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Notice of Annual General Meeting
Of the
Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that the 130th Annual General Meeting of the Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated will be held in the clubrooms in Wickliffe Street Mosgiel on Sunday 9th July 2017 at 1.30pm.

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Annual Report

Your executive is pleased to present this 130th Annual Report of the Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated. The figures and information included in the report are for the 2016-2017 season, and the financial period ending 31 March 2017.

Committee Attendance

Of a total of 10 monthly meetings, the following is a list of attendances by members of your executive.

C Sutherland	9	R Hambleton	9
C Cookson	8	W Tisdall	9
A Waugh	9	P Andrews	10
A Swallow	9	B Brown	9
V Graf	7	D Archer	6
J Dyhrberg	9	E Ross	5 (Resigned May)

R Gibson (Manager/Club Captain) was in attendance at all 10 meetings. L Hellyer was in attendance at 10 meetings.

Valedictories

It is with sadness that we record the passing of the following members of the club during the past year.

Carol Callaghan

Carol passed away in April 2016. She was well liked and enjoyed many successes with her bowls. Kev and her spent many hours socializing with other members.

Gordon Mine

Gordon passed away in May 2016. He was made a life member in 1990 after many years of doing lots of work for the club. Was on the executive for many years. He played his bowls and enjoyed the camaraderie of the game. His later years played for Mosgiel RSA

Bert Haig

Bert passed away around Xmas time 2016. He had been a great member for the club racking up over 40 years as a member. He loved his bowls and was very competitive. There were always good stories from Bert about rugby. He loved the fun times and the banter.

Kevin Archer

Kev passed away in February 2017 after a long illness. Kev was a member for over 40 years and was awarded his life membership in 2013 after many years working tirelessly for the club. Spent years on executive but was instrumental in starting the Labour Weekend tournament. He was a hugely successful bowler winning many titles and representing the Centre at National Events for many years. Well-liked and loved.

Membership

The total membership as at March 31 2017 stood at:

	2017	2016
Full Members	125	121
Life Members Playing	5	6
Life Members	2	2
Social Members	43	57
Non-Playing Social	70	85
Associate Members	7	7
Student	0	0
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	252	278

The club must continue to focus on seeking new members, and all club members are urged to do their best to introduce a new member to the club during the year.

President's Report

Another year gone and another successful one for the club. The ladies continue to win a large chunk of the competitions they enter and there were some admirable successes at national level this year. The men also had some success which was also good to see. The club is in good spirit and our facilities are splendid and the best on the Taieri. The number of 'outside' organisations meeting at the club is increasing and with the revamped stadium we look forward to a very busy season when we host the Nationals over the new year period. We are the only club in the area that can take the Nationals on and although it will be a busy year it will also be one to look back on with satisfaction. Plans are already well underway and Richard Hambleton is in charge of the Committee planning the Nationals. Please help him, and Robert, as you can.

There are many people who need thanking. Allan Swallow (Treasurer) has put a lot of time and thought into the club's finances over the past year and it has been a pleasure to work with him. Likewise, Jenny Dyhrberg (Secretary) has performed her duties well. Among the other Executive members Vicki Graf has been an excellent and willing worker in her catering role and has been a wise voice at our meetings. The two Club captains (Lyn Hellyer and Chris Cookson) have attended most of our meetings and their input has been valued. Robert Gibson (Manager and Green keeper) has performed his manager's duties well and continues to produce greens of a high standard. We also should acknowledge Robert's roles on the Centre's Operation's Committee and as president of New Zealand's Greenkeeper's Association. It isn't always easy for Robert who puts in longish hours and is never really able to be 'off duty' when he is on Club premises. I would also like to thank Shar Wall for all the work she does in the club, from catering, doing the bar and assisting Rob to do anything else that both of them do, often meaning long hours are worked.

When we started the current year, we were aware that the stadium needed a major and costly renovation and we were a little worried about what success we would have with the organisations that we could approach for funding. Allan will, no doubt, mention that we were successful to the extent that the bulk of the costs were received from funding bodies meaning we had a successful year financially and we didn't have to empty our coffers to achieve what we achieved with the stadium. We are very grateful for the support we had from these organisations and we are also grateful to our regular sponsors or their input. Please support them wherever possible.

To the men. Make yourselves available for your club on Saturdays. The selectors had a difficult job with so many unavailable each week. Let's make next season one to remember for all the right reasons and I thank you for your support.

Craig Sutherland
President.

Managers Report

It gives great pleasure as your Manager to write a report for this year's Annual report.

As a greenkeeper, first and then a Manager of the club I hope I have been seen to have achieved a significant amount for the club to continue it being prosperous and successful.

The main objectives I have as your CEO employee is to continue with the current income streams of the club and look for new ones or improve the current ones. The club has been very successful again this year and unfortunately this creates long working hours for me and my family. I couldn't have done all the work without the help and support of my partner **Shar Wall**, who with her knowledge and enterprise within the field of catering has allowed us to cater for huge number of functions. I want to thank sincerely all the helpers who have assisted in the catering area. This is a big area we need to continue to improve and flourish as the spinoff is the bar take as well. As you will see in later reports the bar has nearly had a \$10K increase over budget.

I want to thank **Dave Archer** for helping me throughout the summer as assistant greenkeeper. He has learned a lot again in the past year and continues to do so. We are producing greens consistently true and of similar speeds most days to allow you to play the game we love with the best conditions to allow to perform at your best consistently. Also want to thank Dave Howard our agronomist from NZ Sports Turf. I am currently President of the NZ Bowls Green keepers Assn and was re-elected in July at The National Turf Conference in Auckland in last June. It continues to show our club is interested in making a difference in terms of the game of bowls New Zealand wide. Also, President of the Dunedin Green Keepers Assn.

I want to thank the executive especially **Craig Sutherland** for giving me the freedom to do what I saw as some of the best ways to improve the overall running of the club on a day to day basis. This included improving the income streams we currently have and making them more and more profitable. Also see the finance report.

I want to thank all our sponsors for recognising that the club is viable and successful and I sincerely hope that each and every sponsor feels that they get some mileage back either from the club in general or from its members supporting them. It is extremely important that we support those people and businesses that support us. It was great to have a significantly big sponsor coming on board this year, being Countdown Mosgiel. We have signed a three-year deal with **Pam Cookson** as Manager of store and also, she has pledged to sponsor the tournament again in March and this again is a significant amount on top of the yearly sponsorship.

This club has a very large membership and of course not everybody will always be satisfied with all decisions made either by its executive or by how members conduct themselves. This club has amazing people in it and I believe the executive supports its members extremely well. Our club is running an extremely successful **BUSINESS (gross income this last period \$394,000)** we still need to remember it's a sport, but the only way it can be successful going forward is to administer it as a business. We have been extremely successful with grants from organisations including Lotto funding. This helped ensure we could pay for the upgrade of the stadium area without using too much of our own funds and meant we didn't need to borrow any money from the bank.

With an aging population of members, it continues to get harder and harder to find people to help with the day to day activities requiring voluntary work to be done. Sometimes this is extremely frustrating for me as I end up having to do a lot of the work myself and this can mean long hours. In some cases, having to work more than 12 hour days. In saying all that I want to thank all those **PEOPLE** in the club who do all sorts of things (big and small) that go on unnoticed every day or week to ensure that this club has great facilities and are maintained at the highest level. We should be all extremely proud of how our facilities look. Numerous comments from non-members of the club have been highly complementary and this only enhances our overall reflection within the community of Mosgiel. The greatest asset of this club is the people within the club who make it viable, successful and fun place to be.

Have you considered whether you can help by standing for the executive?

Remember my employment is to implement the ongoing decisions of the executive which should be around strategically focussed decisions for the future and not the day-to-day running of an organisation. The club must continue to drive forward to enhance the facilities, improve membership, upgrade current areas, and strive to improve the overall viability.

Let's look at some of the comparisons of the different income streams over the last three years:

	2017	2016	2015
Bar	\$ 159,271	\$ 149,691	\$ 157,984
Sponsorship	\$ 13,333	\$ 11,348	\$ 10,539
Donations (including Gaming)	\$ 84,103	\$ 13,712	\$ 24,973
Hiring of Facilities	\$ 12,560	\$ 8,216	\$ 7,253
Catering	\$ 22,788	\$ 17,235	\$ 38,128
Totals	\$ 292,055	\$ 200,202	\$ 238,877

I hope you have enjoyed reading about a successful year!!!!

Robert Gibson
Manager

Saturday Morning Men's Selector

Last season was my first season as the Club's Saturday morning Selector, a task which I enjoyed immensely. We entered 6 teams namely; 1 in each of Division 1, 3,4, & 6 & 2 teams in Division 2 & whilst it was my desire to win all 5 Divisions it was satisfying to have Div. 2 Gold being the runaway winner and so gain promotion to Div. 1 for 2018. Brilliant effort!

Most other teams finished mid-table however Div. 6 put up a mighty effort and only just got pipped in the last couple of weeks.

Div. 1, our Premier side, after a very disappointing start over the first 7 weeks finished strongly to avoid possible relegation and finish 5th.

I started the season off with trials and this gave me an indication of what players are capable of and this served the purpose well. It was a very challenging year trying to meld players into a compatible unit each week when one is faced with lengthy unavailable lists. It was difficult to select the same teams consistently and of course keeping an eye on the points table as well so it necessitated some enforced positional changes.

I make no apology to players selected to play out of position or out of grades & therefore not getting continuity

of selection during the season.

I started the season with 55 players being available for selection for the 42 spots & with up to 4 markers being required every 2nd week it doesn't take 'rocket science' to see the problems I had when one week I had 20 unavailable for various reasons.

To that end I wish to thank the 'oldies' recovering from illness or injuries and to the lady reserves who stepped up to the plate & so avoided any defaults during the season a fantastic effort indeed.

Thanks a million, to the following players for playing all 11 rounds [3 rounds were cancelled due to bad weather]; Chris Beckett, Dave Robinson, Gavin Smith, Rus Smith & to Saturday mornings star performer, Pete Andrews, your availability was certainly appreciated.

Special thanks also to the markers who volunteered their time to make life much more tolerable for the singles players.

Highlight of the 2017 season was undoubtedly the National Interclub 7's with Taieri entering 4 teams, I in Div. #1 2 3 in Div. #2. Congratulations to 3 of those teams who qualified for the Finals with Div. 1 & Div. 2 "C" team finishing 3rd equal & to the Div. 2 "B" team being a beaten Finalist.....maybe next year fellas but very well done to the players and thanks to the Managers for their Managerial skills and written reports.

It must also be acknowledged that congratulations go to the Taieri BC Executive for their foresight and player promotion by entering 4 teams in the competitions as there is a considerable expense involved. This gives more players more top-level exposure and is definitely appreciated.

2018 Season.

In view of the difficulties in fielding 6 teams every week there needs to be discussion on whether we should drop 1 team from the Saturday Morning Interclub competitions for 2017/2018 seasons should the same format continue.

Key points for consideration are:

1. What number of players are available for selection for 17/18 season?
2. Another year on so some of the older players may not be available
3. What new members do we have coming into the club for 17/18 season?
4. Junior players may need to be called upon if 6 teams remain.

I trust all players enjoyed their season & I wish them well for the next one. I enjoyed my first year as selector and wish to stand again for the 2017/2018 season but I need the support of *all* players.

*Ken G. Walker,
Saturday Morning Selector.*

Saturday Afternoon Selectors

Another successful afternoon competition was completed. Slightly effected by weather on a couple of occasions. Congratulations to all the players that made themselves available to play each week. Unfortunately, we continue to have many days where we have significant withdrawals for various and many reasons. The executive may consider not entering as many teams next season. I saying that I cannot remember us having to default any teams during the season. Let's hope that we don't have as many people unavailable this year.

One poor week probably cost the Club's senior Holmes Feather team from winning the competition overall. All that said congratulations on doing so well.

Results

Holmes Feathers	2 nd
Bridgeman Plate	5 th
Speights	7 th
2 x 4	3 rd

Congratulations to every player involved in playing in all these competitions.

*Kev Archer (deceased) assisted by Rob Gibson
Afternoon Selector*

Juniors

Another enjoyable and rewarding season for our junior membership at Taieri.

The commitment to their game and the support they show toward each other is to be commended. We have Monday night practice / coaching sessions and always have a good number attending. This has been carried on during the winter in our stadium on a Tuesday night with approx. 16 attending each week.

Season Success:

Junior 6's: Played on Saturday morning with teams consisting of Singles, Pairs and Triples.

We had 2 teams entered this year with the Taieri Gold team winning overall and the Blue team finishing 4th. This really came down to the wire in the last 2 rounds and our players certainly put the effort in to achieve the win.

Junior Friendship 4's: Taieri had 3 teams entered with another 3 players playing in composite teams. Helen, Shona, Wendy and Diane were runner up in the female competition playing St Clair in the final in terrible conditions and were transferred to the Dunedin stadium to finish the game. A great effort considering some players not having played at the Stadium before.

We had Karl, Shona and Helen all being selected by the Centre Selectors to represent the Centre in the Development Squad.

Special mention must go to Helen & Shona for winning a NZ Title (something most of us dream about) in the National Under 8s in Christchurch. Well done you have not only done yourselves proud but is also an honour for our club.

I wish to thank Dave Archer for giving his time in coaching throughout the season.

We say farewell to Helen & Wendy (who now have their big girl pants on) as they move into the Senior competition. We are looking strong for next season with 2 new players confirmed and a possibility of 1-2 more. Recruiting new players are the growth of your club and all members should be proactive in trying to introduce new people to come along. Anyone interested in coming along to see what it is all about are welcome.

If selected next year I look forward to once again spending time in assisting where I can to encourage our Junior players, promoting the sport and encouraging the growth of the club.

*Jan Barclay
Junior Selector*

Ladies Selectors

The Taieri Ladies have had another successful year. Our first division Interclub Sevens Team won the Dunedin play off and went on to Auckland to compete nationally. Congratulations to Beth Brown (singles), Jan Barclay Jean Young (pairs), Janet Swallow Barbara Archer Judy Robertson Jenny Dyhrberg (fours) and Lorraine Turnbull (Manager). The division two team was runner-up.

Five's In Division one Taieri B was first and Taieri A second and in Division two Taieri A and B were first equal.

Stuart Trophy Taieri won division one and were second in division two. A special thanks to the Markers who turned up willingly when asked.

Hislop Cup Taieri was a very commendable third place.

Tuesday Interclub We finished in 6th place.

*Selectors
J Robertson, J Swallow L Turnbull*

Wednesday Interclub (Men's)

The Wednesday interclub competition is an extremely competitive one, and to finish second is a great achievement. Congratulations to all who participated.

Ten teams were entered again this year and at the start of the season there were 61 players available for selection. The question of entering another team was raised on a number of occasions. A review of players' availability over the 2016-17 season shows that on two occasions we would have been unable to field an extra team.

Two days were lost due to wet weather at the start of the season, but fortunately we were able to play these games to complete the 18-game schedule.

Our thanks to Tom Jopson for organising the afternoon teas every Wednesday. Much appreciated by all. Thanks also to the greens staff for preparing and marking out the greens each week.

Ray Williams
Selector

Bar

The bar this year has been extremely successful and this is a very important part of the income of the club. We need this to continue to ensure our income matches the expenses of the club. Any resultant reduction would mean that the executive would have to think of other options.

This year we have been fortunate that the club has been used extensively for outside functions and this is what we must strive to have. Unfortunately, some club members sometimes vent their anger at the Manager because a function is starting when they still want to be in the club.

Our bar this year was \$10,000 above last year's total yet the purchases figure is only \$900 above same corresponding figure. This can be attributed to the "liquor specials" I chase for the club during the year. Overall a nett gain of about \$9100!!!!

We will be forced to pass on price increases each year in order to keep the margins where they need to be and we still continue to enjoy some of the lowest retail prices around.

We have continued to receive support from our supplier Nellie's/Liquorland combined and we would hope that the members return that support in whatever way possible. Thanks sincerely to Dave, Bronwyn, Phil and Charlotte at Nellies.

On the member's behalf, a big *thank you* to all those bar persons who did an enormous job providing a high standard of service to members and guests. Those who have worked behind the bar have been happy to provide a service to the members and would hope that this facility has been operated in a way that pleases most. Thanks to Shar for doing the bar every Saturday at lunchtime and after bowls on Saturday afternoons. Often, we struggle to find or get volunteers to work behind the bar for functions. If you can assist please give your name to me. It will mean that the same people will not be required to do it all!!! Unfortunately, Shar and I have had to do a lot of these functions because nobody else will do them. The club does charge a hirer for bar wages and this can or is passed onto those that do any particular function.

We currently have club members now doing the bar stock takes and this is going extremely well. It also gives the system some integrity and assists in safe guarding those employees and volunteers that work behind the bar.

We have purchased the "Point of Sale" system and this has provided a lot more valuable information and easy process when in the bar.

Rob Gibson
Bar Convener/Manager

Club Captain (Men) & (Women)

Women

Another great season of bowling is over for the summer period. Congratulations to all bowlers (both men and women) who won trophies and centre titles. Jean Young Judy Robertson and Beth Brown won Champion of Champion for the triples. Helen Carman won Champion of Champion Junior Women's Singles. Jean Young Judy Robertson and Beth Brown also won the Centre Open Triples. Well done ladies.

Over the season we played five friendly games, lost two to Brighton and Outram. And won three against Tainui Fairfield and RSA.

We held our club days on Thursdays with only a few turning up, hope to get more players next season. Our drawn singles was won by Ken Walker. Centennial pairs were won by Barbara Archer and Clarrie Thomson. Drawn triples were won by

Jenny Magee Lyn Hellyer Shona Morrison (and Andrew Withers played one game while Lyn sat out) Drawn fours were won by John Morgan Shona Morrison Alan Carman and Jean Young.

Our girls did very well in the NEV Invitation with Jenny Dyhrberg and partner runners up in the main event. Judy Robertson and partner were runners up in the plate. Helen Carman and partner were winners in the consolation final. And now we have the winter playing inside where its lovely and warm.

To all members good luck have a nice winter (holidays etc). And see you all next season.

Lyn Hellyer
Ladies Club Captain

Men

Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed the season as Club Captain

I thought there was a bit more of a buzz in the club rooms after bowls on a Saturday and it was good to see a lot of members (Men & Women) who in previous years had drifted off early, staying on a bit longer to participate in our Saturday's wrap of the day's results.

This only enhances Club unity, and gives the place a better atmosphere both on and off the Green

Let's all continue with the Club Unity trend as this will only help YOUR Club going forward.

To Jean & Joe, thanks once again for the sandwiches each Saturday – Great work.

Congratulations to the Women on another successful year and to Lyn as Ladies Club Captain – Good Job

Next year it's the Men's turn to join in – right guys?

Also thanks to Ken Walker for his Saturday Henselite Sponsorship.

Good luck for the 2017/18 Season and Good bowling.

Chris Cookson
Club Captain

Greens Report

Once again Taieri was able to boast having two of the better greens in the Dunedin Bowling Centre. The greens played very well from October through to April with there being a couple of rinks that although different and perhaps a bit difficult were never the less playable.

Thanks go to Dave Archer who again was employed as the assistant green keeper His continually growing knowledge and skills have meant it's so much easier for me to be able to know the greens will be looked after without me being there.

Dave is going again to a July Greenkeepers Conference with me and this just enhances he knowledge. The summer months we maintained a good playing surface throughout the season with judicious watering, mowing, and rolling of the greens. The McDonald green has continued to improve and work again was done in this autumn to try and improve even further. The bottom green has had some work done on the edges by putting a capping board on top of the plinth board to try and reduce the inability to stop a bowls at the edge.

The Centre also utilised our greens and club for more fixtures than usual because of the good playing surfaces and facilities we were able to provide. It is a pleasure to have Centre and Regional events here and we were granted the opportunity to host the NZ Pathways finals in March. Again, our club should be extremely proud that these events are given to us.

Greens maintenance for the 2016/2017 season was limited to minimal work because we have been allocated the Nationals for Xmas period 2017/18. The McDonald and Wilkins Greens were groomed and fertiliser programs applied as per the agronomist instructions.

The gardens were once again planted out along the fence line. These along gave a good showing and enhanced the surrounds of the club. The gardens do take a lot of looking after and I want to thank Colin Bowden for spending a lot of hours tending to them during the season. If you are able to assist as well in the future please contact Rob.

Rob Gibson
Green Keeper

Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Allan Swallow, Craig Sutherland and Richard Hambleton with assistance from John Heller.

(OVERVIEW)

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I am pleased to present the Financial Report for the 2016/17 season.

It has been a very successful season with the club reporting a surplus of \$67,583 as provided in the accounts attached. However, before we get too excited about this result, there are some contributing factors which do require clarification. As you are aware, the club embarked on an extensive renovation of our stadium last winter plus we have upgraded the Bar Point of Sale System and the associated Eftpos system. The combined cost of was \$79,412 as shown in the depreciation schedule, attached.

However, the income of the Club as shown in the financials includes \$60,000 of un-budgeted grants that were received for the project, while the actual capital cost mentioned above has not been listed, as these costs have been capitalised (added to) the club's overall asset base.

For clarification, I think the best way of providing the true position is that the Clubs Working Capital position increased over the 12 months by \$4,466 while we also funded through our cash reserves, the differential of \$19,412 between the cost of our capital expenditure of \$79,412 and the grants received of \$60,000. In essence, a true surplus prior to depreciation, of \$23,878 has been achieved which is a great result. The other notable increase in the Clubs overall asset base, has been the decision to introduce into the Balance sheet, the revised QV (Government Valuation) which has had a considerable positive impact.

(INCOME AND EXPENDITURE LEVELS)

Apart from the \$60,000 of un-budgeted grant money that was received, the main contribution to our income levels has been the Bar which had an increased turnover totalling \$159,271 which contributed to an increased overall surplus of \$71,743 net of the \$30,000 internal rental that we charge ourselves. This surplus was in turn \$7,014 ahead of last year and was assisted by the National Pathways Championship that were held at the Club in March. Finally, the Bar operated at a very acceptable margin of 45%.

The Catering also reported an increased profit to \$6,761. The extra attendees at the club during the external catering functions and overall club house hire would have had a positive although un-quantified impact on the increased Bar result.

The Gaming Machines show a \$2,500 deficit. This was due to excess funds after allowing for the required depreciation of the machines themselves being transferred to the main account. Corrective measures have been taken to avoid this occurring again.

In respect of the Expenses, the Finance Committee has endeavoured to concentrate on reducing the overall level of club expenditure, and this has been achieved.

Once again there have been some contributing factors with reduced cleaning costs and greens wages which have contributed to an overall reduction in costs from the previous year. One slightly disappointing aspect has been the requirement to write off an amount of \$250, while we are still in discussions in respect of a previously pledged sponsorship amount.

However, in summary, we have achieved a very satisfactory result during the past 12 months. Going forward however, the incoming Executive must continue to maintain or even increase the appropriate gap between Income and Expenditure levels.

(OTHER MATTERS)

Despite the large amount of capital invested into the club's facilities over the past 12 months, the club remains in an exceptionally strong position with considerable cash assets and no long-term debt.

We have again been chosen to host the NZ Bowling Championships over Christmas and New Year and in my mind, we should be investing further cash funds to produce a facility that we will be even further proud of. Now that we have our Internal structures in place, external improvements to greens surrounds and sun/weather shelters come to mind. These were two of the prioritised projects last year when the Executive looked at a capital investment plan.

Another matter that the incoming Executive will need to consider, is the ongoing strategy/future of our money machines. Over the past two years the amount available from the Cash Invested for disbursement into the Clubs income stream, has reduced to approximately \$5,000 per annum. This is roughly the same amount of money that club receives from the Dunedin City Council in Rates Relief due to our status as a sporting club. However, we have been advised by the Council that due to the presence of our Money Machines, this rebate will cease as from June 2018 in essence, nullifying any financial benefit of the machines not to mention the administration aspect and overall time involved in our required

reporting to the Department of Internal Affairs. It should still be to our advantage to retain the machines for a further 12 months especially with the Nationals being held over Xmas and hopefully an increased turnover.

(2017/18 BUDGET)

Included with this report is a budget prepared for the forthcoming season which has been ratified by the outgoing executive. This budget is presented for your information.

Like all budgets they can and will vary but initially our forecasts suggest, a surplus of \$25,810 prior to any allowance for depreciation which in my mind is the minimum we should be aiming for. In addition, this only allows for a figure of \$12,000 for Repairs and Maintenance and does not allow for any additional capital expenditure that the club may proceed with during the year. Of course, any capital programmes can qualify for Financial grants as was evidenced by those received for the stadium upgrade.

If such a result is achieved this will keep the club in a very strong financial position which will be assisted by the revenue stream that is received through the hosting of the Nationals at Xmas.

Finally, my thanks are extended to John Heller (non -executive) for his valuable assistance during the year, to Rob for his compilation of monthly reports and to James Aitken who again has kindly externally reviewed the clubs financial accounts.

If anyone has any queries in respect of the report then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Allan Swallow

Treasurer and Convenor of Finance

House & Works

The refurbished stadium would have to be the highlight of the year. All the work carried out by members has resulted in a marvellous asset to the club. Congratulations to the organisers and to all those members who helped out.

The facilities are well utilised by our club members, associated clubs, other sports clubs, businesses and the public for numerous functions which is very beneficial to the club. Thanks to all the members who contributed in various ways, whether on subcommittee or helping at the working bees. I do want to thank those members which do help out at working bees and offer their time and skills for various projects and task during the year.

The buildings still require regular maintenance with the yearly painting carried out by Programme Maintenance.

The yearly Building Warrant of Fitness was completed and signed off earlier this year.

Another new heat pump has been installed and certainly makes a difference.

There is still some major works to be considered over the next few years including paving, lights, kitchen, bar, surrounds, shelters etc. These are big expense items and will require some serious thought. But as was shown with the stadium, it's amazing what can be achieved with a bit of hard work.

A big thanks to all those members who do all the small day to day maintenance, repair jobs or repairing parts, cleaning etc of the building as required. Your help is very much appreciated.

Finally, thanks to Robert for all you're organising during the year.

Warren Tisdall.

Convenor

Sponsorship and Acknowledgement of Donations

This has been a particularly successful year in maintaining and attracting new sponsors this year. The majority of the sponsors that we have signed up each have a board prominently displayed around the greens. It with great pleasure that we got a new major sponsor this year in Countdown Mosgiel. Thanks to Pam Cookson for pursuing this opportunity to invest in Mosgiel with our club.

We have four major sponsors who contribute a significant amount of money that contributes into the running of the club and also for specific projects and I ask that you continue to support them as much as you can and I have highlighted them in this report.

The list of sponsors is:

Speights Breweries (Lion)
Dunedin City Motors

Countdown Mosgiel
Beachside Resort Mooloolaba

Webb Farry

Michael Wood (Metro Realty)

R. Campbell & Sons
Carbase KIA
Chatsford
Mosgiel Kitchens
Brooklands Village
E C Shaw Plumbers
Active Electro

BP 2Go Alco Motors
Hotel Taieri Liquorland
Mosgiel Regency Motels
Unichem Central Pharmacy
House of Travel/Orbit Travel
McCain Foods

We are always looking for new sponsors and if members have ideas or opportunities that might ensure a business becomes a sponsor please come and talk to me.

We are grateful to all of the sponsors for their support and we sincerely hope that members will in return give them full support.

The following is the acknowledgement that is needed to show the **high level of support this club** receives from **major funding operators** in the activities of the club and to publically thank them for that level of support. This year we were fortunate to receive fantastic support to upgrade the Stadium area with new carpet, new lightening, new curtains and updated painting.

We gratefully acknowledge the following for their support by way of grants:

Lotto Funding (DIA Community Funding) \$ 46,000.00

Lion Foundation \$ 20,000.00

Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation

Salary/Electricity	\$ 7,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 7,000.00	
Travel Costs to Auckland	\$ 2,000.00	
Westpac Trust Bowls	\$ 3,000.00	
		\$ 19,000.00

Taieri Bowling Club Society

Authorised Expenses \$ 7,000.00

Total Gaming Machine Donations \$ 74,000.00

Dunedin City Council

Rates Rebate \$ 5,511.00

As you can see we were extremely fortunate to obtain significant funding over the last year. Let's hope we can strive to get the same support in the next year.

My thanks are extended to our auditor Mr James Aitken. His support and assistance where required is appreciated. Also want to thank John Heller for his assistance because of his Accounting background and anything that I have difficulty with. He is an invaluable member of the club and the Executive.

Robert Gibson
Manager

Raffles

A big thank you to all those who helped with the selling of Raffles this season. A special mention to Shar for sometimes collecting the Raffles each week and also selling them on Saturday afternoons from the bar. Thanks to all who helped sell and assisted in any way with various raffles throughout the year. This is an important revenue source raising nett amount of \$2400. This is down from \$3700 last year. As you can see we **MUST** continue to use this as a revenue source for the club. If we don't support them, the risk is the Subscriptions could have to go up!!!

Pete Andrews
Convener

Coaching

It was my pleasure to run weekly coaching sessions for a very enthusiastic group of junior bowlers. They were prepared to listen and put into practice drills to improve their skills and delivery technique. The hard work they put in resulted in Sat morning success for the junior sevens and individual success for Wendy Tisdall, Helen Carman, Shona Morrison, Carl Mason, and Keri Rupene.

Although there were no organised coaching for senior bowlers I was asked to do a number of individual sessions for members which hopefully helped them achieve better consistency and therefore more enjoyment from their bowls

Thanks to Jan Barclay and Beth Brown for their help.

Practice > Good technique > Consistent Performance = ENJOYMENT

David Archer
Convenor

Social

The 2016/17 season has been fantastic, we have had some very successful functions, with entertainment by the 3 Tenaz, We would love more support at these functions and if anyone has any idea's we would love to hear from you.

Kind regards as see you all at the AGM

Vicki Graf
Convenor

Catering

Well what a fabulous year for the Taieri Bowling Club Kitchen. I would like to start by thanking the outstanding number of people that have volunteered their time in the kitchen assisting me with the many functions that we have had in the 2016/2017 year. You are all the unsung heroes who get little thanks or recognition so once again thank you very much from the members and our committee members.

We are indebted to Shar for taking on the joint convenor role with me after Vicki decided to step down because of the work commitments. Her expertise, like Vicki's is invaluable and her enthusiasm has meant we have achieved some wonderful occasions. Vicki's support behind the her is very much appreciated.

It has been quiet year but still busy. Shar did a great job having Pies & Bread Rolls on a Saturday during the bowling season and this was well received by the members at lunchtime.

Our usual Tournaments are always a pleasure to cater for and Taieri has a great reputation when it comes to catering for these events which is due to thinking out of the box and ensuring we are using up the resources that we have in the freezer.

There have been some special events this year for some of our members and I have loved being a part of the catering team supporting them through their memorable events.

Rob Gibson/Shar Wall
Convenor

Stadium Report

The stadium is maintaining its popularity, with the number of sessions it is being used for remaining steady.

Mon morning Fours, Tuesday afternoon Taieri v Outram, Tuesday night Casual Bowls (a number of these from Mates in Bowls), Thursday morning Triples, and Thursday afternoon Ladies Fours.

These sessions provide our club members and members from sister clubs, the opportunity to get out of the house and socialise during a game of bowls, without the need to drive to town. Although the surface is not perfect, it still enables us to play bowls and have some fun, and just as those who practice often outside are rewarded for their efforts, so too are

those who use the stadium on a regular basis. Will be interesting now that we have a new carpet to see if it changes the play and whether the straighteners are still there!!!

Thanks to all those who helped run these popular weekly sessions.

Ties winners for 2016

Singles G Griffiths
Pairs L Watson, D Monaghan
Triples R Gibson, L Watson, R Smith
Fours K Archer, A Waugh, S Morrison, J van Waard

Pete Andrews
Convenor

Tournaments

The following tournaments were again held and all were well patronised and very successful: the Labour Weekend “Taieri 7000”, the Over 70’s, and the Christmas (ex Turkey) tournament. The other event that run again this year and proved to be extremely popular is the Countdown Classic replacing the previous sponsor of Beachside Resort Mooloolaba. The club is extremely indebted to Countdown Mosgiel coming on as a sponsor of the club and also this tournament. They have also committed to sponsoring again next year.

These events don’t just happen and the Club is indebted to those members who organised them and the many helpers who contributed to their success. Thanks, are also extended to the ladies for their catering, the greens staff for the preparation of our excellent greens and the bar staff for providing the refreshments.

Robert Gibson
Manager

MIB Tournaments

The club ran two leagues last season the first in November 2016 and the second being run in Feb / March 2017.

November was played over 4 weeks with 28 teams and 84 players registered. This was 4 teams more than the previous November.

February / March were played over 6 weeks total of 32 teams and 96 players registered. This is the first time that we have been completely full with no rinks available. Sometimes not all teams turned up by most nights we had 30 plus teams.

Period	Entry Fees	Raffles	Nett Bar (48%)	Gross Profit	Expenditure	Nett Profit
Nov	\$ 2352	\$ 1200	\$ 2196	\$ 5748	\$ 1633	\$ 4115
Feb/Mar	\$ 3767	\$ 1800	\$ 3077	\$ 8451	\$ 2556	\$ 5895

These figures are amazing and we must ensure that this source of income continues. We are extremely fortunate that we are one of the few clubs, not only in Dunedin, but in the majority of NZ that runs successful “Mates N Bowls”.

As this is a great source of income for the club we should continue to strive hard at making this work for us. Whether we get any new members from this isn’t the most important thing. It’s the fact that people are playing the game of bowls. I hope we can do the same again next season. Jan Barclay has re-introduced the Tuesday night social and junior bowls in our stadium and this is where we will continue to move forward with new member opportunities.

Bruce Muldrew and Terry Kennedy do an awesome job of filling half of the teams entered in the competition and also make a donation for the BBQ.

Without the members that come along each week giving their time to assist this wouldn’t go ahead so would like to thank; Vicki, Helen, Allan, Warren, Wendy, Jack, Mark, Richard and Robert.

Not forgetting our chefs in the kitchen Tom Jopson, Kevin Dale and John Morgan.

A huge thanks to you all.

Rob Gibson
MIB Convenor

Club Ties (Men)

Congratulations to all the winners in this season's events. Thanks to all the members who entered the various disciplines and adhered to the play by dates.

Numbers were a bit lighter this year for most events.

As members if you have any thoughts on how ties can be run to cater for more people please don't hesitate to be heard.

After all Ties are for the benefit of ALL members to enjoy.

The AGM is a valuable forum to have your say.

Your winners for the 2016/17 season were:

Singles	Marty Kreft
R/Up	Robert Gibson
Pairs	Marty Kreft & Keri Rupene (with 2 lives)
Triples	Ken Walker, Allan Swallow & Gerry Butler
R/Up	Brian Dickson, David Mercer & Richard Hambleton
Fours	Pete Matheson, Lawrie Watson, Brian Cavanagh & Darryl Monaghan
R/Up	David Archer, Ali Waugh, John Morgan & Jim Finnerty
Veteran Singles	Ken Walker (with 2 lives)
Junior Singles	Karl Mason (with 2 lives)
Junior Pairs	Karl Mason & Helen Carman (with 2 lives)
Bowler of the Year	Ken Walker
Junior Bowler of Year	Karl Mason
Most Improved Bowler	Colin Mackintosh
Junior Personality	Allan Carman

Congratulations to Ken Walker, Allan Swallow & Gerry Butler on being Runners Up in the *Champion of Champion Triples*.

As well as, Congratulations to Pete Matheson, Lawrie Watson, Brian Cavanagh & Darryl Monaghan on being Runners Up in the *Champion of Champion Fours*.

All the best for the 2017/18 Season

Chris Cookson
Convenor

Club Ties (Women)

A very successful season with minimal problems.

Sincere thanks must go to the members for their co-operation getting games played by the allocated dates. It certainly makes our job much easier.

Our congratulations to all players who went on to win Dunedin titles. It has once again been a very successful season.

Best wishes for next season.

WINNERS

Champion Junior Singles.	Helen Carman
	Runner- up Shona Morrison

Champion Veteran Singles.	Dale Bourke Runner-up Helen Carman
Champion Singles	Beth Brown Runner-up 2 Lives
Champion Pairs.	Judy Robertson & Jean Young Runner-up Dale Bourke & Beth Brown
Champion Triples.	Judy Robertson, Jean Young & Beth Brown Runner-up 2 Lives
Champion Fours.	Beth Brown, Jean Young, Wendy Tisdall & Jenny Dyhrberg Runner-up Jan Barclay, Lorraine Turnbull, Mavis Aitken & Dale Bourke
Most Improved Lady	Wendy Tisdall
Bowler of the Year.	Beth Brown

Our congratulations to all players who went on to win Dunedin titles. It has once again been a very successful season. Best wishes for next season. Thanks to Beth Brown and Helen Carman for their help.

Jean Young
Convener

Centre Report

Activities at the centre have well documented on the club notice board. I think we should acknowledge the work they do on our behalf, all voluntary. This year we have seen good information and decisions being made. Fortunately, our club has a good relationship with the board. Rob Gibson being on the Operations committee responsible for the running of the game during the season continues to provide up-to-date information.

Our involvement in the board/operations is very good for the game in general as we are the biggest club in the Centre. With the survey conducted by Centre, Centre meetings of delegates, and other options to discuss playing formats, the Operations committee have produced a draft program for next season with a significant number of changes. All will be revealed in next couple of months. The review of the current draft asked for feedback before the end June 2016. Our club is submitting feedback after a club meeting.

Rob Gibson
Delegates

National 2017/18 Report

Hi all

Just a quick report brings all Members up to date

Due to the success of hosting many Bowls New Zealand events over previous years, Taieri has been asked to once again host the Bowls New Zealand Heartland Bank National Tournament this year from 28 Dec2017 to 9 Jan 2018.

This is a further opportunity to further enhance the reputation of our proud Club and an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the benefit of Members.

Your Executive was delighted to accept the invitation and the following has happened thus far.

A Nationals Sub-committee has been formed and the following members have agreed to take on these Convenorships and their responsibilities. These Exec members also assist on other sub-committees.

Overall Convener	Dick Hambleton
Greens	Robert Gibson
Bar	Chris Cookson
Accommodation	David Archer
Clubhouse Presentation etc	Peter Andrews
Buildings and Surrounds presentation	Warren Tisdall

**Fundraising (Raffles etc)
Entertainment**

Beth Brown
Craig Sutherland

Neighbour liaison, Parking, Media liaison, Spectator seating and a number of other matters are also in hand and being addressed at this time.

We need your assistance in making this event a success. If you feel you are able to assist in any of the above areas please make contact with the appropriate person.

Please think about opportunities to house the visiting players in Mosgiel as the Club, the Players and the home owners certainly benefit from such arrangements

We currently have issues in the following areas and seek some help and input--

Catering for Player / Officials & Spectators

Is there anyone in the Club prepared to organise a team of volunteers to take on this challenging and rewarding task. We will need to cater for a number of people every day of the Tournament.

We are currently exploring options where the Catering could be done by an outside person or organisation. This would take away a very valuable fundraising opportunity for the Club.

Daily Cleaning

This is an area that needs someone to organise a team to come in early each morning and give the place a bit of a spruce up.

We are all equal owners of this fabulous Club and with ownership of anything worthwhile comes a responsibility to put in some effort to ensure it continues and prospers. Be it in a large or small way please think how you can assist.

Please talk to myself Rob or any of the above people if you have any thoughts and offers of assistance.

*Dick Hambleton
Nationals Convenor*

PETANQUE TAIERI

It is with I great pleasure I write the 2017 report for the members of Taieri Bowling Club.

Petanque Taieri continues to be in good heart. Our membership has grown a little in the last year and now stand at 34. We continue to improve our facilities as can be seen by the completion of our fence enclosure. A team of 6 members again represented the Club at the PNZ National Clubs Championships in Rotorua. Their goal was to improve on the previous year's result and this was achieved.

The Petanque Club members continue to support The Taieri Bowling Club whenever possible and are very grateful for the assistance and facilities provided by the Bowling Club.

As in the past we extend our offer to all Bowling Club members to come and join the Petanquers any Wednesday or Sunday afternoon for a bit of fun and relaxation.

*Richard Hambleton
President, Petanque Taieri.*

Taieri Darts Club

The Mosgiel Dart club continues to use the club and uses the facilities for their club night. This has developed into a very good relationship after we moved here 15 months ago. There are currently approx 20 members who come along each week to play darts. There may be more opportunities for tournaments to be run during the winter after running a successful tournament one weekend.

The club thanks Taieri Bowling Club for this relationship and help the Darts members enjoy the facilities that are offered to us. Thanks to Rob for looking after the bar for us most Thursday night.

*Bob Pierce
President*

Indoor Bowling Club President's Report

We started our season on Monday 14th March 2016. We have 20 financial members and 2 social members, Sharon and Bruce. One new member, Margaret and hope she enjoys her bowls. Half way through the season we lost Peter Greenfield who shifted to Balclutha.

This year we entered a team in Wilson Shield and finished 2nd plus we had one team in the open.

Our ties went well this year and congratulations to the winners. We didn't fare so well in the Champion of Champions but did ok.

Bernie entered the novice singles championship in Dunedin and this was great experience and she achieved well.

Lawrence visited us this year on the 21st August and they took the cup home!! We will have to play better next season.

Our club didn't go to the Milton or Balclutha this year.

Our final night this year was different in that we played "big bowls" in the stadium. Was fun.

Thank you to the committee members for their work during the season. A special thankyou to our secretary Vere for all her hard work and organisation. During the season, I took over from Ann as she was unwell. I big thank you for all the work Ann has done for the club and continues to do. Also thanks to Noelene for keeping our finances under control.

The season seemed to go very quickly this year. I hope you have all enjoyed yourselves and will be back next year.

Lorna O'Neill

Ann Thijssen

President

Taieri Indoor Bowling Club