

Report of the green opening February 20th 1983

A most successful and enjoyable function which was attended by an estimated 110 visitors and members made the official opening of our green an occasion of which we can all be proud.

President Arthur Pearce and Madam President Mavis Quinton accomplished their speeches of welcome, recognition of member's efforts and introduction of guest speakers in an admirable fashion.

Official guests in order of speaking were: Christchurch Centre President Mr R. Bodger; Christchurch Women's president Mrs M. White; Malvern Centre President Mr R.D. Oliver; Malvern Women's Centre President Mrs L. Prouting; Immediate Past President NZBA Mr D. Martin; Chairman West Melton Domain Board Mr R. Overton who presented the club with a donation of \$250 from the board.

Following the speeches Mr R. Bodger formally declared the green open and assisted by Mrs M. White raised the West Melton Bowling Club flag.

Mrs M. Quinton officiated in placing the first kitty and Mr J. Overton, immediate Past President, bowled the first bowl.

A sumptuous afternoon tea was then served and after this most of the guests and members enjoyed playing on a most carefully prepared green.

Guests included Mr M. Le Cren life member of the NZBA and Mr W.J. Cole councillor of the NZBA. All Malvern Centre clubs were well represented and Mr K. Smith Hon Auditor of the club attended.

Apologies were received from Mz Ruth Richardson M.P. for Selwyn, Mr P. Rose Chch Centre selection committee member, Mr J. Pethic Paparua County Chairman, Mr L. Prouting, Mr and Mrs Bob and Zoe Wilson Patron of Kirwee Club, Mr and Mrs Elstob Hon coach Malvern Centre, Mrs Elsie Pearce, Mr T. Watson, Mrs R. Olliver, Mr G. Dysart, Mr and Mrs Colin Watson and Mrs Johnston.

During his speech President Arthur recognized the major contribution made to the development of the club by the late Mr and Mrs Calder who were founder members of the development committee. He paid respect to the late Mr Edge who was green superintendent at the time of his death and asked all present to stand in memory of these people. He made special mention of the guiding technical genius of Mr Ray Quinton chairman of the works committee an indefatigable worker. He conveyed the thanks of the club to Mr Robin Hobern who had taken over the preparation of the green at short notice and had brought it up to the present high standard for a new green.

The President gave special thanks to the Women's Club members for their support in catering and organization of the many fund raising activities over the years and for the excellent catering for this occasion.