

A CLUB IS BORN

The First Year.

On 26th February 1947, eight ladies held a meeting, with Mr A.N. Falk, President of the Corinda Bowling Club in the chair, to discuss the formation of a Ladies' Bowling Club. The ladies considered the time opportune to form a Ladies' Club in association with the Corinda Bowling Club and thus the club was born! These eight ladies, listed below formed the nucleus of the Club -

Mrs A.T. Taylor	Mrs W.T. Salisbury
Mrs F.A. Chapman	Mrs J.A. Donaldson
Mrs E.J. Seymour	Mrs W.E. Ballard
Mrs H.L. Shuttleworth	Mrs E.T. Woodcroft

A provisional committee was appointed from those present with Mrs Taylor being Chairman and Mrs Donaldson Secretary-Treasurer until a Special General Meeting was held shortly after the Easter break. It was decided that play begin on Thursday afternoon 20th March 1947. Time 12.30pm - 4.30pm.

The Special General Meeting held on 10th April 1947, was attended by Mrs A. Taylor, retiring chairman, Mesdames Salisbury, Shuttleworth, Ballard, E. Donaldson, Seymour, Laurie, Sparkes, Whitecross, J. Donaldson, Holland, Woodcroft, Chapman. This meeting resulted in the following being elected:

Patroness :	T.C. Kerr
President :	W.T. Salisbury
Vice Presidents :	A.T. Taylor F.A. Chapman
Hon. Sec.-Treas. :	J.A. Donaldson
Hon. Providor :	E. Donaldson
Selection Committee:	H.L. Shuttleworth J.M. Whitecross
Auditor :	E. Donaldson

A committee of six was formed comprising : President (Mrs W. Salisbury), Vice President (Mrs A. Taylor), Junior Vice President (Mrs F. Chapman), Sec. Treasurer (Mrs J. Donaldson), Providor (Mrs E. Donaldson) and Mrs W. Ballard. It was resolved at this meeting that the Club year end December 31st and the Annual General Meeting be held in February and the Half Yearly General Meeting be held in June.

An extract from Corinda Bowls Club Annual Report 30th June 1947 indicates their support for the formation of the Ladies' Club:

"The Club endorsed the action of the Council in inviting interested Ladies of the district to form a Bowling Club and in February 1947, the Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was established. The Ladies have a membership of over twenty and appear to be adding to their strength weekly.

They have proved a pillar of strength to our Club and your Social Committee or Council has only to ask for their help to find it is generously given. I am sure they have the very best wishes of every Member of our Club for their future success."

The committee, at their 17th April meeting, decided to open an account with the Commonwealth Savings Bank at their Corinda agency (the Corinda P.O.), committee meetings were to be held on the third Thursday of every month and a number of rule books be obtained from Q.L.B.A. for sale to members at 6d per copy.

The Constitution of the Club was prepared with the aid of Mr W. Salisbury and was presented to the half-yearly meeting on 19th June for discussion and approval. It was framed, passed and signed on 24th July and a motion that "All who were financial at the time the Constitution was framed, passed and signed to wit; 24 July 1947, should be considered Foundation Members" was carried. These members were:

Mrs W.T. Salisbury	Mrs L. Lyon	Mrs E.T. Woodcroft
Mrs A.T. Taylor	Mrs A.J. Meyers	Mrs J.M. Whitecross
Mrs W.E. Ballard	Mrs N.S. Forbes	Mrs T.J. Goggin
Mrs F.A. Chapman	Mrs J.A. Parkes	Mrs T.E. Tilley
Mrs E.L. Donaldson	Mrs N.F. Sparkes	Mrs W.P. Stenner
Mrs J.A. Donaldson	Mrs H.L. Shuttleworth	Mrs C.A. Tunstall
Mrs T. Davies	Mrs E.J. Seymour	Miss E. Webster
Mrs T.G. Holland	Mrs T.A. Laurie	

The half-yearly meeting on 19th June 1947, saw the resignations of Mesdames B.J. Donaldson and P.E. Donaldson from the positions of Providor, Auditor and Treasurer resulting in the appointment of Mrs M. Ballard as Providor, Mrs Holland as Treasurer and Mrs B.J. Donaldson re-elected as Auditor.

At this meeting Mr J.A. Donaldson offered a Brooch "to encourage play by competition between members. It was decided to play 10 ends. The winner to wear the brooch for the following week. Challenge to be made at Afternoon Tea adjournment. The challenger to pay 6d for the privilege of challenging. The match to be played between 12.30 pm and 1 pm on the Thursday playing day. If the brooch should be won five times in succession by one player a replica of the original shall be presented to the winner". (This brooch is still being contested between our ladies who have been playing less that five years).

The appointment of coaches was discussed at the August meeting and it was agreed that the Men's Club be approached and Messrs C. Lyon and J.W. Dorsett be invited to act as coaches to the ladies and both accepted the invitation.

Hours of play was a much discussed issue for the summer months and after much debate about playing from 2pm - 5pm, it was eventually decided that play remain at 1pm to 4pm for the summer months.

Application for affiliation with the Q.L.B.A. was applied for and granted as from the 1st December 1947.

The Christmas Break Up Party was set for 4th December 1947. Discs in by 10.45am sharp. Play 11am, Luncheon 1pm, then play till afternoon tea at 4pm. Club finances to provide the luncheon etc, which would consist of salads, cold meats, home made apple tarts, jellies and ice creams. Afternoon tea - cakes, sweets and nuts. Each member to bring their own knife, fork and dessert spoon, and butter. Council members to bring salt and pepper shakers. Recess period to be from 18th December 1947 to 8th January 1948.

The First Annual Report was presented at the General Meeting held 5th February 1948. Mr Falk, President of the Men's Club was Chairman of the meeting. Twenty two members out of a membership of twenty-eight (28) were in attendance.

At this meeting Mr Falk "Congratulated the Ladies' Club for the very worthy way in which they had thought to say Thank You to the Men's Club by a donation of £50. He wished the Ladies' Club to understand that when the Men's Club had decided to ask the ladies to form an Associate Club, that there were never any intentions on the part of the Men's Club that their Associate Club should be under obligation to them financially. The Men's Club, he added, were under very heavy

expenditure at the present and were only too happy to accept the help given by their Associate, the Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club".

Mr Falk suggested the office bearers should be asked to stand over for a further six months to the A.G.M. which he considered would be best held in July, the Financial Year to end June 30th. Motion carried and the Annual General Meeting was set to be held in July 1948.

The "House" Flag for the Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was decided on in March and ordered for the unfurling at the Official Opening in April. The flag was to be Royal Blue background with the letters CLBC in white to be superimposed thereon. The pennant shape being chosen to coincide with the Corinda Bowling Club's flag.

The Official Opening of the Club was held on Thursday 22nd April, 1948 in ideal weather. The unfurling of the Flag was performed by Mrs F.J. Woodford, President of the Queensland Ladies' Bowling Association who also put up the first bowl, following the casting of the Kitty by the Patroness, Mrs T.C. Kerr.

A Supplementary report to the First Annual Report was presented to the Annual Meeting on 30th July, 1948 at which meeting Mrs G.M. Taylor was elected President for the ensuing twelve months together with her council.



Programme

12.45—Unfurling of the Club Flag
and
Opening of the Green by
the President of the Q.L.B.A.
(Mrs. F. J. Woodford).

Spider.

1.15—Commencement of play.

3.15—Afternoon Tea preceded by National Anthem.

Speakers

Mrs. W. T. Salisbury,
President of C.L.B.C.
Mr. A. Taylor,
Vice-President of C.B.C.
Mrs. F. J. Woodford,
President of Q.L.B.A.
Mrs. T. C. Kerr,
Patroness of C.L.B.C.

Presentations.

Closing Speaker

Mrs. W. T. Salisbury,
President of C.L.B.C.

First General Meeting held Corinda Club House 26th February, 1947.

- Attendance** Present : Mr A.N. Falk, in the chair, President of the Corinda Bowling Club, attended by Mr F. Chapman, Secy., Mesdames F. Chapman, A. Taylor, W. Salisbury, Seymour. W. Ballard, Shuttleworth, Woodcroft, J. Donaldson.
- Object of calling meeting** Mr Falk addressed the ladies, calling attention to the meeting having been called in order to discuss the formation of a Ladies' Bowling Club.
- Foundation of Club** Mrs Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs Chapman that it is the opinion of this meeting, that the time is opportune to form a Ladies' Club in association with the Corinda Bowling Club. Carried.
- Committee** It was resolved that those present (with the exception of Mrs Shuttleworth) constitute a Provisional Committee. Carried.
- Election of Chairman** Mrs Chapman moved, seconded by Mrs Donaldson that Mrs Taylor be Chairman of the Provisional Committee. Carried.
- Secretary - Treasurer** Mrs Chapman moved, seconded by Mrs Taylor, that Mrs Donaldson act as Secretary-Treasurer to the Provisional Committee. Carried.
- Commencement of play** It was decided that play begin on Thursday afternoon 20th March 1947. Time 12-30pm - 4-30pm.
- Future Special General meeting** Mrs Shuttleworth moved, seconded by Mrs Salisbury that a Special General Meeting be held shortly after Easter. Carried.

The meeting was then declared closed.

Signed: G.M. Taylor

THE CORINDA LADIES' BOWLING CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

31st December 1947

It is with great pleasure that I have the honour to present to you my first and the Club's first Annual Report. The honour you bestowed on me, electing me your first President has indeed given me something I shall cherish and remember all my life. I do hope the confidence you placed in me has been fulfilled in a manner pleasing to all. My position has been made very much easier by the assistance and co-operation you have always given me.

As is to be expected, the formation of, and the starting of a Club presents many unforeseen difficulties, all of which have been surmounted and rectified satisfactorily. At the start of the year we had a membership of eight and closed with twenty seven.

I do hope that members, old and new, have been able to obtain the maximum of enjoyment that has been available during the period under review. However, as is also to be expected with a new Green, it is not at its best during its early life, but before long it looks as though we will be assured of a much better playing surface and to this end we have co-operated with the Men's Club.

The financial side will be dealt with by your Treasurer and I am sure her report will be most favourable.

It was not possible to make many visits during the year although we did go to Holland Park, but unfortunately, this was spoilt by heavy rain. Perhaps next year we will be able to make visits and thereby widen our circle of friendship amongst members of other Clubs.

I know it is dangerous to particularise but I feel I must sincerely make reference to the assistance given me by the two Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Taylor and Chapman. They have been ever ready at all times to lend their support to me and more particularly to the general welfare of the Club and Members.

I would like particularly to thank the Secretary for the great assistance she has rendered to me and to the Club, and sincerely feel we have been indeed fortunate to have had her in this position. Our Treasurer has also had a lot of work to do, which was carried out efficiently and to the satisfaction of all. To the other members of the Executive, I thank you for all you have done, as it is only by the co-operation of the Executive and members that a new Club can be placed on a footing, socially and financially sound, so bringing it to such a position that one feels very proud to be a member.

In conclusion I do again say to you all, many thanks for your help and as I am to be your President for next Season, I again solicit your assistance and do hope to profit greatly by the experience we have gained during our first year's operation. Thank you.

O. Salisbury, President

CASH STATEMENT

Receipts and Payment Account from 27/3/47 to 31/12/47

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Initiation Fees	£28. 7. 0	Stationery & Books	£ 5.17. 2
Subscriptions (1947	19. 5. 6	Rubber Stamp	4. 3
(1948)	10. 6	Stamps	1. 5. 7
Green Fees	13. 5. 6	Poundage (Postal Notes)	4
Challenge Fees	5. 6	Telephone Calls (Secy)	1. 3.10
Aft. Teas and Drinks	18. 9. 7	Playing Cards	14. 6
Benefit	4. 0. 0	Aft. Teas and Drinks	12.13.11
Donation Trophy	1. 1. 0	Donaldson Brooch (Duplicate)	1.16. 0
Cup Day	7.13.11	Workers' Compensation	10. 0
Competition (Xmas)	1. 2. 0	Q.L.B.A. Badges	1. 2. 6
Q.L.B.A. Badges	1. 2. 6	Discs	3. 2. 6
Discs	3. 2. 6	Trophies Xmas Party	1. 1. 0
Affiliation Fees (QLBA)	1. 6. 0	Expenses	2. 9. 7
		Balances on hand	
		Petty Cash	2. 0. 0
		Cash in hand	7.16. 1
		Bank	57.14. 3
	£99.11. 6		67.10. 4
			£99.11. 6

C.D. Holland, Hon. Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

From the preceding Financial Statement you will see we have had a very successful beginning with our new Club.

The surplus (viz. £67.10. 4) at the end of the year however, includes a donation of £50 made to the Corinda Bowling Club, which has since been paid and graciously acknowledged, and also £1. 6. 0 Capitation Fees due to the Q.L.B.A. paid by the members at the Christmas Party and since forwarded to them with our Affiliation Fee.

All members' subscriptions have been paid with the exception of one member away on sick leave.

Trophies donated to the Club include the Donaldson Brooch, presented by our worthy Secretary, the President's Trophy payed for at the end of the year and Mrs Kerr's gift of £1. 1. 0 for another trophy to be played for this year.

Cecilia D. Holland

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