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THE HISTORY OF THE
EAST COAST WOMEN'S BOWLING CENTRE

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THE HAWKES BAY WOMEN'S BOWLING CENTRE.

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The History of the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre, compiled by Margaret Wilton from the Minute Books of both the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre and the Hawke's Bay Women's Bowling Centre.

A general meeting of Women's Bowling Club Members from Hawke's Bay and Poverty Bay Areas was held in Mrs. L.J.Harvey's garden, Hastings on the 15th November 1944. Representatives from Gisborne, Port Ahuriri, Havelock North and the Hastings area were present, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the advisability of Forming a Women's Bowling Centre, (this suggestion having come from the Heretaunga Bowling Club) the President of Heretaunga, Mrs. Denton, took the chair for the initial part of the meeting.

Mrs. Denton welcomed everyone and expressed pleasure in seeing such a representative gathering.

Mrs. D.J.Holden proposed and Mrs. J.Mackay from the Port Ahuriri B.C. seconded that:
A Women's Bowling Centre now be formed.

This was unanimously carried. 17th March 1944.

It was agreed that the new Centre be called East Coast Women's Bowling Centre.
because the area to be covered was from Norsewood in the South to Ruatoria in the North.

It was proposed Mrs. Burge, seconded Mrs Bayley that Mrs. C.G.Wilkinson be elected President,
carried

Mrs. D.J.Holden then proposed seconded Mrs. Lattimore that Mrs. Burge be elected
Secretary/Treasurer carried.

After some discussion it was agreed that a Centre Committee be formed with 2 representatives each from Port Ahuriri, Havelock North, Gisborne and 3 from Heretaunga, this was agreed to. Mrs. Denton proposed that a sum of 1/- per club member be the amount charged for the first year, this was carried.

The list of Executive names for this first Centre were as follows:

Mrs. C.G.Wilkinson		President.	Heretaunga.
Mrs. A.J.Burge		Sec/Treasurer	Heretaunga
Mrs. F.D.Logan	&	Mrs. Northe	Napier Bowling Club
Mrs. Learmouth	&	Mrs. Spence	Havelock North
Mrs. McKay	&	Mrs. R.Jenkins	Gisborne
Mrs. G. Martin			Hastings

Mesdames Holden and Anderson proposed that the Centre hold an Open Rinks Tournament in 1945, this was agreed to. It was also suggested that the Centre hold a Singles Champion of Champions Tournament.

Centre Committee meetings would be held on a Friday to enable the Gisborne Representatives to more easily attend.

Both Mrs. Wilkinson & Mrs. McKay on behalf of those present conveyed thanks to Mrs L.J.Harvey for the use of her garden and hospitality for their inaugural meeting.

The first Committee meeting of the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre was held in the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on Friday the 17th of November 1944. Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. Wilkinson President, Mesdames Logan & Northe from Napier, McKay & Jenkins, Gisborne, Learmouth & Spence, Havelock North, G.Martin, Hastings and Sec/Treasurer Mrs. Burge.

At this meeting the secretary Mrs. Burge tabled for consideration a copy of Constitution & Rules for the new Centre, after much discussion this was finally adopted. (It was apparent that in those days there was a bowling club at Tuai, this was where the Waikaremoana Women played.)

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because the Tuai members were invited to be part of the new Centre and the Waikaremoana women sent in 13/- for their affiliation fees.

The first Tournament held by the new Centre was their Open Rinks Tournament held on the 20-21-22nd of February 1945 at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Greens. The Umpire was Mr. Dunn of the Heretaunga Club, Mrs. Burge to assist and an entry fee of 5/- per person to be charged, entries to close on the 6th of February although late entries would be received up to the 10th of February but these would incur 6d per team extra. Prizes would be 2 guineas 2/2/- first prize and 1 guinea 1/1/- second prize. Thanks were extended to Mrs. D. Shadbolt for her donation of the first prize and to Mrs. Baker for the second prize.

It was agreed to hold the Champion of Champions tournament during the third week of March, and that each club in the new Centre be invited to send 2 members each, to participate in the Singles Championship, each game to be 21 HEADS no time limit, this tournament to be played at the Port Ahuriri Bowling Club, the entry fee to be 5/- per player and the winner would receive 15/- and the runner-up 7/6d. Agreed to pay the Port Ahuriri Club 6d per player for morning and afternoon teas. (The Croquet Club Pavilion was used for the morning and afternoon teas.)

Discussion followed on the Singles Champions Tournament and it was stated that the conditions of play had been amended on the advice of Mr. Bear, the number of games played to be 7, the number of heads 15 with a time limit of 1hr. 10 mins.

The Havelock North Bowling Club was congratulated on the fact that two of their Bowlers Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Spence won the Pairs Championships in Auckland.

The first Annual General Meeting of the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on the 21st Sept. 1945. The President stated they had had a very satisfactory first year, one on which they could readily build, especially with regard to Tournaments as both their Tournaments had been really well received. She did, however, offer a word of warning regarding - betting - at any E.C.W.B.C. tournament, she expressed the hope that it would not occur on any of our greens.

It was also agreed that the Singles Tournament next season would be held in Gisborne, that the Secretary be paid an Honorarium of 5 Pound and that the Centre would hold a Pairs Tournament next season, this to be played on the Havelock North Greens.

At the second A.G.M. of the Centre a letter was sent to the new Otane Womens Bowling Club welcoming them with pleasure and suggesting they may like to be affiliated to the Centre.

During this year there was quite an amount of mail sent and received with regard to forming North & South Island Women's Bowling Centres. In the end the formation of the New Zealand Women's Bowls Council was formed and it would be very interesting to see how this organisation worked.

At the meeting of the Centre on the 30th August a letter was received from the Secretary N.Z. Women's Asscn. expressing the wish that the East Coast Centre would affiliate to the N.Z. Body, this was left in abeyance until the Annual General Meeting to be held in September. At the 4th Annual Meeting on the 13th September 1948 it was agreed that the East Coast Centre would affiliate to the National Body.

A very comprehensive report was presented for adoption by the President Mrs. Wilkinson and it was agreed that a great deal had been accomplished during this time. (Unfortunately there is no record in the minutes of what, exactly they did accomplish!)

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Matters pertaining to the East Coast Centre continued to be looked after and the Tournaments for the Ladies were well attended. At this time entry fees for Centre Tournaments were 6/- per player.

In 1949 entries for the Rinks Tournament were received from, Riverside, Otane, Eastbourne, Carterton, Mirimar, New Plymouth, Port Ahuriri, Hokowhitu, Havelock North, Wellington, Hawera, Wanganui, Paraparaumu, Heretaunga. (Far wider representation than today 2004!) For this Tournament, Teats, Chairs, Stools, Cloths etc. were to be provided by the Ladies of the Heretaunga Club. Guest Speakers for the Opening of the Tournament to be the Mayor Mr. R.D.Brown and Mr. Proffitt, President of the Heretaunga Men's Club.

Mrs. McCarthy, delegate to the N.Z.W.B.A. Annual Meeting read her report and it was felt it would be wise to send a report in to the Bowling Magazine. This magazine was apparently called - Bowling Illustrated & Sportswomen -

At the A.G.M. in October 1949 it was agreed that the East Coast Centre would affiliate to the N.Z. Women's Association and also that from now on there would be a Centre Opening date set each year.

Also in these minutes it was decided to uphold the remit that Capitation be raised from 3 pence per head to 6 pence a head! In discussion on Championship Certificates, it was agreed that in future they would have a photo on them and they would all be titled E.C.W.B.C. and have either a view of "The Bay" or "Gannets" on them. (50 years after we have a mixture of the Bay and Gannets on our Badge!)

Mrs. Priest from the Otane Club asked if the Secretary could write to the Secretary of the Wairoa Men's Bowling Club to see if they would permit the use of their greens perhaps twice a year during the season for the purpose of Interclub matches between Riverside, Waikaremoana and Otane? It would appear that the Waikaremoana Women actually played at Tuai as there is no reference to an actual Club at Waikaremoana! In 1947 the Secretary was asked to write to the Waikaremoana Club asking if it would be possible to hold the next season's Singles Tournament at Tuai? A letter was later recieved from the Secretary of the Waikaremoana W.B.C. expressing their pleasure regarding this tournament being held at Tuai and accommodation was offered to those travelling. Mrs. Dawson the new secretary of the Waikaremoana Club wrote stating that they had decided on royal blue as the colour of their cardigans.

It was suggested by the Havelock North Delegates that a social evening be held during their Open Rinks Tournament and after further discussion it was agreed this would take place on the last evening of the Tournament and the Secretary was asked to book either the Oddfellows Hall or the Buffalo Hall for the occasion. It was also suggested that a Picture party be held the first night. Entries for these tournaments were 1 shilling and 6 pence - Lunch was also 1/6d - morning and afternoon teas were 9d but players would only pay 6d, the Centre would pay the other 3d It was also decided here that Trophies be provided for players rather than Money, no value put on these, it was left to those purchasing to make suitable purchases.

A Menu for the Rinks Tournament in 1948 -

Morning Tea 2 pieces buttered bun & biscuit.

Afternoon Tea: 1 sandwich & 2 pieces of cake.

Lunch: 1 apple shortcake, 1 savoury pie, 4 sandwiches - also bowls of Tomatoes,

Pears & Apples to be placed on the Tables. Mrs. Robinson advised that their tent would again be available.

Waipukurau B.C. wrote advising that they would like to have teal blue and white for their Club colours this was approved.

The N.Z.W.B.A. was obviously up and running as at the 1948 A.G.M. a remit was passed to increase the affiliation fee for members to the Centre be increased from 1 shilling to 1shilling and 3d per member in order to cover the 3d per head capitation for the N.Z.W.B.A. Mrs. G.Martin became the new Secretary/Treasurer with Mrs. Wilkinson remaining as President.

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At a meeting of the East Coast Women's Bowling Assn. in 1949 mention was made of a letter from a Mr. Boyle asking if they could hold their Rinks Tournament in February next season and it was agreed this would be out of the question because the Hastings Bowling Club was holding their diamond Jubilee and had booked all accommodation in Napier and Hastings for the latter part of February - (wouldn't they love it, if they could do the same today?) It was also decided at this meeting to have an Official Opening of the Centre and that the Executive would play a team from the Heretaunga Executive.

The 5th A.G.M. held in 1950 was held at the Port Ahuriri Bowling Club and the retiring President Mrs. Wilkinson spoke of the progress made in the last 5 years and stated that they had been very happy years, she also paid Tribute to the two Secretaries that had held office consecutively with her period as President, in conclusion she expressed the hope for continued success for the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre.

Mesdames Logan and Burge were both nominated for President and the result of the ballot favoured Mrs. Burge who conveyed her thanks to the meeting for the honour of being their President, stating that she would always endeavour to do her best for the Centre. The first thing she wished to attend to was to procure a Past President's Badge for Mrs. Wilkinson, (and so history was born! As from then on each retiring President was presented with a Gold Past President's Badge.)

During the past year the question had been asked was it necessary to hold so many meetings, as it was sometimes difficult to make the travel arrangements needed. The result from that was at this meeting it was decided to form a management committee to consist of 1 Delegate or Representative from each Club together with the Executive Officers to conduct the business of the Centre throughout the year, except at half-yearly and Annual Meetings, when it would then be necessary for all Delegates to attend. Centre Badges were then discussed and it was decided to have crimson and gold, these would be procured and remain the property of the Centre. (These are still in use today (when they are worn) 2004.

Also at this meeting it was reported that the Wairoa Men were very happy to have a tournament held on their Greens and that they could accommodate 96 players and that morning and afternoon tea would be available at 9 pence a head each, also lunch would be available for 60 players at the Regent Cafe @ 2/9 each. On further discussion it was revealed that the entry fee would be 1/6 per player and the railcar fare would be 12/3 each, making a total cost of 17/9 a head! Was this the beginning of the Northern Graded?

The "SMITH CUP" was then discussed this was between Eastbourne, Port Ahuriri & Heretaunga as this was a matter for the relevant Clubs, more discussion was needed. It was reported here that Mrs. Martin and her team from Heretaunga, in coming 3rd at the the first Dominion Tournament held in Wellington, had indeed, put the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre on the map, congratulations sincerely extended.

Mrs Turbitt delegate from Riverside informed the meeting that there was now a Bowling Club at Tokomaru Bay with prospects of another club opening at Ruatoria. Also at this time the Secretary was asked to write to the newly formed Omarunui club and welcome them to the Centre. It was moved, seconded and approved that - as there was so much more work now for the Secretary that her allowance be increased to 10 Pound. Delegates expenses of 2 pound 10 shillings be approved - approval given - (wouldn't it be great if our expenses now-a-days were only \$4-20?)

In January 1951 the Centre received an application from the Riverside Club for permission to hold an Open Fours Tournament and they were advised that this must come up at the Annual Meeting. However, at the next meeting February 1952 a letter was received from the Riverside Club making an application to hold annually at Easter an Open Graded Rinks Tournament and stating that a Cup had been presented for this tournament - (This being the Theo Nicholas Cup,) the matter again

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was fully discussed and this time it was decided that the Secretary write to Dominion Council to apply for this tournament in 1952 (the stipulation being that the Riverside Club would not send out any information about this proposed tournament until 1 week prior to the Centre Open Rinks Tournament.)

Interesting to note here that it was moved that unless there were 6 or more entries to a tournament it would not be played agreed. Consequently the Centre Graded Rinks did not take place owing to insufficient entries...

In 1951/52 the following Clubs were affiliated to the E.C.W.B.C.: with number of members in brackets:

Tokomaru Bay (30)	Riverside (80)	Tuai (5)
Port Ahuriri (33)	Havelock North (13)	Heretaunga (51)
Omarunui (8)	Otane (17)	Waipawa (16)
Waipukurau (37)	Takapau	

A nice touch: The Riverside Bowling Club advised the Centre that there would be no charge for either green fees or morning and afternoon teas for their Pairs tournament, in reply the Centre advised Riverside of their thanks for the gesture and stated they would not charge their Pairs Players to enter the Tournament.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Logan and her team for coming 2nd in the Centennial Tournament in Christchurch.

At the A.G.M. it was moved,seconded and carried that affiliation fees be raised from 1/6d per member to 2/-d per member to help meet rising costs. There was also a query as to whether a team could have 1 or 2 substitutes? (nothing changes!)

At the A.G.M. held at the Port Ahuriri B.C. on the 8th Sept. 1952 it was announced that there were now 11 Clubs affiliated to the Centre with a total membership of 350 players, Mrs Roach commended the work of their Secretary Mrs. G.Martin and in moving the adoption of the report she stated that they were very proud of the Centres progress. Mrs. Roach then spoke on the fact that there were cyclostyled copies of the years fixtures covering "Guest Days", "Opening Days", Open Tournaments and Centre Championship fixtures. It was suggested that each Club might like to forward their fixtures programme. The meeting was advised that a new club had been formed at Norsewood and the Secretary instructed to write and welcome them and enquire if they would like to be affiliated to the Centre.

A beautiful "Rose Bowl" was presented by Mrs. G. Martin for the East Coast Centre Championship Singles and so the "Martin Rose Bowl" came into being, and this trophy is still competed for today in 2004. The Honorariums decided on at this meeting the Secretary still to receive 10 Pound and the new position of Treasurer receive 2 Pound 10 shillings!!

At this meeting it was also decided to wear Blazers and these to be Maroon and Gold, they were not a necessity, only if players wished to have one.

At the next meeting of the Executive Mrs. Taylor (acting President in the absence of Mrs. Burge, who was still away in Scotland) handed each member of the Executive a sprig of heather which she had just received from Mrs. Burge, they were all delighted with her thoughtfulness. The Wairoa arrangements were discussed and this must have been the forerunner of the Northern Fours because the date is Nov. 27th and this was the month they were held.

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They state at this meeting that the reason for this Tournament originally was to give the Bowlers from Riverside, Tuai & Tokomaru Bay the opportunity to have competition with the other bowlers in the Centre, however although the entries from Port Ahuriri, Otane, Havelock North & Heretaunga (14) were good those from Riverside 7, Tuai 1, and nil from Tokomaru Bay was disappointing. The cost of the new Blazers was to be 5 Guineas and they were being tailor made by Hugh Baird Ltd. The Monogram for the pockets to be decided later. Several Clubs had requested that we have maroon hatbands with gold lettering, this was thought to be a good idea and would look well with the blazers and the pocket badges would have gold lettering, with the name of the Club and E.C.W.B.C

At the Executive meeting on the 24th August 1953 it was mentioned that the secretary had received a letter from Mrs. Sturzaken, secretary of the newly formed women's bowling club at Napier stating they had 40 members and enquiring about affiliation and rule books etc. Also Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Hamilton were welcomed to their first meeting as delegates from the newly formed Norsewood Club.

The decision was made on the design of the pocket badge for the blazer, this was to be the same as the men with a Norfolk Pine and the E.C.W.B.C. letters plus the club name all in gold.

It was moved at this meeting that Mrs. Burge's name be sent forth to the N.Z.W.B.A. as a nomination for vice-president of the Asscn. It was also agreed at this meeting that as the workload of the Secretary had increased so much, that a Tournament Secretary be introduced, this was agreed and her duties would encompass Open Rinks, Graded Rinks, Championships, she would have the back-up of a match Committee. Secretary would receive 2 pound for the Open Pairs, 3 Pound for the Open Rinks, 2 Pound for the Graded Rinks, 1 pound for the Championship Singles and 1 pound for the Championship Pairs. Recommended that in future new players be designated Leads rather than twos.

There was a special message from the Dominion President of the N.Z. W.B.A.

To continue to strive for the social side of bowls as well as the competitive aspect and you will make Bowls for Women an Organisation commanding the highest respect of all Sporting Bodies.

It was agreed to raise the entry for the Singles and Pairs to 8 shillings each.

The President spoke of the rising costs and suggested that the affiliation fees needed to be increased, after discussion it was agreed that they be raised to 2/6d per member. The President spoke on the formation of an Umpires Asscn, it was agreed that the President and Secretary remain with the Delegates at the close of the meeting and form such a committee and to attend meetings either before or at the conclusion of the Centre meeting.

At the Committee meeting on the 28th June 1954 there were letters from the newly formed Wairere Club in Napier and the Hastings club in Hastings applying for affiliation etc.

Committee meeting held Monday 27th Sept. Within the correspondence a letter from Whakatu applying for affiliation and letters from both Heretaunga and Waipukurau asking permission to hold a mixed tournament - these I think would be the first mixed tournaments held within our East Coast Centre.

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Dec 14th 1954 a letter from Kia Toa re affiliating to the Centre. The Tournament reported that there were 44 entries in the Open Rinks Tournament and this constituted a record. The Centre authorised that the Tournament Committee arrange for a marquee for the 2 days of the tournament - this being necessary to aid with the catering arrangements.

In 1954-55 it was recorded that Mrs. Bull Heretaunga won the Championship Singles and Mrs. Winstanley and Mrs. Nicol won the Championship Pairs. Letter received from Kaiti Club re affiliation.

At the A.G.M. held Aug. 8th 1955 there were 18 Clubs affiliated to the Centre with 543 Bowlers.

Committee meeting 31st Oct. 1955 shows a letter being received from the newly formed Wairoa Club. Letters from Kihitu and Waiholm re affiliation to the Centre - (I wonder where they were?) I have found where they were - there was a letter from a lady from Wairoa asking how to go about changing the name Kihitu to Wairoa - So, Now we know, also having made contact with Mrs Gwen Wilson, who was the Secretary at the time, I asked where Waiholm was and it turns out to be Waikohu in Gisborne area, not Waiholm - thankyou Gwen.

June 8th 1956 letter from the newly formed Marewa Club!

At the A.G.M. on Aug. 8th 1956 the following clubs were represented:

Norsewood, Takapau, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Otane, Heretaunga, Kia Toa, Hastings, Havelock North, Whakatu, Omarunui, Napier, Wairere, Marewa, Port Ahuriri, Riverside, Kaiti, Tuai, Kihitu, and Tokomaru Bay and Waiholm were not represented. 21 Clubs in all, more than we have 50 years later!

At an Executive meeting on the 28th Sept. 1956 arrangements were made for the Heretaunga Pavilion to be used for the official dominion meeting, it was also mentioned that Mrs. Burge be congratulated on becoming a vice-president of the New Zealand Women's Bowling Assn. At this point the Executive decided to have some headed stationery printed. Tolaga Bay applied for membership of the Centre, and Wairere applied for a mixed tournament. Mrs. Gilson, Riverside gave a report on the Centre Pairs played in Gisborne, the tournament was won by Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Doak. Mrs. Burge congratulated the winners and Mrs. Bull spoke about the successful and capable way the tournament had been run.

At a meeting of the Executive held at the Heretaunga Pavilion on the 14th June 1957 the President made reference to Mrs. C.Winstanleys meritorious win at Nelson winning the N.Z. Champion of Champion Singles. The Centre Delegates and Representatives held a morning tea in her Honour on April the 6th, they also presented her with a small gift in commemoration of her success. Letters of congratulations for Mrs. Winstanley were also received from Taranaki, Wanganui, & Auckland.

A remit from this meeting was that -All clubs catering for Centre Events charge at the rate of 1 shilling per head for morning and afternoon teas and that the Centre pay 3 pence for the luncheon teas, (per head or?

It was agreed that the Wairoa Tournament (Graded Rinks) be restarted with a new format and it would be held on the 14th or 21st of November. The Tournament will consist of 16 teams from the Northern Area and 16 teams from the Southern Area entry fee to be 5/- per player. It was unanimously agreed that the Centre Programme for the year be printed. Also that each club would only hold 1 mixed tournament.

At the Executive meeting held on the 26th September Mrs. Burge, President was congratulated on being made President of the N.Z. Women's Bowling Assn. at their A.G.M. held in Alexandra, (In those days both the N.Z.W.B.A. Delegates meetings and the Annual meeting were held at different places around the Country.)

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It is noted here that the Kihiti club wrote to the Centre notifying their tournament dates - and further they were paid 13 Pound 12 shillings and 9 pence for catering!

Tournament results for the 1958 season were:

Open Rinks played in Hastings These were won by Mrs. Spence and her team from Hastings

2nd Mrs. Watt's team from Riverside - 3rd Mrs. Sinclair's team from the Port & 4th Mrs. Creagh's team from Napier.

Open Pairs were won by Mesdames Doak & Bull Heretaunga 2nd. Mesdames Williams & Burge Heretaunga.

Champion Singles Mrs Elliot from Riverside was the winner & Mrs. Young from Napier was 2nd.

Champion Pairs. Mesdames Doak & Bull Heretaunga once again & Mesdames Neil & Johnstone from the Port Ahuriri Club were 2nd.

Graded Rinks Mrs. Bayley's team from Heretaunga were the winners 2nd Mrs. Connor's team.

At the half-yearly meeting mention was made of writing to both Riverside & Marewa congratulating them on their success at the Dominion Tournament. It was proposed and passed at this meeting that a gold badge be procured for the President. It was also moved and passed that the Centre hold an afternoon tea at the H.B. Farmers in honour of the Marewa Bowlers Mrs. Nicol and her team, and Mrs. Hamblin's team and Mrs. Purcells Team from Riverside. (Mrs Burge comments that this tea-party was most successful and that most of the clubs were represented and it was attended by the Deputy Mayoress who conveyed the best wishes to all concerned from the Citizens of Hastings. Mrs Burge then presented all the winners with a spray of flowers and a bowling measure. (Incidentally interesting to note that the bill for this tea party at the Farmers was only 5 Pound 8 shillings and 11 pence! The Centre also paid the rail fares for the Riverside ladies.

Mrs. Burge then informed the assembled company that the Dominion Singles Champion of Champion Tournament was to be played at the Heretaunga Greens and a social evening will be held at Heretaunga Pavilion on Thursday night march 27th. Clubs are asked to contribute 10/- each to help cover the expenses.

This brings minute book two to a close.

Minutes of the A.G.M. held at the Heretaunga Pavilion on Friday the 1st of August 1958.

The Following clubs were represented:

Norsewood, Takapau, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Otane, Heretaunga, Kia Toa, Hastings, Havelock North, Omarunui, Whakatu, Napier, Marewa, Wairere, Port Ahuriri, Wairoa, Tui, Riverside, Kaiti, Waikahu, Tokomaru Bay & Tologa Bay - 22 in all showing the Centre was in good heart. There were 15 Clubs given permission to hold a mixed tournament Officers for the year were unchanged, Mrs. Burge.

About this time a furore seems to have occurred - it seems the Hawkes Bay Centennial Committee decided it would be a good idea to hold a national mixed tournament for bowlers as one of the celebrations for their Centennial They held discussions with bowling clubs, had posters advertising the event printed and posted out all without the authority of the National Body !! quoting the Herald Tribune Friday the 26th september - The Tournament had its birth at an Executive meeting of the Napier Centennial Committee when attractions to bring visitors to Napier were under consideration. The popularity of bowling tournaments was mentioned and it was left to Mr. Davis to see what could be arranged. He convened a meeting of 1 member of each of the men's clubs and it was decided that a mixed tournament would be more successful than a men's tournament especially in view of the date in November. Each Clubs representative was sent back to their clubs to first ask permission for the use of their greens by the Centennial committee and at the next meeting to ask for a member from each of the Ladies clubs to attend. At the second meeting it was unanimously agreed to hold a mixed tournament and the H.B. Women's Centre be asked to grant permission for the holding of the tournament. It was reported at the next meeting that the women's clubs could run the tournament. That was the last meeting held as representatives of the clubs.

The next meeting was held as a centennial bowling committee with direct representation on the Napier Centennial Executive a bank a/c was opened in the name of H.B. Centennial Bowling

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Committee and a secretary appointed. Having now constituted a committee of citizens who were willing to run the tournament for the centennial memorial fund, it now only remained to obtain permission to use the necessary greens to hold the tournament.

The Napier Clubs and Omarunui (with the exception of Bluff Hill Club who have no facilities for ladies) all granted the use of their greens to the Centennial committee for this special occasion.

A H.B.Bowling Centre meeting was held about this time and the Centre not being a party to the tournament raised no objections, so the centennial Committee went ahead and printed its posters and delivered them to all women's and men's centres in N.Z. for distribution to all clubs (stamps had also been enclosed)

The next thing the committee knew was the return of all their posters to the secretary, the N.Z.B.A. had informed all their clubs by telegram not to forward the posters to their clubs but to return them to the secretary - the wrangle went on with the legal issues and the bowling issues hotly debated - the centennial committee felt that 3 of the Napier clubs have rinks on public parks, their use being granted by the local council at a very reasonable rental. Each of these clubs have a strong women's associated clubs and only the support of the women allow the men to successfully continue to meet their financial requirements.

I will quote only a selection of further comments as otherwise it may take up the whole book! The Men's H.B.Centre then wrote to their National Body for a ruling and they were reminded that feeling is so strong in some parts of the country on the subject of mixed tournaments that the result might be to extend the authority of the Executive and administration to prohibit clubs from permitting the use of their greens for any such tournament etc.etc.etc. the end result was the H.B.Centre advised that - No club affiliated to the H.B.Centre be permitted to hire or make available its property or amenities to any outside organisation for the purpose of holding a mixed bowling tournament. (Note: this is only for a mixed tournament - how times have changed, and thank goodness, for the better!)

Capitation fees came up for discussion (again) and it was agreed to raise them from 2/6d to 2/9d per head, also that the expenses for lunchtime teas was too high so after discussion it was agreed that this expense be discontinued.

A meeting of club members interested in forming an Umpires Assen was held in the Heretaunga Pavilion on Friday the 16th March 1959 There were members from Heretaunga, Omarunui, Wairere, Napier, Marewa, Havelock North, Port Ahuriri, Waipukurau, Otane, Hastings in attendance. The N.Z. W.B.A.U.A. examination papers for 1958 was taken question by question, the cost for the examination had been increased to 3/6d It was moved, seconded and carried that candidates for the N.Z.W.B.Umpires Assen examination be not allowed the use of a rule book or other reference book during the written examinations also that in this examination candidates be not expected to quote the numbers of any given law. General discussion on the Laws of the game followed and the afternoon was brought to a close with a cup of tea! AND SO THE H.B.W.B.A.UMPIRES ASSCN WAS BORN.

Winners for the 1958/9 Season were:

Graded Rinks,	Wairoa	winners Mrs. Watts, - Kaiti Club r/u: Mrs. Harrowfield, - Kihitu Club
Graded Rinks,	Hastings.	winners: Mrs. Paterson - Port Ahuriri Club. r/u Mrs. Yorke - Marewa Club.
Open Pairs,	Napier	winners; Mesdames Gorward & Nicol - Marewa Club. r/u Mesdames Bardell & Wilson - Omarunui Club.
Open Fours:	Hastings	winners Mesdames Stead, Oliver, Johnson, Sinclair - Port Ahuriri. 2nd: Mesdames Cole, Fisher, Cowdrick, Carrell. 3rd Mesdames Cunningham - Paraparaumu. 4th Mrs. Graham - Manawatu.
Championship Singles:		winner, Mrs. E. Young - Napier.

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	r/u	Mrs J.Higgs - Otane.
Championship Pairs:	winners:	Mrs. E.Pryor & Mrs H.Spence - Hastings.
	r/u	Mrs. Haines & Mrs. Higgs - Otane.

In those days the winners were spread far and wide good to see.

At a meeting of Delegates held on the 26th of June it is noted that the Annual meeting of the N.Z.W.B.A. will be held in Westport! Also noted that H.B. sent a remit to that meeting regarding Rule 15 1st schedule and rule 4 second schedule. That the word "smooth" be altered to "or indentations not exceeding 1/8th- 1/16th of an inch. Wouldn't the A.C.C. have been pleased if that was brought in as they would not have had to pay out so much on accidents around the bowling green, untill finally they asked N.Z.B.A. to amend that rule to allow indentations. At this meeting the possibility of having 1 or 2 greens at Windsor Park for Centre purposes was discussed. Also for consideration a proposal to present a gold bar to any player with 5 Centre Tournament wins.

1959 A.G.M. held at the Heretaunga Club on the 7th of August.

Delegates from Norsewood, Takapau, Waipukurau, Waipawa, Otane, Heretaunga, Kia Toa, Hastings, Havelock North, Omarunui, Whakatu, Napier, Marewa, Wairere, Port Ahuriri, Kihitu, Riverside, Kaiti & Tokomaru Bay were present a good attendance. Election of Officers:

President - Mrs. Burge - Vice-Presidents Mrs. Mrs. Muir & Mrs. Bainbridge, Secretary Mrs. Wilson, Treasurer, Mrs. Williams. Mesdames Mitchell from Marewa Club, Paterson from Port Ahuriri Club, Lowes & Bull. Mrs. Stewart (retiring Secretary) was then present with a small gift in appreciation of her 5 years as secretary and the excellent work she carried out. It was also agreed at this meeting to hold Championship Graded Fours at Havelock North on the 15/16th March 1960. Another interesting aside, it was agreed that the Treasurer purchase a half pound of tea per green, this to be allocated to clubs for lunch time tea at Centre fixtures.

Winners of Open Events & Championships 1959/60

Wairoa Graded Fours:	Winners:	Mesdames Lee, Creagh, Bennett & Mitchell - Marewa Club
Heretaunga Graded Fours:	Winners:	Profit, Rainey, Croucher & Doak - Heretaunga.
Open Pairs:	Winners:	Mesdames Bardell & Salt - Omarunui B.C.
	R/U	Mesdames Bull & Doak - Heretaunga.
Open Fours:	Winners:	Mesdames Cole, Fisher, Cowtrick & Carrell.
	2nd	Mesdames Johnson, Lee, Kirkman, Pierson - Marewa.
	3rd	Mesdames Falloon, Naishit, Bull & Doak - Heretaunga.
	4th	Mesdames Scott, Weaver, Cantwell & Mason - Hastings.
Champion Singles:	Winner:	E. Mason - Hastings.
	R/U	E. Young - Napier.
Champion Pairs:	Winner:	Mesdames Martin & Young - Napier
	R/U	Mesdames Bull & Doak - Heretaunga.
Graded Fours:	Winners:	Mesdames Loader, Surgeoner, Bennett & Nicol - Marewa
	R/U	Mesdames Spriggs, Gardner, Lowes & Hunt - Napier.
Riverside Easter Fours:	Winners:	Mesdames Fry, Brodie, Thompson & Hamblin - Riverside.
Riverside Easter Fours Cont.	R/U	Mesdames Summers, deLatour, Glover & Richards - Riverside.
Kaiti December Fours:	Winners:	Mesdames Keiha, Morley, Harris & Watts - Kaiti
	R/U	Mesdames Fry, Burnett, Thompson & Hamblin - Riverside

Noted at the Executive meeting on April 18th: N.Z.W.B.A. Capitation Fees for 913 players 34 Pound 5/9d

Also a visit from the National President had been well received and enjoyed.

A.G.M. for 1960 was held on Friday 5th August at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion.

All Clubs were represented except Otane & Tolaga Bay who sent apologies.

Officers for the Year"

President	Mrs. Burge.	Vice- Presidents:	Mesdames Stewart & Christensen
Secretary	Mrs. Wilson	Treasurer:	Mrs. Williams
Executives	Mesdames	Paterson, Bull, Seyb, Stephen.	

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There were various Tournament Secretaries appointed, different ones for each Tournament.

There was approval for 14 Clubs to hold a mixed Tournament.

Commented on that they had received a record number of entries in the Open Pairs Tournament.

It was agreed at this meeting to send a Singles Player to compete in the National Champion of Champion in Wanganui in March, further agreed to hold a raffle to the approximate prize of 5 Pound, the proceeds of this to go towards the cost of sending our Singles Player and her companion to Wanganui, the tickets to be 6d each.

Once again an afternoon tea was held to congratulate Mrs. Nicol and her team of Mesdames Forward, Pierson & Winstanley who won the Fours Tournament Title, also, Mrs Hamblin and her team in honour of their success at the Dominion Tournament. Mrs. Winstanley was runner - up in the Open Singles and Mrs. Hamblin was 3rd in the Open Singles and then together with Mrs Ashton was 3rd in the Open pairs. Mrs. Bull was congratulated on being runner - up in the Masters Singles Tournament held at Otaki on the 25th March 1961. Mrs Burge spoke of the honour these players have brought to the Centre and presented to each a small memento of the occasion. The National Singles tournament this year will be held at Alexandra Air fares for the two will be 48 Pound!! The Annual meeting of the N.Z.W.B.A. will be held in Greymouth this year.

The 1961 A.G.M. was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Pavilion on the 4th of August. 18 Clubs were represented and the following Officers elected:

President - Mrs. Burge - Vice Presidents: Mrs. Lowes & Mrs. Angus. Secretary - Mrs. Wilson

Treasurer - Mrs Williams Executive - Mesdames Bull, Stephens, Seyb & Christensen.

It was agreed to raise the Honourarium for the Secretary to 12 Pound 10 shillings.

15 Clubs put forth dates to hold a mixed tournament, this section continues to grow?

Winners of Centre Open & Championship Events for the 1961-62 Season:

Winners of Wairoa Graded Fours Mesdames Hillman, Southlot?, McLeod & Hamblin - Riverside.

Runners-up: Mesdames Hill, Wishart, McKay & Seyb. - Wairoa.

Winners Open Pairs: Mesdames Bardell & Salt - Omapere.

Runners - Up: Mesdames Weaver & Mason - Hastings.

Championship Singles Winner: Mrs. E. Doak - Heretaunga Runner-Up: Mrs. E. Young, Napier.

Championship Pairs: Winners: Mesdames McMullan & Winstanley - Mārewa.

Runners - Up: Mesdames Bull & Doak - Heretaunga.

Graded Fours: Winners Mesdames Richardson, Davis, Pryor & Cowtrick - Heretaunga.

Runners - Up: Mesdames Carmichael, Davis, Wakeford & Redgrave - Havelock North

The 1962 A.G.M. was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Pavilion on the 3rd August.

The President welcomed Delegates from 17 Clubs and the results of the election of Officers were:

President: Mrs. Bainbridge - Kia Toa.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Angus & Mrs Penman. Secretary - Mrs. Wilson, Treasurer: Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. Burge as immediate past President, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Bull Mrs. Stephen.

Mrs. Christensen then spoke in appreciation of Mrs Burges efforts during her years of Presidency and Mrs Burge in reply spoke of her deep appreciation of her Secretaries & Treasurer during this period.

At this meeting mention was made that the Blaketown Bowling Club from Greymouth were visiting our Centre, the Secretary to make arrangements for 4 afternoons of bowling.

At this stage enquiries were being made as to the cost of printing a programme booklet - interesting costs -

2 Pound per page, 2 pound 10 shillings for advertising for a half page and 3 pound 10 shillings for a full page.

During Mrs. Bainbridges term of President the Centre was visited by the National President and Secretary of the New Zealand Women's Bowling Assen. Mesdames M. Keane & M. Richards both of Whangarei.

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The discussions held with executive officers, club officials, and players alike were most stimulating according to a leading H.B. Centre Official. I quote from the H.B.Herald Tribune: To say that the visitors were kept fully occupied while in H.B. is putting it mildly, they arrived after 7pm on Monday and went straight to the home of Mrs. S.A.Bainbridge, who is the H.B.President, and there they met the full executive of the Women's H.B.Centre for discussions regarding bowling and bowling administration. They left at 9am the next morning and visited Kia Toa, Heretaunga, Hastings, Havelock North, Wairere, Marewa, Napier, and Port Ahuriri Greens. At Hastings the party had morning tea and at Port Ahuriri the visitors were guests of Mrs. F.D.Logan for lunch. At each club there was representative gathering of players and committee members. The largest gathering of Bowlers was at Omarunui where every bowling club from Wairoa to Norsewood was represented and participated in the bowling until afternoon tea time. Mrs. Bainbridge on behalf of the Centre presented each of the visitors with 3 silver teaspoons engraved respectively with the crests of Gisborne Hastings and Napier. Omarunui club presented each with a paper knife with the Taradale Crest on it. Following this the official party were invited by the Mayoress of Taradale to inspect her beautiful garden.

So that all the women bowlers in this Centre could derive benefit from her considerable knowledge of the game throughout the Dominion, Mrs. Keane agreed to answer a series of written questions written by "Jack" (in those days the Telegraph had a Bowls sports reporter) and this she did after she had retired to bed on the night of her arrival!

Some of the questions asked were: How many women bowlers are there in N.Z. 19,407.
Are these numbers increasing? yes. Does the N.Z. President do much travelling? Yes, the President is expected to visit every Centre in the country as well as attend the National Singles, etc.
Is there any Liaison between the Men's and Women's Associations at Dominion level? No.
Do you experience any any resistance to women sharing men's bowling Greens or holding mixed tournaments which are very popular in Hawkes Bay? No. All mixed tournaments are under the jurisdiction of the women's bowling clubs.

Winners of the 1962-63 Centre Open & Championship tournaments:

Wairoa Graded Fours: winners: Mesdames Wheatley, Billington, Christensen & Wislon - Omarunui
Runners - Up: Mesdames Frogley, Hughes, Kerrick & Stephen - Hastings.
Open Pairs: Winners: Mesdames Luckie & Inwood - Unites Waikato.
Runners - Up: Mesdames Brimer & Sinclair - Port Ahuriri.
Open Fours: Winners: Mesdames Kirkwell, Oliver, Hardaker & Sinclair - Port Ahuriri.
Runners - Up: Mesdames Billington, Tumilty, Hill & Bardell - Omarunui.
Championship Simngles: Winner: E.Bardell - Omarunui.
Runner - Up: C.Bull - Heretaunga.
Championship Pairs: Winners: Mesdames Hirini, Robson - Port Ahuriri.
Runner - Up: Mesdames Purcell & Saywell - Riverside.

The A.G.M. for 1963 was held at the Kia Toa Bowling Club Pavilion on the 2nd August.

18 Clubs were represented at this meeting and the election of Officers resulted in:

President: Mrs. Bainbridge. Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Seyb, Mrs. Christensen.

Secretary: Mrs. Wilson Treasurer: Mrs. Williams.

Executive: Mesdames Gulbrandsen, Young, Taylor, Stephen.

The Executive had a different system to what we have today they had a seperate secretary for each tournament.

Winners of the 1963/64 Centre Open & Championship Tournaments.

Wairoa Graded Fours: Winners: Mesdames Carmody, Simmers, Meyrick & Meyrick - Riverside.
Runners - Up: Mesdames Donald, Moffart, Thompson & Hambllyn - Riverside.
Southern Graded Fours: Winners: Mesdames Shuker, Wells, McMullen & Winstanley - Marewa
Runners/Up: Mesdames Buchan, Pritchard, Day & Wilson - Omarunui
Open Pairs: Winners: A.McMullen & C.Winstanley - Marewa.
Runners/Up: Mesdames J.Martin & E.Young - Napier.

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Open Fours:	Winners:	Mesdames Martin, Ruscoe, Harland & Young - Napier.
	Runners/Up:	Mesdames Perry, Wall, Weaver & Mason - Hastings.
Champion Singles:	Winner:	Mrs. Joyce - Wairoa.
	Runner/Up:	Mrs. Herdman - Wairere
Champion Pairs:	Winners:	A. McMullan, C. Winstanley - Marewa.
	Runners/Up:	M. Blumeson, N. Quinn - Wairere.
Champion Gr. 4's	Winners:	D. Way, D. Clutchey, Fisher & Toothill - Heretaunga
	Runners/Up:	I. LeQueune, Billington, Dawson, Murphy - Omarunui.

At the Delegates meeting on the 12th June 1964 Delegates from 14 clubs were present and during this meeting the President Mrs. E Bainbridge presented Mrs. C. Winstanley with a 5 star gold championship badge and a gold past presidents badge to Mrs M. Taylor. It was also proposed and seconded that a gold Presidents badge be purchased for the President. Also noted that the Tuai club is in recess.

The next Era starts with the A.G.M. held at the Kia Toa Pavilion on Friday the 7th August 1964. Mrs. Bainbridge presided over Delegates from 18 Clubs with apologies from 2.

Officers for the new Season:

President:	Mrs. Bainbridge	Kia Toa B.C.
Vice-President:	Mrs Seyb	Wairoa B.C.
" "	Mrs. Stephen	
Secretary:	Mrs. Wilson	
Treasurer:	Mrs. Williams	
Executive:	Mrs. Angus, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Gulbransen, Mrs Harland.	

It was unanimously agreed that the 6 pence addition to capitation fee towards the expenses of our competitor in the National Singles once again be undertaken. 15 Clubs applied to hold mixed tournaments.

Interesting to note that the Executive appointed a tournament Secretary for the Championships and a separate person for each of the other tournaments. Also interesting to note that the Executive wrote to the Hastings Town Clerk at this time requesting consideration be given to forming 3 bowling greens at Windsor Park with sufficient ground for pavilion and amenities etc. Council to put the greens down!

Unfortunately there is no statement as to their reply.

Winners of the 1964-65 Season were:

Wairoa Graded 4's	McKinley, Flemwell, Chamberlain, Moore - Kaiti
R/U	Limbrick McGregor, Pirie, Coutts. - Wairere.
Southern Gr. 4's	Frogley, Southcott, Rogers, Stephen - Hastings.
R/U	Nicololas, Boese, Forward, Pierson - Marewa.
Open airs	Mrs. Mason & Perry - Hastings.
R/U	Kirkman & Sinclair - Port Ahuriri.
Open Fours:	Kersey, Stratford, Trevor, Creighton - Omarunui
R/U	Flemwell, Nicololas, Dougall, Rowe - Wairere.
Champion Singles	C. Winstanley - Marewa
R/U	A. Hamblyn - Riverside.
Ch. Graded 4's	Jessep, Billington, Hill, Bardell - Omarunui
R/U	Georgeson, Foster, Cowdrick, Doak - Heretaunga

The 1965 A.G.M. was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on Friday the 27th August 19 Clubs were represented.

Election of Officers resulted in:

President:	Mrs J. Taylor.
Vice-President:	Mrs. A. Angus.
" "	Mrs. Gulbransen.

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Secretary:	Mrs. Wilson.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Williams.
Executive:	Mrs. Bainbridge, Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Harland, Mrs. Coutts.

Mrs. Bainbridge was presented with her gold Past Presidents Badge in appreciation of her work over her 3 years as President, she was congratulated on the excellent work she had achieved. A Party of Women Bowlers from Westport are due to arrive on tour as are a party from New South Wales, these ladies are being entertained by Heretaunga. I see at this meeting the Gisborne Open Graded Fours are called the Theo Nicholas Open Graded Fours. The Hastings City Council to be written to again in reply to their letter. Stating that a need does exist for facilities requested and that no detrimental effect would be felt by existing clubs.

It was moved at this meeting that a Past Presidents Association be formed, clubs to be informed.

Hastings District Council have agreed to meet a delegation re Windsor Park!

It was agreed to run a goodwill tour to Taranaki, they would need 32 Members they would leave on the 5th December and stay in New Plymouth, the cost of the bus will be 88 Pound.

Winners of Open Events & Championships 1965/66

Wairoa Graded 4's	Maxwell, Fletcher, Graham, Harvey - Wairoa.
R/U	Malone, Edwards, Robinson, Richards - Riverside.
Southern Gr. 4's	Owens, Stead, Hirini, Robson - Port Ahuriri.
R/U	Millar, Bennett, Creagh, Sinclair - Port Ahuriri.
Open Singles:	N.Dunn - Wairere.
R/U	E.Bardell - Omarunui.
Open Pairs:	D.Thomson, D.Pierson - Marewa.
R/U	J.Billington, E.Bardell - Omarunui.
Open Fours:	Coyle, McLeod, Glover, Downey - Riverside.
R/U	Kersey, Stratford, Trevor, Creighton - Omarunui.
Champion Singles:	L.Harland - Napier.
R/U:	I.Mason - Hastings.
Champion Pairs:	Billington, Bardell - Omarunui.
R/U	McMullen, Winstanley - Marewa.
Champ. Gr. 4's	Plous, Willis, Reader, Brimer - Port Ahuriri.
R/U	Hardy, Munro, Toothill, Croucher - Heretaunga.

The 1966 A.G.M. was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on Friday the 5th August.

19 Clubs were represented the Waiholme club does not seem to be mentioned!

Mrs. Bainbridge was nominated for the position of Vice-President of the N.Z. Women's Bowling Assn.

Election of Officers resulted in President: Mrs Taylor

Vice Presidents: Mrs. Gulbransen & Mrs Bainbridge

Secretary: Mrs. Wilson

Treasurer: Mrs. Williams

Executive: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Coutts, Mrs. Harland, Mrs. Angus.

The practise of having a different tournament secretary for each tournament and one for.

Championships was continued with 6 different people being involved Mrs. Wilson - Omarunui, Mrs Cook - Kia Toa Mrs. Winstanley - Marewa, Mrs. Learmouth - Heretaunga, Mrs. Roach - Omarunui & Mrs. Bull - Heretaunga. These Folk were all paid separately, so much a Green, in this case 15/- per green per day!

One remark passed at this meeting was that in Centre Fixtures both teams be supplied with cards, this same suggestion was brought forth just recently from the Umpires Assn.!

At this meeting also, it was recommended that all Championship games be played as follows - Singles on a wednesday/thursday - Pairs the following Monday/Tuesday - Graded Fours

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wednesday/thursday - this motion was carried. I don't know how long this went on for, but we thought we were doing something new by instigating our Champion of Champion week!

Fees for tournaments to remain the same - ie 1 pound per person & 3 pound per team and catering allowance to remain the same at 2/6 per player per day.

Noted that advertising in the soon to be Centre programme would be 3 Pound 10 shillings for a full page and 2 Pound 10 shillings for a half page! compared with \$65-00 & \$50-00 in 2003 !!

At this time 15 of the 19 clubs were each holding a mixed tournament.

The tour to Taranaki was again to take place as this was very much enjoyed last year, 33 Women participated.

The Secretary then read a report of a meeting held at New South Wales Women's Bowling Assen

Headquarters to discuss the forming of an International Women's Bowling Board. 26th January

1968. Winners of the Centre Open Events & Championships 1966/67.

No Wairoa Graded Fours owing to wet weather.

Southern Gr. 4's: Mesdames Arthur, Thodsen, Christofferson & Rowe - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Wilson, Robertson, Cowfrick & Doak - Heretaunga.

Open Singles: Mrs. C. Bull - Heretaunga.

R/U: Mrs. A. Shaker - Marewa.

Open Pairs: Mesdames Thomsen & Pierson - Marewa.

R/U: Mesdames Perry & Mason - Marewa.

Open Fours: Mesdames Griffiths, Billington, Hill & Bardell - Omarunui.

R/U: Mesdames Queus, Stead, Hirini & Robson - Port Ahuriri.

Champion Singles: Mrs. C. Winstanley - Marewa.

R/U: Mrs. J. Herdman - Wairere.

Champion Pairs: Mesdames Wimsitt & Sinclair - Port Ahuriri.

R/U: Mesdames Shaker & Heyward - Marewa.

Ch. Graded 4's: Mesdames Kee, Wimsitt, Bennett & Sinclair - Port Ahuriri.

R/U: Mesdames Giffney, Aldridge, Naisbitt & Bull - Heretaunga.

At a meeting of Delegates on the 23rd June it was decided that "Our Councillor, Mrs. Bainbridge speak to a remit from our area re the length of skirts (this old worry) was Mrs. Bainbridge our first Councillor?"

The 1967 A.G.M. was held in the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on the 4th August and once again the 19 clubs were represented.

The Election of Officers were: President: Mrs. Taylor.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Gulbransen & Mrs. Bainbridge.

Secretary: Mrs. Wilson.

Treasurer: Mrs. Williams.

Executive: Mesdames Harland, Weaver, Angus & Young.

The same 6 Tournament secretaries as last year.

It was decided at this meeting that in future they would hold a Junior Singles tournament for 1st year players.

A letter was received from the Australian Bowling Council on a proposal that a world Championship be held. If this should eventuate, Mrs. Winstanley would be nominated by our Centre as one of 5 players wanted from New Zealand.

The change to decimal currency has arrived - Secretary to receive \$40 + \$10 petrol allowance and the Treasurer \$30 + \$15! capitation fees to be increased to 30 cents per head. Moved that all clubs charge the same for lunches 20c for sandwiches and a cup of tea and 40cents for meat & salad!!

It was recommended at this meeting that the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre nominate Mrs. C. Winstanley of the Marewa Club for Sportsman of the Year.

At an Executive meeting on the 19th Sept. 1967 it was reported by Mrs. Bainbridge who had attended the N.Z.W.B.A. A.G.M. that the National Singles Tournament would be held in our Centre in 1968 so it was proposed and seconded and of course carried that the Executive make as many Single

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room bookings as possible at Stortford Lodge Hotel and that Heretaunga, Kia Toa & Hastings clubs all be written to applying for the use of their greens on 19/20th March and as time goes on they would decide which green was the best to use for the tournament. It was later intimated that there were insufficient rooms at the Stortford lodge hotel to accommodate all players so bookings were made at the MammaMia Motel and deposits paid accordingly.

It was agreed that the tournament for 1st year junior singles players be held at Wairere on the 27th March and that the entry fee would be 20cents with trophies for winner & runner-up to be provided by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Bainbridge. (The Bainbridge Cup?) played for today, in 2004

The local Umpires wrote requesting help with finances and so at the A.G.M. in 1968 Mrs. E. Bardell of Omarunui proposed seconded Mrs Edgecombe that a levy of 5c per player be put in place for the next 2 years to assist. This amount to be sent in with the affiliation fees to the Treasurer. This was carried. Mrs. D. Pierson from the Marewa Club was complimented on being awarded an N.Z.W.B.A. Gold Star for winning 5 Dominion Tournaments.

This A.G.M. (1968) was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion and all 19 Clubs were represented. Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. P. Weaver.
 Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Gulbrandsen & Bainbridge
 Secretary: Mrs. Wilson.
 Treasurer: Mrs. Williams.
 Executive: Mesdames Taylor (Past President) Edgecombe, Williams & Learmouth plus 7
 Tournament Secretaries.

It was recommended that the East Coast Open Singles be discontinued owing to lack of support from players - suggest an Open Triples instead - carried.

Proposed that an Open Singles be played the same week as the 1st year singles entry fee 60c Executive to finalise.

Open Triples entry fee to be \$1-50 per player with 1st prize being \$5-00 and \$3-00 for 2nd.

Advertising in booklet to remain the same @ \$5-00 for a half page & \$7-00 for a full page.

It was decided that a social afternoon be held for bowlers playing prior to 1954, this would be held at Wairere Club on Thursday the 27th March 1969.

At a meeting held in November the President was authorised to make enquiries re accommodation & conference facilities for 23 persons at Travel Lodge Hastings for the N.Z.W.B.A. A.G.M. September 1970. Mrs. Wharton, secretary for the Open Triples advised there were 40 entries recieved and they would be played on the Napier, Marewa & Wairere Greens.

Winners of 1968-69 Tournaments were as follows:

Wairoa Gr. Fours: Mesdames A. Small, A. Jack, P. Weaver & I. Stephens - Hastings B.C.

R/U: Mesdames Hart, Semmens, Wells & Spackman - Marewa.

Southern Gr. Fours: Mesdames ?, Holt, Thodsen, Rowe - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Plows, Willis, Bennett, Brimer - Port Ahuriri.

Open Triples: Mesdames Finlayson, Hook, Herdman - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames A. Jack, P. Weaver, E. Mason - Hastings B.C.

Open Pairs: Mesdames I. Pirir, E. Gulbrandsen - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Williams, Dunn - Wairere.

Open Fours: Mesdames Hodder, Bossy, Hibbert, Smith - Kaiti.

R/U: Mesdames Everett, Sloan, Hale, McIntyre - Mirimar.

1st Year Singles B. Cotterill - Wairere.

R/U: B. Moon - Wairere.

Junior Singles: E. Williams - Riverside.

R/U: J. Fulton - Hastings.

Champ. Singles: C. Winstanley - Marewa.

R/U: J. Higgs - Otane.

Champ. Pairs: Mesdames McLeod, Downey - Riverside.

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R/U: Mesdames Anderson, Franklin - Takapau.
 Ch. of Ch 4's Mesdames Greasley, Griffiths, Hill, Bardell - Omarunui
 R/U: Mesdames Small, Brittain, Hart, Cantwell - Hastings B.C.
 The A.G.M. for 1969 was held at the Hastings Bowling Club on Friday the 1st August.
 This year the 20 Clubs were represented -
 Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. P. Weaver.
 Vice-Presidents: Mesdames N. Williams & Mrs. Edgecombe.
 Secretary: Mrs. Wilson.
 Treasurer: Mrs. Williams.
 Executive: After a ballot: Mesdames Gulbrandsen, McDonald, Stephen, Bardell.

This year it was recommended, and carried, that - All Centre Tournaments be run by the Centre Executive all tournament entries to be sent to the Centre Secretary.

The Secretaries Honorarium was increased to \$80-00

It was proposed and seconded that the tournament secretaries honorariums remain the same as last year, so they must still be continuing with the various tournament secretaries!

Mrs. Winstanley applied for her 2nd gold medal making her 2nd 5 star medal for Centre Champ wins. This will be presented to her at the Centre Opening at Wairere.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the President receive an allowance of \$30 per year plus 10c per mile for travel.

At the half-yearly meeting there was a minutes silence for two of the Past Presidents who had passed away, Mrs. D. Taylor and Mrs. Bainbridge. Mrs. Weaver then spoke on the fact that Mrs. Taylor had donated a cup for the Junior Pairs and as this cup had not yet been engraved suggested that it now be engraved "The Maude Taylor Memorial Cup" and for it to be presented to this years winners. (The Maude Taylor memorial Cup

At a special Executive meeting on the 27th Feb. 1970 arrangements were discussed for the visit to the Centre by the N.Z. President and Secretary, agreed that Omarunui would be the Host Club and that \$5-00 be granted to them towards out of pocket expenses incurred in entertaining our Guests. There would be bowls until 3-30pm when afternoon tea would be served.

Winners of Centre Tournaments for 1969/70 season were:

Wairoa Gr. 4's	Mesdames Nicolaidi, Boese, Shuker, Winstanley - Mawera.
R/U:	Mesdames Setter, Gamman, Scott, Nicol - Mawera.
Southern Gd 4's	Mesdames Nicolaidi, Caldwell, Shuker, Winstanley - Mawera
R/U:	Mesdames Smythe, Taylor, Ryder, Greig - Hastings B.C.
Open Triples:	Cancelled after half a game because of the weather.
Open Pairs:	Mesdames Welch, Moody - Northern (Manawatu)
R/U:	Mesdames McGregor, Coutts - Wairere.
Open Fours:	Mesdames Grimes, Wimssett, Beveridge, Murphy - Omarunui.
R/U:	Mesdames Thomsen, Wells, Harland, Wilkie - Mawera.
Champ. Singles:	J. Higgs - Otane.
R/U:	Z. Lister - Whakatu.
Champ. Pairs:	Mesdames Shuker, Winstanley - Mawera.
R/U:	Mesdames Williams, Dunn - Wairere.
Champ. Fours:	Mesdames Nicolaidi, Caldwell, Shuker, Winstanley - Mawera.
R/U:	Mesdames Cormack, Townshend, Priest, Gulbrandsen - Wairere.
1st yr. Singles:	P. Hogan - Wairere.
R/U:	K. Bond - Omarunui.
Junior Pairs	Cancelled twice through wet weather.

At an Executive meeting held on the 18th of May 1970 a vote of thanks was accorded

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Secretary and for Havelock providing morning tea for these guests as well as all the Executive.

(Unfortunately there is no record of the happenings which took place during this visit!)

Discussion took place at this meeting on the arrangements for the holding of the N.Z.W.B.A. A.G.M. being held in Hastings in September All accommodation etc. was already booked at the Stortford Lodge Hotel with the venue for the meeting being the Heretaunga Bowling Pavilion.

The half yearly meeting of Delegates was held at the Hastings Bowling Club and 18 Clubs were represented.

The Treasurer announced there was a deficit of \$30-52c over the years working The A.G.M. for 1970 was held in the Hastings Bowling Club on Friday the 7th August.

Once again 20 Club were represented.

Although at the previous Delegates meeting the Treasurer said there was a deficit there is no mention of it at the A.G.M. ??

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. P. Weaver.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames N. Williams & J. Edgecombe.

Secretary: Mrs. G. Wilson.

Treasurer: Mrs. J. Williams.

Executive: Mesdames Gulbrandsen, Bardell, Mc Donald & Stephen being elected.

Mesdames Harland & Wharton were thanked for allowing their names to go forward.

Finances for the National A.G.M. of the N.Z.W.B.A. were discussed and it was unanimously agreed that a levy of 10c per player be paid for this year to cover the cost of expenses of the N.Z. Council meeting. Mrs. Wedd from Otane stated that as their club was such a small one they would prefer to make a donation of \$5, and the Wairoa member also agreed this would be easier for them to give a donation.

Also as both the Heretaunga and Kia Toa Pavilions were undergoing refurbishment it was agreed that the Hastings Bowling Club would be the Hosts.

Discussion on prizes for the Open Fours arose and Mrs. Green from Kaiti said she felt the present prize money was not sufficient, after further discussion it was agreed to give the winners \$6 per player, \$4 for 2nd place and \$3 for the 3rd and 4th place getters.

The President Mrs. P. Weaver spoke on her attendance at the Sportsman of the year event 1970.

She had been appointed a member of a committee of 8 - 6 men and 2 women.

Discussion took place on arrangements for the N.Z. meeting. Executive to cater for morning of the 8th. A Wine and cheese evening at Omarunui from 8-10pm Centre to pay all costs.

Discussion on matters arising from the N.Z. Meeting: Proposed that a special general meeting be held at 1pm on day of half-yearly meeting to discuss proposed levy to I.B.B. of 10cents per player, plus 5 cents additional capitation fee - Past President's given the dates of 29th March or 6th April to hold an all day tournament.

It was agreed to order a gold star for Mrs. A. Shuker and to have a scroll added to one of C. Winstanley's gold stars.

Mrs. Williams, Treasurer that the Executive recommend to the June meeting that the sum of \$600-00 at present invested remain invested and the interest be used towards the National Singles, seconded Mrs. Gulbrandsen and carried.

Winners of Centre Tournaments 1970/71.

Wairoa Gr. 4's: Mesdames deSua, Thorburn, Hodder, Berry - Kaiti.

R/U: Mesdames Martin, Peake, Adams, ? - Riverside.

Souther Gr. 4's: Mesdames Luks, Simmonds, Thodsen, Herdman - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Beauchamp, Haworth, Scott, Harland - Mawera.

Open Triples: Mesdames Johnston, Hannah, Flemwell - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Greasley, Birchall, Bardell - Omarunui.

Open Pairs: Mesdames Brittain, Stephen - Hastings B.C.

R/U: Mesdames A>Shuker, M. Nicol - Mawera.

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Open Fours:	Mesdames Greasley, Wimsett, Anderson Bardell - Omarunui.
R/U:	Mesdames Moody, Mason, Lovell, Welch - Northern.
Champ. Singles:	T.Oliver - Port Ahuriri.
R/U:	J.Higgs - Otane.
Champ. Pairs:	Mesdames Shuker, Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames Fulton, Pearson - Hastings B.C.
Champ. Fours:	Mesdames Setter, Nesbitt, Shuker, Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames Caldwell, Mohi, Brittain, Stephens - Hastings B.C.
1st Year Singles:	J.Marriot - Hastings B.C.
R/U:	M.Trett - Wairere.
Junior Pairs:	Mesdames Burkin, Scarrott - Havelock North.
R/U:	Mesdames Hulena, Ellmers - Takapau.

At a meeting of Delegates at Hastings Bowling Club on Friday the 21st June 1971 Mrs.

P.Weaver was nominated by Mrs. Edgecombe seconded Mrs. Williams for Councillor for the N.Z.W.B.A. this was carried.

Mrs. Weaver spoke on the formation of Hawkes Bay Sports Council. Mrs. Bardell proposed, seconded Mrs. Edgecombe that the affiliation fee of \$5 be paid. Mrs. Weaver to remain as Delegate.

Mrs. Weaver presented Mrs. A.Shuker with her Gold Star for 5 Championships wins and to Mrs. C.Winstanley a Bar to her Gold Star. This makes 15 Championship wins for Mrs. Winstanley.

As Mrs. J.Williams was retiring from the position of Treasurer after 19 years service Mrs. Cook Proposed seconded Mrs. Stephens that Mrs. Williams be made a Life Member of the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre and that she be awarded a Gold Life Members Badge and that each Club have the option of giving a donation towards the presentation.

Mrs. Weaver spoke on giving thought to a separate tournament secretary..to be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

The 1971 Annual Meeting was held at the Hastings Bowling Club on Friday the 30th of July. All 20 Clubs were represented.

Mrs. Weaver made a presentation to Mrs. Williams of a purse and a cheque these donated by the Clubs, she then pinned on her Gold Life Membership Badge which was unanimously accorded her.

Election of Officers:

As both Mrs. Edgecombe and Mrs. N. Williams were nominated for President, an election was held with Mrs. N.Williams winning the vote.

An exchange of Badges then took place with Mrs. Weaver pinning on the President's Badge to Mrs.

Williams and Mrs. Williams then pinning on the Past President's Badge on Mrs. Weaver with good wishes all round.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Edgecombe and Bardell.

Secretary: Mrs. G.Wilson.

Treasurer: Mrs. Harland.

Executive: Mrs. P.Weaver (Immediate Past President) Mrs. Pirie, Mrs. Stephen, & Mrs. Winstanley.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. P.Weaver.

Passed among the remits at this meeting (1971) one from Omarunui that bread, butter, cheese & tomatoes be considered as regular catering for Women's Centre events - carried.

So, for over 30 years there have been similar morning teas served!

It was decided at this meeting that a tour of 32 players takes place after Easter and that the East Coast - Bay of Plenty be the area visited.

It was moved that the entry fees for Open and Open fours be increased by 25c making them both \$2-25 and that the Open Triples be increased to \$2 per player. Capitation fees to remain the same at 50c per player with Honorary members paying 30c.

The Treasurer's honorarium was increased to \$50. Other honorariums to remain the same. The Umpires Asscn was donated \$10 and this became an annual donation from that time.

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Mrs. Weaver then gave her report on the N.Z.W.B.A. meeting, where there were many points of interest discussed - unfortunately it is not stated what they were!

The Dominion President and Secretary were coming on a goodwill visit to the area and it was agreed they would stay with the President, Mrs. Williams and be taken round the various Clubs. As several Clubs have Championships on this day whichever members of the Executive available would do the honours. They would have Morning Tea at Omarunui and afternoon tea at Mārewa.

Letter from Kowhai Coach Tours that the cost would be \$50 each for the tour to Gisborne, Tauranga & Rotorua.

The half-yearly meeting was held at the Wairere Pavilion on Friday the 28th January 1972 with most Clubs being represented. A note in the accounts to be paid 1017 members @ 20c and 1069 @ 5c making a total of \$256-85 Capitation fees for the N.Z.W.B.A.!!

Winners of Tournaments for 1971-72.

Wairoa Gr. 4's	Mesdames Dunn, Pollock, Morrison, Richards - Kaiti
R/U:	Mesdames Butler, Heighway, Bury, Glover - Kaiti
Southern Gr. 4's	Mesdames Matheson, Finlayson, Hooks, Blunsden - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames Hogan, Luks, Thodsen, Herdman - Wairere.
Open Triples:	Mesdames Luks, Thodsen, Herdman - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames Johnston, Jack, Symes - Hastings B.C.
Open Pairs:	Mesdames McMullan, Winstanley - Mārewa.
R/U:	Mesdames Robertson, Mackley - Heretaunga.
Open Fours:	Mesdames Shaker, Forward, McMullan, Winstanley - Mārewa.
R/U:	Mesdames Crosbie, Davies, Heyward, Nicol - Mārewa.
Champ. Singles:	R. Jennings - Riverside.
R/U:	E. Bardell - Omarunui.
Champ. Pairs:	Mesdames Shaker, Winstanley - Mārewa.
R/U:	Mesdames Griffiths, Birchall - Omarunui
Champ. Fours:	Mesdames Robinson, Walsh, Holst, Morris - Kia Toa.
R/U:	Mesdames Neville, Bastion, Salt, Vincent - Wairere.
1st Year Singles:	B. Vesty - Heretaunga.
R/U:	McGuire - Havelock North.
Junior Pairs:	Olsen, Hogan - Wairere.
R/U:	Adams, Glennie - Omarunui.

The 1972 Annual meeting was held at the Wairere Bowling Club Pavilion on the 28th July.

18 Club were represented but the Kaiti Delegates were unable to arrive because their plane was delayed by fog and Mrs. J. Williams represented them.

Election of Officers:

President:	Mrs. N. Williams.
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames Edgecombe & Bardell.
Secretary:	Mrs. G. Wilson.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Harland.
Executive:	Mesdames Winstanley, Weaver, Pirie, Stoupe.

So another period is finished and the start of the another minute book, where a meeting of the Executive was held on Monday the 25th September 1972.

All normal functions of the Executive continue to take place and a letter of thanks was received from the President N.Z.W.B.A. thanking the Executive and Clubs for the pleasant hospitality she and her Secretary had received on their recent tour of the Centre.

Discussions were held on the forth-coming goodwill visit the President and Secretary are going to make up through Wairoa & Gisborne areas.

There was to be an International World Bowling Tournament held in Wellington December 1973.

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Nominations had been called for and 4 had been received these being: Mrs. Nicol & Mrs. Winstanley from Marewa, Mrs. Bardell - Omarunui and Mrs. Higgs - Otane, after discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that all 4 nominations go forward.

The Half-yearly meeting was held at the Wairere bowling Club pavilion on the 26th January 1973. 18 of the 19 clubs were represented or had put in apologies, Waikahu being the exception.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that our entry fee of \$2-50c for the National Singles to be held in Blenheim be paid plus the competitors expenses.

The Secretary gave a resume of arrangements for the Centre tour in April to Nelson & Marlborough Centres.

Winners of the 1972/73 Tournaments:

Wairoa Gr. 4's: Mesdames Hadwen, Frogley, Jack & Mason - Hastings Bowling Club.

R/U: Mesdames McLeod, Titler, Stead & Shuker - Marewa.

Southern Gr. 4's: Mesdames Lockie, Titler, Stead & Shuker - Marewa.

R/U: Mesdames Oleson, Cormack, Townshend & Gulbransen - Wairere.

Open Triples: Mesdames Shute, Feilding & Murphy - Omarunui.

R/U: Mesdames Lister, Lister & Holly - Whakatu.

Open Pairs: Mesdames Thodsen & Herdman - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames McMullen & Winstanley - Marewa.

Open Fours: Mesdames Shuker, Forward, McMullan & Winstanley - Marewa.

R/U: Mesdames Aldridge, Foote, Mackley & Stoupe - Heretaunga.

Cham. Singles: D. Stoupe - Heretaunga R/U C. Winstanley - Marewa.

Champ. Pairs: Mesdames Jennings & Hume - Riverside.

R/U: Mesdames Webb & Smith - Kaiti.

Champ. Fours: Mesdames Hogan, Luks, Priest & Herdman - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Oates, Drese, Paget & Oliver - Port Ahuriri.

1st yr. Singles: J. Williams - Hastings B.C. R/U: C. Percy - Wairere.

Jnr. Pairs: Mesdames A. Smith & S. Estcourt - Hastings B.C.

R/U: Mesdames Bartlett & Davidson - Marewa.

Champ. Triples: Mesdames Wylie, Birchall & Bardell - Omarunui.

R/U: Mesdames Hulena, Lowes & Anderson - Takapau.

At the next meeting of the Executive held on the 3rd of April 1973 a letter was received from the N.Z.W.B.A. stating that Mrs. C. Winstanley of the Marewa Club had been chosen as 1 of 5

members of a N.Z. team to play in the World Bowls Tournament in Wellington in December next. A morning tea was held at the Farmers Tea Rooms in Hastings in honour of Mrs. Winstanley winning the Dominion Singles Tournament and being selected as a trialist for World Bowls.

Secretary to order a Gold Star, for 5 Championship wins for Mrs. E. Bardell of the Omarunui Club this will be presented at the Annual meeting of the Centre.

After much discussion the Executive agreed that the following recommendation be forwarded to Clubs for their consideration, this to be voted on at the A.G.M. "That no Centre Champion of Champions other than Singles, be played unless 14 or more entries were received."

"That Centre Triples be discontinued owing to poor entries and the difficulty of allocating dates for such tournaments.

At the executive meeting held at Wairere on the 23rd June it was agreed that Mrs. Winstanley's name go forward to the Sportsman of the Year, this was proposed by the Hastings Bowling Club and

unanimously endorsed. Mrs. Weaver spoke on the Annual meeting of the Sports Council, and it was agreed that the Centre pay the affiliation fee of \$5 and that Mrs. P. Weaver remain as the Delegate to H.B. Council.

The 1973 Annual meeting was held on Friday the 27th July at the Wairere Bowling Club.

Mrs. E. Bardell was congratulated and presented with her Gold Star for 5 Champion of Champion wins.

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. N. Williams.

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Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames Edgecombe & Bardell.
Secretary:	Mrs. G.Wilson.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Harland.
Executive:	Mesdames P.Weaver, Stoupe, Finlayson & Pierson. Thanks to Mrs. Penman & Walsh for allowing their names to go forward.
N.Z.W.B.A.Councillor:	Mrs.P.Weaver.

The remit re the Open Triples was lost but the Delegates agreed that unless there were 14 entries in Championships there would be no play.

At this meeting Mrs. C.Winstanley presented a handsome Cup to be played for as the The Executive saw fit.

At the next meeting of the Executive on the 24th September recommended that "The Winstanley Cup" be the Trophy for the Open Triples, and to this day 2004, it is still played for.

The 1974 Half-yearly meeting was held on the 1st February at the Wairere Bowling Club Pavilion.

There were 18 Clubs represented - arising out of the minutes a vote of thanks accorded Mrs. Wilson for conducting a very successful and enjoyable goodwill tour to Nelson and Marlborough last April! In those days Vouchers were given as prizes and it was announced at this meeting that several prizes had not been claimed and would clubs please ensure their prize-winners cash their vouchers within 1 month of receiving same.

A note to secretaries that entries for any event must reach the secretary by the advertised closing date as late entries would not be accepted.

It was agreed that the fruit allowance per green be increased to \$2-50.

Mrs. Weaver spoke on World Bowls and of Mrs Winstanleys' very capable captaincy of her world bowls team at the World Bowls Tournament in Wellington.

At a meeting of the Executive on the 29th April 1974 a letter was received from the Porangahau Club requesting affiliation to the Centre, this was agreed to and they were welcomed into the Fold.

Arising from the financial statement at this meeting the fact that if Clubs failed to ensure their entrants in the Champion of Champion Tournament there would be no refund - Wairoa, Ch. Singles - Norsewood Ch. Pairs - Otane Ch. Triples plus 4 Junior Singles players. These players had all defaulted after the draw had been published.

Winners of Tournaments 1973 - 74.

1,2,3,4's Tournament (first time run) Mesdames Hankin, Bond, Stephen, Kuch - Omarunui.

R/U: Mesdames Poultney, Gardner, Glennie, LeQuesne - Omarunui.

Southern Gr. 4's: Mesdames Calvert, Thomas, Anderson, Bardell - Omarunui.

R/U: Mesdames McLeod, Tolter, Stead, Shuker - Marewa.

Wairoa Gr. 4's: Mesdames Bethell, Morley, O'Keefe, Smith - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Chatfield, Mitchell, Walker, McLeod - Riverside.

Open Pairs: Mesdames Finlayson, Hook - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames McMullan Winstanley - Marewa.

Open Fours: Mesdames Webb, Deverell, Davie, Glover - Kaiti.

R/U: Mesdames Shuker, Forward, McMullan, Winstanley - Marewa.

Open Triples: Mesdames Luks, Thodsen, Herdman - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames Melville, Finlayson, Hook - Wairere.

Champ. Singles: Mrs. M. Morris - Kia Toa. R/U: Mrs. J. Thodsen - Wairere.

Champ. Pairs: Mesdames Mackley, Stoupe - Heretaunga.

R/U: Mesdames Hulena, Anderson - Takapau.

Champ. Triples: Mesdames Shuker, McMullan, Winstanley - Marewa.

R/U: Mesdames Clarkson, O'Keefe, O'Kane - Wairere.

Champ. Fours: Mesdames Hampton, Neville, Williams, Dunn - Wairere.

R/U: Mesdames McLeod, Tilter, Stead, Shuker - Marewa.

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1st year Singles:	Mrs. M.Sargisson - Heretaunga.	R/U: Mrs. Cross - Heretaunga.
Junior Pairs:	Mesdames McLeod, Black - Marewa.	
R/U:	Mesdames Ayden, Meehan - Kia Toa.	

At an Executive meeting held Friday 21st June agreed to pay the \$5 affiliation fee for the H.B. Sports Council and to once again nominate Mrs. C. Winstanley for Sportsman of the Year in October. It was felt unnecessary to affiliate to the H.B. Sports medical council as those present felt it was more for the younger participants of sport.

The 1974 Annual Meeting was held at the Wairere Pavilion on the 2nd August: The President Mrs. Williams welcomed all Delegates especially to the Porangahau Club whose affiliation to the Centre was most gratifying.

19 Clubs were represented at the meeting. The President Mrs. Williams was congratulated on her excellent work for the Centre over her 3 years term of office. (This is where it is a pity that a copy of the President's report is not included in the minutes as in later years people do not know just what did occur during that year.

Election of Officers:

President:	Mrs. J. Edgecombe	Takapau.
Vice-Presidents:	Mesdames E. Bardell & M. Finlayson	Omarunui & Wairere.
Secretary:	Mrs. G. Wilson	Omarunui.
Asst-Sec:	Mrs. G. McKee.	
Treasurer:	Mrs. Harland	
Executive:	Mesdames N. Williams (Past Pres.) P. Weaver, D. Pierson, D. Stoupe.	

As there were no further nominations the above were duly elected. (Nothing changes does it, in 2004 we were unable to get the necessary numbers!)

N.Z. W.B.A. Councillor: Mrs. P. Weaver.

Dates for 14 Gala Days were approved plus the Past Presidents and 11 clubs had dates approved for their mixed Tournaments.

At the next meeting of the Executive in the Financial report it was moved that the \$800.00 invested in B.N.Z. be re-invested at a higher rate for 25 months. (Even then the women were able to make a profit!) It was also moved at this meeting that in future all travelling expenses with regard to Championships i.e. Club members travelling to compete in the Centre Championships, be paid by their clubs as they are representing their clubs, in future the Centre would not be paying the travelling expenses.

There was note in the Executive minutes of the 10th March 1975 that as the Otane Clubhouse was burnt down with the loss of their certificates and cups etc. that copies of their winning certificates be sent to them.

Executive meeting 14th April - congratulations to Mrs. E. Mason of the Hastings Club on being Runner up at the National Singles held in Timaru 19th March 1975.

Winners Of Tournaments 1987-75 season:

1,2,3,4's Tournament:

Winners:	Mesdames G. Kirke, C. Shaw, C. Kitt, P. Reid - Kia Toa.
r/u:	Mesdames B. Bishop, R. Gardner, R. Glenie, L. LeQuesne - Omarunui.
Southern Graded Fours:	Mesdames J. Dunlop, S. Titter, K. Buckman, A. Shuker - Marewa.
r/u:	Mesdames J. Bliss, M. Blunsdon, R. Salt, J. McGregor - Wairere.
Wairoa Graded Fours:	Mesdames W. Lammor, J. Cording, C. Davidson, H. Hodder - Kaiti.
r/u:	Mesdames C. Baxter, F. Johnston, J. Gollop, A. Vincent - Wairere.
Open Pairs:	Mesdames A. McMullan, C. Winstanley - Marewa.
r/u:	Mesdames E. Black, M. Evans - Marewa.
Open Triples:	Mesdames A. Shuker, A. McMullan, C. Winstanley - Marewa.
r/u:	Mesdames E. Ducker, J. Anderson, J. Jessop - Omarunui.
Open Fours:	Mesdames B. Wilson, J. Williams, S. Lucas, M. Symes - Hastings.
r/u:	Mesdames M. Lyford, S. Wallis, V. Miller, E. Pickering - Kia Toa.

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Championship Singles:	Winner: E. Mason - Hastings R/U: J.Thodsen - Wairere.
Championship Pairs:	Mesdames A.Shuker, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
n/c:	Mesdames J.Thodsen, J.Herdman - Wairere.
Championship Triples:	Mesdames A.Shuker, A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
n/c:	Mesdames J.Summersby, D.Malone, R.Jennings - Riverside.
Championship Fours:	Mesdames J.Thompson, C.Johnston, S.Estcourt, M.Cantwell - Hastings.
n/c:	Mesdames E.Long, C.Johnston, Z.Lister, M.Griffiths - Whakatu.
1st Year Singles:	C.Rummery - Heretaunga, R/U: D.Burr - Porangahau.
Junior Pairs:	Mesdames Z.Pascoe, S.Grieve - Havelock North.
n/c:	Mesdames E.Baxter, C.Percy - Wairere.

The Theo Nicholas Easter Tournament held at Riverside was won by C.Black, D.Kirk, F.Wells, M.Nicol - Marewa and the n/c were J.Bethel, M.Blunsdon, J.Gollop, J.Herdman - Wairere.

Mrs. P.Weaver was again elected as Councillor to the N.Z.W.B.A.

At this meeting it was agreed to write to Mrs. C.Winstanley on her being awarded th M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

The President asked the Delegates to stand for a minutes silence in honour of Mrs. Angus from the Waipawa Club who had passed away suddenly. Mrs. Angus had been a Delegate from 1949 and had held the office of Centre vice-President and had been a member of the Executive for many years until 1967.

Dates for next season's tournaments were approved.

The Annual General Meeting for 1975 was held at the Wairere Bowling Club Pavilion on the 1st of August.

All 19 Clubs were represented.

The President Mrs. Edgecombe called Mrs. Agnes McMullan of the Marewa Club forward and congratulated her on winning 5 Champion of Champion events and thus her Gold Star.

As was the custom in those days, Mrs. Bardell, senior vice-President then presented lovely pot plants to the President, Secretary & Treasurer and shoulder sprays to P.Weaver, G.Oliver, and thanked them all for their efforts on behalf of the Centre throughout the year.

The Programme and dates for the forth-coming season were approved.

Matters arising from the Financial report - Waikohu club had not paid affiliation fees but had entered a team in the for 1974 Wairoa Tournament?

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs.Joan Edgecombe - Takapau.

Snr. Vice-President: Mrs. E.Bardell - Omarunui.

Jnr. Vice-President: Mrs. M.Finlayson - Wairere

Upon the retirement of Mrs. Gwen Wilson as Centre Secretary, Mrs. Edgecombe had great pleasure in presenting her with a lovely sheath of flowers. With the unanimous approval of all the Clubs in the Centre, the President conferred upon Mrs Wilson Life Membership of the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre and presented her with a gold Life-Membership brooch. Donations from all clubs towards the presentation of a magnificent wall clock and a cheque for \$80-00 was also made to Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson then thanked Mrs. Edgecombe and all members for the honour bestowed on her and assured all present of her continued interest and support in the future. - This still continues to day in 2004 nearly 30 years later well done Gwen.

Secretary: Mrs. G.Oliver.

Treasurer: Mrs. Harland.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. N.Williams.

Executive: Mesdames P.Weaver, G. Wilson, D.Pierson.

Tournament Committee: Mesdames P.Weaver, S.Lucas, D.Penman, together with the President,

Tournament Secretary and Centre Secretary.

At this meeting it was moved, seconded and carried that the Centre make a donation of \$50-00 to the Otane Women's Bowling Club.

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The Centre's Goodwill tour this year will take in Hamilton, Thames, Tauranga & Rotorua. All inclusive cost twin bedded accommodation \$125-00, for single rooms \$131-00 Clubs to take entries and forward names to Mrs. Wilson.

12 Gala Day Dates were approved as were 9 applications for mixed tournaments plus Kaiti - Rahiri Cup and Riversides Theo Nicholas.

The amendments to the Centre Constitution were then read and discussed and after some more amendments it would be printed in booklet form and 1 copy sent to each club.

It was proposed, seconded and carried that the Secretary purchase a typewriter and punch at a cost of \$225-00

At the half-yearly Delegates meeting the President Mrs. Edgecombe congratulated Mrs. Thodsen on winning the Championship Singles particularly as the conditions were not very pleasant with a very blustery wind. Mrs. E.Mason was also congratulated on coming second.

Applications were received from the Marewa Bowling Club for a second gold star for Mrs. A.Shuker and a 4th gold star for Mrs. C.Winstanley. Mrs. P.Weaver proposed seconded Mrs. Mackley that 2 bars for the Gold Stars be obtained and to be presented at the A.G.M. carried.

Winners of Tournaments 1975 - 1976

Intermediate Fours:	Mesdames N.McCutcheon, A.Greasely, C.Bond, G.Oliver - Omarunui.
R/U:	Mesdames J.Coles, L.Gallien, H.Acklin, W.Giddens - Waipukurau.
Southern Graded Fours:	Mesdames S.Woodley, E.Cormack, J.Townshend, E.Gulbrandsen - Wairere
R/U:	Mesdames J.Davidson, M.Beauchamp, K.Buckman, L.Harland - Marewa.
Wairoa Graded Fours:	Mesdames M.Bray, A.Greasely, O.Stephens, K.O'Keefe - Omarunui.
R/U:	Mesdames E.Baxter, E.Oleson, J.Gallo, A.Vincent - Wairere,
Open Pairs:	Mesdames A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames M.Tutt, I.Cantwell - Wairere.
Open Triples:	Mesdames N.Williams, M.Flemwell, N.Dunn - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames L.Wyllie, E.Bardell, D.Birchall - Omarunui.
Open Fours:	Mesdames R.Luks, I.Harwood, J.Thodsen, J.Herdman - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames M.Wright, O.McLeod, M.Wilson, K.Walsh - Koongataha.
Championship Singles:	J.Thodsen - Wairere R/U: E.Mason - Hastings.
Championship Pairs:	Mesdames M.Lyford, V.Miller - Kia Toa.
R/U:	N.Williams, K.Dunn - Hastings.
Championship Triples:	Mesdames A.Shuker, A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames E.Dodd, D.Logan, J.Higgs - Otane.
Championship Fours:	Mesdames J.Thompson, S.Escourt, E.Johnston, M.Cantwell - Hastings.
R/U:	Mesdames B.Moehan, V.Rae, D.Holst, M.Morris - Kia Tia.
1st Year Singles:	D.Ritchie - Waipukurau R/U: G.Connor - Waipukurau.
Jnr. Pairs:	Mesdames D.Philip, E.Neilson - Hastings.
R/U:	Mesdames J.Trevor, J.Millar - Hastings.

At an Executive meeting on the 14th March 1976, Mrs. G.Oliver spoke on a letter from the N.Z.W.B.A. re playing a Broadlands Ltd Sponsored one day tournament, it was agreed that we apply to be one of the 12 Centres to be sponsored especially as one of our members, Mrs. C.Winstanley was a trialist for the World Bowls and obviously this had something to do with sponsoring the world bowls tournament!)

It was agreed that Mrs. Oliver write to the N.Z.W.B.A. but to hold the letter back until the visit of the N.Z. President and Secretary to our Centre from the 7-10th of March. Secretary to arrange accommodation for Mesdames Lyon and Gray at the Travel Lodge Motel Marine Parade, and to make a tentative booking for dinner for 7-10 for Sunday 7th. Mrs. Oliver suggested that a bowl of fruit be arranged and put in the bedrooms of our guests. This was agreed to provided Mrs. Oliver undertook to do same, the answer was yes and Mrs. Pierson offered baskets for the fruit, this was accepted with thanks. Mrs. Edgecombe to purchase some souvenir teaspoons.

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It was agreed that Executive members would meet them at the Lodge and have dinner with them, then on Monday, Secretary to contact all clubs and suggest that 2 members from each club gather at the Marewa B.C. at 2-30pm to welcome the Dominion President and Secretary. Each Executive member would contribute a plate towards the afternoon tea. Mrs. Edgecombe offered to entertain them at her home on Monday Evening, executive members could attend if they would like to.

Monday morning 4 members of the Executive would escort the guests to a smorgasbord Luncheon. Bowling attire would be worn. It is hoped that Mrs. Lyons will open the **Championship Pairs at the Port Ahuriri Greens on Tuesday morning and have morning tea before leaving Napier.** At the Delegates meeting on the 17th June Mrs. Edgecombe proposed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mrs. M. von dodelszen of the Porangahau Club on being awarded the Q.S.M. also one to Mrs. Scott of Central Otago on receiving the Queen's Service Medal for Community Service and to Mrs. S.Keenan of Dunedin

The Annual General Meeting of Delegates for 1976 was held in the Omarunui Bowling Pavilion on the 30th of July.

20 Clubs were represented. The normal presentation of flowers to the President, Secretary and Treasurer in thanks for their efforts through the year.

Mesdames Shuker and Winstanley were called forward to receive their Gold Bars for attaching to their Stars and they were congratulated on their outstanding success.

Mrs. Edgecombe apologised for not including the Centre Tour in her report, this had been very much enjoyed by all those who participated.

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. Joan Edgecombe

Senior vice-President: Mrs. E. Bardell

Junior vice-President: Mrs. M. Finlayson.

Secretary: Mrs. G. Oliver.

Treasurer: Mrs. Harland.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. N. Williams

Executive as more than 4 nominations were received a ballot was held the final result being Mesdames Lucas, Pierson, Wharton, Weaver were elected.

Tournament Committee: Mesdames Lucas, Finlayson, Weaver, Bardell together with the Tournament Secretary and the Centre Secretary.

The Marewa Bowling Club advised they had made Mrs. Winstanley a Life-Member of their Club, this news was greeted with acclamation.

15 Gala Days and 8 Mixed dates were approved

An Executive meeting on the 8th November 1976 the Secretary advised that the Broadlands Tournament was now to be a Rothmans Sponsored Tournament and run under the same conditions as Southern Graded Fours and Rothmans would provide 4 Star Trays valued at \$15-95 each, agreed to purchase 2nd place trophies.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Wairere Pavilion on the 17th January 1977, 21 Clubs were represented, these were ; Hastings, Havelock North, Heretaunga, Kaiti, Kia Toa, Marewa, Napier, Noesewood, Omarunui, Otane, Porangahau, Port Ahuriri, Riverside, Takapau, Tokomaru Bay, Waikohu, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Wairere, Wairoa, Whakatu. in the Financial report the bank balance was \$2,663-19 so they were keeping well out of trouble and presumably they still had \$800-00 invested! The Secretary was urged to make early application to Rothman's Ltd. for sponsorship of the East Coast Open Fours for 1978. Speaking of the East Coast Fours it was stated that a Social get together would be held at Omarunui Bowling Club from 5pm to 7pm. Mrs. Finlayson suggested that \$20-00 towards expenses be paid to the Omarunui Club, Mrs. N. Williams proposed seconded Mrs. B. Robertson that the Centre pay \$25-00 towards expenses, this was carried.

Mrs. Mephram proposed that the E.C.W.B.C. once again suggest to the H.B. Men's Centre that they include the cost of Morning or Afternoon tea in their entry fee, to help prevent the abuse the ladies received when they asked for the Men's Money, carried.

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It was confirmed that the National Singles entry fee was \$3-00, how things change!

It seems as if the Centre booklet has at last become a fact.

Winners of 1976 - 77 season were:

Intermediate Fours:	Mesdames E.Baxter, J.McKenzie, A.Hornblow, J.Gollop - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames A.Hughes, B.Neilson, H.Petersen, A.Greasley - Omarunui.
Southern Graded Fours:	Mesdames M.Sewell, R.Hirtzell, N.Nicholas, M.Day - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames T.Bethell, A.Miller, D.Spivey, J.Herdman - Wairere.
Wairoa Northern Fours were rained out.	
Open Pairs:	Mesdames M.Hadwen, E.Mason - Hastings.
R/U:	Mesdames A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
Open Triples:	Mesdames R.Luks, J.Thodsen, J.Herdman - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames D.Thomson, P.Forward, D.Pierson - Marewa.
Open Fours:	Mesdames E.Rummery, B.Foote, D.Mackley, D.Stoupe - Heretaunga.
R/U:	Mesdames N.McCutcheon, M.Shute, L.LeQuesne, E.Bardell - Omarunui.
Championship Singles:	R.Hulena - Takapau. R/U: J.Herdman - Wairere.
Championship Pairs:	Mesdames A.Shuker, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames J.Thodsen, J.Herdman - Wairere.
Championship Fours:	Mesdames A.Morton, K.Robb, E.Rummery, D.Mackley - Heretaunga.
R/U:	Mesdames B.Fogarty, E.Aydon, M.Lyford, E.Pickering - Kia Toa.
Championship Triples:	Mesdames A.Shuker, A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames A.Smith, M.Symes, S.Lucas - Hastings.
Sponsored Rothman's T'ment:	Mesdames N.Morris, M.Dadding, B.Woon, J.Thodsen - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames M.Haraldson, A.Bagley, J.Towshend, J.Thomson - Wairere.
1st Year Singles:	M.Sutherland - Kia Toa. R/U: D.Cadwick - Port Ahuriri.
Junior Pairs:	Mesdames K.McKenzie, G.Connor - Waipukurau.
R/U:	Mesdames G.Cox, N.Gilder - Port Ahuriri.

At an executive meeting on the 14th of March it was moved that a telegram be sent to R.Hulena wishing her well at the National Singles in Oamaru and in the financial statement it was stated the bank balance was \$2,896-99 plus the term deposit of \$800-00. Some of the accounts for payment are interesting also because of course the business's no longer exist: Ramages Hardware Ltd. Martin's Jewellers, Koppen Agencies, J.Reizer Ltd. A.H. & L.E.Hunt Ltd. Best Copper Ltd. Bradshaws, Rosser & Co. H.B.Farmers, S.O.Garland & Sons, NAC, Hastings Printing Services, Marsden's. - Green Fees were \$7-25 per green.

Executive minutes of the 26th April, Omarunui Club were congratulated on the lovely morning tea they put on for C.Winstanley and her team to honour their efforts in winning the Dominion Fours, this gathering also combined with good wishes for C.Winstanley as she sets off to compete in the World Bowls Tournament to be held in Worthing, England in May. Also to thank Omarunui Bowling Club for the sprays presented to the Guests of Honour, Mrs. Pierson on behalf of the team, thanked the Centre.

Comment was made of an article in the "March 1977 Lawn Bowler" magazine of Mrs. J. Osborne's bowling record, with Mrs. Winstanley's permission, it was felt that the East Coast Centre could challenge Mrs. Osbornes' record against that of Mrs. Winstanley.

A Delegates meeting was held at the Hastings Bowling Club on Friday the 17th June 1977. The same 21 Clubs were mostly represented.

Mrs. P.Weaver was nominated by Mrs. J.Edgecombe seconded S.Lucas for the position of Councillor to the N.Z.W.B.A. carried and Mrs. P.Weaver duly elected.

There was a recommendation from the Umpires that Umpires be given a petrol allowance when Umpiring at a Centre Event - to come up at the A.G.M.

Mrs. Edgecombe asked Delegates to make an effort to procure advertising for the Centre Booklet!

Mrs. Pierson proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mrs. Cherry Hobbs on being awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Honours.

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Mrs. Mepharm apologised to the Centre that their Club house was still not available to the Centre owing to the continued alterations.

The 1977 Annual Meeting of the Centre was held at the Omarunui Bowling Club Pavilion on the 29th July.

Tokomaru Bay and Waikahu representatives were missing from the roll call at this meeting.

The usual Floral presentations were made to the Executive, thanking them for their services to the Centre during their year of office. Mrs. Weaver thanked Mrs. Edgecombe for her 3 years as President and for all her hard work, so ably carried out on the Centre's behalf.

Election of Officers: President: Mrs. E. Bardell - Omarunui.

There was then an exchange of Badges as Mrs. Edgecombe presented the President's Badge to Mrs. Bardell who then pinned on the Past President's Badge for Mrs. Edgecombe.

Senior vice-president: Mrs. M. Finlayson.

Junior vice-president: Mrs. M. Wharton.

Secretary: Mrs. G. Oliver.

Treasurer: Mrs. Mrs. L. Harland.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. N. Williams.

Executive: from those nominated the elected members were: Mrs. J. Edgecombe (Past President)

Mrs. S. Lucas, Mrs. P. Weaver, Mrs. J. Hortop, Mrs. A. Paget.

Mrs. Weaver proposed that the honorarium's for the Secretary and Treasurer be raised, seconded Mrs. Edgecombe who stated that considering the rising costs the present allowances were totally inadequate. Suggested by Mrs. Logan that honorariums be raised to \$150-00 and \$100-00 respectively after much discussion it was agreed that the Secretary receive \$200-00 and the Treasurer \$125-00 this amendment was put to the vote and carried. The Petrol allowance for President and Councillor was passed at 15c per kilometre seconded and carried. President's allowance of \$30-00 and Auditors honorarium of \$15-00 remain the same carried.

It must have been a time for rising costs because - the Port Ahuriri Ladies recommended that for all Centre Tournaments the allowance for teas and lunches be increased this was carried. Lunches would be 40 c morning and afternoon teas 20 c each. With respect to the the Umpires recommendation it was carried that a petrol voucher for \$2-00 be given to Umpires who may have to travel when necessary or as required.

Also applicable to any Man Umpire travelling outside his own town.

There were 13 applications for Gala Days and 9 for Mixed Tournaments.

Mrs. Weaver congratulated the Secretary on the well written letter to the N.Z. Lawn Bowler re Mrs. Winstanley.

The next Executive meeting was the 6th September.

There was a tabled ruling mentioned re 1st year Players - If subscription has been paid it is counted as a year whether or not any games have been played - this is quite an odd query

Bank balance has dropped back a bit (I wonder why)

it is now only \$1682-53 plus the \$800-00 of course.

Executive meeting 7th November 1977.

Correspondence included a very comprehensive and interesting record of the World Bowls Tournament held at Worthing, England.

Executive meeting 12th December 1977.

Mention was made that the Waipukurau Women's Bowling Club had placed a restriction on Championship events in their club. To avoid embarrassment to Waipukurau, the Secretary to advise them that in order to participate at Centre level, there can be no restrictions for Championships. If this has been the case, their Championships will have to be replayed.

Executive meeting held at the Wairere Bowling Club Pavilion on the 18th January 1978.

Letter from Kia Toa Women's Bowling Club re Open triples catering. Secretary to write to them explaining that when complaints are made to the Centre from players, the Executive are duty bound to refer these complaints to the clubs concerned. Also to suggest that sardines as a sandwich filling not be used.

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The half-yearly meeting was held at the Omarunui complex on the 27th January 1978. Once again only Tokomaru Bay and Waikohu are the only clubs out of the 21 not represented, (I guess it is a long way to come for a meeting.)

Mrs. Edgecombe proposed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mrs. Merle Symes, winner of the Championship Singles, and to wish her all the best for the National Final in Rotorua.

It was proposed Mrs. Weaver seconded Mrs. Griffiths that the Secretary write to Mr. Roy Harrowfield, President of the H.B. Men's Centre, requesting a liaison meeting between the Men's and Women's Executive to discuss the morning and afternoon tea prices being included in their entry fees at Men's Centre Tournaments. The present system was unsatisfactory to the Ladies of all clubs.

Tournament Winners for the 1977 - 78 Season:

Southern Graded Fours:	Mesdames I.Hirini, A.Smith, G.Kirke, S.Lucas - Hastings.
R/U:	Mesdames M.Sutherland, A.Moody, E.Kitt, P.Reid - Kia Toa.
Northern Graded Fours:	Mesdames I.Hirini, A.Smith, G.Kirke, S.Lucas - Hastings.
R/U:	Mesdames M.Eagle, A.Gear, J.Heta, J.Richardson - Riverside.
Intermediate Fours:	Mesdames N.Gilder, B.Croskery, J.Batchelor, W.Walker - Port Ahuriri.
R/U:	Mesdames B.Bishop, I.Buckley, E.Adams, M.Cullen - Omarunui.
Open Pairs:	Mesdames J.Thodsen, J.Herdman - Wairere.
R/U:	Mesdames D.Watts, M.Symes - Hastings.
Open Triples:	Mesdames R.Glenie, L.Perrett, B.Poynter - Omarunui.
R/U:	Mesdames M.Hampton, N.Williams, M.Flemwell - Wairere.
Open Fours:	Mesdames R.Legg, G.Smith, K.Richards, R.Jackson - Kaiti.
R/U:	Mesdames E.Rummary, B.Foote, D.Mackley, D.Stoupe - Heretaunga.
Championship Singles:	Mrs. M.Symes - Hastings. R/U: Mrs. B.McFarlane - Riverside.
Championship Pairs:	Mesdames A.Shuker, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames I.Hirini, S.Lucas - Hastings.
Championship Triples:	Mesdames N.Littlewood, M.Southcott, E.Mason - Hastings.
R/U:	Mesdames A.Shuker, A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
Champion Graded Fours:	Mesdames A.Toonkinson, E.Black, V.Semmens, A.McMullan - Marewa.
R/U:	Mesdames A.McMillan, L.Richardson, E.Cook, B.McFarlane - Riverside.
1st Year Singles:	B.Boyt - Heretaunga R/U: M.Samways - Kia Toa.
Junior Pairs:	Mesdames R.Weaver, H.McIntyre - Waipukurau.
R/U:	Mesdames H.Heath, B.Lowe - Marewa.

At a meeting of the Executive on the 6th March 1978 once again the meeting with the Men's Executive re the morning and afternoon tea moneys, it was disclosed that the Men's Centre had voted against including the price of same in their entry fees and it was left to the women to obtain the money from the men, it was suggested 20c for tea and biscuits or bread, butter and onions - the men preferred the latter.

The Financial statement had risen by this time to a credit balance of \$3810.51c.

It was moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Kia Toa Women's Bowling Club for their high standard of catering during the Open Fours Tournament and congratulations to the Club for a most enjoyable social hour 5-7pm on the Monday evening after the first days play of the Open Fours.

Secretary to write to Mrs. M.Symes and Mrs. D.Watts of the Hastings Club congratulating them on their being runners up at the Dominion Pairs Competition.

A discussion took place re a morning tea for Dominion Fours Tournament winners: Mesdames D.Thomson, P.Forward, D.Pierson, C.Winstanley and that M.Symes and D.Watts also attend. Subject to the venue of the morning tea (early April) 2 representatives from all Clubs to attend at a cost of 50c each and Centre would play the rest. Gifts for the 6 Guests.

Mrs. Oliver proposed that the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre make application to the N.Z.W.B.A. to hold the National Singles in Napier in 1980 and to hold the N.Z.W.B.A. Annual meeting in Napier in 1982 seconded P.Weaver and carried.

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At the next Executive meeting on the 10th April it was stated that the afternoon tea for the winners of the Dominion tournament would take place at the Omarunui Bowling Pavilion on the occasion of the Centre Annual meeting, so that all winners be invited to attend.

A letter was presented from the Manawatu Women's Bowling Centre, requesting suggestions for an inter-Centre fixture between Wanganui, East Coast & Manawatu. Secretary to forward suggestion of 8 Graded Teams to fill 1 bus. Billets for players and date sometime in October, as Club's are mostly busy with Championships and dates to suit 3 Centres would prove difficult.

Re the Dominion President's goodwill tour, secretary to write expressing regret that owing to the closing of the season, bowlers would be unable to meet and entertain her- wish best wishes for the remainder of the year.

Noted that the Capitation fees for the year were \$299-00 plus I.W.B.B. \$239-00

The 1978 Annual General Meeting was held at the Omarunui Bowling Club Pavilion on the 23rd June.

Mrs. Bardell welcomed all Delegates 17 Clubs were represented.

Financial statement was adopted and it was shown that there was a deficit of \$78 on the years workings.

Mrs. Finlayson presented the usual floral gift to the President, Secretary and to the retiring treasurer.

All were sincerely thanked for their efforts on behalf of the Centre during the year and in Mrs. Harlands case during her 7 years as treasurer.

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. E. Bardell.

Senior Vice-President: Mrs. M. Finlayson.

Junior Vice-President: Mrs. M. Wharton.

Secretary: Mrs. G. Oliver.

Treasurer: Mrs. Z. Murray.

N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor: Mrs. P. Weaver.

T'ment Secretary: Mrs. N. Williams.

Executive Committee: Mesdames P. Weaver, S. Lucas, M. Finlayson, R. Nicol.

The Executive recommended that a 5 event badge be awarded to winners of 5 unrestricted tournaments.

Interesting to note that a full page advertisement in the Centre booklet was \$19-90 and a half page \$12-00.

there were 15 applications for Galas and 8 for mixed tournaments.

The secretary was instructed to contact Mrs. McGilvray of the Tokomaru Women's Bowling Club by person to person call to ascertain whether their club was still operative.

The 6 winners from the Dominion Tournament were then presented with lovely potted chrysanthemum plants and Mrs. Bardell congratulated all of them on their wonderful achievement, afternoon tea was then served.

Congratulations were also extended to Mrs. M. Wharton who had been made a life-member of the Napier Bowling Club and Mrs. J. Williams who had been made a life-member of the Heretaunga Women's Bowling Club.

Dates for next seasons tournaments were then approved and it was mentioned that the Bell Tea Co.

would Sponsor the Open Fours and they would also present 12 cannisters of tea for raffles and vouchers for \$88-00 (and so the Bell tea Open Fours was formed. and continues to this date 2004)

At a meeting of the Executive held on the 7th August 1978 a silver tray was shown as a possible trophy for the Champion Triples, cost \$34-39c it was decided to purchase the tray and to have it engrave E.C.W.B.C. Champion of Champion Triples - carried - this trophy also is still in use today.

This brings to a close this minute book, the next one starts on the 25th August 1978 with a Delegates meeting with representatives from 19 Clubs being present.

At this meeting a bochure showing styles of Badges was circulated among the Delegates and a Maltese type

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badge - silver with a gilt centre was approved for the Champion of Champion Singles and a similar type in sterling silver was approved for the 5 event badge. Donations toward the price of the Champion of Champion Triples Trophy were received from Marewa, Havelock North, Heretaunga & Hastings, a total of \$19-00. The Secretary had ascertained that the Tokomaru Bay Women's Bowling Club was not operating and had not been for 2 years. The N.Z. W.B.A. to be notified accordingly. Further donations from Kia Toa, Port Ahuriri, Wairere, Omarunui & Takapau were received making a total of approx. \$41-00 extra amount to be used towards the engraving.

Mrs. Weaver proposed, seconded Mrs. S. Lucas that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mrs. Cherry Hobbs on her appointment as Patroness of the N.Z. W.B.A. Also one to Mrs. Gwen Wilson on her appointment to the Executive of the N.Z. Umpires Association. Members approved of the samples of badges shown and agreed to the purchase of same.

At the Executive meeting on the 15th December 1978 A letter was received from The Bell Tea Co. advising they would Sponsor the event again. Clubs were reminded that their Capitation fees of 60c per member were due on the 1st of December.

At the January meeting of Delegates, Mrs. Bardell congratulated Mrs. E. Mason of the Hastings Club on winning the Champion of Champion Singles and presented, for the first time, the new badge for the Champion of Champion winners, and wished her good bowling at the National Singles to be held in Nelson.

The Social hour during the Open Fours will be held at the Wairere Bowling Club Pavilion and it was moved and seconded that a sum of \$50-00 be sent to Wairere towards the cost of same.....it has gone up considerably since the inception of this idea, the original grant was \$5-00!

During the meeting discussion was held on the availability of Greens for the Pairs and Triples and it was suggested that, owing to these difficulties, the Pairs always be played in Napier and the Triples always played in Hastings, Mrs. Bardell asked the Delegates to take this back to their clubs and it would be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

It was stated at this meeting that prize money for Centre tournaments should be reviewed and it was suggested that the Centre try to obtain some sponsors for these tournaments, perhaps Glenvale Wines, Kayser Apparel, Sheepskin Rug shops and cosmetic companies might agree to something like this? It was decided that when requesting Sponsorship, to advise that \$210-00 was required for the Triples \$150-00 for the Pairs.

Winners of Centre Tournaments for 1978/79 Season.

Southern Graded Fours:	A. Tonkinson, L. Howell, V. Semmens, A. McMullan - Marewa.
R/U:	M. Clarke, M. Robinson, J. Rushbridge, E. Calkin - Wairere.
Northern Graded Fours:	A. Bridgeman, I. Bethel, B. Woon, J. Thodsen - Wairere.
R/U:	P. Moles, M. Pilmer, T. Ladd, K. Richards - Kaiti.
Intermediate Fours:	J. McLaughlan, M. Whittaker, G. Kirke, M. Coldwell - Hastings B.C.
R/U:	H. Grimwade, C. Downing, E. Oleson, R. Luks - Wairere.
Open Pairs:	A. McMullan, C. Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	D. Watts, M. Symes - Hastings B.C.
Open Triples:	G. Johnston, A. Jack, M. Symes - Hastings B.C.
R/U:	D. Mackley, R. Georgeson, D. Stoupe - Heretaunga.
Open Fours:	N. Gilder, B. Elliot, W. Walker, A. Paget - Port Ahuriri.
R/U:	A. Shuker, P. Forward, A. McMullan - Marewa.
Championship Singles:	E. Mason - Hastings B.C.
R/U:	C. Winstanley - Marewa.
Championship Pairs:	A. Shuker, C. Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	A. Jack, S. Lucas - Hastings B.C.
Championship Triples:	A. Shuker, A. McMullan, C. Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	R. Luks, J. Thodsen, J. Herdman - Wairere.
Championship Fours:	L. Kerr, M. Eagle, J. Heta, J. Richardson - Riverside.
R/U:	F. Winstanley, E. Long, C. Williams, M. Griffiths - Whakatu.

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1st Year Singles: L.Boyd - Port Ahuriri - R/U: M.Hansen - Norsewood.

At an Executive meeting on the 5th June 1979 it was proposed that \$1200-00 be put on term deposit at 10% on an annual basis either with the Bank of N.Z. or the Eastern and Central Savings Bank depending on application for Sponsorship.

It was noted that the Bell Tea Co. granted Sponsorship of \$250-00 for the Open Fours the winners to receive \$25 each. R/U \$20 each and third equal would receive \$10 each. Also noted that Mr. I. Weaver was thanked for making 2 shields 1 to replace the Open Fours Wilkinson Shield (which will continue to be played for) and the other to be named the Weaver Shield and would go to the winners of the Intermediate Fours.

A letter of thanks to go to Mr. L.Hortop for the gift of 50 pens and 2 boxes of pocket matches for the National Singles tournament and Mrs. Weaver showed member crocheted dusters and it was decided to enquire the cost of cotton also to obtain sufficient cane to make 100 baskets.

The Annual Meeting of Delegates took place at the Omarunui Bowling Club on the 22nd June 1979. Mrs. Bardell welcomed all Delegates especially those who were attending their first meeting.

18 Clubs were represented at the meeting there were 2 apologies.

Mrs. Bardell moved that her President's report be taken as read, this was seconded by Mrs. M.Wharton who congratulated Mrs. Bardell and thanked her for her efforts on their behalf of the Centre.

Election of Officers: President: Mrs. E.Bardell.

Senior vice-President: Mrs. Finlayson.

Junior vice-President: Mrs. M.Wharton.

Secretary: Mrs. G.Oliver.

Treasurer: Mrs. Z.Murray.

N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor: Mrs. P.Weaver.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. N. Williams.

Executive: Mesdames R.Nicol, P.Weaver, S.Lucas, J.Hortop.

Mrs. Bardell explained to Delegates that owing to rising costs the Executive felt the Honorariums should be increased. This followed and the Secretary to receive \$250-00 plus travelling allowance. Tournament Secretary \$100-00 plus travelling allowance, Treasurer to receive \$175-00 The President's allowance was increased to \$50-00 plus travelling allowance. Capitation fees to remain the same at 65c per head. Morning and Afternoon tea prices to rise to 30c per head.

Discussion took place on the National Singles to be held at Wairere bowling club in 1980 - Crochet cotton dusters were being made for all Councillors and Players also baskets for fruit. Gold Star Bars were then presented to C.Winstanley (making her 25th Champion of Champion and to Mrs. A.Shuker making her 15th Champion of Champion win. The Champions Triples Tray was presented to Mrs. Winstanley and her Team, this was the first presentation of this Trophy. The Secretary advised that Mr. Brian Campi would be visiting the area with his bowling shop.

Congratulations to Mrs. F.Ellison of the Norsewood club on being made a Life Member of that club. Noted that 75 small notebooks had been ordered from S.Geenty for the National Singles. It was proposed that the Centre trade in their typewriter, they were allowed \$150-00 trade-in and the new one would cost \$350-00. this was agreed to.

Discussion on the National Singles, P.Weaver stated that the dusters were almost completed and the Secretary advised that she had obtained Brochures of scenic interest, also from Quantas - swizzle sticks, coasters, quantas pins, matches and postcards. Norsewood were given the task of making floral sprays for all principal guests. Secretary to remind bowlers of the prospective tour to Brisbane and Surfers Paradise at the end of July 1980. The approximate cost of this was \$500-00 inclusive for the 10 day tour.

At the Delegates meeting on the 17th August 1979 The Secretary advised she had obtained sponsorship from the General Finance co. for the Open Pairs.

As Mrs.Hortop had donated \$210-00 for the Open Triples Trophies she is to be asked to present same.

The half-yearly meeting of Delegates was held at the Omarunui Bowling complex on the 25th of January 1980. Only 13 Clubs were represented with a number of apologies being tendered.

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Mrs. Bardell advised that Mrs. C.Winstanley was the Champion of Champion Singles winner and that she would be a worthy representative for the East Coast Centre at the National Singles to be held at Wairere on the 18th of March.

National Singles: Every member of the Executive had a task that she was in charge of during this tournament - it was noted that - the following clubs all made very useful donations towards either raffles or the running of the tournament - Otane Club donated a crocheted bag and 15 Sprays for the opening ceremony - Marewa Club, bowling umbrellas & 6 chooks - Waipukurau, Donation of \$30-00 & loaves for catering - Havelock North, fruit salad for 3 days - Heretaunga, a ham - Kia Toa a ham & raffle prize - Hastings Bowling Club, fruit for Councillors & players & loaves for catering - Napier Bowling Club, Secones & Pikelets towards catering - Port Ahuriri, supplied some chooks and Mrs. Paget would make the lemon drink, plus some crockery & cutlery - Whakatu, pikelets & a donation - Porangahau, a donation - Omarunui, cheese & onion filling for sandwiches, coleslaw plus an umbrella for the raffle - Wairere, Potato salad and labour - Waipawa, pickles. Mrs. Bardell thanked all Clubs and Executive & Delegates for their generosity and it was obvious it would be a good tournament. A letter was received from the Wairoa Men's Bowling Club offering \$100-00 sponsorship for the Northern Graded Fours. It was agreed that Mrs. G.Wilson, Life member of both the East Coast Centre and the Umpires association be invited to raise the flag at the Opening of the National Singles. Trying to arrange drivers to assist at the tournament was becoming a headache because of the car-less days - Executive members would all make a dip for the wine and cheese hour, Mrs. Oliver to order the wine from Glenvale Wines Ltd. where the Manager had offered to stand half the cost of the order, McWilliams Wines had offered 12 bottle of Marque Vue, Dickens wine & spirits had promised a wine donation and the hire of glasses, plus Newbiggins had also indicated that they would make a contribution - they wouldn't go thirsty I guess.

All their raffle tickets were 10cents each. Mrs. Weaver presented all Executive members with a lovely handkerchief and thankyou notes in appreciation for their help in the successful running of the National Singles. At the April meeting of Executive P.Weaver was nominated, & seconded for the position of Vice-President of the N.Z.W.B.A. carried. P.Weaver accepted conditionally in the hope that Mrs. Oliver would become the secretary for the N.Z.W.B.A.

Secretary to advise Gisborne Clubs of the visit of Brian Campi's travelling shop, also that he will be at the Hastings Bowling Club and the Wairere Bowling Club.

Executive meeting 27th May 1980 - It was mentioned that the Bay View women would affiliate to the E.C.W.B.A. and the N.Z.W.B.A. from the 1980/81 season.

Centre Tournament winners 1979/80 Season:

Southern Graded Fours:	F.Hogan, I.Bethell, R.Luks, J.Thodsen - Wairere.
R/U:	N.Gibbs, J.Bartlett, M.Beauchamp, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
Northern Graded Fours:	B.Cabine, A.Bell, H.Judd, P.Simmers - Kaiti.
R/U:	P.Kelly, D.Larma, C.Harrison, H.Hodder - Kaiti.
Open Triples (Sponsored)	A.Shuker, A.McMullen, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	N.McCutcheon, A.Greasley, M.Blakie - Omarunui.
Intermediate Fours:	M.Johnson, P.Neville, S.Woodley, M.Simmonds - Wairere.
R/U:	D.Wansborough, K.Heibner, D.Marshall, F.Johnstone - Wairere.
Open Pairs:	D.Watts, M.Symes - Hastings B.C.
R/U:	R.Glenie, M.Macan - Omarunui.
Championship Singles:	C.Winstanley - Marewa. R/U: E.Mason - Hastings B.C.
Champion Graded Fours:	N.Gibb, M.Nesbitt, M.Beauchamp, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
R/U:	D.Wilson, D.Logan, M.Hislop, J.Higgs - Otane.
Championship Triples:	M.Hampton, N.Williams, M.Flemwell - Wairere.
R/U:	A.Shuker, A.McMullan, C.Winstanley - Marewa.
Open Fours:	N.McCutcheon, C.Bond, M.Cullen, G.Oliver - Omarunui.
R/U:	A.Smith, N.Littlewood, M.Hadwen, P.Weaver - Hastings B.C.
Championship Pairs:	A.Shuker, C.Winstanley - Marewa.

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R/U:	B.Poynter, E.Bardell - Omarunui.
1st year Singles:	A.Wilkinson - Port Ahuriri. R/U: B.Wilson Hastings B.C.
Junior Pairs:	E.Burnard, N.Wellsmore - Hastings B.C.
R/U:	J.Harding, C.Ferrick - Heretaunga.

The 1980 Annual General Meeting was held at Wairere Bowling Complex on Friday the 20th July 1980.

Delegates from 20 of the 21 Clubs were present with only Waikohu not being represented.

This was a first for Bay View and Olga Taylor was their representative.

Letters of thanks from the Centres were read to the Delegates for the wonderful hospitality extended them all at the National Singles held at Wairere.

Mrs. Bardell moved that her President's report be adopted seconded Mrs. Finlayson who thanked Mrs. Bardell for the wonderful work she had done for the Centre and congratulated her on the very comprehensive report.

Mrs. Murray was congratulated on her Financial report and thanked for a difficult job well done.

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. Finlayson.

Mrs. Bardell presented Mrs. Finlayson with her badge of office and Mrs. Bardell then was presented with her Past-President's badge.

Senior Vice-President: Mrs. M. Wharton.

Junior Vice-President: Mrs. R. Nicol.

Secretary: Mrs. S. Lucas.

Treasurer: Mrs. Z. Murray.

Mrs. Bardell made a presentation to the retiring Secretary, Mrs. G. Oliver.

N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor: Mrs. Weaver.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. N. Williams.

Executive: Mesdames Weaver, Hortop, Paget.

The Wairoa Working Men's Club have advised that they will sponsor the Northern Graded Fours. the Bell Tea Co have confirmed their Sponsorship of the Open fours for 1980 at \$250-00 There was confirmation of 15 Gala's plus the Past President's and 8 Mixed tournaments. The cost of a page in the handbook is now \$24-00.

It is noted at this meeting that a coffee morning be held at Otane, this would appear to be the first of such.

The next Delegates meeting was held at the Wairere Bowling Club Complex on the 29th August 1980 19 out of 20 clubs were represented Whakatu being the absentee.

At the Executive meeting on the 15th September Mrs. Finlayson congratulated Mrs. P. Weaver on her appointment as N.Z.W.B.A. Vice-President and made her a small presentation on behalf of the Executive.

Capitation to be increased to \$1-10 per player and by the look of the finances this is surely needed.

Credit balance at the 7th October was \$221-50! The \$1200-00 was still held on term deposit.

At an Executive meeting on the 12th January it was noted that Sponsorship of \$100-00 had been obtained from Club Printing for the Open Pairs.

The half-yearly meeting was held at the Wairere Bowling Complex on the 30th January 1981. of the 21 clubs 16 were represented. Financial Report the credit balance is now \$3,358-43!

Mrs. E. Mason was then presented with her Gold Star for 5 Championship wins at the Centre 4 Singles & 1 Triples Championship, she was also wished every success when she travelled to Invercargill to represent the E.C.W.B.C. in the National Singles. (Noted that the account for E. Mason was accommodation \$157-00 plus airfares \$230-40 that is where all the \$c went.)

At the Executive meeting held on the 26th of May a letter was received from The Bell Tea Co. advising of an increase in their Sponsorship for the Open Fours - but it doesn't say how much?

A general discussion on the Finances of the Centre took place and the Treasurer advised that although they had a credit balance at that time, there would be no further input until November and if the Men put their

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Green fees up it would make a difference to tournament profits. It was proposed, seconded and carried that 1 day tournament entries be raised to \$1-50 per player, this to go to the A.G.M. Also that the levy for National Singles be raised to 10 cents and that capitation fees be also raised by 10cents. Also that Clubs were still not satisfied with the method of payment by the Men's Centre for teas etc at men's tournaments. The President to arrange another meeting with the Men's Executive to discuss this matter.

A handsome Trophy, presented by Mrs. E.Mason of the Hastings Bowling Club for the Southern Graded Fours was displayed for the Executive's approval, which was of course readily available.

The Annual General meeting of Delegates for 1981 was held at the Wairere Bowling Pavilion on the 19th of June. of the 21 Clubs only Waikohu was not represented.

Election of Officers:	President: Mrs. M.Finlayson.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. M.Wharton.
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. R.Nicol.
Secretary:	Mrs. S.Lucas.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Z.Murray.
N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor:	Mrs. P.Weaver.
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. N.Williams.
Executive:	Mesdames Jessop, Gilder, Hortop, Weaver.

As usual the President's report was taken as read with congratulations on its presentation. Confirmed that the capitation fees be raised by 10cents - total capitation now being \$1-40 (E.C.W.B.C. - 30c N.Z.W.B.A. - 35c, National Singles Levy - 25c. I.W.B.B. levy 50c.) Centre would also increase the morning and afternoon tea allowance to 40c per player and the lunch time one to \$1-00 per green.

Dates for 15 Gala Days and 8 mixed tournaments were confirmed.

At the Delegates meeting on the 28th August Mrs. Weaver was given the good wishes of the meeting as she attended the Annual Meeting of the N.Z.W.B.A. and at this meeting she would become the President. Also extended good wishes to Mrs. G.Oliver who would become the Secretary to the N.Z.W.B.A.

It was reported by Mrs. Lucas that all Open Tournaments now had a Sponsor,

Open Fours The Bell Tea Co.\$275-00

Open Pairs 12/07/04: Hastings Club Print Ltd.

Open Triples: Mrs. J.Hortop.

Plus the Wairoa Men's Working Man's Club would continue to sponsor the Northern Graded Fours.

At the Executive meeting on the 14th September 1981 Mrs.Finlayson welcomed all members and congratulated Mrs. P.Weaver, newly elected President of the N.Z.W.B.A.

The half-yearly meeting was held on the 29th January 1982 and it must have been a busy time as there were only 12 of the 21 clubs represented, the others had sent apologies.

The 1982 A.G.M. was held at the Wairere Bowling Complex on the 18th of June and there was only Waikohu not represented out of the 21 clubs.

Election of Officers:	President: M.Finlayson.
Snr. Vice-President:	M.Wharton.
Jnr. Vice-President:	R.Nicol.
Secretary:	S.Lucas.
Treasurer:	Z.Murray.
N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor:	P.Weaver
Tournament Secretary:	N.Williams.
Executive:	Mesdames A.Paget, E.Bardell, P.Weaver, J.Hortop.

The President, Mrs. Finlayson then called on C.Winstanley and A.McMullen to come forward and receive a bar to their Gold Stars. Mrs. Winstanley was congratulated on winning 30 Champion of Champion events, this being a wonderful achievement. Mrs. McMullen now has 10 Champion of Champion wins, also a notable achievement. 16 Gala days were approved these included the Past

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President's one and also one for the Umpires. There were also 8 Mixed Tournament dates plus Riverside and Kaihi with their Labour week-end and Easter Tournaments and the Rahiwi Cup.

At the Delegates half-yearly meeting held on the 27th of August 1982, Clubs were informed that a Greenkeepers Assn had been formed and that all women bowlers from Bay View to Norsewood would be levied 10c per head towards the cost.

Mrs. N.Gilder delegate for the Port Ahuriri Ladies Club advised that they were holding a coffee-morning at the Club on Wednesday the 8th September at 10-00am.

At the Executive meeting held on the 20th September, Mrs. Finlayson asked the Councillor Mrs. P.Weaver to give a report on points of interest from the N.Z.W.B.A. - A.G.M. Mrs. Weaver did this and in so doing spoke on the planned Zone Tournament, which had been spoken of, but our Centre was not happy with some of the arrangements discussed. However the tournament was going ahead and it was decided to appoint a selection committee with Mrs. P.Weaver to travel as Manager with the team. As team had to be name by the 14th November it was decided selectors would go on the form of players over the past 3 seasons at Centre Tournaments.

At the half-yearly meeting of Delegates it was announced that Moira Smyth from Havelock North had won the Champion Singles and would go to Blenheim for the National Singles to be held in March, best wishes were extended to her.

The Annual General Meeting of Delegates for 1983 was held at the Napier Bowling Club on the 17th June. 20 of the 21 Clubs were represented. As Mrs. Nicol was not seeking re-election to the Executive owing to health reasons, Mrs. Finlayson asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to her for her work on the Executive over the past 5 years.

Election of Officers: Mrs. Finlayson presented Mrs. Wharton with the President's badge and wished her well during her time of office. Mrs. Wharton was then presented with a potted golden chrysanthemum in honour of her Golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Finlayson was then presented with her past president's badge.

President: Mrs. M.Wharton.

Snr. vice-President: Mrs. A.Paget.

Jnr. vice-President: A.Brian.

Secretary: Mrs. S.Lucas.

Treasurer: Mrs. Z.Murray.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. N.Prince.

Executive Committee: Mesdames E.Bardell, P.Weaver, M.Macan.

Approval was granted for 15 Gala Days and 8 Mixed days.

The following members had been made Life-Members of their Clubs:

Mesdames Carnegie & D.Ridge - Wairoa - G.Wilson & E.Bardell - Oamaru.

T.Oliver - Port Ahuriri - L.Fisher, W.Pryor & R.Croucher - Heretaunga

R.Hannah, A.Horniblow - Wairere - A.Hamblyn - Riverside - W.Olsen - Takapau.

The Secretary advised that N.Z.I.Finance had agreed to Sponsor \$100-00 for the Champion Singles.

Bob Frater sponsored the Open Pairs. Tokomaru Bay have written requesting re-joining the Centre.

At an Executive meeting on the 29th March 1984 it was suggested that V.Kemp be invited to speak at the A.G.M. on the proposed Coaching School, as she was a badge holder - carried.

A discussion on a suitable presentation for C.Winstanley & A.Shuker for winning the Dominion Pairs and to V.Semmens & M.McIver for being 3rd = in the same event - the potted chrysanthemum (the usual choice,) these to be presented at the A.G.M. As Mrs. Finlayson and Mrs. Macan were not standing for re-election for the next season, Mrs. Wharton, President, thanked them for their time they had given, 11 years for Mrs. Finlayson, 1 for Mrs. Macan.

The 1984 Annual Meeting was held at the Napier Bowling Club Pavilion on Friday the 5th of June. Of the 23 clubs, only 3 were not represented, all from the top of the Centre, Tolaga Bay, Tokomaru Bay & Waikohu. As usual the President's report was taken as read, with Mrs. A.Paget congratulating Mrs. Wharton on a comprehensive report and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the Centre during this time.

Mrs. Paget presented Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Lucas & Mrs P.Weaver with thankyou gifts.

Election of Officers:

President;

Mrs. M.Wharton.

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Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. A.Paget.
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. A.Brian
Secretary:	Mrs. S.Lucas.
Treasurer:	Mrs. Z.Murray.
Councillor to N.Z.W.B.A.:	Mrs. P.Weaver.
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. N.Prince.
Executive:	Mesdames E.Bardell, P.Weaver, C.Downing, V.Semmens.

Honrariums were raised, Secretary by \$100 to \$350 plus travelling allowance

Tournament Secretary to receive \$150-00 plus travelling allowance.

Capitation fees would rise this year as the N.Z.W.B.A. were asking for \$2 per player, East Coast would remain the same at 30c per player, however, it was possible they would be approx. \$3-00 per player by the time one added in the National Singles Levy, IWBB levy etc.

Mrs. Wharton then made presentations to the winners of the Dominion Pairs and a third bar for her gold star to Mrs. Shuker and congratulated her on her fine achievement of 20 championship wins. 16 Gala dates were confirmed along with dates for 8 mixed tournaments. The principle fixtures list was also approved.

Sponsorships for the following tournaments: The Bell Tea Co - Open Fours.

Wairoa Working Men's Club - Northern Graded Tournament.

Hastings Club Print Ltd - Open Triples. Bob Frater Ltd. - Open Pairs.

As the Open Fours would now be played over 5 days it was recommended that the entry fee be raised to \$20 per team.

Because the entries in the Open Fours were getting bigger and bigger, and costs were rising it was felt that more and more pressure was being applied to the host club and it was felt that the social hour be discontinued - agreed.

Prize-Money: It was agreed that First Year Singles and Junior Pairs winners receive \$8 and \$6 bringing them into line with other 1 day tournaments.

Mrs. V. Kemp spoke to the assembly on the proposed Coaching School - it was agreed that a Coaching School be set up in the area - Delegates were unanimous on this decision.

The following members were congratulated on being made Life-Members of their Clubs - Mrs. J.Hortop, - Havelock North. Mesdames A.Robertson, G.Adams, - Riverside. Mrs. R. Croucher, Heretaunga.

Port Ahuriri & Omarunui advised that they would be holding coffee mornings through the winter and would be pleased of any support available.

At the Executive meeting on the 7th of August Mrs. Wharton reported that the Coaching School was underway and asked the Executive if the 5 Convenors who had passed their Coaching Exam, Jean Herdman, Lola Armstrong, Wairere - Mary Oliver, - Heretaunga, Pat Black, Port Ahuriri - Gloria Oliver, Omarunui - could receive their certificates at the A.G.M. carried.

At the Executive meeting on the 14th of January, Mrs Wharton wished P.Weaver a successful journey to Australia as the Manageress of the World Bowls Team.

At the March Executive meeting Mrs. Wharton congratulated P.Weaver on being made the Manageress of the N.Z. Pacific Games Team.

The 1985 A.G.M. was held at the Napier Bowling Complex on the 21st of June. 4 Clubs were not represented out of the 25 Clubs in the Centre. This was the first time Poverty Bay Club had been in attendance and they were especially welcomed.

Mrs. Wharton moved the adoption of her report, this was seconded by A.Paget who congratulated her on the very comprehensive report and thanked her for her efforts for the Centre during the year.

Mrs. Paget then made presentations to Mrs. Wharton, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Murray. Mrs. Wharton then apologised for Mrs. Murrays absence and said as Mrs. Murray was not standing again she would like to thank her for all her efforts as Treasurer over the past 7 years, endorsed by acclamation.

Mrs. Wharton then paid tribute to Mrs. E.Bardell, Omarunui, who was not seeking re-election after 16 years of service in various positions. Proposed a letter of thanks be sent to her from the meeting, carried.

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Election of Officers:	President:	Mrs. M. Wharton.	
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. A. Paget.	Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. A. Brian.
Secretary:	Mrs. S. Lucas.		
Treasurer:	Mrs. J. Hall.		
Councillor to N.Z. W.B.A.	Mrs. P. Weaver.		
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. A. Brian.		

Mrs. Wharton thanked Mrs. Weaver for efforts on behalf of the Centre and also congratulated her on her appointments of Manageress for the N.Z. Teams. Mrs. Weaver replied and thanked Mrs. Wharton for her kind remarks and thanked members of the Centre for their support. Mrs. Weaver also thanked all the Clubs who had helped to make the Zone Tournament such a magnificent success.

Executive: Mesdames V. Semmens, P. Weaver, C. Downing, H. Sudfelt, R. Lamb.

Mrs. Wharton then presented Mrs. Thodsen with a potted chrysanthemum and congratulated her on being runner-up in the National Singles Tournament, she then presented Mrs. N. Prince with a \$50 voucher and thanked her for her 10 years as Tournament Secretary, Mrs. Prince suitably replied. A \$50-00 voucher was also presented to Mrs. Murray for her 7 years service as Treasurer. The Fixtures list was approved and the dates for 15 Club Galas and 8 Mixed Tournaments. Secretary advised that all Sponsorships for the 1985/86 season had been confirmed. Mesdames S. Lucas, A. Paget, J. Herdman were selected for the Selection Committee.

Mrs. Wharton extended congratulations to Mrs. D. Stoupe of Heretaunga & E. Berry of Kaiti on being made Life-Members of their Clubs.

Waipawa Club has joined Heretaunga, Omarunui & Port Ahuriri holding a coffee morning during the winter months.

At the August Delegates meeting 1985, Mrs. Wharton thanked Clubs for their support for the blind bowlers Assen. the total donation being \$346-00.

Mrs. Wharton advised Delegates that our Zone Team of Joyce Harding, Nolene Prince, Audrey Shuker & Irene Dickinson had won and they would be participating in the N.Z. Final at a later date. After discussion it was decided to purchase 4 silver buttons suitably engraved to present to these Players.

The 1986 Annual General Meeting was held at the Port Ahuriri Bowling Complex on the 20th June. Of the 25 Clubs in the Centre only 3 were not represented, all of these from the far north of our Centre.

Presentations were then made to Mrs. Winstanley, another bar to her gold star for her 35th Championship win, a \$5 event badge was then presented to her for 5 open tournament wins. (This was the first time this badge had been awarded) Mrs. Paget then presented Mesdames Wharton, Lucas, Hall & Weaver with their normal gift on behalf of the Centre for their efforts for the Centre through the year.

Election of Officers:	President:	A. Paget, here the usual exchange of badges took place.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. A. Brian.	
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. C. Downing.	
Secretary:	Mrs. S. Lucas.	Treasurer: Mrs. J. Hall.
N.Z. W.B.A. Councillor:	Mrs. P. Weaver.	
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. A. Brian.	
Executive Committee:	Mesdames M. Smyth, H. Sudfelt, P. Weaver, V. Semmens.	

The principle fixtures list was approved plus the dates of 17 Gala days and 8 mixed tournaments

Mrs. Paget asked if a letter of congratulations could be sent to the Councillor for Christchurch and vice-president for the I.W.B.B. Mrs. E. Warren as she had been awarded the O.B.E. for services to bowling.

The 1987 Annual General Meeting of Delegates was held at the Port Ahuriri Bowling Complex on the 19th of June.

Of the 24 Clubs in the Centre (noted that Waikohu is not mentioned!) 3 were not represented.

The President Mrs. Paget moved the adoption of her report which was taken as read, this was seconded by A. Brian who complimented Mrs. Paget on a job well done.

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Mrs. Brian then presented the usual gift of thanks to The President, Secretary, Treasurer & Councillor who suitably replied.

Election of Officers:	President:	Mrs. A. Paget.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. A. Brian.	Junior Vice-President: Mrs. C. Downing.
Secretary:	Mrs. S. Lucas.	Treasurer: Mrs. J. Hall.
Councillor N.Z. W.B.A.	Mrs. P. Weaver.	(Mrs. Paget congratulated Mrs. Weaver on her appointment as Vice-President of International Women's Bowling Board and wished her well.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. A. Brian.

Executive Committee: Mesdames M. Smyth, R. Lamb, M. Turner, P. Weaver, H. Sudfelt.

V. Kemp proposed that all honorariums be raised by \$25 as the Centre was growing and therefore the work load increasing, seconded M. Calvert, carried.

The Fixtures list was approved as were dates for 14 Gala days and 8 mixed Tournaments.

Adverts in the Centre booklet now \$30 per full page and \$20 for a half page.

Mrs. Essie King has been made a Life-Member of Heretaunga - Congratulations.

At the August Delegates meeting a letter was received from V. Kemp asking permission to take a team of 9 (1-6 year) bowlers to take part in a coaching school tournament in Auckland next July - permission granted.

At the August Delegates meeting Mrs. Paget was happy to present the following newly qualified coaches with their certificates: Mesdames M. Hughes, M. Hortop, V. McGarva - Heretaunga, B. Whitton - Whakatu - B. Churchouse - Port Ahuriri - S. Workman - Omarunui, Mrs. Paget congratulated the recipients and also all members of the Coaching School for their dedication to the promotion of bowls.

At the January 1988 Delegates meeting it was agreed after discussion to forward Mrs. V. Kems name to the N.Z. W.B.A. as a nomination for Coaching Director.

At an Executive meeting on the 16th May 1988 a letter was received from the Mapua Club in Nelson sending a cheque for \$81 which they wanted passed on to help people hit by cyclone Bola. It was suggested that this be forwarded to Audrey Blackman, Tolaga Bay, with instructions it be given to somebody in need.

The Annual General Meeting of Delegates for 1988 was held at the Port Ahuriri Bowling Complex on the 17th of June. Of the 24 Clubs only 2 were not represented.

Mrs. A. Brian presented Mesdames Paget, Lucas, Hall & Weaver with small gifts in a token appreciation of their work throughout the year. Mrs. Paget then presented Mrs. Hall with a golden chrysanthemum in celebration of her golden wedding anniversary.

Election of Officers:	President:	Mrs. A. Paget.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. A. Brian.	Junior Vice-President: Mrs. C. Downing.
Secretary:	Mrs. S. Lucas.	Treasurer: Mrs. J. Hall.
Councillor N.Z. W.B.A.	Mrs. P. Weaver.	Tournament Secretary: Mrs. A. Brian.
Executive Committee:	Mesdames R. Lamb, M. Turner, M. Smyth, H. Sudfelt, P. Weaver.	

After discussion it was agreed that Centre capitation be raised 30c making a total of 70c for our Centre, this will mean clubs will have to budget for a total fee of \$6-50 per player for the 1988/89 season. Also at this meeting Port Ahuriri Club asked "That the name of the Intermediate Fours be changed to Limited Fours," this was carried.

Hastings B.C. placed a recommendation "That an Open Singles event be re-introduced into the E.C. Centre Programme" this also was carried.

Mrs. Paget presented Mrs. Merle Symes with her Gold Star for 5 Champion of Champion wins. Mrs. Paget offered congratulations which were endorsed by acclamation, Mrs. Symes suitably replied.

The principal fixtures list was approved as were the dates for 18 Galas (these included this year, one for the Coaching School as well as the Umpires.) also 7 Mixed tournaments.

Mrs. Paget reminded Delegates that the World Bowls Tournament commenced in Auckland on the 20th Nov. when our Councillor would become the President.

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Mrs. Paget congratulated the following players who had been selected to play for the East Coast in the Auckland Coaching school tournament, Pairs: Jean Harkness, Napier - Alwyn Watts. Waipawa - Fours: Joy Beswick, Heretaunga - Dot Thomas, Marewa - Val Ives, Wairere - Nancy Weaver - Heretaunga.

Local retailers were prepared to put on Bowls Wear Parades at local clubs and Kia Toa, Marewa & Waipukurau had offered their premises.

Mrs. Paget congratulated Mrs. Jack of the Hastings Bowling Club on being made a Life-Member of her club.

5 Clubs were holding coffee mornings this year, Wairere, Marewa, Omarunui, Waipukurau & Takapau.

At the August Delegates meeting on the 26th Aug. 1988 Mrs. Paget welcomed all Delegates and called forth the following newly qualified Coaches: Mesdames B. Graham, Bay View - M. Hunt, ASheppard, Napier - J. Johnston, Omarunui - Z. Lister, Kia Toa - P. Shapland, Port Ahuriri - B. Musson, M. Thompson, Havlock North - and A. Watts, Waipawa. Mrs. Paget congratulated the recipients and also members of the Coaching School for their dedication to the promotion of Bowls. Her remarks were endorsed by acclamation. Of the 24 Clubs only 2 Tolaga Bay & Ruatoria were not represented.

At the half-yearly meeting of Delegates on the 9th December 1988. The President Mrs. Paget welcomed all Delegates and then presented Sprays to Mrs. Pat Weaver and Mrs. Gloria Oliver and congratulated them on their attaining the positions of President and Secretary of the International World Bowls Board.

There were a few apologies from Clubs for this meeting.

Mrs. Weaver gave a very informative talk on points of interest from the Women's World's Bowls. Delegates also asked questions and an interesting discussion followed.

The Annual meeting of Delegates was held at the Kia Toa Clubs Pavilion on the 16th June 1989. There were still 24 Clubs in the Centre at this time and only Ruatoria, Tolaga Bay and Waipukurau were not represented. As usual the President's report was taken as read and Mrs. Brian congratulated Mrs. Paget on an interesting and comprehensive report - endorsed by all present.

The usual presentations were made to the President, Secretary, Treasurer & Councillor on behalf of their work for the Centre during the season.

Election of Officers: President: Mrs. A. Brian. Kia Toa.

Mrs. Paget then presented Mrs. Brian with her President's Badge and Mrs. Brian presented Mrs. Paget with her Past President's badge.

Senior Vice-President: Mrs. C. Downing. Junior Vice-President: Mrs. M. Smyth.

Secretary: Mrs. S. Lucas. Treasurer: Mrs. J. Hall.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. Shapland.

Executive Committee: Mesdames M. Turner, H. Sudfelt, R. Lamb.

N.Z. W.B.A. Councillor: Mrs. P. Weaver.

Honorariums were then discussed and it was decided that the Secretary would now receive \$500 plus \$75 travel - Treasurer \$300 - Tournament Secretary \$200 plus travel and the President to receive \$100 plus travel.

Mrs. Brian then presented Mrs. C. Bond and Mrs. N. Fitzsimons with lovely potted chrysanthemums and congratulated them on winning the National Pairs Tournament at Dunedin.

The Principal Fixtures list was approved plus 18 dates for Galas and 7 dates for mixed tournaments.

Mrs. Brian advised Delegates that Sponsorships for next season have been confirmed the same as for last season.

Also there would be a new tournament next season, Open Singles - a set of Thomas Taylor bowls had been donated for 1st prize, \$100 donated for 2nd prize and Centre would pay \$50 for 3rd equal.

Mrs. P. Weaver proposed that the East Coast Centre apply to N.Z. W.B.A. to host the Annual meeting in September 1992 carried.

The following members were congratulated on becoming Life-Members of their Clubs:

Mesdames N.Spackman - Marewa - P.Rowe, Riverside - R.Lucker, Waikato - R.McGinn, Napier - M.Flemwell, L.Armstrong, Wairere - S.Lucas, -Hastings.

Coffee mornings are gaining in popularity - Wairere, Takapau, Marewa, Omarunui, Waipawa.

August Delegates meeting was held at Kia Toa Bowling Club Pavilion on the 25th August 1989.

22 out of 24 Clubs were represented and only Tologa Bay & Ruatoria were absent.

Mrs. Brian asked Delegates for their ideas on an end of year function for the presenting of Centre Prizes - after a lively discussion it was agreed to hold it at Kia Toa on a week-day at the end of the season.

Mrs. Paget presented Mrs. Brian with a Centre Flag to be flown at Centre functions, Mrs. Brian thanked Mrs. Paget, this was endorsed by all present.

It is noted here that Markers for centre Singles were paid \$5 per day!

The half-yearly meeting of Delegates was held at Kia Toa Bowling Pavilion on the 15th December 1989

Mrs. Brian proposed seconded S.Lucas that the names of V.Kemp and G.Oliver go forward to the N.Z.W.B.A. for consideration for the positions of N.Z.Selectors, this to be accompanied by a pen sketch of their achievements.

A suggestion from the Heretaunga Women's Bowling Club that a Committee Fours be held early in the Season was carried unanimously. Event to be a social affair, no prizes, all committee members of clubs to participate.

The 1990 annual meeting of Delegates was held at the Kia Toa Bowling Pavilion on the 22nd June. There were only the 2 clubs Tologa Bay & Ruatoria out of the 24 Clubs who were not represented.

Mrs. C.Downing made the usual presentations to the President, Secretary, Treasurer & Councillor, thanking them for all their efforts over the season.

Election of Officers:	President:	Mrs. A.Brian.	
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. C.Downing.	Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. M.Smyth.
Secretary:	Mrs. S.Lucas.	Treasurer:	Mrs. J.Hall.
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. Shapland.		
N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor:	Mrs. Weaver.		
Executive Committee:	Mesdames R.Lamb, M.Turner, H.Sudfelt, A.Paget.		

The Principal fixtures list was approved as were applications for 18 Galas and 7 Mixed Tournaments.

Mrs. Brian advised that all sponsorships had been confirmed for the new season.

During the remits and recommendations there was one recommending that the term of President be for 2 years and not 3 years this was carried.

Mrs. Brian congratulated Mrs. D.Macpherson, Waipawa, W.Giddens, Waipukurau, L.Thompson, Riverside, G Anderson, Takapau, J.Mepharm, Wairere on becoming Life-Members of their Club.

Mesdames M.Hurrelbrinck and S.Harris were congratulated on gaining their Coaching Badges.

Mrs. Brian asked the Executive for their opinion on her suggestion that all past-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers be asked to join the present Executive in a re-union luncheon, this was passed unanimously.

The 1991 Annual Meeting was held at the Wairere Bowling Complex on the 21st of June. 20 of the 23 Clubs were represented. Mrs. P.Weaver told Delegates that in future the N.Z.W.B.A. Annual meeting would be held in Wellington.

The Capitation and Levies for 1640 players amounting to \$12,956 was paid to the N.Z.W.B.A.

A report from the East Coast Coaching School was received and the Delegates were informed that the School was going very well, and that Mrs. Sylvia Jones of the Marewa Club had been elected as Convenor - congratulations on this appointment extended to Mrs. Jones. The Lada Pairs were mentioned, in as much the Centre paid \$82-28, this being their share of the Sponsorship.

Proposed a letter be sent to Mrs. Colleen Ferrick on being chosen to trial for the N.Z. Team for Pacific Games and after the trials Colleen was named as second reserve.

The normal presentation of gifts to the President, Secretary, Treasurer & Councillor then took place.

Election of Officers:	President:	Mrs. C.Downing.
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Senior Vice President:	Mrs. M.Smyth	Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. H.Sudfelt.
Secretary:	Mrs. S.Lucas.	Treasurer:	Mrs. J.Hall.
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. P.Shapland.		
N.Z.W.B.A.Councillor:	Mrs. P.Weaver.		
Executive Committee:	Mesdames A.Watts, R.Lamb, B.Churchouse, A.Brian.		

As Mrs. Paget was not standing for re-election, Mrs. Downing congratulated her on her 11 years of service to the Centre and thanked her for all her endeavours on behalf of the Centre.

Mrs. Downing also thanked Mrs. M.Turner for her assistance over the past four years as, she also, was not seeking re-election.

Mrs. S.Lucas stated that as the work load for the Secretary & Treasurer had increased over the last 3 years, she felt it needed to be looked at, after discussion it was moved, seconded and agreed that the Secretary receive \$1000-00 and the Treasurer \$500-00 and the Tournament Secretary \$250-00 plus travel.

Capitation fees were raised to \$1-20 per player for the Centre and the probable amount of total capitation for the next season would probably be \$9-50 per player.

Presentations: Mrs. Downing then presented pot plants to Mesdames J.Hargood, E.Hunter, A.Shuker & M.Pharaayn on being the runners-up in the National Fours and to A.Shuker & M.Pharaayn for their 3rd equal position in the National Pairs. The East Coast Zone team were then presented with their engraved buttons for their fine effort in winning Zone 2 and then being runners-up in the N.Z. final in Timaru.

The team was C.Ferrick - Singles - J.Harding & M.Fraser - Pairs, J.Harkness, E.Hunter, M.Krenek, S.Lucas - Fours.

At this meeting Omarunui recommended that "players representing the East Coast Centre in the Inter Centre Zone Tournament be given a representative strip for their blazer pocket stating the year they played" carried.

Also recommended that Clubs may nominate 2 members of their club to be considered for the zone tournament in future. This also was carried and became a Centre Tables Ruling.

The principal Fixtures list was approved also the dates of 19 Galas and 7 Mixed Tournaments.

Mrs. Brian, immediate Past President of the Centre presented a lovely silver tray to be known as the Brian tray and to be presented to the runner-up in the Champion Singles, names to be engraved on the back. Mrs. Downey thanked Mrs. Brian for her gift, this was endorsed by all present.

Mrs. Downing congratulated Mesdames A.Paget of Port Ahuriri Club and K.Coles of the Kia Toa Club on being made life members of their club.

Dates for 5 coffee mornings were received.

The first re-union luncheon was held at Kennedy Park, Napier on Friday the 8th of November.

At the Executive meeting held on the 9th September it was agreed that a letter be sent to the National Selector nominating C.Ferrick and J.Harding for emerging players team.

At the half-yearly Delegates meeting held at the Wairere Bowling Complex on the 13th of December 1991

Colleen Ferrick was congratulated on being named in the N.Z. Emerging Players Team to play against Australia early January. Also Katie Portas who was chosen to play in Australia next July for the Blind Bowlers.

At the February meeting of the Executive it was reported that the N.Z. President would be attending the Centre and it was proposed that the Centre put on a luncheon inviting all Presidents, Secretaries, Life Members, G.Oliver & P.Weaver. Sprays for N.Z. President, Secretary & Councillor, venue to be decided. Lada Pairs to be played 2/3/4th December. Headquarters for the Zone Tournament would be Port Ahuriri.

The 1992 Annual Meeting of Delegates took place at Wairere Bowling Complex on the 19th June. Mrs. H.Sudfelt made the usual presentations to the President, Secretary & Treasurer, thanking them for their efforts on behalf of the Centre throughout the year.

Election of Officers:	President	Mrs. C.Downing.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. M.Smyth.	Junior Vice-President: Mrs. H.Sudfelt.

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Secretary:

Mrs. S.Lucas.

Treasurer:

Mrs. J.Hall.

Tournament Secretary:

Mrs. P.Shapland.

Mrs. Downing advised Delegates that Mrs. P.Weaver was not standing for re-election as N.Z.W.B.A. Councillor after 22 years of service, she then called for nominations for the position.

A.Brian - R.Lamb - N.Prince were the nominees and after a ballot Mrs. R.Lamb was declared the new Councillor. Executive Committee: Mesdames A.Watts, B.Churchouse, R.Lamb, J.Williams. Capitation for the next season would be \$11- 60 in total per player.

The Principal fixtures list was approved as were the dates of 19 Galas and 7 Mixed Tournaments.

Mrs. Downing congratulated Mrs. G.Habgood, - Kaiti - B.Gallagher, Port Ahuriri -B.Whitton, Whakatu - J.Kirk, Wairoa - on becoming Life-Members of their respective Clubs.

Dates for 7 Coffee mornings were submitted.

At an Executive meeting held on the 3rd August 1002 P.Shapland showed some designs for a new Centre Flag as the old one was getting rather dilapidated, The Executive approved the design and the quote for the new one.

It was proposed and carried that the Centre make the Clubs contribution for P.Weaver up to \$500-00.

The 1992 Annual General meeting of Delegates was held at the Wairere Bowling Pavilion on the 28th August. 22 of the 24 Clubs were represented.

There was a special meeting prior to the Start of the A.G.M. when P.Weavers record was read to the Delegates - Executive member - 1967 - 1990. President 1968-1971. Councillor - 1970 - 1992 Tournament Secretary 1971-75. Members were then asked to vote for Mrs. Weaver's Life Membership - this was unanimous. Mrs. Downing thanked Clubs for their donations amounting to \$410 and asked if they were willing for the Centre to make it up t \$500 this was agreed to.

Mrs. Downing told Delegates that Mrs. C.Ferrick had been chosen as the Singles Player in the N.Z. Team to play against Canada in September and it was proposed that Centre make a donation of \$50 towards her personal expenses, this was carried.

The meeting proper then commenced.

Mrs. Downing presented Mrs. C.Ferrick with the cheque for \$50 and wished her well for the Tournament.

Mrs. Weaver was then called on to give a talk on the Women's World Bowls. This was very informative and was enjoyed by all present and at the conclusion Mrs. Downing had great pleasure in presenting her with her Life-Members badge, a bouquet of Flowers and a cheque for \$500 and thanked her for her 25 years of service to the East Coast Centre and wished her a long and happy retirement, this was endorsed by acclamation by the Delegates.

At the Executive meeting on the 14th September, Mrs. Downing suggested that the re-union luncheon for Past Executive, might be held once in 2 years, rather than every year this was agreed to.

At the half-annual meeting of Delegates held on the 11th December 1992 Mrs. Downing congratulated the East Coast Team on winning the Zone Tournament at Port Ahuriri and wished them well for the final.



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The 1993 Annual General Meeting of Delegates was held in the Havelock North Bowling Complex on the 18th of June.

Of the 16 Clubs affiliated 23 were represented with Ruatoria, Tokomaru Bay and TeKaraka having no Delegates appointed as yet.

It was indicated that \$15,180 had been forwarded to the N.Z.W.B.A. for capitations and levies on 1,518 members.

Advice from the Bell Tea Co. that they had increased the sponsorship to \$500.00.

Mrs. Downing moved for the adoption of her report which was taken as read, this was seconded by R.Lamb who congratulated her on her report and her two years of Presidency.

The Financial report was approved on the recommendation of Mrs. A.Watts and Mrs. Hall was congratulated on her excellent work as Treasurer, both the above endorsed with acclamation.

Mrs H.Sudfelt then presented Mesdames C.Downing, S.Lucas, J.Hall & R.Lamb with boxed stationery as a token of the appreciation from the East Coast Members, endorsed by the Delegates and the recipients duly replied.

Election of Officers: President: Mrs. M.Smyth, - Havelock North.

There was then the usual exchange of Badges and good wishes both for a job well done and for the job that was about to be undertaken.

Senior Vice-President: Mrs. H.Sudfelt. Junior Vice-President: Mrs. A.Watts.

Secretary: Mrs. S.Lucas. Treasurer: Mrs. J.Hall.

Tournament Secretary: Mrs. A.Brian. (result of ballot over P.Shapland)

Mrs. Shapland was congratulated on her efforts over the past 4 years.

Councillor to N.Z.W.B.A.: Mrs R.Lamb.

Executive Committee: Mesdames R.Lamb, J.Harkness, Joan Williams.

It was moved and approved that the East Coast Centre levy be raised from \$1-20 to \$1-35 carried.

It was evident from these minutes that a vote on amalgamation had been held because the comment "Voting on amalgamation was unanimous."

The Principal fixtures list was approved as were the dates for Galas and mixed Days but there is no itemised dates this year.

Sponsorships were approved with the exception of the Open Singles. Mrs. Smyth advised Delegates she had approached Brent Constable of the Bowling Shop at Havelock North and he was agreeable to donating vouchers for \$100.00 to spend in the Bowls Shop, Delegates approved.

Entry fees for tournaments came up for discussion, these were last raised in 1988 and as Green Fees were to be raised to \$25 next season it was felt entry fees would have to be raised. After discussion it was agreed that entry fees be raised to \$8 per player and \$5 for 1 day tournaments. Mrs. Smyth congratulated Mesdames J.Boyes of the Hastings Club and F.Johnstone of the Wairere Club on being made Life-Members of their Clubs.

Takapau, Napier, Omarama, Waipukurau, Wairere and Waipawa Clubs were all holding Coffee mornings through the winter.

The August meeting of Delegates was held at the Havelock North Bowling Complex on the 20th Aug. 1993 - 20 of the 24 Clubs were represented.

Colleen Ferrick was introduced to the Delegates to talk on her experiences as a new Zealand team member for the Pacific Games where she won both a bronze and a silver medal, Colleen gave a very interesting talk and Delegates asked pertinent questions about the experience. Mrs. Smyth thanked Colleen and congratulated her on her achievements, this was endorsed by all with acclamation, then Colleen was presented with a potted chrysanthemum.

At an Executive meeting held on the 20th September, a letter was read from the Coaching school where it was stated that Mrs. V.Kemp was not continuing with the Coaching school on account of ill health and that further they requested permission to run a 2 day tournament during April for their trainees.

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Centre without it being taken to a vote. Councillor stressed it was not a voting matter simply an assessment of feeling, by her, in our Centre.

The August Delegates meeting was held in the Havelock North Bowling Complex on the 26th August 1994. 19 Clubs were represented the 5 far northern Clubs in our Centre were not in attendance. At this meeting a letter was received from the Taradale Club Bowling Adjunct requesting affiliation to the Centre. A letter was also received from the Port Ahuriri Women's Bowling Club advising of a Golden Girls Tournament for over 60's. There were also comments on how the Zone team was selected.

Mrs. Smyth advised if they did not like the method of selection they would have to bring it up at the A.G.M. It was also advised that the new Taradale Club would be a little late in starting as they had had some trouble with their greens.

Mrs. Smyth presented J.Harding and P.Jorgensen with their new blazer flashes and it was agreed they were better than the last lot.

The question of a new competition was then discussed and it was agreed that a super 7 type be initiated as soon as possible. Wairoa B.C. advised they have a super sevens competition with the Gisborne clubs and everyone found it most enjoyable, she offered to send down a copy of their guidelines, this was accepted.

At the September Executive meeting a letter was received from M.Hortop, Convenor of the Coaching school asking if E.Bedford could receive her Coaching Certificate at the Centre Opening, this was agreed to.

It was announced that P.Jorgensen had been chosen to go to the emerging players camp.

R.Lamb gave her report on the N.Z.W.B.A. meeting with the results of the remits, some of which were quite surprising - Ruth reported that Umpires would use boundary scopes at the next Pacific Games. Ruth advised that she had been elected to the Executive of the N.Z.W.B.A., so of course congratulations were the order of the day.

It was confirmed that the East Coast would host the N.Z. 1996 Champion of Champion Tournament.

A report was received from M.Hortop from the Coaching School, she had been away to a Coaching seminar funded in the main by the Hillary Commission. This was a very worthwhile exercise, Joan Leach gave a short history of Coaching, it started in Auckland in 1980 and Rhoda Ryan was the first Coach. The Seminar included all aspects of coaching, plus mental and physical aspects.

At the November meeting of Executive discussion was the order of the day; Dress, coloured tops, it was agreed that Bowlers could wear the maroon coloured top as an alternative to white at all Centre Functions.

The 1994 Half-Annual meeting of Delegates was held at the Havelock North Bowling Complex on the 9th of December.

Once again those top 5 Clubs were not represented.

Mrs. Smyth advised Delegates that our Zone Team had won their zone tournament, she said they all played well and looked very smart in their pink tops and she felt really proud of them. All Executive took part in their Christmas Luncheon after this meeting.

The January Executive meeting was held on the 16th Jan. 1995 and the President advised that M.Hurrellbrink had been the only Umpire to pass the International Umpires Exam. Secretary to write and congratulate her.

It was announced by R.Lamb that the Amalgamation Roadshow would be at the Kia Toa Bowling Complex on the 13th of March and she urged as many women as possible to attend because she felt the women were being pushed into things too quickly. The women had had no input into the financial side of amalgamation, hadn't even had a copy of the men's financial report and when they asked questions of the budget they were not well received. The men have a debt of over \$2000,00-00

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and there are far too many anomalies at present for peace of mind. The original concept of amalgamation was O.K. , but now, in spite of having 3 women on the task force, they have had no input and the men have changed things around quite a bit.

At the February Executive meeting there was much discussion on the Inter-Club Sevens, much dis-satisfaction and the end result was that this fixture would be played next season after further consideration, and alterations to the conditions of play.

At the March meeting of the Executive it was stated that there had been a lot of nice reports following the Inter-Club Tournament, Heretaunga no. 1 team were the winners.

R.Lamb reported that East Coast had missed out on hosting the Champion of Champion Singles for 1996. A date was set to take the Winning Zone Players out to lunch after their endeavours in the final, Centre to pay for Teams, Executive to pay for themselves.

On the 24th of April 1995, a special meeting of Delegates was held in the Havelock North Bowling Pavilion, this was a special meeting called to vote on amalgamation. Mrs. Smyth welcomed all Delegates and thanked them for their attendance.

The Vote "that the members of the N.Z.W.B.A. Incorporated approve the amalgamation of the functions, objects and administration of the N.Z.W.B.A. and the N.Z. B.A. incorporated in to one association to be called Bowls New Zealand Incorporated to take effect from the 1st of May 1996, such amalgamation to occur consequent upon the winding up and liquidation of each of the existing Associations on the 30th April 1996."

This vote was taken and agreed to by those present.

The second clauses were also approved in their entirety.

After the Delegates had directed the Councillor on their decisions, Mrs Lamb spoke to the assembly on some of her concerns about various aspects of the amalgamation. It was agreed it was good to be aware of some of these examples and being aware we could wait developments.

At the May meeting of Executive Mrs. Smyth mentioned that she had suddenly realised that we were coming to the end of our 50th year and we had not done anything about it, which was why she had organised a luncheon for Past President's and Executives or their representatives so we may celebrate in a small way. This was held at Windsor Lodge on the 9th of June 1995.

The question was then asked "what were we going to do for the average bowlers?"

After discussion it was agreed that provided the Secretary could obtain the requisite greens we would run a fun type Gala, with Single entries called for and we would charge \$2 per player. M.Smyth asked to cost the supply of bowling dusters so that every member would receive one, otherwise there would be no prizes. Executive would not play but run the tournament and help in the kitchen.

It was also brought up at this meeting that it was felt that the Centre was in a financial position to be able to afford to give the Councillor an allowance, this was suggested for \$100-00 seconded and carried.

At the 1995 Annual General meeting of Delegates held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Complex on the 16th June Mrs. Glew President of Heretaunga welcomed the Executive and Delegates and wished them a satisfactory meeting. Mrs Smyth thanked Mrs. Glew and the Hertaunga Club for the use of their premises. There were 40 Delegates present plus S.Christmas who was representing Kaiti. 20 of the 24 Clubs were represented. Mention was made of a letter from Sport Hawkes Bay congratulating our Zone team on winning the Zone tournament and the team section of the Sports section of the Sports person of the year awards for March 1995.

At this point in the Agenda Mrs. Smyth awarded M.Fraser her Gold Star for winning 5 Champion of Champion events. A.Watts then presented Mrs. Smyth with a small token of our appreciation as she brings to a close a very rewarding 2 years as President.

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Centre Secretary and Treasurer were then presented with a gift in acknowledgement of their services rendered, A. Brian and R.Lamb were then accorded similar thanks for a job very well done.

Election of Officers:	President:	H.Sudfelt.
Senior Vice-President:	A.Watts.	
Junior Vice-President:	J.Harding on a ballot from D.Kelsey.	
Secretary:	M.Wilton.	Treasurer: J.Hall.
Tournament Secretary:	A.Brian.	Councillor: R.Lamb.
Executive Committee:	Mesdames	D.Kelsey, J.Motley, R.Lamb.

At this meeting the N.Z.W.B.A. Secretary, Mrs. G.Oliver addressed the meeting on the subject of change of name for the Centre. Mrs. Oliver stated that as the Northern part of our Centre from Wairoa North were to become the Gisborne East Coast Centre, this necessitated East Coast changing its name to perhaps Hawkes Bay in line with the Men's Centre or any other name that may be appropriate. Gisborne East Coast have to have their own Centre from the start of the 1996/97 season.

At the July meeting of the Executive time was spent on discussing what it would cost the Centre to change its name? we have to present our budget to Bowls New Zealand for approval. This should be \$8405.

A great deal of discussion took place on the subject of our new badge and it was decided to open this up for Clubs to see if anyone comes up with an acceptable design. Discussion also took place on our Gold Star, it was finally decided that as we were starting a new Era with a new name now was the time to make any alterations. matter to come up at the Delegates meeting.

Centre Gala final arrangements made, all entries will be accepted, no one will be balloted out. it is to be a fun day and everyone will receive a duster with E.C.W.B.C. 50 years in gold print.

Results of a special meeting held in the Heretaunga Pavilion on the 25th August.
The new name of the Centre will be: 'HAWKES BAY WOMEN'S BOWLING CENTRE.'
The new constitution was discussed and approved

Centre Badges and Pocket Logo - It was unanimously agreed that the entry by J.Hall, Centre Treasurer be accepted as the view of Cape Kidnappers covered the whole of our area.

The new Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre Flag.

Before being raised at the Port Ahuriri Club for the first time.

H.Sudfelt (Centre President), J.Budge (Port Ahuriri President), A.Brian (Tournament Secretary.)



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This Centre had been active for 50 years, when, on a directive from Bowls New Zealand, due to a change of boundaries, the new Centre was formed, with the loss of all the Clubs in the Gisborne East Coast area.

Poverty Bay & Wairoa - D. Abraham spoke on how they had enjoyed their association with our Centre, and that they will miss their visits down to see us and extended the best wishes of our Northern Clubs for the future. This was re-iterated by L. Watson from Wairoa. H. Sudfelt thanked them for their comments and wished them every best wish for their future.

Jubilee Gala very well received and enjoyed - BUT - OH THE MESS THE EXECUTIVE HAD TO CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS!!

Jubilee Luncheon also a happy occasion.

At the half-annual meeting of Delegates held on 8th December 1995 at the Heretaunga Bowling pavilion the Selectors for the up-coming season were elected and Mrs. Lamb spoke on all the good work Mrs. N. Prince had put in while she was convenor of Selectors, the results were there for all to see, she had a record to be proud of, this was confirmed by acclamation.

Mrs. Sudfelt then announced to the assembly that Mrs. Lu Watson the Wairoa Delegate had been elected as the first Councillor for the new Centre East Coast (to be) and she congratulated her and wished her well on behalf of the Hawkes Bay Women's Centre, this also was confirmed by acclamation.

Notification was received that Mrs. M. Smyth had been made a Life-Member of her Havelock North Club, congratulations were in order.

The Wilkinson Shield, the trophy for the Bell Tea Open Fours has run out of room and Mrs. Sudfelt advised she had approached a member of the Heretaunga Club to see if he would make us another shield to begin the New Era, this was agreed to. It was decided that the old Shield would be presented to the Heretaunga Women's Bowling Club at the Centre Prize-Giving as Mrs. Wilkinson who donated the Shield in the first place, was a member of the Heretaunga Women's Club.

Mrs. Sudfelt then displayed the new Cup Mrs. R. Lamb has donated for the Champion of Champion Pairs, this will be known as the Ruth Lamb Cup. Thanks were accorded Mrs. Lamb.

Mrs. Sudfelt announced that Gloria Bryant, the New Zealand President of the N.Z.W.B.A. would be arriving in time for the Centre Prize-Giving on the 12th of April. Invitations to all Club Presidents, Life-Members, Sponsors, N.Z. Secretary, Convenor of the Coaching School, President of the Umpires, Match Committee members who are not on the Executive, Men's Centre President & Councillor, all winners and members of the Zone Team.

Mrs. Sudfelt reported that she and Mrs. Lamb had attended the Men's Prize-Giving and they certainly had some lovely trophies.

Bowls Museum - Mrs. Sudfelt proposed that the big framed photo of the first Centre Tournament be sent to the Bowls Museum, as we have one copy at Heretaunga and nobody appeared to want this one, agreed this would be a good idea.

The 1996 Annual General meeting of Delegates was held at Heretaunga Bowling Complex on Friday the 21st of June.

Mrs. Glew President of Heretaunga welcomed all Delegates to the meeting and wished them a successful meeting, Mrs. Sudfelt thanked Mrs. Glew for their Club's hospitality, and Delegates for their attendance.

The Roll Call was then taken with only Takapau being without a Delegate, this was, of course, the first meeting of the Centre as HAWKES BAY WOMEN'S BOWLING CENTRE, and there are of course only 18 Clubs in the Centre which does include Taradale, which has joined while all the new arrangements were taking place.

Mrs. Sudfelt presented her report and as it had been circulated she asked for its adoption. Mrs. Turner seconded this and congratulated Mrs. Sudfelt on the excellent job she had made of her 2 years in office, endorsed with acclamation.

EAST COAST WOMEN'S BOWLING CENTRE.

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Mrs. Watts, senior vice-president then made a presentation to the President, Councillor, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Secretary on behalf of the Delegates, saying this was a thankyou for the way they had carried out their duties on behalf of the Centre. Mrs. Sudfelt suitably replied on behalf of all recipients.

Election of Officers:	President	Mrs. H.Sudfelt.	
Senior Vice-President:		Mrs. A.Watts	Junior Vice-President: J.Harding.
Councillor:	Mrs. R.Lamb.		
Secretary:	Mrs. M.Wilton.	Treasurer:	Mrs. J.Hall
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. A.Brian.		
Executive Committee:	Mesdames M.Pedersen, D.Kelsey, N.Bond, M.Smyth.		

Mrs. Sudfelt thanked Mrs. J.Black for standing and thanked Mrs. J. Motley who did not stand for re-election, for her efforts on behalf of the Centre during her time in office.

Tournament Committee: Mesdames M.Nicholls, J.Black, D.Kelsey, E.Price together with the Secretary and Tournament Secretary.

Mrs. Sudfelt welcomed all members aboard and said they would have to go home and pack their bags because the Executive were going to the Girl Guide Home at Rissington for a retreat, at which next season's programme would be confirmed.

An increase in Honorariums was discussed and approved with the Secretary now receiving \$1250 plus Travel \$75 - Treasurer: \$750 plus travel \$75 - Tournament Secretary \$550 plus travel - President \$200 plus travel and the Councillor \$200.

Capitations fees for H.B. would be \$3-50 N.Z. \$14-50c

Mrs. Sudfelt reported that the 14 trialists for both Senior and Junior teams had now been finalised and she was very impressed that almost all of the clubs had representation, this was really excellent.

P.Jorgensen and L.Pettersen were congratulated on being chosen for the emerging players squad, and especially Patsy who had made the Team.

G.Oliver was then welcomed to the meeting in her new role of Regional Executive Member for the Central Region on the Bowls N.Z. Board. Mrs. Oliver gave a summary of some events now taking place within Bowls N.Z. Mrs. Sudfelt congratulated Mrs. Oliver on her new appointment and wished her well for the future.

Councillor R.Lamb then gave a resume of the Bowls N.Z. inaugural meeting.

A very enjoyable and rewarding "retreat" at the Girl Guide Home at Rissington was held over night on the 25/26th June. A great deal of informed discussion took place relating to our 1996/7 Seasons Programme. Our President was accompanied by all her Executive including the Tournament Committee plus 2 extra ladies for "Cooks". The new seasons programme was discussed at length with members ideas being thrown in for debate. The resultant programme should be well received by all, and it will be evident that the Executive are trying to make variations suitable to every member of the Hawke's Bay Women's Bowling Centre. Prize-monies were raised where-ever possible. After the programme had been sorted out as much as possible, D.Kelsey said she would like to see a Top Club Competition - where Clubs were awarded points for wins etc. in all Centre run Tournaments including Champion of Champion and at the end of the season the points would be added up to see which was the Top Club in the Centre. This suggestion met with unanimous approval and it was agreed to ask Mr. I Ward of Heretaunga if he could make us a shield as a trophy to be awarded to the TOP CLUB.

At the July meeting of Executive discussion was held on how we could best handle a promotion day at the "K" Mart precinct on the 12th of October. Everyone agreed to find at least 2 sponsors of prizes and we would hold a monster raffle there and have a bowling mat and bowls for people to try their hand and we would have some little give-away prizes.

The following pictures show some of the activities held at the "Plaza".



The Raffle table being attended by Ramoana Pharazyn and Jean Hall.



The area where the public were encouraged to try their hand at bowling. In this particular case they were trying to land the bowl on a \$5 note, which, of course was theirs if they were able - there were a few won on the day!



on this was the last meeting of the Executive and the last time that Mrs. Swick had any business to do in the office. Mrs. Swick, thanks Mrs. Lamb for her kind remarks and then thanked Mrs. Harty for all her efforts over the 12 years she had served on the Executive. Mrs. Lamb gave a short speech and then Mrs. Swick gave a short speech. All the resolutions were carried by a large majority.

The 1977 annual meeting of the Eastern Bowling Club was held at the Waikanae Bowling Club on the 22nd June.

watching with an eagle eye, Ruth Lamb - Councillor
Margaret Wilton - Secretary. Joyce Harding and Elva Wedlock



Planning in progress on next seasons programme



Programme complete, enjoying the sun after a job well done.

M.Nicholl,R.Lamb,A.Brian,E.Price,D.Kelsey, J.Harding. M.Smyth,J.Black,N.Bond, J.Hall,
A.Watts, H.Sudfelt,M.Pedersen, M.Wilton



Both the "K" Mart and the retreat to Rissington were profitable for bowls, one, bringing the game to the fore and 2, having our new seasons programme all planned out with a minimum of interruptions, doing the planning this way meant everyone could inform and be informed at the same time.

At the August meeting of Delegates held at the Heretaunga Bowling Complex, Delegates were reminded of the money raising efforts going on trying to raise sufficient funds for the 2 representative teams especially. Mrs. Sudfelt in closing the meeting, apologised for the amount of talk about money matters, but now-a-days, we are not just a sporting body, but almost a business, with a lot of work and time going into money-raising.

At the Executive meeting on the 20th November it was agreed to buy the photocopier that had belonged to the N.Z.W.B.A. as it was no longer needed.

At the half-yearly meeting of Delegates held at the Heretaunga Bowling Pavilion on the 6th of December, The Councillor, Mrs. R.Lamb spoke on the results of our Senior Team who came fourth.

Mrs. Sudfelt reported that although the Centre Gala had been a most enjoyable day, there was a good deal of dis-content about it, comments were that it was another day the Centre had taken, and clubs couldn't use for their programme - it was pointed out that this, was, actually a spare centre day as it was the day the old Northern tournament had been held - however, if the clubs did not want it, it would be dis-continued.

There are still a number of concerns about amalgamation, will there really be equity for all players?

At the January 1997 meeting of the Executive, R.Lamb asked if the Centre would be prepared to nominate Cissie Wiastanley (again) to the N.Z.Sport's Hall of Fame. This was heartily endorsed as she is a very worthy contender and it was hard to understand how one, outstanding could have been turned down previously.

At the April meeting of Executive considerable time was spent on discussion and debate - types of tournaments, how can we encourage people to continue to play, can we alter or amend tournaments, declining numbers are a worry, and of course there are far too many tournaments taking place within the area - but - 2 bowl triples- not favoured, further discussion on the number of ends for triples and fours?

Sponsorship is becoming increasingly difficult, do we raise the entry fees? this was not favoured as it may cause a further decrease in the entries - nobody knows the answer.

At the Executive meeting held on the 14th of May 1997, it was noted that Bowls New Zealand were holding a workshop for Centre Presidents, it was moved that A.Watts should attend this workshop at the Centre's expense, agreed.

Secretary reported she had sent off all Cissie Wiastanleys information to the Sport Hall of Fame Organisers and concern was expressed that Bowls N.Z. were stating they had nominated her!

Mrs. J.Hall presented a silver tray as a trophy for the runner-up in the Champion of Champion Junior Singles, this was much appreciated and Mrs. Hall thanked sincerely.

It was agreed that the name of R.Lamb go forward to Bowls N.Z. for the position of Councillor as there had been no further nominations.

Mrs. Smyth reported she would not be standing for election at the annual meeting, all other members were standing.

As this was the last meeting for H.Sudfelt in her capacity of President, R.Lamb spoke on behalf of the Executive and thanked her for her endeavours during her term of office. Mrs. Sudfelt thanked Mrs. Lamb for her kind remarks and then thanked Mrs. Smyth for all her efforts over the 11 years she had served on the Executive. Both Ladies then wished Mrs. A.Watts well as she starts on her tour of duty. All remarks were heartily endorsed by those present.

The 1997 annual meeting of Delegates was held at the Waipawa Bowling Club on the 27th June.

Takapau was the only club not represented, Mrs. A.Watts President of the Waipawa Bowling Club welcomed the Delegates to the meeting stating this was the first time it had ever been held in Waipawa.

Mrs. H.Sudfeldt stated that she would like the success of P.Jorgensen, K.Portas & C.Winstanley place on record, their achievements were most noteworthy and we heartily congratulate all of them.

The Treasurer Mrs. J.Hall presented her audited accounts for the year and she stated that the financial affairs of the Centre were in good heart, but, there was a lot more expense running the Centre now and we would need all the possible help we could get, she then moved the adoption of the accounts this was seconded by D.Kelsey who congratulated Mrs. Hall on the excellent job she does looking after our affairs so well.

The Junior Vice-President, Mrs. J.Harding then made the usual presentations to the President, Councillor, Secretary, Treasurer & Tournament Secretary.

Election of Officers:	President:	A.Watts.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. J.Harding.	
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. J.Wyllie (on a vote from N.Bond & M.Hurrelbrinck.)	
Secretary:	Mrs. M.Wilton.	
Treasurer:	Mrs. J.Hall.	
Councillor:	Mrs. R.Lamb.	
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. A.Brian.	
Executive Committee:	Mesdames J.Hargood, M.Hurrelbrinck, D.Kelsey, M.Pedersen.	
	(this was from a vote including N.Bond & J.Black.)	
Tournament Committee:	Mesdames M.Nicholls, J.Black, N.Bond, E.Price.	

Mrs. Watts welcomed all aboard and stated that they were heading up to Rissington for their retreat to prepare the new seasons programme.

The secretary reported that the "Bell Tea Co" - Rush Print - A.N.Z.Bank - National Bank - N.Z.L Insurance - and Levene's had confirmed their sponsorship for the new season but they had lost 3, so if anyone knows anyone who might support Women's Bowls please investigate and let the Executive know.

Mrs. Watts reported having attended the Bowls N.Z. School of excellence held at Rotorua recently as an observer, and how rewarding it had been for her. Ramoana Pharazyn and Sue Mairs had been the two chosen from Hawkes Bay and both had come home with all the right things to work on.

At the meeting of Delegates held at the Heretaunga Bowling Pavilion on the 6th October 1997 R.Lamb gave a brief report on her visit as escort for Cis at her induction to the "Sports Hall of Fame".

Ruth stated it was a delightful experience and Cis a wonderful companion, the visit was immensely enjoyable, and everyone took great care of Cis.

An extract from the H.B.Herald Tribune reads: Celebrated Hawkes Bay Bowler, Cissy Winstanley, was today a little bemused by her inclusion in the "Hall of Fame". I wasn't expecting it. I'm a has been aren't I? said the popular Marewa Bowling Club Member.

But Winstanley 88 years old richly deserves the honour after winning two World Titles (as Skip of the fours and Triples in Wellington in 1973) and also winning a World Silver (Skip of the Triples in England 4 years later) besides winning 17 National Titles and around 130 Centre and Club Titles.

Winstanley played competitive bowls for 45 years.

C.Winstanley.



R.Lamb, H.Sudfelt, C.Winstanley, G.Oliver.



The Hawkes Bay Women's Centre Executive acknowledged this event with a morning tea attended by Executive Members, Life Members and Bowlers who had had the privilege of competing against Cis in her competitive years. Everyone spoke of their special memories of Cis on and off the Green.

Arrangements were well in hand for the "Battens Up Night" to be held at Wairere starting with a sausage sizzle for \$1 and hoping there would be lots of prizes arriving to make the evening successful.

At the Executive meeting on the 10 November the secretary advised that the "Battens Up Night" had been very successful with a profit of approximately \$1,510 being made.

At this meeting H.Sudfelt proposed seconded R.Lamb that the Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre give Life-Membership to G.Oliver. It was felt that all her endeavours whilst working on the administration of our Centre and for our Centre at National level, had earned her this honour, this was agreed to and it was left to H.Sudfelt and R.Lamb to arrange her Citation.

R.Lamb advised that she would not be standing for Councillor after the completion of this term as she felt she had achieved what she set out to do and now it was time to consider her Husband and Family. Regret was expressed at her decision but the Executive could all relate to the reasons and they were sound.

At the Delegates meeting of the H.B.Centre held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on the 1st of December, the Delegates were informed that the Centre had received a cheque from Coopers & Lybrand, (accountants for the N.Z.W.B.A.) and it was disclosed that the Executive had decided to donate \$10 per financial player as at the 31st March 1997 to all clubs. It was stated that when the N.Z.W.B.A. was dissolved it was agreed that any surplus money be returned to Centres for the promotion of Women's Bowls and NOT to go into general funds. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the money be re-invested in total, at the conclusion of the present term of 2 months for another 3 months, Delegates to take the matter back to their clubs for discussion.

At the Executive meeting at the conclusion of the Delegates meeting, H.Sudfelt moved a vote of thanks to R.Lamb for services rendered whilst our Councillor, as this was her last meeting, this seconded by A.Watts and passed unanimously.

At the Executive meeting on the 5th December, a good deal of discussion took place on the N.Z.W.B.A. funds, finally decided that Executive should adhere to their original decision and NOT change the decision. This will be stated at the next Delegates meeting.

At the Executive meeting held on the 12th of January 1998 a great amount of discussion took place on the Amalgamation Constitution, Havelock North Club are in the process of amalgamation,

but it was felt it would be another 12 months before this took place. Kia Toa's amalgamated constitution was approved.

Mrs. J.Hall, treasurer stated she would not be standing for re-election at the next annual general meeting, so would clubs enquire for nominations for a new secretary as well as a Councillor.

At the February Executive meeting R.Lamb reported she had had a call from Nora Peck the Gisborne East Coast Councillor stating they required a meeting with our President and Councillor at the inter-club zone finals, with a view to claiming some of our funds that were in the possession of the East Coast Women's Centre at the time they parted company with Hawkes Bay. After three years this came as rather a shock, had they not been so foolish as to request \$55,000-00 from the transitional committee to set up their new Centre, they too, would have received realistic help. However, it was agreed to seek legal assistance with this, as they obviously are going to try any way they know how to obtain money from H.B.

At the Executive meeting on the 24th February, R.Lamb suggested it might be a nice gesture if Cissy could attend the National Singles in March, she had mentioned it to Kerry Clark and he had been agreeable.

Nominations for Councillor - as these have to be in by the 1st of May, and because the executive does not feel a delegates meeting in April, May & June is necessary, it was agreed that a postal vote be held. Secretary to draw up a ballot paper and send them out to clubs and they would have to be returned to the secretary by 15th May, these could then be counted at the Executive meeting on the 18th of May.

A meeting of Executive was held while the Champion of Champion tournament were taking place and R.Lamb and A.Watts reported on their meeting with the Gisborne East Coast President and Councillor.

Gisborne East Coast presented an estimate of what they felt was owed to them when they were forced to withdraw from the East Coast Centre by Bowls N.Z. Their figures were based on the H.B. return of that year and they felt that \$2,048-02 would be an equitable figure. After considerable discussion, and taking into account how little the Gisborne East Coast contributed towards the extra money that went in to the East Coast credit balance, in as much there was little input from them towards the raffles, tournament entries, plus East Coast had paid their \$100 deposit on their accommodation, plus they were treated the same as all the clubs with copies of the new constitution etc. it was finally decided that the Hawkes Bay Centre make a donation to the Gisborne East Coast Centre of \$1200-00 as a final payment and hopefully close the subject.. A.Watts stated that A.Blackman and N.Peck had stated that what ever we gave them, that would be the end of the matter.

A.Brian stated she would not be standing for the position of Tournament Secretary at the up-coming annual meeting so we would need a new one.

Secretary asked whether it would be possible to hold the Centre opening at the Whakatu Club as they had never had a Centre Opening there and they had always been very supportive of the Centre. It was pointed out that we only had 1 green at Waipawa so that would not be a problem, this was agreed to.

At the April Delegates meeting the secretary advised that there had been 3 nominations for the position of N.Z.Councillor.

The Executive retreat to Omatua, Rissington to do the programme went very well and all is in readiness for the new season, with the prize-money increased as much as the Centre could afford at the present time.

A.Brian, R.Lamb, J.Hall and H.Sudfelt then thanked the Executive for all the help they had received during their term of office and wished everyone well for the future. A.Watts then thanked

each of these Ladies for all their input over the many years they had served the Executive and wished them every happiness and good health for their future.

At the May meeting of the Executive the postal votes for the new Councillor were counted with the resultant winner being E.Price, secretary to write to the two unsuccessful nominees and thank them for standing for Office.

The Annual General meeting of Delegates was held at the Waipawa Bowling Club Pavilion on the 19th of June 1998 All 17 Clubs were represented.

Mrs. Watts moved for the adoption of her report which had been circulated this was done and she was congratulated on the good work achieved during the year.

Mrs. Hall then presented her final financial report this was seconded by M.Nicholl and D.Kelsey congratulated Mrs. Hall on her outstanding commitment to the Executive in her position as treasurer, this was unanimously endorsed by all present.

The Senior Vice-President then had the pleasure of making presentations to R.Lamb, A.Brian, H.Sudfelt and J.Hall all of whom had given 14 years service to the Bowling Women of the Hawkes Bay and previously the East Coast Centres. It was remarked on by M.Smyth and J.Harding that this was a tremendous effort on their behalf and one which the Centre was duly appreciative of. These presentations were unanimously approved by all present. Mrs. Harding then presented the President and Secretary with a gift in appreciation of their efforts for the Centre.

Election of Officers:	President: Mrs. A.Watts.
Senior Vice-President:	Mrs. J.Harding.
Junior Vice-President:	Mrs. M.Podersen (by vote over M.Hurrelbrinck)
Secretary:	Mrs. M.Wilton.
Treasurer:	Mrs.N.Dooney (by vote from J.Black&M.Hurrelbrinck)
Tournament Secretary:	Mrs. M.Nicholls.
Executive Committee:	Mesdames D.Kelsey, M.Hurrelbrinck, J.Black, P.Carthew.
Tournament Committee:	Mesdames D.Kelsey, M.Hurrelbrinck, S.Mabey, N.Bullock.

R.Lamb gave a brief summary of her six years as Councillor naming some of the highlights of the position, she stated she had received vast support from Gloria Oliver for which she was very grateful. There had been several changes in the world of Bowls, one of which was the axing of the Annual Zone Tournament and the new Super 8 Regional Tournament to be held in its place.

The Major Highlight of the year was to accompany C.Wiastanley on her trip to Dunedin for her induction into the "Sports Hall of Fame," an Honour long overdue. To Manage the Senior Zone Team to Gisborne, some great bowls were played, the East Coast team finally losing to Manawatu on differential - a wonderful effort, the trip to Hamilton with Ramoana Pharazyn for the National Singles, where once again excellent bowls were played.

The Hawkes Bay Coaches Promising Players Tournament held each year against Gisborne East Coast - This was won this year by Hawkes Bay - very exciting and once again I was appreciative of the thoughtfulness shown me it was really appreciated.

I congratulate the Wairere Women's Bowling Club on winning the the Zone Inter-Club and travelling to Auckland to play in the finals.

Congratulations to Patsy Jorgensen, on being a member of the N.Z. Team, I have followed Patsy's career with great pride and interest and I'm sure everyone will join with me in wishing Patsy all the best for her trip to Malaysia. In conclusion I would like to thank all bowlers for supporting me over my term of office as your Councillor, it has been an honour and a privilege. I hope you will give your new Councillor, Liz Price the same support. To the Centre Executive I wish you all the best for the years to come.

It was stated that, at the meeting with Kerry Clark of Bowls N.Z. he had advised that there was no such thing as Grading - that set the tongues wagging, the result of which is that the Wairere Women's Bowling Club tabled a recommendation for the next Delegates meeting as to whether or not the Centre abolish grading in the Centre. Delegates to discuss with their clubs the pros and cons etc.

The secretary advised that the Centre had lost the Sponsorships from both the A.N.Z. Bank Ltd and the National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. However Rush Print and Hawkes Bay Racing will continue their Sponsorship for the Open Singles and "the Bell Tea Co" will continue their sponsorship of the Open Fours, Levene's and Hastings Ford will continue their sponsorship of the Junior events. This leaves quite a few tournaments without Sponsors, as well as this the Executive have decided to raise the prize-money as follows:

Southern Graded and Limited Fours: \$40 1st prize - \$25 2nd prize - \$15 3rd prize.

Open Fours, Triples & Pairs: \$80 1st prize - \$50 2nd prize - \$25 3rd prize.

All Championship winners except Senior Singles: \$50 1st prize - \$25 runner-up

Secretary also expressed disappointment that so few people had endeavoured to obtain advertisements for the Handbook, Napier Folk especially, there must be some Napier Firms who would support the Hawkes Bay Women's Bowls surely at \$65 per page including G.S.T. it is not expensive and goes into 1000 homes in the area. (Auckland Printers doing handbooks for local clubs are asking \$200 a page.)

At the July meeting of the Executive D.Kelsey proposed that as J.Hall had done such a tremendous job over the years with Treasury work that she be awarded Life-Membership. This was seconded by M.Hurrelbrinck and after thorough discussion on the subject, it was unanimously agreed to.

Suggested time for the Presentation, the Centre Opening, agreed.

Secretary reported that the Port of Napier had donated \$320 sponsorship - greeted with delight, this would be used for the Southern Graded (or if Wairere's recommendation is voted in it will be the Southern Tournament.)

A.Watts and E.Price reported on a meeting they had attended at Palmerston North, with Manawatu, Wairarapa, Wellington etc. This had gone very well and everyone was very enthusiastic about the hexagonal or Octagonal Tournament proposed for the Ladies 4-6th December - the main problem will be financial!

J.Harding spoke about what she hopes will happen for the proposed Millenium Tournament.

Agreed that the Centre would hold a coffee morning at Heretaunga Bowls Pavilion on the 10th September and "Margarets" of Stortford Lodge would present a Mannequina Parade, there would also be some entertainment, and perhaps P.Jorgensen would like to address the gathering on life in Malaysia training for the Commonwealth Games.

At the August meeting of Delegates, A.Watts reported on the attendance at a Coaching meeting with B.Clark on where Coaching is heading? He has produced a booklet which he hoped all Clubs, Coaches and Umpires would receive. The Executive will meet with the Coaching Committee next week to discuss the Coaching requirements as laid down in the book.

After considerable discussion on the text of a recommendation from Wairere Women's Bowling Club - "That the present policy of Grading all women players within the Hawkes Bay Centre be dis-continued" a vote was taken - the result being in favour of the recommendation - so henceforth the The Southern Graded will simply be the Southern Tournament and the Limited Fours will now become the Restricted Fours for players who have been playing for up to 12 years - It was pointed out that this may very well be for only one season as in all probability the Men's and Women's Centres will be amalgamated before next season, then, it will be a whole new ball game.

At the Executive meeting held on the 3rd of August it was agreed that A.Watts, E.Price & J.Harding would form the committee to join with the men for amalgamation meetings.

At the September meeting of the Executive A.Watts advised that the meeting with the Men for the amalgamation meeting would be on the 14th of September 1998.

At the October meeting of the Executive E.Price gave a summary of the Bowls N.Z. A.G.M. When the minutes of this meeting were to hand, all would be revealed but in the meantime Clubs to be asked to ascertain the amount of input they were giving to the National Insurance Co. as they were being very generous - but - they were looking for returns on their effort.

Discussion on promoting Bowls, brought the response that we need younger people in the advertisements not the elderly rubbing their backs and aching limbs etc.

A.Watts reported on the first meeting with the Men's Committee and stated there was to be another on the 6th October. Finance is the subject for this meeting, explained that all have agreed to amalgamate, the Men's Centre has already gone through an annual meeting, this would still have to be done by the women.

It was mentioned that the Centre coffee morning had been very acceptable as in fact was the whole performance, suggested that we ensure date of coffee morning is known when dates are given out at the annual meeting.

At the December meeting of the Executive A.Watts reported that the amalgamation arrangements were going ahead quietly, there was another meeting down for the 15th December and they were going to discuss the constitution. It is felt that amalgamation will take place in time for the start of the 1999/2000 season. E.Price spoke on the progress being made and said they were looking at perhaps a President who was a P.R. person, a Chairperson who would run the meetings etc. and Manager Secretary/Treasurer,

as there would not be double the work when we were amalgamated and they considered, by putting the two monies together, plus a little more they could employ someone to do the whole job.

J.Harding reported on a meeting she had had together with M.Wilton to see if the National Service Club would allow us to hold a mixed Millennium tournament at the same time as theirs. The answer was an emphatic NO - we could hold a ladies one but no way would they allow us to hold a mixed one and although they were quite happy to allow us to share their advertising around the country and have the same closing date etc. the answer to a mixed tournament was definitely NO. J.Harding felt it was hardly worth our while, as the occasion (and the majority of members felt this too) needed to be a mixed occasion.

At the Delegates meeting held at Havelock North Bowling Club Pavilion in the Financial report, N.Dooney stated that she felt Centre had done really well with the finances this season, considering Centre had had to provide more prizes, owing to the loss of sponsorship. We did not receive sponsorships from H.B.Milk Corp. National Bank of N.Z. Ltd. Central H.B. Funeral Directors. Hastings Ford and Levene's halved theirs to \$50 so that was a loss of approximately \$1280.00. This makes it a lot more important that we endeavour to keep our Sponsors by using their products. The Bell Tea Representative has spoken on visiting clubs, (especially during the Bell Tea Tournament) and finding that they do not use Bell Tea - Please Clubs - The "Bell Tea Company" have been very good to the Centre over a number of years!

A vote was then taken on whether Clubs were in favour of Amalgamation - the result was a unanimous yes.

A thorough discussion was then held on the proposed Constitution document for Hawkes Bay Bowls, and J.Harding noted the areas of concern. It was noted that we would be lucky to be amalgamated by next season at the rate of progress.

At the Executive meeting held on the 5th of May it was reported that amalgamation could not go forward until next season because the men were not well enough informed on the subject. They could not vote on the new constitution because their clubs have not seen a copy! Therefore it was agreed that once the new Executives are in place for next season, the Women will instigate a combined meeting with the Men's Centre to start the ball rolling, to ensure that both groups meet together perhaps bi-monthly to get

all the details sorted out, so that it will happen in 2000. We must ensure job descriptions are worked on and that they are available before the A.G.M. so people can think about the requirements and be ready as soon as amalgamation takes place.

The Executive were informed at the June meeting that Port of Napier were only able to sponsor the Southern Fours for \$100-00 this year, but relief that the N.Z.I. would continue to sponsor the Open Pairs, Rush Print and Hawkes Bay Racing the Open Singles, While Spicers will sponsor the 2x4x2.

N.Dooney presented her audited accounts for the year for approval, these were remarkably well set out and D.Kelsey passed a congratulatory vote on the excellent work Noeleen has done, this was unanimously endorsed. N.Dooney then said she wished to place on record the good work Margaret Nicholls had done in her department, everything was very clear and if it had not been for the exceptionally good response to the raffles, some of the tournaments would not have been run at a profit. It was generally felt that, considering the drop in numbers participating, and therefore a drop in income, and further considering that we had less sponsorship and therefore had to pay out a number of the prizes this season, the end result had been very well achieved.

The Annual General meeting of Delegates was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club All Clubs were represented.

Secretary reported she had just received notification from P.Carthew that the Central MedLab would provide sponsorship of \$400 for the Central Fours, this news was received with delight and sincere thanks to P.Carthew for her endeavours.

A.Watts asked if, for this season only, the position of Junior Vice-President may be held by a Club member BUT - NOT - necessarily a Delegate. That she be accepted for this position with full voting rights.

Reason:

The only nominations received for this position were not delegates, and this is a once only situation, and as the Centre should be amalgamated with the Mens Centre by next season, the situation will not arise again.

carried unanimously.

Election of Officers:

President: Mrs. J.Harding

Senior Vice-President:

Mrs.M.Pedersen.

Junior Vice-President:

Mrs. M.Hurrelbrinck over Mrs. P.Jorgensen.

Councillor:

Mrs. E.Price.

Secretary:

Mrs. M.Wilton.

Treasurer:

Mrs. N.Dooney.

Tournament Secretary:

Mrs. M.Nicholls.

Executive:

Mesdames J.Black, P.Carthew, D.Kelsey, M.Parsons.

Tournament Committee:

Mesdames M.Hurrelbrinck, D.Kelsey, S.Mabey, J.Black.

E.Price presented her first full report as Councillor and J.Harding welcomed her to her second year. Liz stated she had enjoyed the challenges the year had brought and looked forward with pleasure and interest to the next year.

J.Harding asked the Delegates if anyone had any ideas about celebrating the Millennium, the Centre did originally think a champagne breakfast followed by a mixed tournament but it wasn't practical with the National Service having a tournament on the greens we were planning to use. So would everyone put their thinking caps on and bring ideas to the next meeting.

At the Executive meeting on the 13 of July J.Harding said she had pleasure in advising the Executive that Play-away-tours would donate \$250-00 towards prizes for the Open Triples, this was welcome news.

J.Harding advised that she would like to hold a mystery bus trip as a celebration of the new millennium, the majority of Delegates felt a week day would be preferable. The cost is in the early stages yet but it was thought that \$25 would pay for the bus, champagne breakfast, morning and afternoon teas and a little extra something.

J.Harding congratulated Napier and Marawa bowling Clubs on their amalgamation and they would now be called Bowls Napier.

At the September meeting of Executive M.Wilton stated that the Bluff Hill Bowling Club advised that they now had 17 women members. Secretary instructed to send copies of Handbooks etc and all relevant information to the Bluff Hill Secretary, along with our congratulations.

Agreed that the secretary write to the Men's Centre re a meeting re amalgamation as time is running by.

At the October meeting of Executive J.Harding that Patsy Jorgensen had returned home at the week-end and she and E.Price had met her at the airport with a bouquet of flowers to congratulate her on her 2 medals, this was exceptionally well done, it is hard enough to win one medal.

With regard to a problem with vice-presidents: J.Harding spoke on this situation and how it had arisen, she also re-iterated what the Centre had done with respect to the Junior Vice-President, she stated that the Centre Executive had gone into the matter very thoroughly, taken legal advice, and that the two Delegates concerned were quite happy to resign their positions if there was any Delegate at the meeting who was prepared to take on the position. It was felt the Executive needed a full compliment of members in order to carry out their responsibilities. J.Harding then spoke on the Resolution as prepared by the lawyers and to which the Executive agreed.

Delegates were then given time to discuss the matter among themselves, and after due thought and various questions the meeting agreed to the resolution that M.Pedersen may remain as Senior Vice-President for the remainder of the season. Likewise M.Harrelbrinck could also remain till the end of the season.

A meeting with the Men's Centre to take place, topics for discussion were: Closing and Opening of Amalgamation dates, sponsorships, capitation, financial aspects, handbook, councillor nomination, communications, job specifications etc. etc. etc.

At the November meeting of the Executive secretary advised she had obtained all the necessary papers re P.Weaver.

J.Harding and E.Price reported on their last amalgamation meeting with the Men, they have finished the constitution and J.Otton the appointed secretary for the exercise will photo copy all the necessary papers and send them off to clubs to peruse. Black, White and Maroon to be the new colours of the new amalgamated Centre.

E.Price stated there was to be a visit to the area by Gary Sutcliffe, the Bowls N.Z. person responsible for promoting bowls in schools, especially secondary schools.

At the December Delegates meeting J.Harding reported on arrangements for the Mystery Bus Trip and advised that all Napier and North Bowlers would need to be at the Omarunui Bowling Club to catch the bus at 7-45am sharp to take them to Heretaunga Bowling Club in time for the champagne breakfast. All other bowlers to be at Heretaunga by 8am.

E.Price reported that secondary school bowls are well under control for next season, the Central area is well under way, Hastings is getting organised, Napier still to follow.

At the Delegates meeting held at Hastings Bowling Club Pavilion on the 7th February 2000, the President J.Harding welcomed all bowlers to the first meeting of the Millennium. All Clubs were represented.

Comments on the mystery bus trip were flowing, everyone spoke of the great success of the event and Joyce Harding was to be congratulated on the wonderful results. Joyce replied that she had come out with a small profit of \$200-50c. Having received \$3,033-00 including raffles, she had spent \$2,832-50, leaving the \$200-50c in credit, everyone agreed this was an excellent result.

The Centre Prize-Giving was discussed and J.Harding stated that as this would be the final act for Hawkes Bay Women as such, she would like anyone who would like to come and attend the ceremony at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on Friday the 28th of April at 2-00pm to do so, however, would club secretaries please advise M.Wilton by Monday the 23rd, of numbers attending.

Full bowling uniform would be worn, including gloves, that's the way it used to be, so think of it as a fancy dress affair or olden times!

E.Price spoke on a meeting with the Wanganui folk whilst they were over playing in the tournament and they had decided to leave the date as the middle week-end of January, then everyone could plan accordingly.

At the March meeting of the Executive discussion took place on Finance for the new Centre - How were they going to combine their finances? and then share them? It was hoped both Centres would put an equal amount in to the kitty, then put some aside for development projects - time will tell.

E.Price advised that the Hawkes Bay Triples team together with J.Harding and P.Jorgensen had been chosen to represent the area in the Super 8 Tournament.

J.Harding reported on the President's Day, this would take place on Monday the 17th of April at Wairere. Invitations to be issued to all clubs, Life-Members etc.

At the Delegates meeting on the 3rd of April discussion on amalgamation continued, J.Harding reported that matters were going ahead although slowly, but positively. The changes in the constitution were discussed, these had been tabled and approved. A vote was taken for the approval of the changes, these were agreed to.

J.Harding advised that there would be a guest speaker for the prize-giving and she hoped to make it a Grand Finale for our Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre Exit. She stated she would like to hold the prize-giving in 4 parts - 1st section - then a Speaker - 2nd section - Speaker - 3rd section - N.Z.Worlds - H.B.Sportsperson - Top Club - Thankyous.

The Champion of Champion week had been very successful and M.Nicholls was congratulated on her organisational skills, M.Nicholls then stated she was considering applying for the position of Tournament Secretary of the new Centre. N.Dooney stated she was considering applying for the position of Treasurer, J.Harding said she was unsure whether she would stand and M.Wilton said she would not be applying for the secretaryship but she was prepared to stand for the Executive as she felt some folk were needed from the old Executive who had been involved with the transition to be part of the new regime.

The President J.Harding presided over a full attendance of members at the final Executive meeting of the Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre as amalgamation will take place on the 25th June 2000. There was a certain amount of nostalgia present owing to the above fact and of course it was the end of an era, however, all were positive about the future. With 5 members prepared to stand for the Executive of Bowls Hawkes Bay 2000 Inc the interest of the women should be taken care of.

The President's Day and Centre Prize-giving were both highly praised by the members and were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

E.Price announced that the Secondary School Bowls were going well in some areas, not so well in others, unfortunately some schools did not have the sport in their curriculum for the winter months, however, plans are still in place. The Hawkes Bay Competition will be held early July.

The Executive who were standing for the new Committee farewelled those who were finishing at the Annual meeting, J.Harding, A.Watts, M.Hurrelbrinck, M.Parsons, P.Carthew and J.Black. They were accorded a vote of thanks for their time and effort involved over a period of time.

The final Annual General Meeting of Delegates of the Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre was held at the Heretaunga Bowling Club Pavilion on Friday the 9th of June 2000. (This was appropriate as it was at Heretaunga it all began all those years ago.) Mrs. J.Harding, President welcomed all delegates to this slightly sad occasion. Mr. Barry Lloyd welcomed everyone to Heretaunga in his usual jocular manner and finished wishing everyone well for the future of Bowls Hawkes Bay 2000 Inc.

Only one club was not represented at this final meeting.

J.Harding was congratulated on the success of the Millenium projects, everyone agreed it had been a worthwhile year.

N.Dooney presented her final financial report and commented that she felt, the Centre had done really well, considering, the consistent drop in entry numbers, and of course less members meant less income across the board. However, she said as far as the tournaments went, these were self supporting, special thanks to their organisers, and of course the proceeds of the raffles was a helpful factor. E.Price congratulated N.Dooney on the excellence of her duties as Treasurer over the past 2 years.

J.Harding then presented her annual report stating she hardly knew where to begin, the year had flown so fast. Joyce expressed her thanks to the delegates for giving her the opportunity to be their President and to oversee the "End of an Era" - more than half a century of Women's bowls. We are now moving forward with the times, to Amalgamation and hopefully to a strong organisation with the Men and Women of the Centre combining well. One must realise that change often brings its own teething problems, but there should not be anything that cannot be rectified, with tolerance and understanding by all concerned.

Bowls Hawkes Bay 2000 will show the way to future progress and we must all pull together to make a successful Centre.

We have had a busy year together, and I hope you have enjoyed the activities that were organised for you. I felt the Millenium Bus Tour and the President's Day were a success, and I thank all of you who attended.

Several tremendous events have marked the year 2000 as special for bowls in this region.

We had the historic award to our own Icon of Bowls - Cissie Winstanley who received the coveted title of "Hawke's Bay Sportsperson of the Century." This was followed by the wonderful achievements of Hawkes Bays New Zealand Representative Patsy Jorgensen with the winning of not one but Double Gold at the World Championships in Australia.

Congratulations and well done Ladies. "We bask in your Glory."

My appreciation to all my Executive and Committee of a task well done.

My Term of Office has been busy and fulfilling and with having such a competent Executive around me, I have been able to continue playing the game, as well as carrying out my administration duties - Thankyou All.

"Quote" "Remembrance is God's Greatest Gift."

J.Harding then gave a summary of the Centres History, how it commenced 56 years ago, and what a lot of long serving Executive there had been, with many Ladies contributing towards the success of the Centre. It was also stated that for a small Centre we had done very well, as far as National Tournaments were concerned and how we have some very famous people in our Ranks, the latest of Course being

Pat Weaver who has been honoured with the New Zealand Medal of Merit.

All together a Centre to be proud of and one which she was very happy to be associated with.

A Presentation was then made to Pat Weaver and the Secretary read out the Citation that had accompanied the Centre's request for an Honour for her.

(An excerpt from the Herald Tribune reporting on Birthday Honours:

Hastings Resident Mrs. P.Weaver was not bowled over by Queen's Birthday Honours but she stated it was in administrative contributions rather than playing achievements that led to her being made a Member of the N.Z. Order of Merit for services to bowls.

Although she was honoured to be asked to accept the recognition of her work, she felt the sport had given her a great deal - both in enjoyment and travel opportunities. Mrs Weaver said without her

husbands support, she would not have been able to contribute as much as she had to the sport since 1956. She served as President of the Hastings Bowling Club for 4 years in the 1970s and was delegate to the East Coast Centre from 1967-1993 and President in 1981 & 1982. She was also President of N.Z. Women's Bowls Association, and served on the executive of the International Women's Bowls Boards from 1984-1992. She is a Life-Member of all those associations.

Mrs. Weaver was Manager of the World Bowls team which travelled to Melbourne in 1984, the Pacific Games teams which went to Tweedhead Australia in 1985, the Commonwealth Games team which competed in Edinburgh in 1986 and the Zone team from 1982-1993.

While International President she attended the World Bowls in Auckland in 1988 and in Scotland in 1992, the North Pacific Games in Fiji in 1989 and the Pacific Games in Hong Kong in 1990.)

P. Weaver stated that she felt very humble indeed and that when one was honoured for doing something one loved doing it, was truly wonderful. She had had many great occasions for her, two of the best were meeting Queen Elizabeth and attending a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

J. Wyllie from the Havelock North Club stated she had been advised by her Club to wish the Hawke's Bay Women well for the amalgamated Centre and they were sure it would be a successful venture.

In accordance with the motion passed at a meeting of Centre Delegates on the 12th of April 1999, that the Hawke's Bay Women's Bowling Centre amalgamates with Bowls Hawke's Bay 2000 Inc. Could approval for the transfer of all assets to that body be affirmed. Moved N. Dooney seconded M. Hurrellbrinck - members were asked to confirm this action - agreed unanimously.

Resolution to dissolve:

Moved J. Black seconded M. Nicholl that due to the amalgamation of the Hawke's Bay Men's and Women's Centres, to be known as Bowls Hawke's Bay 2000 Inc. The Hawke's Bay Women's Bowling Centre be dissolved forthwith—members were asked to confirm this action also - sadly it was also agreed to unanimously.

As the Centre had now come, sadly, to the end of an Era, D. Kelsey presented J. Harding with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her for all her assistance over the years and wished her well for the future. Before asking P. Weaver to present her Past President's badge the Secretary commented that they had had the old President's Badge melted down and made into the new badge, as it did not seem logical to keep the old valuable badge away in a museum somewhere. P. Weaver then had great pleasure in pinning on the new (used!) badge. On this sad but happy note the meeting was brought to a close at 11-25am 2000 and the Hawke's Bay Women's Bowling Centre was no more.

A typical Centre Opening with Life Members Janet Williams rolling up the Jack and Shirley Lucas playing the first bowl, and thus declaring the new season open.



Centre Achievers from earlier years.



E.C.Open Four 1956 Runners up.
E.Doak, E.Sutcliffe, R.Croucher, S.Knuckey.



Centre Ch.of Champion Pairs 1958
Mesdames C.Bull and E.Doak.

CENTRE CHAMPION
of CHAMPION
SINGLES 1972/73



D.Stoupe.

CENTRE CHAMPION of CHAMPION Graded Fours 1977



Skip. A. Morton, K. Robb, E. Ramsey, D. Mackley.

Interclub Competition between Port Ahuriri, Havelock North, Heretaunga.



back row: mesdames Shadbolt, Redgrave, Latimer, Bayly.
front row: " " Wilkinson, Allen, Martin, Holden.



Our 4 Famous Medal Winners



C.Winstanley, P.Jorgensen, C.Ferrick, K.Portas.



Life-Members,

S.Lucas, P.Weaver, J.Williams, G.Wilson, J.Hall.



Councillors All:

Mrs. Bainbridge, R.Lamb, E.Price.

Past Presidents of the East Coast and Hawkes Bay Bowling Centres.



Mrs. C. Wilkinson.
1944-1950



Mrs. A. Burge.
1950-1961



Mrs. Bainbridge.
1962-1965



Mrs. J. Taylor
1965-1968

Mrs. P. Weaver.
1968 -1971

Mrs. N. Williams.
1971-1974



Mrs. Edgecombe.
1974-1977

Mrs. Bardell. Mrs. Finlayson.
1977-1980 1980-1983.

East Coast and Hawkes Bay Centre Past Presidents continued.



Mrs. M. Wharton. 1983-1986 Mrs. A. Paget. 1986-1989 Mrs. A. Brian. 1989-1991



Mrs. C. Downing. 1991-1993 Mrs. M. Smyth. 1993-1995 Mrs. H. Sudfelt. 1995-1997



Mrs. A. Watts.
1997-1999



Mrs. J. Harding.
1999-2000

Secretaries for the East Coast and Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre.



Mrs. G.Wilson, Mrs. G.Oliver, Mrs. S.Lucas, Mrs. M.Wilton.
1950-1975. 1975-1980. 1980-1994. 1994-2000.

Treasurers.



Mrs. J.Williams, Mrs. Harland, Mrs.Z.Murray, Mrs. J.Hall.
1952-1972. 1972-1979. 1979-1985. 1985-1998.



Mrs. N.Dooney.
1998-2000.



Joyce Harding, left, and Viv McGarva . . . a unique hat-trick.

Historic bowls hat-trick

Hertsaunga Club bowlers Viv McGarva and Joyce Harding made history last week when they became the first combination to win the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre open pairs title for the third consecutive time.

Though the long-established tournament has attracted some notable players, none have matched the feats of McGarva and Harding.

They completed the hat-trick by beating the Hastings pair of Merle

Symon and Melva Malkin by 24-15 in the final at Murewa on Saturday.

McGarva (skip) and Harding (lead) marked this momentous win by scoring their 13th consecutive victory to complete the tournament, which attracted 160 pairs, with an unbeaten record.

McGarva and Harding won all six qualifying matches to gain a place among the last 45 pairs for post-section play.

They continued their inexorable drive to victory, culminating in the

defeat of Symon and Malkin in the final.

McGarva was quick to heap praise on Harding for the win.

"We played as a team . . . that was the secret to our success," she said this week.

However, the win was hard-earned. Apart from the quality of the opposition, McGarva and Harding had to contend with blustery winds and high temperatures.

"It was really hard work, but it was great to win," McGarva said.

Top women bowlers

TWO Waipukurau bowling club members, Teresa Bland and Judy Stevenson won the 'Centre Champion Pairs' at Murewa Bowling Club recently.

The pair had to win the club pairs before competing at the Hawke's Bay Bowling Centre competition.

It was very exciting and we were up against stiff competition, Mrs Stevenson said.

For us to come



Pictured from left Teresa Bland and Judy Stevenson.

from a small club and win the competition was a great feat, and

we wanted to be competitive, the pair agreed.

East Coast takes inter-centre bowls

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Dunedin

A more consistent East Coast team comfortably won the New Zealand women's inter-centre bowls event held in Dunedin on Saturday.

East Coast gained 12 points, and the remaining three teams all ended with eight points. But Otago had a better points differential and came from behind to snatch second place from Christchurch and Waikato.

The annual inter-centre event has been held since 1983 and this was the first time East Coast has won the event. They finished runner-up in 1990 and 1991.

Consistency was the keynote of the East Coast win and the singles, pairs and fours teams each had two wins from the three games.

East Coast put pressure on the other teams by winning its three first-round games, and had a tidy four-point lead after two rounds.

Singles player Patsy Jorgensen beat Sue Barnard (Waikato) 26-16 in the first round and Dawn Rowley (Otago) 25-18 in the second round.

Her only loss came in the third round when she went down to national singles champion Daphne Hugo (Christchurch) 21-12, when heavy rain flooded the greens and forced play to be called off an hour early.

Play was even for the first 15 ends against Rowley, but Jorgensen then took six shots off the next five ends to take a decisive 18-11 advantage which Rowley was not able to peg back.

The pairs combination of Leigh Peterson and Viv McGarva beat Otago 30-18, Waikato 18-4, and lost to Christchurch 25-12.

East Coast was down 11-1 early in its game against the Otago pair of Gaynor Reid and Lenore Webster, and still trailed 15-8 after 10 ends, and 18-11 after 15 ends.

It scored a four, one and a two in the later ends to take the lead, and hold on at the finish.

It has been an impressive season for Peterson who finished third in both the national singles at Christchurch, and the champion of champions singles at Balclutha.

The East Coast four of Jennie Ann Law, Susan Belcher, Joyce Harding and Nancy Weaver beat Christchurch 18-6, Waikato 17-11, and lost to Otago 11-8 when rain ended play.

A key match was against Waikato and the score was evenly poised with East Coast holding a narrow 8-5 lead after 10 of the 18 ends.

But East Coast then took a stranglehold of the game by scoring nine shots off the next five ends to lead 17-5 after 15 ends.

Otago started badly and had only one win — when Rowley beat Hugo (Christchurch) 25-12 — after two rounds.

Rowley gained her second win when she trounced Sue Barnard (Waikato) 25-3 in the final round.

Reid and Webster narrowly lost the first game to East Coast 20-18, and the second to Waikato 17-15 before winning the third comfortably 19-12 against Christchurch.

The Otago four was outplayed 30-16 by Christchurch and was in front of East Coast 11-8 in the final game when play was abandoned.

Bowls gold star

Oamaru's Anne Ross captured her Hawke's Bay Women's Bowls Centre gold star yesterday with a win in the champion of champions pairs in Hastings.

Ross, who was part of the Oamaru team which recently competed in the interclub zone champs, won her fifth champion of champions title with a 27-13 victory in conjunction with club-mate Pauline Tall.

Ross and Tall defeated the Kin Toa duo of Marie Clark and Joyce Hillson in a pairs final which saw the host-club duo play far more competitively than the final scoreline reflected. The Oamaru pair defeated Waipawa's Ramona Pharaon and Marie Connolly earlier in the day to make the final.

Play began yesterday in the fours competition, with 10 teams still in contention for the title which will be decided tomorrow.

Pair equal record

The Heretaunga duo of Viv McGarva and Joyce Harding produced a thrilling finish to win their fourth consecutive East Coast Women's Bowling Centre's open pairs title yesterday.

McGarva (skip) and Harding beat the Waipukurau pair of Judy Stevenson (skip) and Lily Long 19-17 at Napier's Wairere club. Their four consecutive titles equals the centre's championship pairs and championship triples records.

After six ends McGarva held an 11-2 lead but seven ends later Stevenson had closed the gap to 13-10. In the 29th end of the 21-end final Stevenson scored to tie the score at 17-all.

McGarva was one shot down on the final end when she had her last bowl to

play. With a delicate nudge of the left she picked up two shots to take the match.

"These finals get tougher each year," said a relieved McGarva afterwards. "You are all after our blood these days," said Harding.

In the semifinals of the Bank of New Zealand-sponsored tournament McGarva beat her Heretaunga clubmate Colleen Ferrick 22-8 and Stevenson beat Wairere's Doreen Hickey 20-14.

It was appropriate the finalists should produce such a thrilling match as the New Zealand Women's Bowling Centre's president Audrey Fry of Northland was attending the four-day tournament.

Bowls match with a real Mason bias

Mother will vie with son, and all for a charitable cause, at the Kararua Bowling Club on Sunday morning.

Enaice Mason and her champion women's fours team from the Hastings Club will meet the championship men's four skipped by her son, Ian Mason, in a unique clash to raise funds for the Hawke's Bay hospice, Cranford.

Enaice Mason, a gold star holder, is one of the best performed players in the history of the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre. Mrs Mason turned in a top performance in the Broadlands invitation singles tournament at Palmerston North last month.

Her team of Pat Weaver, Alma Jack and Myrtle Hadwin have recorded many successes, the most recent being the East Coast grade fours title. On the administrative side, Pat Weaver is a former New Zealand Women's Bowling Association president.

Ian Mason's Hawke's Bay team of Brian Barker, Gary Toonle and Bob Hall has dominated the Hawke's Bay bowls season.

They won the Port Ahuriri Club's Cray trophy, the Heretaunga Bowling Club's Webber Shield, and the centre's champion-of-champions title for the second successive year. All four members of the team are Hawke's Bay representatives.

Apart from offering a rare battle of the sexes on the bowling green, this



Enaice Mason



Ian Mason

charity match should make a fitting climax to the bowling season.

The first jack will be rolled at 9am, and a small charge will be made for admittance with all proceeds going to the hospice.



Hastings United Bowling Club patroness Pat Weaver bowls the first kitty watched by president John Casey, left, and patron Martin Hobson.

United bowls club born

A symbolic simultaneous roll off marked the birth of the Hastings United Bowling Club on Saturday.

The Hastings Bowling Club and the Hastings Women's Bowling Club amalgamated last week and in the official opening ceremony patron Martin Hobson and patroness Pat Weaver sent a ball down the green to represent the clubs' unity.

The two clubs have been situated in the same building and have used the same green since 1953, but before the weekend they operated as separate entities.

Club president John Casey said the clubs amalgamated to relieve strain felt by the clubs due to dwindling membership numbers.

"It is a sign of the times and there was no point running two clubs from the same building.

All sports clubs are feeling the pinch of the current social environment so we have combined and hopefully it will help us stay strong," he said.

The Hastings Bowling Club was established in 1890 and the Hastings Women's Bowling Club was founded in 1953.

Waipukurau bowler ousts champ Khan

Waipukurau bowler Liz Beale beat five-times champion Millie Khan, Matamoras, 15-22 in the singles competition at the national women's bowls championships in Wellington yesterday.

Khan, who won the singles and fours in 1989 and 1990, and the singles in 1992, lost her second game of the tournament to Beale and was beaten in her third game 14-17, by Arabella Kemp, Caledonia.

Both Beale and Kemp qualified for post-session play.

Khan was full of praise for the way Beale and Kemp played against her, saying: "They deserved to win. You don't worry about these things in bowls."



D. Gossy, Chairman; J. Williams, Hastings; L. Beale, Waipukurau; J. Wilson, Kaitiaki; F. Kararua; M. Mason, M. Stone, Waipukurau; F. Lloyd, Waikato; B. Kemp, Kaitiaki; V. McGee, Heretaunga; M. Horro, Heretaunga; North M. Mason, Hastings; L. Patterson, Port Ahuriri; J. Carlow, Waipukurau; P. Thompson, Waikato; K. Ballinger, Waikato; W. Cornish, Oamaru; N. Gilmichael.



The winning Poverty Bay four. From left, Yvonne Key, Jessie Law, Phyl Gibson and Margaret Jones.

Defending champions make it two in a row

Defending champions Poverty Bay made it two in a row by winning the East Coast Women's Bowling Centre's champion of champion graded fours title at the Wairere greens in Napier yesterday.

The Poverty Bay team of Yvonne Key (skip), Jessie Law, Phyl Gibson and Margaret Jones beat Heretaunga 18-15 in an exciting final over 21 ends.

A feature of the win was that Gibson was the only player not in the side which

beat Waipukuruan in last year's final.

"It was a great thrill to win for the second consecutive year," Key said yesterday.

She said the Poverty Bay Bowling Club was established only 10 years ago with her team relatively inexperienced.

"I've only been playing for nine years, Jessie for seven years, Phyl for six years and Margaret for only three," Key said.

"It's a great little team."

Poverty Bay's win over the Heretaunga team of Vivien McGarva (skip), Jean Birnie, Collect Poole and Queenie Cockrell was contested over the first seven ends, with the team racing to a 10-0 lead.

"They (Heretaunga) came back at us strongly after that, but we held on," Key said.

"It was close in the end, but we were never headed."

Poverty Bay won six of its seven

games during the three-day competition with its only loss being to Port Ahuriri.

Poverty Bay had the bye yesterday morning with Heretaunga graduating to the final with a 19-13 win over Napier.

The narrow loss by Heretaunga in the final meant McGarva just failed to secure her second title in the week.

Last week McGarva and her Heretaunga Club partner Joyce Harding won their fifth consecutive open pairs title to create a new centre record.

Hawkes Bay Representative Teams
1994/95 - 2000



1994/95/96.

Senior Team 1996



Junior Team 1996

Senior and Junior Teams
at the 1997 Prize-Giving.



Representative Teams continued.



1998 Junior Team & 1998 Senior Team.



1999 Junior & Senior Teams



2000 Junior & Senior Teams.

A selection of photographs pertinent to the History of the Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre.



A day with Joyce Harding on the mystery Millenium Bus Trip



Taken at the Past Centre Executive Luncheon, Pernel Orchard 2002.



M.Smyth, A.Brian, A.Paget, J.Hall, C.Downing, H.Sudfelt.



H.B.W.B.C. Executive with N.Z.W.B.A. President Mrs. G.Bryant.



One of the Pleasures of Executive -
Attending Jubilee Celebrations.
In this case the
Port Ahuriri 60th.



Corrections to final page of the History of East Coast Women's Bowling Centre.

The photo above of the last Hawkes Bay Women's Bowls Executive was taken to bring to a close this publication.

The original ***Women's Centre*** began at Heretaunga, so it was felt appropriate to take the closing photo at Heretaunga (albeit the new Heretaunga.)

back row: M.Pedersen, J.Harding (President) M.Hurrelbeinck, P.Carthew, J.Black.

front row: D.Kelsey, E.Price (Councillor) P.Weaver, M.Wilton, M.Parsons. Inserts were A.Watts and N.Dooney, M.Nicholls was unavailable. P.Weaver was included because at the final meeting of Delegates Pat was honoured for receiving the N.Z. Medal of Merit, plus of course she had done so much for both Centres in many ways.

So, this brings to a close, what I hope is an interesting account of past events as recorded in the various minute books from the onset of the ***Women's Centre*** in 1944 to the closure in 1999. Any errors or omissions are regretted and unintentional. Any subject mentioned as being agreed upon, was correctly moved, seconded and passed in the correct manner, but as there were a goodly number of issues it was simply reported as being agreed upon.

There were of course a large number of repetitive issues such as, conditions of play for tournaments, dress, morning and afternoon teas, to name a few, and as I had commented, Presidents reports were not included in the minutes, however, I have done the best I could to bring to future bowlers a glimpse of what it was like in the beginning of ***the East Coast and Hawkes Bay Women's Centres*** and it is hoped that the work of all those early Executives will always be remembered.

Margaret Wilton,
on behalf of the Hawkes Bay Women's Bowling Centre.