

TAIERI BOWLING CLUB

INCORPORATED



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Of the
Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that the 129th Annual General Meeting of the Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated will be held in the clubrooms in Wickliffe Street Mosgiel on Sunday 10th July 2016 at 1.30pm.

Agenda

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Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated

Annual Report

Your executive is pleased to present this 129th Annual Report of the Taieri Bowling Club Incorporated. The figures and information included in the report are for the 2015-2016 season, and the financial period ending 31 March 2016.

Committee Attendance

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

C Sutherland	10	J Young	4
D Monaghan	7	E Ross (Co-opted)	4
J Barclay	4	L Morrison	8
J Dryhberg	8	A Swallow	10
P Andrews (Co-opted)	3	C Cookson	8
J Heller	8	D Archer	9
W Tisdall	10	V Graf	9

R Gibson (Manager/Club Captain) was in attendance at all 10 meetings. L Hellyer was in attendance at 8 meetings.

Valedictories

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

Denis Wilson

Denis passed away in May 2015 after long illness. Denis joined the club in 1984 and was well liked. He played mainly as a lead in the club and played a lot at the highest level of teams for the club. He spent a lot of time at the club doing all sorts of little maintenance jobs around and always organised the painting when required. Was awarded Bowls NZ Volunteer of the Year Award

Allan Jarvis

Allan passed away in July 2015. He transferred to Taieri in 2002 after first joining Wakari in 1977. He enjoyed coming to club and playing his bowls and also the camaraderie of the members. Coming in often late in the afternoon to catch up. He worked tirelessly at the Westpac Bowls Stadium after it opened, often spending all day there running the sessions. He was still doing this right up to his death.

Membership

The total membership as at March 31 2016 stood at:

	2016	2015
Full Members	121	132
Life Members Playing	6	6
Life Members	2	2
Social Members	57	50
Non Playing Social	85	44
Associate Members	7	10
Student	0	0
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	278	244

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

When I took on the presidency last year I under estimated the demands my new business would make on my time. Not only did it prevent me from playing it also restricted the amount of time I could spend around the club on social or other matters. I missed that involvement and I won't allow it to happen again next season.

It has been an interesting year and the successes of our women need to be applauded. A high proportion of the Centre championships were won by Taieri women and later in the season Janet Swallow's fours team came agonisingly close to winning a national title. Well done ladies you had an outstanding year. The men's season was quiet in comparison. There were successes in centre and interclub events but not to the same overall extent as the women. For the second year in a row there were many weeks when the men's electors were faced with long lists of unavailable players, hopefully that won't be the case next year.

Early in the season two members of the Executive resigned and were subsequently replaced by Peter Andrews and Erik Ross. It disappoints me that we do not always appreciate each other and have not learnt to always work alongside each other. I have no doubt that the vast majority of members just want to enjoy being in the club and to enjoy playing bowls. The men's and lady's clubs co-existed very happily for decades and celebrated the other's strengths and successes. Strong wills do exist and although they can be very useful if harnessed positively but they can lead to an 'Us' and 'Them' attitude. That happened on occasions.

We are now one club.

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 Dryhberg (Secretary) has performed her duties admirably and her minutes are of high quality. 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. I hope Vicki will make herself available for higher office. Lyn Hellyer (Lady's club captain) has attended most of our meetings and her input has been valued. Robert Gibson (manager and men's club captain) 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 long hours and is never really able to be 'off duty'.

Like many sports we face declining memberships and financial pressures. As Allan says in his report we have funds available but a long wish list of projects that need prioritisation. We have the best facilities on the Taieri and we need to maintain them. We are gradually attracting more and more groups that now quietly use our facilities during the week. We will soon be renovating the stadium with a repaint, new drapes, new carpet and new lighting. We are first and foremost a bowling club but our future depends on us opening our doors to broaden our financial base without forgetting our main purpose – Lawn Bowls.

I have decided to stand for President for another term but I do so in the knowledge that I need to structure my business to enable me to have more time. We have a good executive committee and we look forward to a successful, trouble free 2016 – 2017 season.

To the Ladies. Well done, enjoy your successes of last season and try to repeat those successes next season.

To the men. Make yourselves available for your club on Saturdays.

Make next season one to remember for all the right reasons.

Craig Sutherland

President.

Managers Report

My objectives over the last 12months were to continue to promote the club into the wider community of Mosgiel, maintain the level of funding received from donations from the Gaming Machine charities if possible, maintain the income streams created by Bar, Mates in Bowls, Sponsors, Tournaments, Hiring of facilities, function and increasing the catering and lifting the different levels of membership to name a few. The question is has this happened!! This has been alot more difficult over the last year and the club needs to consider its options with regard to these things.

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

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Bar	\$ 149,691	\$ 157,984	\$ 179,356	\$ 156,336	\$ 153,238
Sponsorship	\$ 11,348	\$ 10,539	\$ 15,553	\$ 18,659	\$ 13,544
Donations (including Gaming)	\$ 13,712	\$ 24,973	\$ 53,157	\$ 58,355	\$ 52,345
Hiring of Facilities	\$ 8,216	\$ 7,253	\$ 5,752	\$ 4,497	\$ 4,234
Catering	\$ 17,235	\$ 38,128	\$ 46,871	\$ 25,044	\$ 25,903
Totals	\$ 200,202	\$ 238,877	\$ 300,689	\$ 262,891	\$ 249,264

NB. Remember 2014 year included the Nationals held Dec 2013/2014.

I want to thank **Dave Archer** for helping me throughout the summer as assistant greenkeeper. His learning after taking over from Lawrie has been steep but he has accepted the roll very well and learnt a lot about the processes for looking after two greens. We have both been learning because the new green is Cotula Maniototo and bottom green is Cotula Dioica and therefore have quite different requirements. 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 at this stage will be re-elected in July at The National Turf Conference in Auckland in late 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. Craig's accounting and business expertise has also been helpful and supportive. 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.

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 it supports its members extremely well. While we are trying to run the club as a **BUSINESS (gross income this last period \$308,000)** 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. Not many clubs would have that level of income on an annual basis. That requires help generally from all members e.g. selling raffles tickets, helping do bar where you can, helping doing catering where you can are examples that assist in keeping costs down by not having to employ outside people to do these jobs. (Some compensation is paid at times for help depending on function and number of hours required to be worked). If this doesn't happen then this may mean the executive decides to increase funds from elsewhere to support and fund the club i.e. increased subs!!! If you look at some of the fixed costs like rates, insurance, electricity and ongoing costs like repairs and maintenance of the club and surrounds funding needs to come from somewhere. The level of support from donations (mainly gaming grants) has dropped again over the last year and it means we have to work smarter to keep profitable and viable. The club is currently about to upgrade the stadium area to renovate mostly with new furnishings and paint and also replace the carpet. Just beginning to arrange funds from the quotes that are arriving in over last couple of weeks in June.

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. We always need volunteers to help create this environment. Unfortunately there are some people who still believe that this club, because it has a Manager, doesn't need its volunteers. The workload has grown to a level that far exceeds the original expectations and this means that all the members need to get behind the whole club to make sure it works!!!! Please assist if you can with anything you are able to. Whether it is in kitchen, bar, gardens, organising social events etc etc every little bit helps!!

Have you considered whether you can help by standing for the executive? This club **MUST** have the best people running the club. 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 of the income streams. We cannot be seen to be selfish in terms by saying this is "**my club**" and therefore I want it always available when "**I**" want to be here. Maybe we should be trying to make it a community club for Mosgiel and **that might need a name change!!!!** Maybe this club can be a sports hub for this end of Mosgiel!!

Food for thought.

Robert Gibson
Manager

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT – RESIGNED

I wish to thank all those that encouraged, supported and voted for me at last year's AGM. I made the decision to resign after realising I couldn't give the commitment required to the position. The decision I made wasn't an overreaction and I apologise if I disappointed you.

Jan Barclay

Saturday Men's Selectors

The 2015/16 season ended with most teams finishing in the middle of each section. The sections where we had two teams involved, one finished last, so next season we should be well placed to improve our standings. We again suffered from unavailability and the Club should be looking at reducing the Teams it enters for next season.

Our thanks to the markers for giving their time, and for those players who filled in at short notice.

Results

Morning sevens

Section 1	Gold	8 th
	Blue	5 th
2		7 th
3		6 th
4		7 th
6		3 rd

Afternoon

Holmes Feathers		4 th
Bridgeman Plate	Gold	4 th
	Blue	8 th
Four x Fours		4 th

Les Morrison/Peter Matheson
Saturday Selectors

Juniors

Our junior membership is a strong group of enthusiastic and committed players showing great dedication and sportsmanship.

We had three teams entered in the Junior 6's Competition on Saturday mornings Taieri Gold, Taieri Blue and a composite team with Mosgiel RSA. The latter working really well as we were able to place some Taieri players in that team that may not have got a game some Saturdays.

We focused on keeping the Gold team mostly in the same positions each week when possible, the goal being to win the competition. Sadly we ended up a very close 2nd.

A great effort by all that played as the competition from some clubs was fairly strong.

Taieri Blue and the composite team played well together, some were asked to play in different positions and they gave their best. Most being new players or new to the concept of the competition most learnt a lot and will be stronger for next season.

The 4 team's that entered the Junior Friendship 4's had some good games and for some players this was a learning experience. They all agreed it was a great competition and are keen to try again next season. The team of Malcolm Wilson, Bob Barclay, Mike Meiklejohn and Clayton Kropp went on to being runner up to St Clair, well done to you all. Malcolm won the Men's Junior Singles. Keri and Karl won the Junior Pairs.

Helen Carman won the Women's Junior Singles at the club and went on to win the Centre Title. Shona Morrison also has had a very good season playing in the team that won the Centre open 4's which then went on to Hamilton playing in the National Finals. An opportunity most of us may never get experience, so a great achievement for Shona being runner up in the final.

Junior bowler of the Year was Malcolm Wilson – Most Improved Male was Bob Barclay – Most Valueable Junior was Helen Carman, which is given for club involvement and bowling achievements.

We don't have a Trophy which is awarded to a Female Junior Bowler of the Year, something we should look at for the future.

Keri, Malcolm and Janice are now out of their junior years and wish them well for next season.

The club has a large group of junior players who have contributed to the success and growth of our club in many ways, whether they played Interclub, Junior 6's, Championship's and Tournaments.

I say a big THANKS to Ken Walker who gave his time to assist me, as we know Ken has a wealth of experience and it was appreciated by our players and myself.

Dave Archer our coach also gave a lot of time this season and I know it was of great value to all he helped during the season, thanks Dave.

*Jan Barclay
Junior Selectors*

Ladies Selectors

The Taieri Ladies have had another very successful year winning most of the interclub competitions as well as the C/C Junior singles Centre Triples and Fours. The Fours were also runner-up in the National final.

Tuesday Interclub: Won by Taieri. Well done ladies this is the first time we have won this competition for many years

Stuart Trophy: Won by Taieri Blue. Taieri Gold 7th

Saturday Fives: Division one. Won by Taieri.Blue with Taieri Gold 7th Division two, Taieri 8th.

Hislop Cup: Taieri finished 10th out of 12.

The Ballard Brooch: Won by Taieri with the team of J Barclay (S) B Williams L Hellyer J Young.

Interclub Sevens: We entered two teams this year Taieri A won first division.

Singles J Barclay **Pairs** J Robertson B Brown **Fours** J Swallow B Williams B Archer J Dyhrberg

Taieri Ladies have also featured prominently in the Centre events.

Centre Triples: Won by J Robertson(S) J Young B Brown

Centre Fours: Won J Swallow(S) B Archer S Morrison R Walshaw

National final Interclub Fours: Runner-up. J Swallow (S) B Archer J Robertson S Morrison

Centre Triples: Runner-up J Swallow B Williams S Morrison

Centre Mixed Pairs: Runner-up R Gibson J Robertson

C/C Junior singles Won by Helen Carman

*Selectors
J Robertson, J Swallow L Turnbull*

Wednesday Interclub (Men's)

We had 10 teams competing this year and at the start of the season we had 58 players available for selection. There were two days lost due to wet weather.

With players not being available each week due to holidays, sickness, etc, plus adhering to a policy of every player taking their turn at being "on the bench" it is difficult to keep consistency in team selections. However, in spite of all the above, we still managed to finish a very creditable third. Congratulations to you all.

The Wednesday bowlers are a great bunch of guys and I thank them for their patience and understanding. It makes a selector's task much easier and, dare I say, enjoyable!

Our thanks to the ladies who came along each Wednesday to prepare the afternoon teas and tidy up afterwards, and to the greens staff for preparing the greens each week.

*Ray Williams
Selector*

Bar

A quick look at this year's profit and loss sheet shows a reduction in sales over 2015 with sales reducing from \$159,000 to \$150,000. This is a concern even though we have worked hard to get this excellent Club promoted as a function area by our Manager. Your new Executive needs to continue this and consider many options for making improvements in this area. The bar is our single most successful area for generating funds. If this continues to decline then our viability is at risk and **YOUR CLUB** may have to take some drastic measures that the members may not like. All income streams are extremely important because club members are using the club less and less now. Fridays nights and other times during the week are less and less patronised by club members and people are drinking less because of their age and also driving home means that they cannot drink as much.

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 received support from our suppliers Nellie's & Crofters and we would hope that the members return that support in whatever way possible-

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. 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!!!

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 are in the process of purchasing a new updated "Point of Sale" system and you will see new touch screen till within next week or so.

Rob Gibson
Bar Convener/Manager

Club Captain (Men) & (Women)

Women

Our ladies have had a wonderful season. We have won as follows: Interclub, fives, sevens, Stuart Trophy, and Ballard Brooch. Also centre events etc. We also played friendly games against Outram, RSA, Tainui, and Fairfield and we won all four. Our club is very proud of you all. Well done.

If next season is anything like this season then we have a good show again. I accepted the trophy for interclub on the night of bowler of the year function on behalf of you all, but was disappointed at the turn out on the night. Also club day (Thursdays) has been disappointing as well we have only been getting on an average of 12 – 16 players. What is everyone doing that day, hope to see more of you all next year ladies and men. We never got to play the drawn events as too many people had other things on, so this year we might try to start them earlier.

Look forward to next season and good bowls to both men and women.

Lyn Hellyer
Ladies Club Captain

Men

Unfortunately there doesn't seem to be anybody that wants to do this job!!! Over the last 10 – 15 years we have had a very good number of Club Captains but nobody seems to want to do this very important job. I took it on because of the lack of nominations and because I think I can offer the role something. As the Manager of the club I do have a lot of information that should be given to members to keep them up to date. I usually have a list for Saturday afternoon session and hopefully everybody gets to hear this by staying back after they have played their games on Saturday. We try to have this between 5.20pm – 5.30pm each Saturday night. I'm hoping that Lyn will/would also do the same to the Ladies members on Tuesday afternoons but this is up to her. This might then remove any blame/complainants towards the Management of the Club for not communicating up and coming things within the club. Emails are good but only get to about 35% of the overall current membership.

I hope next season will be a rewarding one with teams playing hard for each other to achieve the best results for the club. Unfortunately we seem to be getting a large number of players not available each weekend and this trend has grown over

the last couple of years. If it's because of the team you are picked for and you don't like it, don't pull out next week, talk to the selectors and see why you were put there and whether they can accommodate.

Congratulations to Ken Walker, Allan Swallow and Gerry Butler for winning the Champion of Champion Triples.

Good luck next season. Happy bowling.

*Rob Gibson
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.

My thanks go to Dave Archer who was employed as the assistant green keeper, after Lawrie Watson had to resign because of a bad back, to help me through the summer months maintaining 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. We will continue to learn about the requirements of having a maniototo surface. The bottom green will have some more done on the edges closer to the spring 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 hope that will continue into the new season. This next season we have applied for National Events as well.

Greens maintenance for the 2015/2016 season was grooving for the Wilkins Green to bring back the level of playing surface we are accustomed to in the new season. The McDonald Green was grooved as well this season but to a shallower depth and then lightly soiled with the fertiliser program 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 specifically, assisted by Graeme Cousins 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 Robert.

*Robert Gibson
Green Keeper*

Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Allan Swallow, Craig Sutherland and John Heller.

Finance Committee Report

Committee Allan Swallow, Craig Sutherland and John Heller.

I am pleased in conjunction with Craig and John to present the Financial Report for the 2015/16 season.

It is disappointing to note that a cash loss of \$9,710 has been recorded and together with the required depreciation write down of \$11,749 and associated stock movements and adjustments that the total loss incurred was \$21,552.

The full trading position is outlined further in the report however I would summarise the year as follows.

As against the original budget projections (in brackets) the club's gross main revenue streams were Bar \$149,691 (\$155,000) Catering \$17,235 (\$38,000) Donations and Sponsorship \$25,060 (\$33,000) and Gaming Machine Income \$16,795 (\$23,000).

As can be seen all the major income streams were down on their gross (prior to costs) projections with the most disappointing result being incurred with the net external catering result of \$1,656. While accepting that the gross takings were below the budgeted figure, the net margin was well below expectations.

There are always some- one off items of expenditure that were not foreseen but generally the overall costs of the club during the 12 month period of \$171,218 were virtually as predicted of \$170,850.

As some of you may be aware one of the additional costs incurred was a figure of \$1,200 that the Executive agreed to provide to six players to attend the National Open Championships in Hamilton after their respective teams had qualified by winning the respective Dunedin Centre Open events.

The decision has been made wherever possible to financially support any player/s who wish to attend these events in the future and a figure of \$1,500 has been allowed as a Travel Fund in the forthcoming 2016/17 budget. Also in respect of the expenditure levels of the club one item that will not be incurred this coming season will be the cost of purchasing the Club jackets while we are still allowing for additional sales of these items. Finally within the expenditure for the season is a figure of \$5,440 which relates to manager's unpaid leave. While the Executive has agreed to make no further monetary payments in this respect, the unpaid leave is required to be shown as a contingent debt that the club has. This is also noted in the notes to the financial statements further in this report. Excluding this figure would reduce the cash loss to \$4,270 and overall deficit to \$16,112.

Any loss is disappointing and financial improvements can only be made by increased income levels, reduced expenditure or a combination of both to maintain a stable position going forward prior to any capital expenditure. The Club as at 31st March was fortunate in having \$54,393 in cash reserves but these must not be utilised in funding on going trading losses.

It is the Finance Committee's opinion that these funds must be utilised for the considerable amount of capital expenditure that is required within the Club and not rely on a four to five yearly top up in cash reserves incurred through past hosting of the Nationals and the huge amount of hard work by Club Members.

There has been a lack of deferred maintenance for many years and a list has been compiled and is included /attached within the Budget for the forthcoming season further in the financial report of the club.

These items include improving the surrounds around both greens and walkways, improve and relay the bottom (Wilkins) green, Sun and or Rain shelters for the bottom green, improved flood lights, replacement of the Bar Till and stock taking system, improved storage capabilities, an upgrade of the locker rooms, extension of the soil shed, a complete re-vamp and redecoration of the stadium, associated relaying of the stadium carpet, not to mention an upgrade of the kitchen including new dishwashers for both the kitchen and Bar.

All of these items have been initially priced out with a figure of \$200,000 able to be spent without too much difficulty so it will be a decision to be made by the Executive in order of priority and the amount of capital required able to be raised and also serviced and supported by the club's income streams.

Some grants will be applied for, however members should be aware, that in addition to the grants received and the utilisation of the Club's funds, then limited bank borrowings will be required. In addition to the cash funds shown in the report we do have a debenture within the Dunedin Bowls Stadium of \$10,000 which we may discuss the possibility of repayment to assist our capital works programme.

In summary, the matter of and the level of capital expenditure needs to be addressed as a priority by the new Executive being elected.

A budget has been prepared for the 2016/17 season which is enclosed with this report, and shows slightly increased income and reduced expenditure levels, both necessary to achieve a break even position.

This budget does provide for Repair and Maintenance (or limited capital expenditure) of \$10,000 but this is the minimum that should be spent when we have assets of way in excess of \$1m

I wish to thank both Craig and especially John for their support and accounting expertise provided to me over the past year and also Robert for his preparation of the monthly Management Reports.

Finally I would like to extend a special thanks to James Aitken for his work in continuing to externally review the club's financial affairs.

If there are any questions in respect of the financial affairs of the club, then either myself, Craig, or John will be pleased to discuss them with you either prior to or at the Annual General meeting.

Allan Swallow

Treasurer and Convenor of Finance

House & Works

The Bowling Club 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. The working bee we had at the start of the year had one of the poorest turnouts I've seen, it seems some members expect everything but give nothing. 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.

We have also another new heat pump ready to be installed when the old existing one ceases to function.

There is still some major discussion to take place regarding the upgrade of the kitchen, lounge etc. These are big expense items and require some serious thought.

Finally 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.
And thanks to Robert for your help 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. 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 Beachside Resort Mooloolaba R. Campbell & Sons Crofters Pub & Café Hotel Motel Taieri Mosgiel Regency Motels Brooklands Village E C Shaw Plumbers	Metro Realty – Michael Wood Taieri Wool and Skins BP 2Go Alco Motors Carbase KIA Chatsford Mosgiel Kitchens Unichem Central Pharmacy

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.

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

Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation

Salary Rates Electricity	\$ 3,000.00	
Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	
Westpac Trust Bowls	\$ 2,800.00	
		\$10,800.00

Taieri Bowling Club Society

Authorised Expenses		<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
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Total Gaming Machine Donations

\$15,800.00

Dunedin City Council

Rates Rebate		<u>\$5,925.00</u>
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From a management perspective I just want to highlight a couple of reasons why this club needs to look at all options to continue to move forward and progressively becoming more and more successful.

Commenting on the financial aspects only as the manager.

A number of factors are highlighted as:

- Support from Gaming Trust applications including our own. However this is getting more and more difficult and dropped substantially again this last year. Last year the club received total donations from Gaming Machines including our own of \$15,800.00. This was down from \$27,388.00 from the year before and \$38,186.00 in

2013/14. These are significant amount of money and it means we have to get funds from other sources to make up the shortfall.

- Major sponsors but need more
- Total income is down from last year particularly in catering and grants.
- Asset purchasing producing new income streams
- Increase to community using the club (marketing working). This must continue all the time.

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. Special thanks to Helen Carman for the running and looking after the big raffle for the Mooloolaba trip. 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 \$3700. This is down from \$5300 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!!!

Rob Gibson
Convener

Coaching

The Monday night coaching sessions were very well supported, particularly by the juniors. Their dedication and willingness to improve their play paid dividends as was shown by the success achieved at Centre events. As well as the Monday sessions I was also pleased to assist a good number of senior players who wanted some one on one coaching. As I'm sure most of us realise our flexibility decreases as we get older, so having a sound delivery enables us to stay competitive and make good contributions to the teams we play in. Results for the men were largely disappointing this season so there is certainly room for improvement and I am more than happy to help with one on one coaching

Practice > Good technique > Consistent Performance = ENJOYMENT

David Archer
Convenor

Social

No report

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 2015/2016 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.

It was a much quieter year this year and I congratulate Robert and Shar on their initiative to have Pies & Bread Rolls on a Saturday during the bowling season.

I am sure those who have attended Friday night happy hours, you have enjoyed the lovely nibbles supplied by the club.

All our catering was successful this season, but there were some event's that extended myself and my team a little more.

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.

I have made the decision that I **WILL NOT** be doing catering for the 2016/2017 season, I ask you to support whoever decides to undertake this large task, I will continue to offer my services to this person where and when I am available.

Vicki Graf
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.

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

Ties winners

Singles	D Archer
Pairs	K Archer, R Hambleton
Triples	P Matheson, B Cavanagh, B Harris
Fours	P Matheson, L Watson, D Monaghan, B Cavanagh

Rob Gibson
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 Beachside Resort Mooloolaba and it is hoped these will continue to being annual tournaments. Unfortunately the Taieri Classic had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. I will try to run again next year with slightly different requirements but still in the Classic format.

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 2015 and the second being run in Feb / March 2016.

November was played over 4 weeks with 24 teams and 72 players registered:

Unfortunately I do not have any figures for the period in Nov apart from the registration fees of \$2070 and Raffles gross of \$1190.

February / March were played over 6 weeks total of 26 teams and 78 players registered:

Registration totalled \$3242.00, Raffles \$715.00 a profit totalling \$3957.00 not including Bar Takings \$5985.00 approximately.

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.

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, Warren, Wendy, Jack Van Ward, Peter Shanks, Mark (the Music Man) and Robert.

Not forgetting our two chefs in the kitchen Tom Jopson 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. With the Centre Champion of Champions being held approx one month earlier than the previous season due to an early Easter pressure was put on members to get games played by "due date." Thanks to the majority of members for their efforts in this regard.

Singles

R/Up Ken Walker

Craig Forgie

Pairs

R/Up Ken Walker & Gerry Butler

Chris Cookson & Craig Forgie

Triples

R/Up Ken Walker, Allan Swallow & Gerry Butler

Michael Wood, Dave Hodges & Malcolm Wilson

Fours

R/Up Dave Archer, Ali Waugh, Kevin Archer & Jim Finnerty

Peter Andrews, Dave Robinson, Andy Gawn & Charles Burrell

Veteran Singles

Ken Walker (2 lives)

Junior Singles

Malcolm Wilson (2 lives)

Junior Pairs

R/Up Keri Rupene & Karl Mason

Erik Ross & Mike Meiklejohn

Bowler of the Year

Ken Walker

Junior Bowler of Year

Malcolm Wilson

Most Improved Bowler

Bob Barclay

Special congratulations to Ken Walker, Allan Swallow & Gerry Butler on winning the *Champion of Champion Triples*. Ken Walker was also runner up in Champion of Champion Singles.

Darryl Monaghan
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.

We may look at setting aside a Sunday next season to get some of the 4's games played.

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.
Jean, Beth & Helen

WINNERS

Champion Junior Singles.	Helen Carman Runner- up, Shona Morrison
Champion Veteran Singles.	Judy Robertson Runner-up Jean Young
Champion Singles	Jan Barclay Runner-up Beth Brown.
Champion Pairs.	Jena Young, Judy Robertson Runner-up Wendy Hurring, Lyn Hellyer
Champion Triples.	Janet Swallow, Bev Johnston, Shona Morrison Runner-up Wendy Hurring, Bev McCorkindale, Sue Smeaton
Champion Fours.	Janet Swallow, Barb Archer, Helen Carman, Shona Morrison Runner-up Judy Robertson, Lyn Hellyer, Vicki Graf, Doreen Henderson
Most Improved Lady	Barb Archer
Bowler of the Year.	Janet Swallow

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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.

Rob Gibson
Delegates

PETANQUE TAIERI

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

Petanque Taieri continues to be in good heart. Our membership remains steady at around 30. We continue to improve our facilities as can be seen by the completion of our fence enclosure. We have recently finalised our playing uniform and with considerable support from "The Lion Foundation" have been able to offer a beautiful new full uniform to the members for under \$50.00. The majority of members have availed themselves of this great offer.

A team of 6 members recently represented the Club at the PNZ National Clubs Championships in Rotorua. This team acquitted themselves very favourably against the cream of New Zealand Petanque players and intend going to next year's event.

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 has joined the club and uses the facilities for their club night. This has developed into a very good relationship after we had to sell our premises in Mosgiel. There are currently approx 20 members who come along each week to play darts. There may be opportunities for tournaments to be run during the winter.

The club thanks Taieri Bowling Club for this relationship and help the Darts members enjoy the facilities that are offered to us.

Bob Pierce
President

Indoor Bowling Club President's Report

We started our season on Monday 2 March 2015. We increased our member numbers to 20 plus 1 Social member. Pam Marii transferred from RSA Club and Bernie Thijssen, who was new to the game. We welcomed them both with open arms. Because of our increased numbers we could enter 2 teams in the Wilson Shield and also 2 teams in the Open.

Our club ties were enjoyed by all.

Results were: Fours: Robert Whyte, Lorna O'Neill, Aileen Labes, Liz Clarke

Triples: Greg Maynard, Jim McMullan, Shirley McMullan

Pairs: Vera Chalmers, Bernie Thijssen

Singles:

Men: Clarry Thompson

Women: Pam Marii

Champion of Champions Singles: Clarry Thompson

Congratulations to all winners. All winners were entered in the Taieri Sub Association Champion of Champions competitions. Enjoyed by all, but not as successful as last year, although the Triples were runners-up: well done Greg, Jim and Bessie Duxbury (who took Shirley's pace as Shirley was not well).

We had our yearly exchange with Lawrence on Sunday 6 August. Twelve of us went to Lawrence; we were not able to get the trophy back again but the afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Again we went to Milton with 2 teams but our next trip down had to be cancelled because of the weather.

We have decided not to invite other Taieri clubs for our final night because we can put only three mats down. Our end-of-the-year dinner is scheduled for 6 November at the Railway Station.

Thank you to Andrew for setting up the hall on four occasions when the door was left unlocked. Thank you to the committee members for doing a great job, especially Vera, our secretary and Noeleen our treasurer.

I hope you all had an enjoyable season and see you all next year.

Ann Thijssen
President
Taieri Indoor Bowling Club