

At the Fifty Year Mark.

Fifty years on, the club is still going strong though our membership numbers have dropped to between 70 and 80, well down from our peak years of the early 1980's when we had around 120 members.

We have had little success in bringing more Pennant Flags into the possession of the club (though we have managed a couple of section wins in recent years). However, the fellowship we share on and off the greens is still as strong as ever.

Playing hours seem to have always been a topic for debate and from those early days of playing in the afternoon, play times have varied from commencing around 11am., breaking for lunch and completing play in the afternoon to the present hours of 10am till completion in the winter months and 9am till completion in the summer months.

Whilst the Honour Boards in our Clubhouse tell the story of what has been happening on the greens, mention should be made of the ladies who work behind the scenes for without these hard working ladies the Club would not function. In this context special mention should be made of ladies who have given "long service". Firstly, Mrs Elsie Chapman who was our Q.L.B.A. delegate for 30 years, attending meetings and reporting back to the ladies on what was happening. Next was Mrs Jess Waters, who, apart from being renowned for her jam making skills and holding stalls to raise much needed funds for the club for over 25 years, made the cakes, which her daughter Mrs Betty Iron iced, for our "Presidents At Home" and our "Christmas Party" for 20 years, as well as making other "Special Occasion" cakes during this period. Our sewing stalls, which are held on our special days have given our club an enviable reputation and mention must be made of two of our "sewers", Mrs Elsie Heath and Mrs Jean Templeton (daughter of Foundation Member Mrs Woodcroft) who have each given over 20 years of sewing service and are still "at it".

The changes to society with many women joining the workforce has taken its toll on clubs such as ours, and the advent of poker machines coming to Queensland has changed the face of many bowling clubs. Our Men's club decided against the introduction of these machines, and though many questioned their wisdom at the time, we can now appreciate the fact that our club has stayed on an even keel while many other smaller clubs have struggled to survive.

To celebrate 50 years is an exciting time for the Ladies' Club and looking back on what has gone before is an interesting exercise, but we now must look forward to the next 50 years and hope the club can continue to thrive and give the pleasure and fellowship to many more in the same way it has done over the past 50 years.

PROUD MOMENTS IN OUR HISTORY

- 1944** 24 July - Corinda Bowls Club was formed
- 1946** 26 October - First bowl rolled on the green of Corinda Bowls Club
- 1947** 21 June - Official opening of Corinda Bowls Club
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- 1947** **26 February** - First General Meeting of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was held.
20 March - First play day of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club from 12.30pm to 4.30pm.
The Donaldson Brooch was donated by Mr J.A. Donaldson to encourage competition play.
- 1948** 27 April - Official Opening of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club.
November - Number 2 Green was brought into use.
- 1949** Mrs Meyers donated a brooch for consistency competition.
- 1950** Won first pennant flag - Division Four.
First Presidents "At Home" was held. Mrs Elsie Chapman was in the chair.
- 1951** Corinda greens were used for Australian Women's Bowling Carnival for 4 days in April.
- 1952** Club entered teams in two Divisions of Pennants (Divisions Three and Five).
Non-Pennant player trophy introduced.
"Meyers" Brooch name changed to "Consistency" Brooch.
- 1953** Won Third Division Pennant. Division Five lost by 1/2 point.
Ladies Presidents' Honour Board was presented by Mrs Gwen Taylor.
Membership of Ladies' Club stood at 59.
- 1954** Division Five Pennant Team won section. Club entered teams in three divisions of Pennants.
Mr K. Dennis donated a Silver Cup for "The Presidents Fours" which was contained in a glass case made and donated by Mr T. Tilley.
- 1956** New Clubhouse was opened.
Official Opening of Ladies' Room.
- 1957** Won Division Two Pennant.
Membership of Club had now reached 73.
- 1958** Club celebrated Tenth Birthday.
Mrs Edna Stephenson was Runner-up in Metropolitan Singles.
- 1959** Mrs T. Stenner was elected President of Q.L.B.A. and was also elected Vice President of A.W.B.C.
Semi-finals and finals of Q.L.B.A. Centenary Carnival were held at Corinda.
- 1960** Mrs Edna Stephenson was selected to play in Test Match, Queensland v Victoria.

- 1961** Mrs Terry Stenner was elected President of A.W.B.C., a position she held from 1961 - 1963.
A Friendship Shield (later to be known as the Lister Shield) was donated by Toowoomba Club for Annual competition between Corinda and Toowoomba Clubs. Corinda won inaugural competition.
- 1962** Won Division One Pennant. Four divisions entered.
Mrs Edna Stephenson was selected to play in Test Match, Queensland v N.S.W. and helped "Queensland Girls" bring home the ashes.
Mrs Gwen Taylor and Mrs Audrey Rodger were Runners-up in Metropolitan Pairs.
Mesdames Thelma Humphreys, Joan Fox, Dot Hellyer and Phyl Woodings were Runners-up in South Coast Carnival.
Mesdames Joan Fox, Dot Hellyer, Ev Moore and Edna Stephenson were Runners-up in North Coast Carnival.
Mrs Phyl Woodings was Runner-up in Metropolitan Singles.
Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mesdames Marie Whitecross and Terry Stenner.
- 1963** Mesdames Audrey Rodger, Nan Singleton, Ev Moore and Edna Stephenson were Runners-up in Metropolitan Fours.
March 30 - Finals of A.W.B.C. Carnival were held at Corinda.
Honour Board in Ladies' Room was presented by Mr E.J. Sellers.
Presidents Chair was purchased.
Club Membership had reached 81.
- 1964** Mesdames Audrey Rodger, Nan Singleton, Ev Moore and Edna Stephenson were Runners-up in Metropolitan Fours.
Changes were made to Pennant conditions making Corinda 2 divisions of 16 players (Divisions One and Three) instead of 3 divisions of 8 players as in previous year.
Mrs Rene Kimlin offered to coach any new members who wished to join the club.
- 1965** Mesdames Elsie Heath, Shirley Riggs, Dot Hellyer and Joan Fox won State Fours Title.
Mesdames Ev Moore, Bel Sellers, Phyl Woodings and Edna Stephenson were Runners-up in State Fours.
Mesdames Elsie Heath, Shirley Riggs, Dot Hellyer and Joan Fox were equal third in Metropolitan Fours.
Mrs Ev Moore was equal third in Booroodabin Master singles.
- 1966** "Novice Brooch" was presented by Mrs Rene Kimlin to be contested by new players. (Five ends singles and five ends consistency).
Mesdames Shirley Riggs, May Knott, Dot Hellyer and Joan Fox were Runners-up in State Fours.
Mrs Joan Fox was selected in Test team, Queensland v Victoria.
Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mrs Olga Salisbury.

- 1967** Mrs Edna Stephenson was selected in Test team, Queensland v N.S.W. Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mesdames Elsie Chapman and Gwen Taylor.
3rd March - Club joined in Sherwood District Centenary Celebrations. Club Membership now stood at 88.
- 1968** 26 February - Club celebrated Twenty-first Birthday with a mixed bowls day followed by afternoon tea.
Won First Division Pennant.
Mrs Ev Moore was Runner-up in State Champion of Champions Singles.
- 1969** Club won First Division Pennant for third time.
Mrs Ev Moore represented Queensland in the singles at A.W.B.C. Carnival in Perth.
Mesdames Joan Fox and Dot Hellyer won State Pairs.
Mrs Joan Fox was Runner-up in State Singles.
The Meyers Consistency Brooch donated by Mrs Meyers in 1949/1950 was cancelled and the Kimlin Brooch became the Consistency brooch.
Mrs Terry Stenner became Vice Patroness of Q.L.B.A.
- 1970** Official Opening of extensions to the Club House, with special pride in improvements within the Ladies' Room.
Mrs Joan Fox was selected to play in Test, Queensland v N.S.W.
Mesdames N. Poulton (Vic), Audrey Rodger, Gwen Taylor and Ev Moore were Runners-up in Gold Coast Carnival. (The late Sir Bruce Small kissed everyone's hand as he presented the trophies).
- 1971** Mesdames Elsie Heath, Ev Moore, Dot Hellyer and Joan Fox were Runners-up in State Fours.
Mesdames Thelma Humphreys, Gwen Taylor, Ev Moore and Joan Fox were equal third in Holland Park Master Fours.
Mrs Ev Moore was equal third in Booroodabin Master Singles.
- 1972** 8 February - Club Celebrated Twenty-Fifth Birthday with a mixed bowls afternoon followed by High Tea.
20 & 21 April - "Silver Fiesta" two day Carnival was held.
Mrs Joan Fox was Runner-up in State Singles.
Mrs Ev Moore was Runner-up in Booroodabin Master Singles.
- 1973** Mrs Joan Fox was Runner-up in Metropolitan Singles.
Mrs Joan Fox was selected as a reserve in the A.W.B.C. Carnival played in Sydney.
Mrs Joan Fox and Mrs Beryl Wood were selected to play in the Test, Queensland v Tasmania.
Mesdames Thelma Humphreys, Gwen Taylor, Ev Moore and Joan Fox were equal third in Holland Park Master Fours.
Mrs Edna Stephenson was elected to the selection panel of the Q.L.B.A. - a position she held for five years.
Club membership had now reached 111.

- 1974** Pennant games were cancelled owing to the disastrous floods that inundated Brisbane in January.
Special bowls days were held to raise funds to help members who were affected by floods.
Mesdames Joan Fox, Frances Hampe and Beryl Wood represented Queensland in various test matches.
Mesdames Edna Stephenson, Beryl Wood and Joan Fox were Runners-up in Metropolitan Triples.
Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mrs Jess Waters.
- 1975** A.W.B.C. Carnival games were played on Corinda greens.
Pennant games were postponed until 15.07.75 because of Australian Carnival.
Mrs Joan Fox was selected in Queensland test team to play in Tasmania.
- 1976** Mesdames Edna Stephenson, Beryl Wood, Dot Hellyer and Joan Fox were Runners-up in Twamley Fours.
29 August - The colour of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club hat bands were changed from white with blue lettering to maroon with white lettering.
- 1977** Mesdames Elsie Heath and Joan Fox were Runners-up in Metropolitan Pairs.
Mesdames Alice Halstead, Gwen Jack, Marj Crozier and Frances Hampe won Twamley Fours.
Mrs Ev Moore was selected to play in Metropolitan Team to play in various matches against Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.
Mr Kim O'Connor was appointed assistant greenkeeper at club.
Ladies' Club now had a membership of 119.
- 1978** Modernisation of kitchen took place.
Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mrs May Knott.
Club celebrated Pearl Anniversary.
- 1979** Mr Harold Kitzelman retired as greenkeeper after over 30 years service to the club.
Mr Kim O'Connor was appointed greenkeeper of Corinda Bowls Club.
Mrs Frances Hampe was selected in Queensland team to play against N.S.W.
Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mesdames Nan Bliss, Bell Sellers and Edna Stephenson.
- 1980** Mesdames Edna Stephenson, Alice Halstead, Gwen Jack and Marj Crozier were equal third in Metropolitan Fours.
Mesdames Frances Hampe, Joan Fox and Edna Stephenson were runners-up in Currumbin-Palm Beach Master Triples.
Mesdames Frances Hampe, Joan Fox and Marj Crozier were Runners-up in 4GR Toowoomba Triples.
Mrs Frances Hampe was chosen to play in Brisbane side against Gold Coast Ladies.

- 1981** Club conducted its first "Master Pairs" event. Winners were E. Imberger and J. Best of Greenslopes Club, and Runners-up were A. Johnson and J. Casner of Camp Hill Club.
 Mesdames Frances Hampe, Joan Fox, and Lavina Irons, together with Beryl Grant from Sunnybank Club reached semi-finals of Gold Coast Ladies Master Fours.
 Mrs Frances Hampe was Runner-up in Gaythorne Master Pairs (with M. Hobbs, Sunnybank Club).
 Mesdames Frances Hampe and Joan Fox were semi-finalists in Gold Coast Pairs.
 First Division Pennant team reached finals.
 Mrs Elsie Chapman relinquished the position of Q.L.B.A. delegate after 30 years of service.
- 1982** Master Pairs were again held at Corinda for second and final time. They then returned to Gaythorne Club, the club which originally conducted the event.
 Mesdames Frances Hampe, Joan Fox, Edna Stephenson, with Phil Quinlan from Sandgate Club, won West Toowoomba Master Fours.
 Mesdames Joan Fox, Frances Hampe, Elsie Heath and Elsie Sweatman won Holland Park Master Fours.
 Mesdames Marj Crozier, Gwen Jack, Edna Stephenson with May Johnson from Chelmer were equal thirds in Holland Park Master Fours.
 Mrs Marj Crozier was chosen to play with the Metropolitan Team against North Coast, then the South Coast.
 Mrs Frances Hampe was chosen to play against D.D.L.B.A. at Toowoomba.
 Mrs Joan Fox was selected to play against Gold Coast.
- 1983** Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mesdames Elsie Heath and Ev Moore..
 Mesdames Joan Fox, Elsie Sweatman, Phyl Woodings and Frances Hampe were Runners-up in Gold Coast Ladies Fours.
 Mrs Joan Fox was selected to play in a Round Robin match in Brisbane and was also selected to play for Queensland in Tasmania prior to the Australian Carnival.
 Fifth Division Pennant team won section.
 Mrs Joan Fox was selected in Metropolitan Team to play Challenge Match against Sunshine Coast in September and Gold Coast in November.
- 1984** Mesdames Joan Fox and Marj Crozier were selected to play in Metropolitan team against Gold Coast.
 Extensions to Lounge/Dining Room were completed.
 Membership of Ladies' Club had now peaked at 122 members.
- 1985** Two new brooches were introduced for Senior players : "The Belle of the Green" donated by Mrs Esme Carroll, and "The Schiller Star" donated by Mrs Glad Schiller.
 Mrs Glad Schiller was elected to the Umpire Committee of Q.L.B.A.
- 1986** New toilets were installed in Ladies' Room.
 Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mrs Hilda Woodings.
- 1987** Club Celebrated Fortieth Birthday. The Birthday cake was made by Mrs Jess Waters and iced by Mrs Betty Iron.
 Membership now stood at 118 members.
- 1988** Club joined in EXPO 1988 Celebrations.

- 1989** Honour Board for Ladies "B" Singles was presented by Mr W. Jarrott.
- 1990** Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club was bestowed on Mrs Ruth Nielsen.
Mrs Jess Waters made and Mrs Betty Iron iced the Christmas and Presidents at Home Cakes for 20th (and last) year. Jess passed away in 1991.
- 1991** First "Twilight Bowls" followed by a "Sausage Sizzle" was organised by the ladies on a Thursday evening during the Christmas recess.
Fifth Division Pennant team won section.
15 April - Club became an Incorporated Association.
- 1993** A new Ladies' Club flag was purchased.
Club membership had now receded to 90 members.
- 1994** Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club Inc was bestowed on Mrs Bess Mander.
Corinda Bowls Club celebrated its Golden Jubilee.
- 1995** The Joan Fox Memorial Shield for Novice Singles donated by Joan's family, was introduced into competition play.
Life Membership of Corinda Ladies' Bowling Club Inc was bestowed on Mrs Glad Schiller.
Ladies purchased a Borderscope for use on the greens by both Ladies' and Men's Clubs.
- 1996** Second Division Pennant team won section.
New cupboards were installed in kitchen.
Membership now stood at 76 members.



Division Five Pennant Section Winners 1991
 Back Row: Glad Schiller, Fay Busch, Clare McCarthy, Marge Tanzer, Elsie Sweatman,
 Betty Hazlewood, Hilda Beale, Heather Krasic
 Front Row: Desley Duncan, Helen Love, Elsie Simmonds, Jose Holden, Jean Templeton,
 Betty Goodwin