

## THE 1980s



A picture of the Clubhouse entrance and car perk in the early 1980s.

Jim Stuart Club Patron and Life Member, arrived in the area in 1979 and became a member in early 1980.

Jim became a board member about 1983. He was chairman of the board in 1985-6-7. Unfortunately his wife died in 1987, so he did not stand for re-election. After a year or two he came back onto the board, but not as chairman. He held various positions such as golf representative.

*"The golf course had been completed. The condition of the course overall wasn't bad. The greens were particularly good in the sense that they would hold. The grass was called tiffdwarf. It grew thick and felt soft to walk on and that's why balls hit into the green would stop quickly.*

*"Unfortunately, because of lack of knowledge of how to manage it, the grass started to layer on itself and was going to kill itself in the end because water was not getting through. He described the situation at that time in an oral history recording with the Heritage Committee.*

*"So we had to do something about it. So about 1983-84 we took the top off them. This drastic action caused controversy because it was feared the greens would not recover. But they did. Doug Cope was the greenkeeper at the time.*

*"Previously the greenkeeper had been Bron Ollis, who worked with Princess Properties. He was a very good landscape gardener, but had no training in greenkeeping. He was given a rush course by Princess Properties on how to look after golf courses, but it was not really a greenkeepers course.*

*"So, although very good, he was not quite up to speed Then they employed Doug Cope. In spite of the fact that we had little money he did a great job. He was here until about 1987. Then we employed Barry Cox who undertook courses and went on to do a great job for 20 years.*

*"We didn't have any working irrigation scheme because the original elaborate scheme was inoperative by the time Cope took over."*

Jim wanted to beautify the islands in the lakes with colourful shrubs and enlisted the help of Ralph McGee. They started on the island between the third fairway and the sixth tee and were about half way through cleaning up the island when greenkeeper Doug Cope witnessed their determination to help. Doug was short staffed and lacked good machinery so he approached them with the proposition of helping his team on the course proper.

A couple of years later they were joined by John Govett and Dal Andrews. They started off being called "Dad's Army" but because they clown around Doug called them "Goonies". The Goon Comedy Radio Show was popular at the time so that's where Doug would have got it from. The name "The Goonies" stuck.

*"There were bridges to all the islands and the watering system extended on to the islands. This was all part of the original grand plan which envisaged TV towers being put on the islands to cover golf tournaments and it would be necessary to get to the islands to maintain the water lines."*

Jim recalled the Pro-Am event held in the early 1980s when Wayne Reilly won and set the course record of 65. Jim has a photo of himself presenting Wayne with his trophy and winner's cheque.

*"Wayne's 65 included a penalty on the 4th. He hit off from way back on the old tee and his shot carried to the water. He roused on Ron Laurence, who was his caddy, for not warning him about the water. However he dropped a ball and proceeded to hit it on to the green and putted it for a birdie!"*

Bob Rowley's name came up. He was one of the Americans. He had a pilot's license and was an adventurer. He married Jan (who was Hawaiian, and after Bob died married Barry Larracy) and they built the first house on the hill adjacent to the Clubhouse. Maurie Sorrell bought it from Jan Rowley and he later sold it to Graham and Judy Isaacs.

Jim noted that eventually someone is going to realize that when the course is fully irrigated we may run out of water.

*"It damn near happens already, he says. The lake at the 12th is fed by a catchment with masses of fresh water. Flood gates were put in at the point between the 15th and 16th as part of the original development with the purpose of keeping the salt water out. So the lake was fully intended to be fresh water."*

He also noted that located a bit below the clubhouse (where the bottom bowling green is now) there used to be a magnificent practice putting green. It had 18 holes and was surrounded by flower gardens. It had to go to make way for the new bowling green in 1985. Allen Wood was bowls director at the time. He had formerly been an engineer with the Mullumbimby Council before it merged with Byron.



**List of trees on OS golf course, identified by Jim Stuart**

**1st Fairway: (1) Forest Red Gum; (2) Red Flowering Gum**

**2nd Fairway: (3) Brown Kurrajong; (4) Lillypilly; (5) White Bottle Brush; (6) Poinciana; (7) Rose of Sharon; (8) Colvillea**

**3rd Fairway: (9) Gardenia; (10) Buckinghamia; (11) Golden Penda**

**4th Fairway: (12) Strangler Vine; (13) Silky Oak; (14) Teak; (15) Bennets Ash; (16) Pink Euoria; (17) Tulipwood; (18) Weeping lillypilly; (19) Illawarra Flame; (20) Golden Trumpet; (21) Red Cedar; (22) Leichardt (23) Bauhinia (24) Frangipani;**

**5th Fairway: (25) Jacaranda; (26) Blue Fig;**

**6th Fairway: (27) Port Wine Bauhinia**

**7th Fairway: (28) Umbrella; (29) Queensland Waratah; (30) Cheese Tree; (31) Norfolk Is Pine**

**8th Fairway: (32) Tuckeroo**

**9th Fairway: (33) Snow in Summer; (34) Norfolk Is. Hibiscus**

**10th Fairway: (35) Weeping Bottle Brush;**

**11th Fairway: (36) Celery Wood; (37) Weeping Fig;**

**12th Fairway: (38) Coastal Cyprus; (39) Coolamon; (40) Kauri Pine;**

**13th Fairway: (41) Grevillia; (42) African Tulip; (43) Golden Shower; (44) Crepe Myrtle; (45) Fire Wheel; (46) Leopard Tree;**

14th Fairway: (47) Corkwood; (48) Hoop Pine; (49) Black Bean;

15th Fairway: (50) Candlenut; (51) Foam Bark; (52) Cudgerie;

16th Fairway: (53) Grey Ash; (54) Tibourchina;

17th Fairway: (55) Swamp Box; (56) Brazilian Fern Tree;

18th Fairway: (57) Native Frangipani;

The Newsletter for March 1980 noted that the contract whereby Princess Properties had been responsible for care and maintenance of the golf course would run out on 30 June. In preparation for this, the Country Club agreed to purchase from Princess Properties many of the course maintenance machines, mowers etc and also the maintenance shed. The agreed price, after protracted negotiation, was a very reasonable \$70,000 for machines, shed and land.

*"This expenditure, plus the wages bill and running costs of the machines, fertilizers, chemicals and all the other items connected with keeping such a wonderful asset in good condition, will place a great load on the Club's budget."*

The Club had also advertised the position of Head Green- keeper and received an encouraging number of replies.

As a result of the Annual General Meeting on 29th April, plus appointments made by the Board to fill casual vacancies, the Board of Management in May 1980 comprised: Chairman: Mr. R.K. Fullford, Vice Chairman: Mr. H.C. Fisk, Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. Lietke, Golf Representative: Mr. J.W. Petty, Bowls Representative: Mr. B. Talbot, Community Affairs Rep: Mr. Ian Allan, and Directors: Mr. R.H. Mills, Mr. Eric Thompson, Mr. A.H. Carter and Mrs. Joan Robertson.

*"The Country Club is very conscious of its role as the successor to the Ocean Shores Community Centre, and has appointed a "Community Services Committee" to advise the Board and to provide services to residents of Ocean Shores."*

The Community Services Committee comprised: Chairman: Mr. Ian Allan and Members: Mr. A.H. Carter and Mrs. Joan Robertson. Its responsibilities included: Liaison with government on estate matters; Provision of services (e.g. pump-out, grass slashing of vacant lots etc) and encouragement of residents to preserve and enhance the appearance of the estate.

*"A franchise to recover lost balls from the golf course is given to the proprietors of the Sports Shop under their tenancy agreement with the Country Club. The agreement provides, of course, that players have a prior right to recover balls equivalent in number to those they have lost during play."*

*"Residents are asked to recognise that Messrs. Sorrell and Burgess have a business interest in balls on the course. To put it briefly, if you remove balls from the golf course beyond the number you have lost in play, you are pinching them from the Sorrell and Burgess families."*

The club newsletter for April 1980 noted the appointment (from June) of Douglas Cope to the position of greenkeeper, to prepare for the Club's assumption of responsibility for golf course maintenance from July 1. Doug was then at Robinvale on the Murray River, and had previously been involved in the development and maintenance of a new golf course at Craighburn north of Melbourne.

In June 1980, the Club Newsletter noted: *"By the time this newsletter reaches our readers, the Club will have taken over the maintenance of the golf course from Hastings Trading Pty. Ltd (formerly Princess Properties). Doug Cope, the new Greens Superintendent, has been in office since 17th June and in conjunction with Jack Petty and his Greens Committee Doug has prepared a formidable list of*

*course projects. He has a staff of two senior groundsmen and a trainee groundsman to work under him. We welcome them to the Club team."*

The August, 1980 Newsletter reported that the Clubhouse had been burgled. *"The Clubhouse was broken into at 3.00 a.m. on 20th June, 1980 by three persons who escaped by car upon being interrupted by the Byron Security Service patrolman, Barry Fisher.*

*"They did some \$200 worth of damage in making their entry through a window and in smashing the bar door and got away with \$200 in cash from the cigarette vending machine.*

It also noted: *"Ocean Shores lost one of its pioneer residents with the death of Robert Rowley on 21st July. On behalf of all our readers we offer Jan, his widow and Daryl his son, our sincerest condolences."*

Clubhouse alterations were also announced. *"The Board of Management has decided to go ahead without further delay to instal windows in the north wall of the existing dining room and kitchen. The necessary working drawings are being prepared and approvals of Council and the licensing authority are being sought. These windows are in accord with the other proposed alterations.*

*"Our Architect has been instructed to divide the proposal into "stages" and to obtain rough cost estimates so that the Board can, if it wishes, proceed with selected parts of the plan according to need and in line with the financial position of the Club. The two criteria uppermost in the Board's consideration are income from visitor usage of the facilities and member-comfort."*

In September 1980, the Country Club Newsletter that the *"custom of meeting fellow residents at the club for a convivial hour on Friday evenings is rapidly gaining popularity. Some residents also stay on for dinner"*, the first reference recorded about the introduction of the Happy Hour.

In late 1981, Princess Properties sold the Billinudgel Pastoral Company land (some 4000 acres) to the Moree-based Uebergang grazing family for \$1.2 million and afterwards the remaining, largely undeveloped northerly section of Ocean Shores (about 1200 hectares) to interests associated with Australian entrepreneur Alan Bond for nearly \$5 million.

Princess Properties did no further development (they had sold some 1400 lots) and changed the company name to Hastings Trading Pty. Ltd. Alan Bond had very limited success with his purchase as he failed to get development consents due to the protests of a very active environmental group.

Historical recollections by Arthur Todd, note that yet another significant contribution by the original developer, was the building and dedication of the Orana Bridge. At a cost of \$200,000 the 215 ft bridge was a godsend for the residents of Ocean Shores, New Brighton and South Golden Beach.

*"It would be hard to comprehend, the total value of assets, in the form of roads, water and power reticulation, street lighting and a major bridge, which were dropped into the lap of the Byron Shire Council, not to mention the ongoing annual rates which reached extremely significant proportions before the council became involved in maintenance expenditures.*

*"It has been estimated that in excess of five million dollars was invested by The Company in those early days, and 46.7% of the general rates of the shire came from Ocean Shores.*

*"There is however, and has been for some time, a recognition that we as a community have been neglected in relation to the provision of basic services which are accepted as being the norm in other areas."*

KNOW YOUR STREET NAME

Streets on the Ocean Shores estate were originally derived from indigenous meanings. Various issues of the Seahorse magazine over the years have published some of these meanings, which are reprinted below. They are believed to be authentic, but no verification has been attempted.

Orana Road: Welcome  
Balemo Drive: Rough Leafed Tree  
Tathra Court: Beautiful Country  
Harah Court: The Sky  
Aloota Crescent: Kangaroo Rat  
Bobra Glen: Singing Place  
Goolara Court: Moonlight  
Tongarra Drive: Place of Cabbage Trees  
Binya Place: Cut and Cutting  
Coomburra Crescent: Spirit  
Dandaloo Way: Hail  
Katya Court: Far Away  
Bulgoon Crescent: Stone Hatchet  
Coonawarra Court: Honey Suckle  
Inderwong Avenue: Bright Star  
Nargoon Court: Koala  
Burra Burra Close: Busy Quick Sheep  
Bundoon Crescent: Kingfisher  
Warrambool Drive: Milky Way  
Merri Avenue: Referring to Dingoes  
Wirri Drive: Bark Vessel for Holding Water  
Rajah Road: The Stars  
Narooma Drive: Magic  
Kanandah Court: Place Where Sun Sets  
Tinbin Way: The North Wind  
Napelle Court: Ruler of the Heavens  
Langi Place: Dwelling Place  
Kuringai Way: Tribes that Inhabited the Coastal Districts  
Boolee Court: Whirlwind  
Chumber Avenue: Torpedo Bug  
Namoi Glen: Acacia (Wattle)  
Woggoon Terrace: Brush Turkey

On April 28, 1981, the Annual General Meeting of the Ocean Shores Country Club for the year ending December 31, 1980, noted 1069 financial members, and listed Barry Burgess as the Golf Pro, Doug Cope as the Greens Superintendent, and Merv Barnes as the Bowls greenkeeper.

Secretary Manager was L.W. Edmonds and Assistant Secretary Manager, R.A. Lumsden. Board Chairman was RK Fullford, Golf Rep JW Petty, Bowls Rep B Talbot, Community Affairs Rep Ian Allan and Directors: RH Mills, EW Thompson and HC Fisk.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Ocean Shores Country Club held on Tuesday, 28th April, 1981, the following members were elected to the Board of Management: Chairman: B. Talbot Vice Chairman: R.H. Mills Honorary Treasurer: J.R. Silver Golf Representative: W.M. Kelly Bowls Representative: L.B. Barnes Community Affairs Rep: R.A. McDonald Directors: D.V. Shapter J.C. Thompson, B. Toby, M.S. Sharp.

Greens Committee: J.C. Thompson (Chairman) L.B. Barnes, W.M. Kelly Also Co-opted: B. Cox House Committee: R.H. Mills (Chairman) D.V. Shapter, R.A. McDonald, M.S. Sharp, B. Toby Membership Committee: D.V. Shapter (Chairman), L.B. Barnes, W.M. Kelly Community Affairs: R.A. McDonald (Chairman).

The chairman (Fullford) commented: *"Les Edmonds, our busy Secretary/Manager, is currently trying to take two weeks holiday but will be available for emergencies and important meetings etc. Also it is advised that Promotions Officer will be selected to encourage more visitors from the Gold Coast and points north. It is anticipated that the new bowling greenkeeper will be commencing duties on Friday, 15th May, 1981."*

By May 6, 1981, a trading surplus of almost \$75,000 was recorded by the Ocean Shores Country Club for the 1980 calendar year, according to outgoing treasurer John Leetke. He warned, however, that 1981 and 1982 would present difficulties for the club because of the tapering off and final rundown of income derived from encumbrances on housing lots in the Ocean Shores estate.

The club now had to generate enough additional revenue to offset the loss of about \$65,000 a year income previously obtained from the encumbrances on housing lots; and increased expenditure of about \$70,000 a year for golf course maintenance, which until July 1980 was the responsibility of Hastings Trading Pty Ltd.

Examination of Ocean Shores Golf Club Ltd reports showed that the past four years had seen an average yearly increase in poker machine revenue of about 27 per cent. The board of management elected at the meeting was: Chairman, Mr Bernard Talbot; vice-chairman, Mr R.H. Mills; treasurer, Mr J.R. Silver

Extracts from the 1981 Annual Report are of interest: The Chairman's Report - *"1981 was the first year we have had the full cost of maintenance of the golf course ...although the Club is still clear of debts it still has no uncommitted cash...financially the Club has to depend on visitors, mainly from Queensland...but it is disappointing that we cannot get more players on both our howling green and golf course."*

The Treasurers Report for that year lists the following extraordinary items.

1. Catering loss of \$12,000.
2. Reduction in encumbrance approx. \$30,000.
3. Increased expenditure approx. \$30,000 on golf course maintenance.

*"We all realise that we cannot have champagne tastes on a ginger beer income and with the present level of visitors and club usage by the Members we are certainly not in the Champagne Class."*

From the Profit and Loss Account for that year (1981), it appears that a profit of \$12,239 was made from normal trading operations. However, this included \$36,528 from encumbrances, which reflects a net trading loss of \$24,289.

In June 1981 the Club Newsletter reported that the Licensing Court had approved minor structural southern wall, a kitchenette in the northern corner of the existing' kitchen (for use by various interest groups) and repairs to the parquet dance floor. A tender was accepted to provide for lock-up golf car accommodation adjacent to the swimming pool.

The early history of ladies golf at Ocean Shores (covering most of the first decade) was published in 1981, tracing a series of events that transpired over the 1972 to 1981 period. That report is reprinted in its original form below.

OCEAN SHORES GOLF ASSOCIATES

from 1973

About 1980-81?

Report for Golden Subke Booklet

The superb Ocean Shores Golf Course was established by Wendell West Pty. Ltd. and Princess Properties Pty. Ltd. as the focal point of a residential development.

It was designed by golf course architects, Von Hagge, Barnes and Devlin to International standards, with a length of 6,364 metres. (( Reputedly the longest golf hole in the State is the 14th, a par five of 556 metres and the longest tee, the 116 yard tenth. The very large ruff-durf greens are a popular feature and the many lakes are havens for water birds - all add to the natural beauty of the course)).

Swimming pools and a well-groomed Bowling Green are amongst the facilities of the Ocean Shores complex.

Initially, entry fees, as advertised, were \$10.00 nomination fee and a yearly subscription of \$10.00. For Associates, \$5.00 and \$8.00 respectively. In 1981 yearly fees are moderate at \$60.00 for men golfers and \$40.00 for Associates.

From the first use of the course in 1972, the organization of the Golf Club has progressed with the affiliation with the N.R.D.G.A. and N.R.A.G.A in 1973 and the granting of the liquor licence in September 1974.

When the opportunity arose to purchase the freehold of the course, the Golf Club made valiant, but unsuccessful, efforts to work its way into financial control from 1975 to 1977. Finally, in 1978 the Golf Club appealed to the Directors of the Ocean Shores Community Centre for assistance to prevent the demise of the Club. After receiving the approval of the Members of the Centre, the Directors negotiated a loan from Princess Properties, enabling the Centre to purchase the freehold. A substantial turnaround in the Golf Club's profitability, plus funds contributed by members of the Community Centre, plus the sale of its assets enabled the loan to be finalised by the end of 1979. The Country Club was granted a Liquor Licence on October 4th, 1979, and with its Directors, to control the affairs of the Golf Club, Bowling Club, Garden Club and Community projects of general interest to all.

Report for Golden Subke Booklet



The Associates first became an organised group on March 21st when 27 ladies gathered at the Inaugural Meeting to form a Foundation Committee. Those elected were: President, Jan Rowley; Vice-presidents Gwen Acton and Inger Odner; Secretary, Mary Mc Mahon; Treasurer, Susie Arkell; Captain, Jane Fry; Handicap Manager, Dorothy Harris; Committee, Joan Condon, Joan Meredith, Lisen Miller, Colleen Mulga and Ellen Wood.

Since this first meeting, The Associates have enjoyed the capable services of three Presidents, elected in October of each year: Jan Rowley, 1973; Rae Kerrison, '74, '75 and '76; Joan Mills '77, '78 and '79, and again Jan Rowley in 1980. They have established our constitution and created a tradition of strong leadership.

The first rating of the course for the Associates was established in July 1973 and set at 70 by Mrs Irene Fuller and Miss Beryl Johnson. Then, in 1978, the Associates had their course surveyed, tees altered and obtained an L.G.U. rating of 71.

The Ocean Shores Captains over the first eight years have worked hard to establish an interesting and varied programme of competitions with clear conditions of play.

The first Club competition was a nine hole Stableford event on March 28th, 1973 which was won by Jan Rowley.

(( In 1979, the Associates' day was changed from Wednesday to Tuesday, with a ball competition on Thursday)).

The Associates enjoyed the company of players from six other clubs when their first 'Open Day' was held on Wednesday 19th September, 1973. Then, in 1974 they were delighted to welcome 125 players from all over the Northern Rivers to 'Open Day' which is a highlight of the Associates' calendar. Since the formation of the Club, the Ocean Shores Associates have enjoyed travelling to other Clubs' Open Days.

Inter-club competitions have created friendly rivalry and interest. In 1978 the Chincogan Roller began match play competition between Ocean Shores and Mullumbimby. Then, the Os-Mur Shield between Murwillumbah and Ocean Shores is a Stableford competition, which was started in 1979. Picnic Days with our neighbouring clubs, Byron Bay and Mullumbimby are popular and well attended each year.

With a small field of regular golfers, Ocean Shores has strongly supported the Association Pennant Competition, entering teams each year from 1974 when a C Grade team was formed, to 1980 when three teams (Silver, Bronze 1 and Bronze 2) competed.

Ocean Shores Associates' Championships format has developed through four years of Stroke play from 1973 - 1977; Match play in 1978 and 1979 and Stroke play in 1980 - to Match play and Stroke rounds to alternate from 1980 onwards. Bronze Division Championship was introduced in 1978 and C Grade in 1980. The first Championship, played over two stroke rounds of 18 holes in August 1974 was won by Jan Rowley, winning by 2 strokes from Bessie Royle. Jan retained the title until 1978. Betty Abbott won in 1979 and Jan again in 1980.

The Course Record of 77 was held by Jan until 1978, when it was broken by Vicki Jellis from the Australian Club with a 75, and Fay Brennan from Wyong during the N.R.A.G.A. Tournament. Di Marcell of Lismore Club then reduced the record to 73 on 4th April, 1979 which Helen Stevenson from Belmont equalled in the 1980 Classic Cup.

In July 1978 the Ocean Shores Associates enjoyed the opportunity to host the N.R.A.G.A. Tournament for Silver Division which included the Northern Rivers Open and Closed Championships and the Northern Cup. The field of 180 players included players from the L.G.U. and N.S.W. State Teams and scratch-marker, Denise Hutton from Annandale.

During the Tournament, the Club was honoured by the presence of the N.S.W. L.G.U. President, Miss Beryl Johnson, the Country Vice-President, Miss June Howe from Woolongong and Miss Phyl Sydney-Jones - a winner of many State titles. Miss Johnson and Miss Sydney-Jones enjoyed re-visiting the course and noted its progress since 1973.

During the first two years of operation, functions, including a Fashion Parade and two Art Exhibitions, put the Associates' Club on a sound social and financial footing. These events, plus others such as Progressive Dinners and reviews have raised funds whenever necessary over the years.

The social programme annually includes a Mixed Invitation Day, President versus Captain's Day, Birthday Party, Christmas Party and impromptu revelry - such as after Championship celebrations.

Ocean Shores welcomes many low markers amongst the hundreds of visitors who play each year - either casually or as competitors in such notable tournaments as the N.R.D.G.A. Classic (this year to be played end August-early September).

The Club looks forward to a busy future with the maintenance of the fine traditions of golf high on its priorities.

R Buck  
Club Rep.

NOTE

Photos available : Course under construction and at present  
Art Exhibitions.  
Group at 1st Open Day - (Northern Star 20.9.73)  
Christmas Parties - Awards Championships etc.  
3 Presidents and Mrs Fuller at Birthday Party 1979  
Pennant Teams

The Ocean Shores Ladies Classic golf tournament mentioned in the report above was one of the Club milestones. Pictured below are Carmel Blacker (Ocean Shores net winner) with the Classic Cup; Joan Skelton (middle Ocean Shores); and Sue Connor (Murwillumbah gross winner) with the Classic Shield.



On April 1, 1982, the annual general meeting for the year ending December 31, 1981 was held, noting 1350 ordinary members, and listing Wayne Gregg as the bowls greenkeeper.

By 1982, the Garden Group special interest group was well established under the guidance of President, Mrs J. Silver with a membership of 82, who enjoyed many outings and bus trips. 1982 also saw the inaugural Garden Competition, sponsored in-part by the Northern Star, which attracted 90 entries representing 30 individual gardens.

This same year, Mrs J. Shapter and her travel group helped improve the social activities of this club. For the bridge enthusiast Mr.B. Padman conducted bridge lessons every Monday morning.

From the Hon. Treasurer came the dire prediction *"...revenue from encumbrances will be down...therefore we will not be able to carry out any major works to provide better facilities for members."*

At this point O.S.C.C. had changed from an organisation with strong liquidity plus assets, into one of low liquidity but asset rich.

On the brighter side, O.S.C.C. considered a joint venture with Mariner Investments in which half the air space over the clubhouse would be sold to Mariner for \$100,000. Mariner would construct and operate a two storey motel of 33 units and the Club would, on the remaining roof area, construct a lounge, bar, auditorium, poker machine section and dining area.

This would leave the whole of the ground floor for the use of special interest groups, i.e. Bowls rooms, Golf room, etc. This matter was pursued for the next two and a half years until Mariner, not being able to meet the deadline set by the Club, withdrew.

The encumbrances were dwindling to such a low level that some economy had to be introduced and the established practice of slashing registered lots was heading for the axe. The Community Chairwoman, Mrs. E. Andrews; put forward the notion of continuing the service for an annual fee of \$30. Of the 5300 odd lots vacant, over 600 accepted and slashing continued with a small profit to the club instead of a large debt.

Floodlighting the bowling green was undertaken notwithstanding the reluctance to embark on capital works. An arrangement was made with Phillips Lighting to lease the standards and fittings over a five year period, making monthly payments and having a zero residual value.

Thus at the end of the period, ownership of the installation reverted to the club. To keep the cost down, the bowlers undertook the excavation for the foundations and cable trenches.

Whereas the golfers enjoyed a top course, the bowlers were limited to the one green; which in golfing terms related to a six hole golf course. In each year, the bowlers were unable to play their game for at least six weeks when the green was taken out for renovation.

Some members drifted away to other clubs during this time. Recognising the need for another green, the second green was constructed providing year-round playing for members. Just as importantly, the second green made the Ocean Shores Club more acceptable in the Bowls world.

The withdrawal of Mariner Investments from the motel project meant that the clubhouse reconstruction was shelved. However, it was obvious that some expansion was imperative.

The Casino room was added to the building; the administrative area enlarged into the breezeway together with the foyer; some internal walls were removed, increasing the main lounge area.

At the same time the golfers contributed mightily to the construction of the halfway house at the tenth, these works being entrusted to the good hands of member Ziggy Allee.

The above works were the first major capital works program undertaken by O.S.C.C. and a period of membership contribution of both finance and labour followed.

By April 26, 1983, the Ocean Shores Country Club Ltd., for the first time, had made a profit above the level of encumbrances on Ocean Shores blocks payable to the club.

Despite unfavourable economic conditions, the club's annual profit was \$43,696 while the encumbrance fees were \$30,126, said chairman Bernie Talbot at the AGM, adding that revenue increased by \$59,582 largely as a result of successful promotional activities. During 1983, revenue from block encumbrances would be down to about half last year's level and virtually cease in 1984.

Members were asked to approve a joint venture development between the club and Mariner Investments Pty Ltd.. to build a 33-bedroom motel and club lounge, bar, auditorium, poker machine area and kitchen-dining area as a second storey of the present building.

Although there were 191 new members of the club during the year, total membership declined by 274 largely due to non-renewal of membership by members who previously had their fees covered by encumbrance payments.

On April 4, 1984, a 34-unit motel extension to the Ocean Shores Country Club was approved by the Byron Shire Council, but with a maximum building height of 10.4 metres from existing ground level.

On May 1, 1984, The annual general meeting for the year ending December 31, 1983 reported 1053 ordinary members. Lighting of the bowling green was said to be underway with completion planned for the following January.

Club chairman, Bernard Talbot, noted in his annual report:

*I would like to emphasise that we are a Country Club not a Golf Club or a Bowling Club. The first object of the Country Club is "to provide for members and members' guests and operate and maintain a social, sporting and recreational Club with all the usual facilities and amenities of such a Club."*

Office bearers of the Club were listed as Chairman; Bernard Talbot, Vice-Chairman J Gardiner, Honorary Treasurer Keith Talbot, Golf Rep Jim Stuart, Bowls Rep Alan Wood, Community Affairs Rep Enid Andrews and Directors: Alan Franks, Barry Cox, Barry Toby and William Eames.

Secretary Manager was Les Edmonds, with Doug Cope the golf greens superintendent and Wayne Begg the Bowls greenkeeper.

On May 9, 1984, the Ocean Shores Country Club signed a contract which would enable the construction to go ahead of a 34 unit motel above the southern end of the club house. The secretary-manager of the club, Les Edmonds, said the contract was for the sale of air space, or subdivision by stratum, to Mariner Investments Pty Ltd, who would build and operate the motel.

With two floors of the motel erected above the existing building it would provide guests with panoramic views south to Byron Bay and north to Hastings Point and Point Danger, with a start mid July and finish Easter 1985.

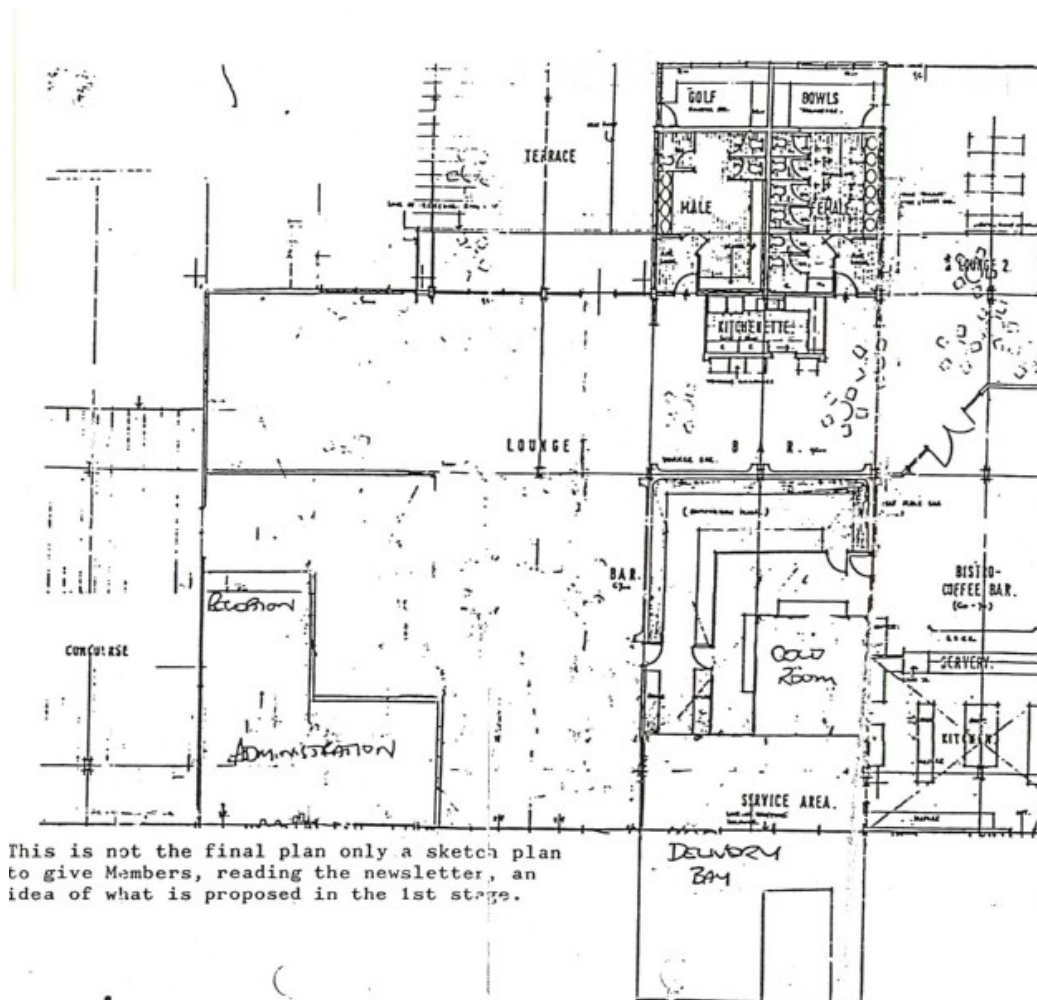
AGM elections saw Mr B. Talbot re-elected chairman for a 4th consecutive term. Former chairman A. Franks was elected vice-chairman, treasurer K. Talbot, golf rep J. Stuart, and bowls rep A Wood.

The Club Newsletter for June 1984 noted that Warren Cossgrove, a Club member, had been engaged as Caterer following the resignation of Joe Baillie.

The Club's Architect was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for alterations with emphasis on creating in this first stage a more functional and spacious clubhouse.

"This will include relocation of bar and toilets, extensions to the lounge and office, and relocation of poker machines.





*"The Directors have resolved to construct three tennis courts in the north-east corner of lot 992 and a bowling green to be located over the putting green. These projects to be subject to financing being approved by the Board.*

*"To assist in financing the construction of the second bowling green and tennis courts the Directors are inviting members to make an investment in multiples of \$100.00 towards these projects.. Your money will attract interest at the rate of 14% payable half yearly.*

*"Your investment would be secured by an acknowledgement under Seal of the Club, agreeing to repay the amount at the expiration of five (5) years, or at any earlier date as the Directors might see fit.*

*"Mr Ted Foster will be taking up the position of Assistant Secretary/Manager at the Club. He will be making his way up from Newcastle to start at the Club on 21st June. Ted has had a wealth of knowledge in the hospitality industry and will be an asset to the Club."*

In the Newsletter in August, 1984, it was reported that a PRO-AM was planned with many fine trophies for amateurs and a guaranteed \$5,000 purse for the professionals, which has already been secured by the sale of the eighteen holes to sponsors. A major sponsor, Beneficial Finance Corp., contributed \$1,500 towards the purse.

*"The field will be limited to 220 players all up, including 70 - 80 pro's. Entry fee was \$15.00. Amateurs were required to have an Australian handicap. "A" graders will be playing a stroke event*

*off the championship tees, whilst the "B" and "C" graders will play single stable- ford off the white tees."*

*"Due to the rising purchase price of beer the Club has been forced to increase it's retail price. The new prices are:- 7oz 56c, 10 oz 80c and 15 oz \$1.15c which are still well below the hotel price. It has been decided that the price of wine and spirits is to remain the same for the time being.*

*"The Club is to purchase a coin weighing machine at a cost of \$600 to assist with the poker machine clearances.*

*"Due to the Club's present financial position no further investigations into the construction of tennis courts will take place. The matter will be reviewed within the next twelve months.*

*"Regular golfers will have already noticed the new hole detail signs on each tee. Each of these signs have been provided by the company whose advertising appears above the hole details. The signs will remain in place for a period of twelve months, when it is envisaged that each of these companies will be offered the opportunity to participate once again.*

*"You should have by now received, in the mail, a letter asking you to invest monies in \$100.00 multiples to assist in the construction of the second bowling green and to make minor clubhouse alterations. Your money you will receive, from date of receipt, interest at the rate of 13.5% for a period of three (3) years paid at half- yearly periods.*

*"The Byron Shire Council has requested that soil tests be taken to ensure that the location of the crib wall base for the second bowling green is not in an area subject to possible slip. Approvals of these tests and engineer's plans of wall design are expected within the next two weeks."*

In late November 1984, a \$25 million development was proposed for Ocean Shore land by a businessman with Sydney and South-East Asian interests. The general manager of the Ocean Shores Development Corporation, Mr Eric Bond, told the Byron Shire Council that land within the golf course area of Ocean Shores has been sold to the businessman subject to a rezoning application, now before the council, being successful.

It was intended to build 460 15-to-18 square units, six-to-eight tennis courts and a first-class Chinese restaurant on the land. About 60 per cent of the units would be sold with the remaining units available for holiday letting to tourists from Asia. Mr Bond said that this development would greatly enhance the local economy, not only through the construction phase, but for many years.

By early December 1984, a number of residents were expressing opposition to these proposals. But chairman of the Ocean Shores Country Club, Bernie Talbot, and the president of Save Ocean Shores, Jim Mangleson, said the land concerned had never been owned by the Ocean Shores Country Club.

In a statement released 'to allay unfounded fears', Mr Talbot and Mr Mangleson said the land involved was a snake-infested swamp then being used as a dumping ground for rubbish and was a major inhibiting factor on floodwater drainage through the estate.

*"We feel the economic advantages to the residents of the area, both in employment opportunities and flow-on increase in existing real estate values, far outweigh any perceived disadvantages, one of which is claimed to be more people using the golf course," they said.*

*"At present the golf course is under-used... and increase in players... will provide increased revenue... for course maintenance and club amenities."*

Mr Arthur Todd, a former councillor, and president on the golf committee, Jim Stuart, were also in favour of the development.



Mr Todd said he was deeply concerned at the progress of Ocean Shores. He described Ocean Shores people as a 'community of knockers, motivated by self-interest'. The place has one public telephone and one post box. Employment was non-existent; 70 homes were on the market; shopping enterprises were failing.

"The estate has never looked so ragged," he said. The development would create more jobs; the country club would be provided with an on-going financial base.

Jim Stuart, president of the golf committee, said the country club needed the extra revenue. Planned extensions were expected to cost about \$100,000 and \$70,000 was needed to renew golf course equipment.

On February 13, 1985, it was reported that the Ocean Shores Development Corporation sought to have 20.5 hectares of land in the centre of the golf course area rezoned to permit construction of 480 units intended principally for tourist accommodation.

The general manager of the development corporation, Eric Bond, revealed during the meeting that a potential buyer for the land had withdrawn. He added that Alan Bond had recently been to Ocean Shores and said that it was his intention to carry out the development himself. Mr Bond said the corporation was seeking to build the units on only six hectares or about 30 percent of the land.

February 1985: The Minister for Environment and Planning in NSW placed an Interim Conservation Order No. 455 over the undeveloped portion of Ocean Shores known as the Northern area.

Austmark International Limited, and associate of the Bond Group, developed a new concept for a "Retirement and Tourist Community" for this area, to be located north of the existing development at Ocean Shores, and accessible from the Pacific Highway via Shara Boulevard.

Of the total 881 hectare site, about 458 ha was set aside for conservation and open space--about 52 percent of the area.

It was reported on March 13, 1985 that a special meeting of the Ocean Shores Country Club was called to discuss the proposed development of land in the golf course area of the estate. Mr Alan Franks moved that the meeting endorse the board of management's support for the rezoning application. The motion was seconded by Mr Percy Fisher, chairman of the club's house and poker machine committee. A secret ballot on a motion to support the club board's actions resulted in 76 people approving, 62 against and three informal.

On April 23, 1985 it was noted that at the AGM of OS Country Club, Jim Stuart was unanimously elected to the position of chairman of the board. Supporting directors were: Bill Eames (vice-president), Allan Thompson (treasurer), Errol Browning (golf representative), Dave Courage (bowls representative), Jim Mangleson (community affairs), and directors Jane Fry, Barry Cox, Pat Moller and Brian Curtis. There were 993 ordinary members.

The annual report noted that the second bowling green had been constructed at a cost of \$120,000 including voluntary labour. The bowling green lights were switched on in February. The Club made a development application for a motel above the clubhouse but the contract was later cancelled.

Quoting from the Annual Report (1985) Chairman, Mr. J. Stuart said: "It would be remiss of me if I did not thank the various contributions both in labour and finance made by the Special Interest Groups.

*"Without their help things such as halfway house, seats around the Alan Wood bowling green, drains on the 1st and 9th fairways, umbrellas, a rain train, course machinery, practice nets and gardens could never have eventuated. That they have is a tribute to all concerned."*

It was not uncommon for women members to be Directors of O.S.C.C., so when the N.S.W. Anti-discrimination Act was introduced, only certain small areas of our By-laws were at variance and brought into line.

At an OS Country Club meeting on July 28, 1985, attended by about 30 members, the board disclosed its intention to sell the right-of-way to land on the course owned by the Ocean Shores Development Corporation, with no dissenters. The board would receive \$25,000 from the deal. (The Alan Wood Green was officially opened on April 27, 1985.)

On April 22, 1986 the annual report for the year ended December 31, 1985 noted 899 ordinary members. It reported that the halfway House had been completed by Ziggy Alle "the now well known 'Goon Squad' and other volunteers--and handed over to the female golfers to maintain".

At the April 1986 AGM of OS Country Club, the eight members of the existing board of directors continued on for another year of voluntary service to the community. They were chairman Jim Stuart, vice-chairman Bill Eames, treasurer Allan Thompson, community service director Jim Mangleson, promotions director Barry Cox, membership director Brian Curtis, programming director Jane Fry, planning and capital works, and golf representative Pat Moller. A new category of 'ordinary member/social' was formally approved.

Meanwhile, the original bar was literally falling apart and during 1987 it became a major task to replace it. The decision to relocate the bar to its present position enabled the utilization of space that had been unavailable in the past. The space formerly occupied by the bar became the S.I.G. room, between the then lounge and dining rooms.

Barry Cox became Golf Course Superintendent on 1st April 1987. He related his experience at the Club in an oral history recording with the Heritage Committee.

*"Soon after, I went away on a golf trip only to come back to find the bottom bowling green had collapsed onto the first tee! "Welcome to Ocean Shores!"*

Barry followed Doug Cope as superintendent. Doug had inherited a golf course which had been handed over by the Princess Properties in a pretty basic condition...few members...little money...the irrigation system not working....had to do the watering manually...would even put a hose over from the back yards of nearby houses to water some of the greens.

Before Doug's time, they used to go around with a big tanker of water and at a green they would pull the plug and flood the green!

Barry outlined the history of the irrigation system.

*"Originally they put in the best hydraulic system available at the time. The water wasn't filtered and rubbish was sucked in and blocked jets. There wasn't a lot of care and good maintenance in the early stages and it got to the stage where system wouldn't work and they shut it down.*

*"There were two pump stations. One on the 7th, and one at the bottom of the hill on the 1st. Both had electricity and had big pumps installed. When the system was shut down the transformer which controlled the electricity on the 7th was removed. We had a quote 15 years ago to restore the power for \$85K.*

*"When I first came here Doug Cope had no electric pumps or irrigation system in use. He had a mobile trailer with a tanker on it. He had a petrol pump on the back of it and would go to the nearest lake drop a suction hose into the lake fill the tank and go to a green and water it. He had no water for fairways and greens.*

*"Eventually they tried to get the irrigation system to function. They had electricity to the two big pumps in the pump house near the first fairway. So they got them going and volunteers turned up*

*to see where the leaks were, but they couldn't pressure the system up. Bear in mind all the old sprinklers were still in the ground. They expected water to start spurting out of them, but it didn't.*

*"That was a result of quite a few crossings across drains causing pipes to be broken, and they had fallen in. They located these breaks and sealed them. They got the pressure up. One that had them beat was the crossing between the 4th and 5th fairways. It had broken off at the bank on each side. Once they got that reconnected the pressure came up and water started to flow.*

*"But they found the sprinklers didn't work. So Doug went around and took off the sprinklers he could find, capped off the risers, and stored the sprinklers in a shed. Having got the pressure up, he went around and put a spear point at each green. To help finance this they sold the sprinklers they had in the shed. Tweed course had similar sprinklers so the came and picked the eyes out of the 700 sitting in the shed. From there Doug installed a few fairway points.*

*"When I took over I carried on from there. I put more bayonet points around the greens so we had a hose and sprinkler at every green. Over a few more years we went down the fairways and found where they had capped off where the sprinklers had been; we put in new risers, and screwed on connections from the old sprinklers so they could connect a tap.*

*"We built up the system from there. In 1990 the board decided to put irrigation around the greens. We spent \$40k: installing wiring around the course; hooking into the old system; putting in new ring mains around the greens; installing sprinklers so we could water greens automatically using an electric controller in the shed, rather than having to use the hoses."*

Barry remembers that when he started here the bunkers were really just shallow traps not far below the surface of the greens with weeds growing in them and very little sand. They were poorly drained and sometimes would fill with water and overflow on to the greens.

With funds from the lady golfers (money they raised in the half-way house) they set about digging (commencing 1989) – using Neil McDonald on his backhoe – put in a new drainage system and fresh sand.

When he started in 1987 there were no paths. Funds from the half-way house were important in their eventual development.

Between 1986 and 1994, Morton Kaveney embarked on a major study of birds on the Ocean Shores Country Club precincts, recording more than 130 species, as detailed below.

**Birds Recorded Ocean Shores Country Club by Moreton Kaveney  
September 1986 to May 1994**

Brown Quail	Aust. Wood Duck	Darter
Wandering Whistling Duck	Grey Teal	Little Pied Grebe
Pacific Black Duck	Australasian Grebe	Pied Cormorant
Little Black Cormorant	Royal Spoonbill	Jacana
Great Cormorant	Osprey	Black-winged Stilt
Australian Pelican	Pacific Baza (Crested Hawk)	Masked Lapwing
White-faced Heron	Black-shouldered Kite	(Spurwinged Plover)
Little Egret	Whistling Kite	White-headed Pigeon
White-necked Heron	Brown Goshawk	Spotted Turtle Dove
Great Egret	Australian Hobby	Emerald Dove
Intermediate Egret	Nankeen Kestrel	Crested Pigeon
Cattle Egret	Buff-banded Rail	Peaceful Dove
Nankeen Night-heron	Purple Swamphen	Bar-shouldered Dove
Black Bittern	Dusky Moorhen	Topknot Pigeon (Flock Pigeon)
Aust. White Ibis	Eurasian Coot	Glossy Black Cockatoo
Straw-necked Ibis	Latham's Snipe	Rainbow Lorikeet
Galah	White Cockatoo	

Scaly-breasted Lorikeet  
Little Lorikeet  
Eastern Rosella  
Swift Parrot  
Brush Cuckoo  
Fan-tailed Cuckoo  
Horsefield's Bronze-cuckoo  
Shining Bronze-cuckoo  
Little Bronze-cuckoo  
Common Koel  
Channel-billed Cuckoo  
Coccal  
Tawny Frogmouth  
White-throated Needletail  
Azure Kingfisher  
Sacred Kingfisher  
Forest Kingfisher  
Kookaburra  
Rainbow Bee-eater  
Dollar-bird  
Blue Fairy-wren  
Red-backed Fairy-wren  
Spotted Pardalote  
Striated Pardalote  
White-browed Scrub-wren  
Mangrove Gerygone  
White-throated Gerygone  
Brown Thornbill

Yellow Thornbil  
Yellow-rumped Thornbill  
Little Wattlebird  
Striped Honeyeater  
Noisy Friarbird  
Blue-faced Honeyeater  
Noisy Miner  
Lewin's Honeyeater  
Yellow-faced Honeyeater  
White-throated  
Honeyeater  
Wite-naped Honeyeater  
Brown Honeyeater  
White-checked Honeyeater  
Eastern Spinebill  
Scarlet Honeyeater  
Rose Robin  
Eastern Yellow Robin  
Grey-crowned Babbler  
Eastern Whipbird  
Golden Whistler  
Rufous Whistler  
Grey Shrike-thrush  
Leaden Flycatcher  
Restless Flycatcher  
Magpie-lark  
Rufous-Fantail  
Grey Fantail

Willie Wagtail  
Sprangled Drongo  
Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  
Cicadabird  
White-winged Triller  
Varied Triller  
Olive-backed Oriole  
Figbird  
White-breasted Wood-swallow  
White-browed Wood-swallow  
Grey Butcherbird  
Pied Butcherbird  
Australian Magpie  
Pied Currawong  
Torresian Crow  
Richard's Pipit  
Double-barred Finch  
Red-browed Finch  
Mistletoe-bird  
Welcome Swallow  
Tree Martin  
Reed Warbler  
Tawny Grassbird  
Golden-headed Cisticola  
Silvereye Common Starling

April 28, 1987 saw the AGM for the year ending December 31, 1986. Jim Stuart was chairman, Perc Fisher vice chairman, Allan Thompson treasurer, Pat Moller golf rep, John Oliver bowls rep, Jim Mangleson community services rep, and directors: Barry Cox, Brian Curtis, Bill McConville, and Jane Fry. Secretary Manager was Ted Forster, greenkeeper Doug Cope, with Peter Mills looking after the bowling greens. Ordinary membership was 910.

On April 19, 1988, the annual report for the year ended December 31 1987 recorded 902 ordinary members, with the Bowls greenkeeper then Peter Mills.

*"Thus we arrive at 1988 (from Alan Woods historical recollections) with a suspension of capital works, no doubt to digest the previous expenditure, but we should be heartened by the optimistic report of the Hon. Treasurer Mr. B. Deluca who says for the year ending 1989: "...the years outstanding financial result...attributable in a large measure..(to the) expansion of the clubhouse...and the popularity of our golf course."*

This latter observation is verified by the Profit and Loss Account for that year which shows a gross profit from bar sales at \$295,507 and income from visitors green fees \$94,756.

On April 18, 1989, the AGM was held for the year ending December 31, 1988, with total ordinary members reaching 1006. Arthur Todd was chairman, Brian Curtis, vice chairman, Frank Hynes treasurer, John Govett golf rep, John Oliver bowls rep, Jane Fry the community services rep and directors Allan Thompson, Michael Kelly, Merv Brady, Vaughan Wallace and John Andrews. Ted Forster remained secretary manager and Barry Cox the golf course manager.

The AGM of 1989 voted to amend the Articles of Association Cl.47 8, 52(e) in which the position of Community Service Representative was to be eliminated, the reason being given that community affairs were now handled by the Progress Association.

However, the original intention of this position was to represent members other than bowlers or golfers; in other words to represent ordinary members and present their views to the Board.

*"With this deletion ordinary members are not specifically represented at Board level and must rely on any Director to listen to their needs. I regret the passing of this position but hope that in the future it will be replaced,"* Alan Wood said, and it subsequently was.

Ken and Joan Hanson arrived in Ocean Shores in November 1989, following a caravan tip around Australia looking for a place to live.

Ken had previously been Secretary/Manager of the Wentworth Falls Country Club in the Blue Mountains. When he took over it was the second smallest club on the mountains. When he left it had the second biggest membership in country NSW. His name is permanently displayed on a plaque at the entry to the club house.

Merv Brady and Peter Thorley recorded this chat with Ken and Joan a couple of days before their move from Kingscliff to Port Macquarie in July 2017, to begin another chapter in their lives.



They were both fanatical golfers, and Ken had 30 years experience in golf course management. When they arrived at Ocean Shores, Ken thought the golf course was the best designed he had ever seen. They thought "This is our new home".

They bought a home in February 1990 in North Ocean Shores. Joan noted that it had been Bond's original sales office. They stayed eighteen and a half years and as Ken emphasized they "loved every minute of it."

By 1993, Joan was president of the lady golfers, who generously donated the original lectern to the club. They also donated the fig tree on the RH side of the 14th fairway. "We thought we had Boab seeds, but it turned out to be fig!"

When Ken got too old for golf he took up bowls and was subsequently noted for helping to engineer some major achievements in relation to attracting young, school-age bowlers.

Together with Kerry Roberts, he started the Clinic Classic Cup in bowls. They went to the schools and convinced and coerced kids on their sports day to play bowls. The young people wishing to join as members were sponsored by a bowler for their first year. This went on for three or four years including running the Clinic Classic Cup.

Ken credits this, a few years later, with Ocean Shores dominating in bowls and winning the No 1 Pennants for a number of years. Ken also mentioned that the NSW Bowling Association gave him Special Achievement Badges three years in a row for his work with the junior bowlers.

He and Joan and their helpers were also instrumental in organising and running regular trivia auction night for junior bowlers, which raised over \$3,000. John Hagen donated a painting. Stuart Pratt, Kerry Roberts, Wilf Sprengel and Terry Holt were also heavily involved. Terry later ran twilight Bowls for a number of years, handing the baton over to Dave Whitney, who in turn tossed it to Lochie Johnston.

Ken then told of the "fish in the lake episode". After consulting experts he was advised to put silver perch in the lake, because they fed on weeds and would clean up the lake. Ken says somebody (no names no pack drill) took the top off the weir in the hope that the salvinia (which was thought to have come from someone's fish pond) would float away.

Instead, the saline water got into the lake and put an end to the silver perch. It also interrupted the irrigation until it rained again.

The GoBo (Golf and Bowls) competition also came on Ken's watch, with Stuart Pratt the driving force behind the concept and instrumental in its implementation and gaining sponsors. Joan mentioned that GoBo originally started for men only, but quickly became a mixed event. Leo Paxton, Ken and Laurie Moore won the first GoBo event.

Ken also highlighted the contribution of many individual club members including Allan Thompson (one of the best all-round sportsmen he had ever seen); Wilf Sprengel who worked tirelessly for bowls; and several other people such as Jim Sullivan, John and Tony Berry, etc.

While Wilf Sprengel earned Ken's admiration for his contribution to bowls, the real spotlight was on his wife Barbara, arguably the best and most consistent lady bowler to play for Ocean Shores, and a regular on the district championship circuit.

Wilf and Barbara were Mixed Pairs Champions at Ocean Shores four times between 1991 and 2016, and they were in the winning Mixed Fours team three times.

Barbara was the Ocean Shore women's Singles champion 16 times between 1996 and 2016, including nine straight between 2008 and 2016. She was also Pairs Champion eight times, Triples champion seven times, and Fours champion 11 times, and also served as secretary of Women's Bowls for five years.

Her credentials are equally impressive in the Tweed Byron District arena where she won the Singles championship eight times, the Pairs twice, the Triples five times and the Fours twice. With Troy Makin, Barbara also qualified for the State Mixed Pairs in 2016.

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