (S)
2017-18	Division 1	2017-18	Division 3 (W)
2017-18	Division 6 (W)	2019-20	Division 2 (S)

# HONARARY LIFE

## MEMBERS

1960	†	J. Morris	2004	†	F.G. Elliott
1961	†	R.C. Morriss	2004	†	B.P. Kelly
1966	†	A.C.M.Johnson	2005	†	J.M. Byrnes
1968	†	W.J. Fox	2007	†	L.A. Edwards
1970	†	F.W.R.Pengilly	2007	†	C.P. Maddern
1977	†	A.R. Bell	2007		M.F. Matters
1978	†	R.S. Stacey	2008	†	A.D. Spencer
1979	†	J.S. Mackie	2009	†	K.J. Flaherty
1981	†	P.F. Anderson	2012		G.T. Ascione
1982	†	F.G.I. Ker	2012	†	P.E. Byrnes
1986	†	S.J. Rogers	2012	†	N.A. McCann
1988	†	A.L. Pollard	2014		N.Zuvich
1993	†	G.S. Cotton	2015		A.J. Snewin
1995	†	T.E. Dally	2015		J. Ganley
1997	†	V.E. Lewis	2016		P. Lambert
1997	†	J.W. Westover	2019		M.O'Callaghan
1998	†	J.G. Rubenach	2019	†	R. Shippey

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2020 R. Whichelo

2020 D. Kay