

MELTON BOWLS CLUB

Centenary
27th February
1905 ~ 2005

100 Years of Melton Bowls Club

*Ian Harvie
Club President ~ 2005*



Richard Bentham:

called a meeting on
27th February 1905
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held on the evening of Monday, February 27th 1905.
Those were present (invited by Mr. Bentham)

Messrs Bentham

J. Kilby

W. Kilby

F. Cousins

E. Curtis

C. Green

F. Macro

A. E. Smithers

and
A. O. Kneading

Mr Bentham was voted to the Chair

"It was resolved that a club be formed.

"It was proposed by Mr. Bentham, seconded by Mr. Smithers
and carried unanimously "That the Club,
Rev H. J. A. Jones, be the Chairman of the
Club"

Extract from the first meeting of Melton Bowls Club

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by

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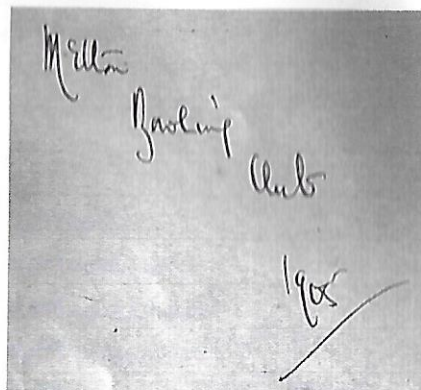
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Preface

The members of Melton Bowls Club are indebted to their President, Ian Harvie, for undertaking the long and time consuming research necessary to produce this history of the club.

I also wish to thank Ian, on behalf of all club members, for organising the Club's centenary events and for producing this excellent book.

Ray Andrews
Chairman Melton Bowls Club



The first page of the first minute book.

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Introduction

It is my privilege to write these few words as an introduction to the "100 Years of Melton Bowls Club".

The Club was formed on 27th February 1905 on the initiative of Richard Bentham and eight men from Melton who were interested in Bowls. They very quickly laid down some rules, some of which are still in use today under "Federation Rules". The club was also a founding member of the Suffolk County (EBA) Bowling Association in 1934.

The club's first green was behind the Melton Parish Room, moving to their current location in Dock Lane in 1933, on land given to the club by Mr H W Burness. Since then, the club has developed considerably.



Ian Harvie
Club President since 1994

I have aimed in this book to provide a history of the club by extracting significant information from club records and setting it out in chronological order. I have included as many photographs as possible and other interesting information that I have been able to find, or recall, since I joined the club in 1975.

For completeness I include Appendices which list; Club Presidents, Names from Honours Boards, Members Achievements and Life Members.

I am the sixteenth President of the Club, and honoured to be President of Melton Bowls Club on our 100th Anniversary.

Ian Harvie
February 2005

Although every care has been taken, it is inevitable that there may be some inaccuracies or omissions in compiling this account of Melton Bowls Club's history.

Extracts from Club Records

1905

On the invitation of Richard Bentham, "A meeting of those interested in Bowls was held on the evening of Monday, February 27th 1905.

Mr Bentham was voted to the chair and it was resolved that a Club be formed."

All those attending the meeting were elected to form a committee as follows:

Chairman:	Revd. H J A Lucas
Captain:	R Bentham
Secretary/Treasurer:	F Macro
Committee:	J Bilby, W Bilby, F Cousins, E Curtis, C Green, F Macro, A E Smithers & A W Skoulding.

(See extract from Minute Book on Page 2)

At this first meeting it was agreed that:

- ♦ subscriptions be 3/6 per season
- ♦ no one ^{under} the age of 21 be allowed to join
- ♦ the groundsman be paid 2/6 per week to look after the green

The bowling green was situated at the rear of the Melton Parish Room on land provided rent free by Mr James A Burness, and the green opened for play on Wednesday 3rd May 1905 at 6.00pm.

On 15th May several "Rules of Play" were agreed:

- ♦ that "smitting" (firing) be not allowed
- ♦ that a bowl on the line be off and out of play
- ♦ that no bowl counts over 2 yards from the jack

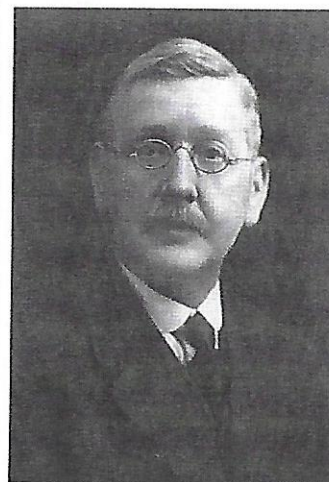
In those days, boys were used to pick up and wipe the players' woods, and the club rules stated that "the boys are not allowed to play but must come to the green clean and properly attired, and also assist in rolling and keeping the green in order."

During 1905 matches were organised with the Sun Hotel (Woodbridge), Orford and Wickham Market Bowls Clubs. A club tournament was also organised with an entry fee of 6d per member.

Richard Bentham

1863 ~ 1943

Richard Bentham invited eight other men from Melton, interested in Bowls, to a meeting on 27th February 1905. At the meeting it was resolved to form a club, and Richard became the first Captain of Melton Bowls Club. He was Captain from 1905 to 1909 and then Secretary/Treasurer until 1915.



Richard Bentham was born in Drighlington in Lancashire and moved to Melton in 1893 to become headmaster of Melton School. He was described as a short, quick man with reddish hair, bright eyes and a Lancashire accent. Richard became very much part of village life. As well as being headmaster, he was Chairman of Old Melton St Andrew's Football Club, Choirmaster at St Andrew's Church, Secretary/Treasurer of the Doric Masonic Lodge and also Clerk to the Parish Council.

He was married to Hannah and they had five sons and three daughters.

At his funeral he was described as "a father to the parish".

1905 World Events:

- ♦ Albert Einstein published theory of relativity
- ♦ Christian Dior, fashion designer, was born
- ♦ Tommy Dorsey, Big Band orchestra leader, was born
- ♦ Jules Vernes, author of Around the World in 80 Days, died
- ♦ 24th February, Simplon Tunnel through the Alps opens
- ♦ Dr W G Grace is the first President of the EBA
- ♦ King Edward VII is the first Patron of the EBA
- ♦ 14th March 1905, Chelsea Football Club was founded at The Rising Sun pub opposite today's main entrance to the ground on the Fulham Road

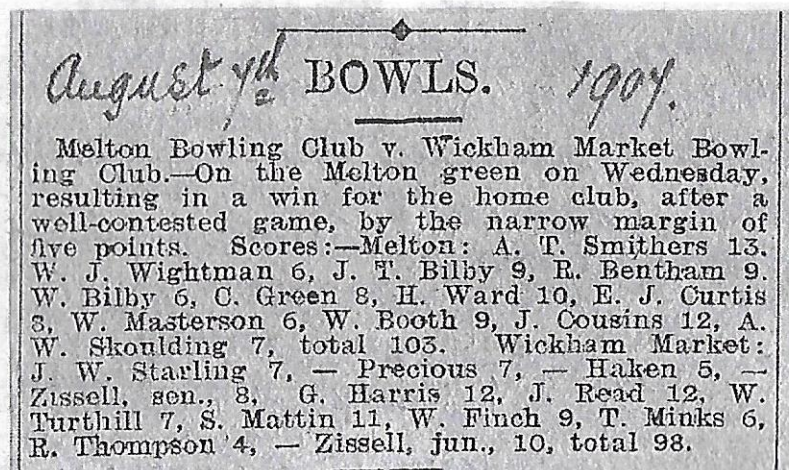
1906

The accounts for the first year were presented showing receipts of £4.17.6 and expenditure of £9.4.7 and a deficit of £4.7.1 It was agreed to keep the subscriptions at 3/6 but to organise a concert in October to pay off the debt! Matches against the Sun, Orford and Wickham Market were also arranged. At the end of the year, the accounts showed a deficit of 7/8 which "the worthy Chairman at once paid!"

1907

As there were no ditches around the green at this time, it was agreed that "a trench should be dug around the green about 6" wide to receive bowls out of play".

The first Press Report for Melton:



A win for Melton by 5 points v Wickham Market BC

The club held their first Annual Dinner at the end of the season on Friday 4th October 1907

1908

Mr J A Burness was elected as the first President of Melton Bowls Club.

1910

Additional matches were added this year against the Woodbridge Crown and Earl Soham, and also at various private greens. A "Handicap Tournament" was also run.

1912

A Local Tournament Committee was formed with 4 members from each club including the Woodbridge Crown and Sun, and from Melton. It was hoped to get 50 entries for the Singles and Triples competitions. It was agreed that "biased" bowls only be used and that disputes as to qualification of bowls be left to Messrs W Hayward, G Giles and R Bentham.

It was agreed that a handkerchief could be held to show the jack only but bowls not to be shown!

1914

As well as the usual matches, the tournament was becoming successful:

Singles tournament: 49 entries, played 11 up, entry fee 1/6
1st prize £1, 2nd 15/-, 3rd 10/-, 4th 10/-
Team Tournament: 18 blocks, played 13 up, 1st prize 30/-,
2nd 24/-, 3rd 18/-, 4th 12/6

And the list of Requirements for the tournament was interesting:

9 gallons of beer
6 doz bottles of beer
barrell of ginger beer
9 bottles of whisky
bottle of port
12 bottles of soda
24 bottles of lemonade
And last of all.....a bunch of bananas!!

Sounds like they had a good tournament!!

And someone must have kept sober as all results are recorded in the minute book!!

1915 – 1918

The club was closed due to the First World War.

1924

Melton Bowls Club affiliated to the Suffolk County Bowls Association (Federation).

1926



1926 ~ Club members at the green behind the Melton Parish Room

Back Row: Messrs Sprearn, Buckley, Shemmings, R Daines, C Andrews, G Bartram, J Cale, Sawyer, Dowsing.
Middle Row: Messrs. J Crane, Knights, W Burrows, Sgt. Simkin, C Meakins, J King, Payne, H Ward, M Cale, Dunnett.
Front Row: Messrs. J Smith, T King, Barnes, W Wiffen, J Ferguson (& Jock), W Read, Bilby, W Booth.
(Members names, including the dog, researched by Graham Sadler)

1927

Report to the AGM on 3rd April:

During the season 14 matches were played of which Melton won 8. Two teams entered the Suffolk County Cup Competition but unfortunately did not get very far. Tournaments at Lowestoft, Sudbourne and Framlingham were entered. During the season members received kind invitations to tea and bowls from Miss White Jervis, Mrs & Miss Villiers, Brig. Gen. Tanner, Sir William Churchman, Rev. J H Orpen, H F Sullivan and H S Carey.

Membership for the season was 40 against 52 the previous year, and subscriptions were 5/-

1923 ~ John Logie Baird makes *Experimental TV Transmissions*

1928

A meeting was held to discuss the offer of a piece of land on the recreation meadow for the purpose of making a bowling green. After lengthy discussion it was thought hopeless to entertain the idea of making a green there owing to the financial position of the club. (The club made a profit of £3.18.4 in 1927)

1930

Meetings were held concerning the state of the green which was deteriorating. It was agreed to be inadvisable to undertake any repairs unless the whole green could be taken up and re-laid. Due to lack of funds the matter was left in obedience.

1931

At the AGM it was agreed to affiliate to the SCBA (EBF) and enter teams in the Senior and Junior Cups.

1932

A special General Meeting was held on 17th May to discuss whether the present green could be made good or whether another ground was required. Mr H W Burness had been in touch with Mr Bloss about a piece of ground in Dock Lane to hire or purchase. The lease would be £7 per year on a lease of 7, 12 or 21 years, or to purchase for £100, and it was unanimously agreed to purchase the ground. H W Burness bought the land and donated it to the club and also defrayed the legal costs. A special committee of H W Burness, W Read, T King, A Pemberton and C Meekins was elected to oversee the purchase of the new ground.

In October, it was agreed for Mr Pemberton to cut a trench through the green to show how he would level the green and submit an estimate. H W Burness agreed to donate turf from his estate which was greatly appreciated by the club.

The following expenses were incurred for the new green:

Wire for fencing	£4.3.6
Making Gate	£1.9.0
Levelling ground	£45.10.7
Cutting turfs	£10.10.0
Laying turf	£8.5.0
Carting turf	£3.12.6
TOTAL	£73.10.7

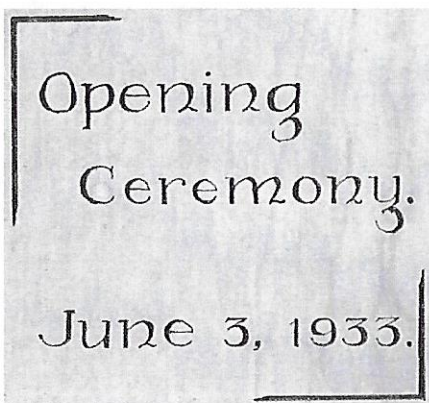
Estimate for a new clubhouse was approximately £50

At the AGM it was agreed to raise money to pay for the new green by getting members to loan money to the club in half-crown shares. Loans would be repaid on the death of a member, or when club funds would permit, to bear interest at 2.5%

Subscriptions were 6/- per season

1933

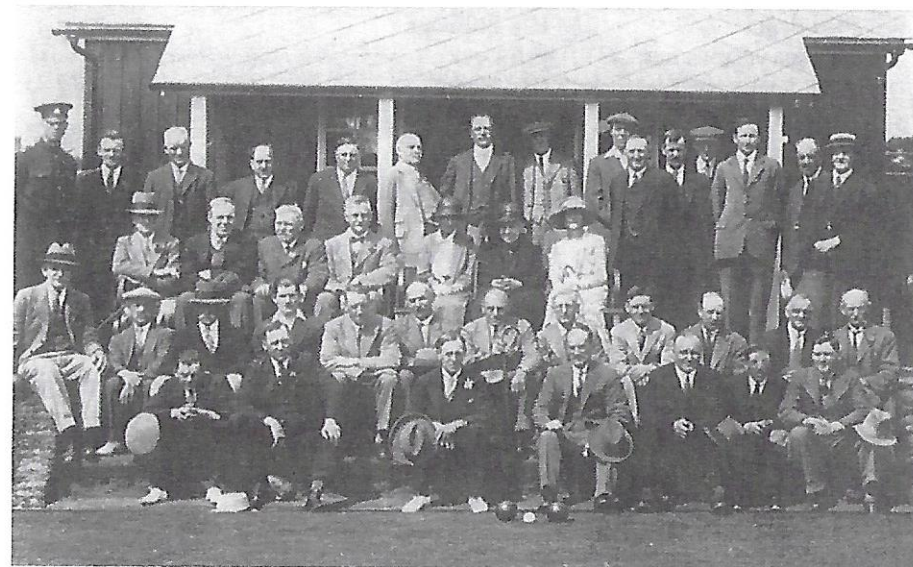
On 5th May it was agreed that the new green was fit for play and the Club President, H F Sullivan, opened the green on 3rd June 1933.



Club President H F Sullivan delivers the first wood on the new green in Dock Lane



Club Members at their new Pavilion



1933 ~ Club Members in front of their Pavilion and Green in Dock Lane

A Special General Meeting was held on 10th July, in connection with the gift of land by H W Burness, to appoint four trustees: W Read, E S Lock, R H Howard and S Rush. The powers of the trustees, drawn up by E R Wood, Solicitors, Woodbridge were agreed and a copy is in the minute book.

The gift of the ground for the new green placed the club in an absolutely sound position, and envied by many bowls clubs in Suffolk. Mr Thompson made an oak tablet giving particulars of the gift which was placed in the pavilion. (This tablet is still displayed in the clubhouse today.)

On their new green, the club played in the Senior and Junior Cups, Sullivan Cup, Paget Cup, Thurlow Cup and also took part in the Wickham Market League. They also entered the Sudbourne and Felixstowe Tournaments, and had two representatives in the two County games against Norfolk.

Membership had grown to 55 against 40 for the previous year.

Subscriptions were raised to 7/6d and payable in instalments if necessary.

The new Pavilion was insured for £70 at a premium of 15/- per year. The Water Company had installed a meter at a rental of 3/6 per quarter, with a minimum charge of 5/- for 2000 gallons and thereafter 2/6 per 1000 gallons.

The owners of the Coach and Horses agreed to make an opening to the garden at the back of the Coach and Horses; this concession would do away with the Club building a convenience!!

The club now seemed to be prospering with more members and more competitive matches being played.

1933 ~ Loch Ness Monster First Spotted

Committee for 1933:

President:	H F Sullivan
Secretary/Treasurer:	E S Lock
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer:	W J Burch
Captain:	W Read
Vice Captain:	D Friar
General Committee:	R Howard, B Knights, F Moyes, A Smith, S Rush, G Bartrum, J Ferguson, M Cale, C Meekins

1934

It was decided to repay part of the loan to members and £18.5.0 was repaid to 22 members.

Melton Bowls Club became one of the founding members of the newly-formed Suffolk and Norfolk County Bowling Association (EBA).

The green was now being used by visiting players for County Competition games.

1935

E S Lock and D Friar were picked to play for the Suffolk and Norfolk EBA County Team against Essex.

1936

The Melton BC Secretary, E S Lock, became the Suffolk Area B (SCBA) Secretary, which brought honour to the club.

Members of the club were now being selected to play in County matches:

E S Lock played against Norfolk for SCBA, D Friar and E S Lock played against the Essex EBA.

Two friendly fixtures were held with The Haven Hotel EBA Club and Gippeswyk Bowls Club along with other visiting clubs for cup ties. This brought in an additional £2.7.6.

The loan outstanding to members was now reduced to £9.8.0 and hoped to be cleared this year. With the loan cleared the members can feel that everything within the enclosure is theirs.

1934 ~ First Game of "Monopoly" was Sold

1937

The SCBA inaugurated their Benevolent Fund and the club unanimously supported the scheme (The Benevolent Fund is still in operation today).

A motion was put to the AGM on "Stakes on Games" to be ceased, but no objection should be made to those members who wished, by mutual arrangement, to have a Stake on the Game!

A wooden roller weighing approximately 1½ cwt. was purchased.

1938

R W Thompson the clubs Secretary/Treasurer was appointed Hon. Secretary to the Suffolk County EBA Bowls Association – a post which he held for 11 years.

Melton BC won the Daniels Hospital Charity Cup having played the following clubs:

Leiston Con by 31 shots

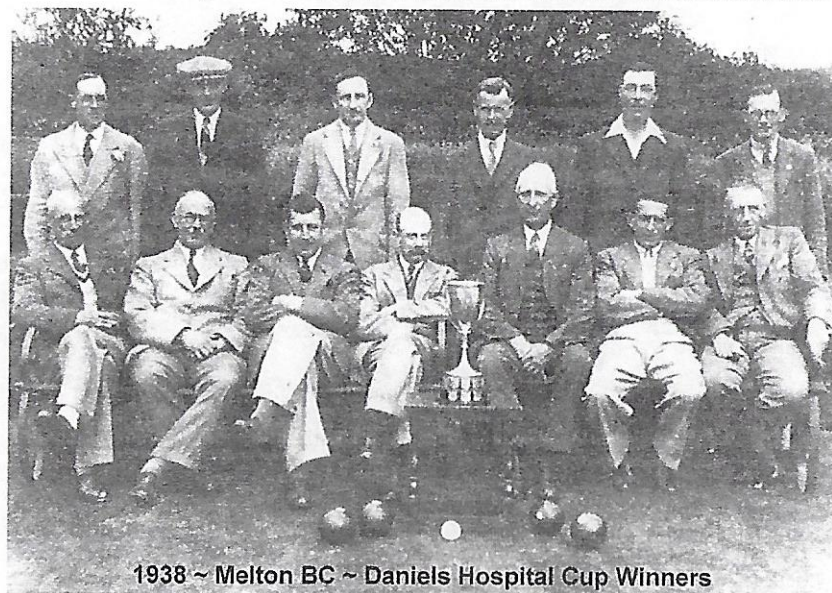
Woodbridge Sun by 28 shots

Grundisburgh by 14 shots

Saxmundham by 7 shots in the Area Final

Claydon by 35 shots in the Semi-Final

Borough & County by 49 shots in the Final at Golden Hind BC.



1938 ~ Melton BC ~ Daniels Hospital Cup Winners

Standing: C Pulford R Howard M Cale B Knights A Smith W J Burch (Asst. Sec.)
Sitting: F G Hender R W Thompson (Secretary) C Tampion (Vice Capt.) W Read (Captain)
A J Gardner (Chairman) C Holland E S Lock

1939

H W Burness, Club President and Club Benefactor died.

The season ended abruptly at the beginning of September due to the outbreak of hostilities. This was the start of the Second World War.

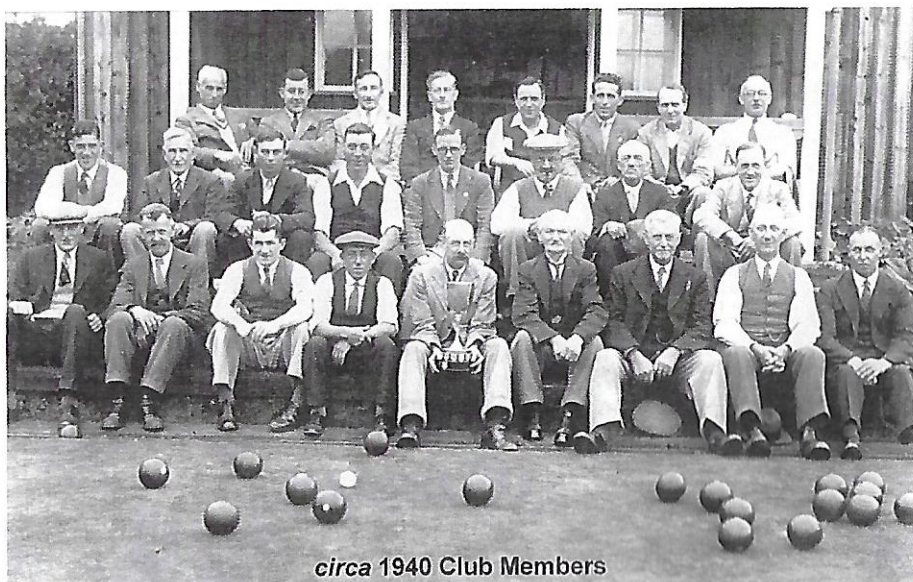
1940 - 1944

No County Competitions were played and the activities of the EBA were suspended.

During the war, the club was kept going but only a few friendly matches were played with other clubs along with some tournaments.

The Club unanimously agreed that any member of HM Forces be allowed to play on the green free of charge and be allowed to play in tournaments. Also, that any member of the Club joining HM Forces shall remain a member of the club without payment of subscription.

Several tournaments were held with the profit going to the Red Cross and St. John Funds.



circa 1940 Club Members

Back Row: F G Hender, C Tamin, M Cale, (unknown), J Tamin, C Holland, (unknown), R W Thompson
Middle Row: D Fryer, (unknown), A Lankester, A "Pluck" Smith, W J Burch, G King, (unknown), C Pulford
Front Row: R Howard, B Knights, Ben Fryer, F More, W Read, C Daines, (unknown), A J Gardner, Mr Davis

1946

After the War, the County Associations were up and running again, and the Clubs were taking part in Leagues and County Competitions.

1947

After lengthy discussion at the AGM it was agreed that ordinary membership of the Club be open to Ladies!

1948

The Club was looking at the possibility of purchasing a piece of land from Mr F Bloss to lengthen the green.

A Ladies Section was formed.

Now that bread was not rationed, the club was able to do refreshments for visiting clubs again.

The Club entertained their first Touring Team on the Melton green from Derbyshire.



English Federation Bowling Tourists v Melton Bowls Club, Whit-Monday 1948

1949

Mr E S Lock (Edgar), a past Secretary of Melton BC, became President of the Suffolk County Bowling Association.

After much discussion about purchasing additional land, Mr F Bloss wrote to the Club saying he was pleased to present the adjoining piece of land to the Club as a free gift. F Bloss was offered Vice Presidency of the Club for Life.

1950

Plans and costings were prepared for the work to extend the green.. This was estimated at £150 or £400 if contractors were employed to do the work.

1952

After much discussion it was agreed that the club could not afford to extend the green and was put on hold until finances were in place. It was felt better to spend money on improving the existing green.

1961

Melton BC joined the Woodbridge & District League for the first time.

1967

R C Daines (Bob) was elected to be Club Secretary, a post he held for 15 years.

It was agreed that the Ladies Section of the Club be disbanded and the ladies become direct members of Melton Bowls Club. Subscriptions were 30/-

1970

The main topic of discussion at the AGM was a proposal from Mr D Allen to consider the sale of land adjoining the bowling green. This included new fencing to the front and rear of the club and a sum of money agreeable to both

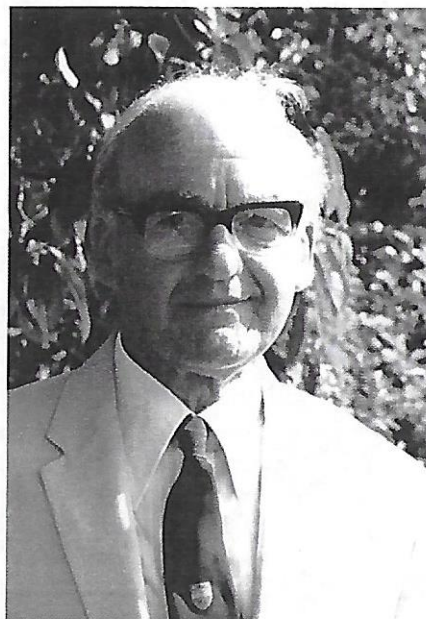


E S Lock
1949 SCBA President

Bob Daines

1907 ~ 1992

Bob Daines was born in the Parish of Melton in the house next to the Basket Works in Daines Lane, owned by his father. He was a very active man in the village and spent his whole life in Melton. He never wanted to live anywhere else. He spent most of his leisure time involved with sport. He started the Old Melton St Andrew's Football Club along with Richard Bentham and started the Cricket Club after the Second World War.



Bob Daines
Secretary/Treasurer 1967 ~ 1982
President 1986 ~ 1992

Bob was also very much involved with Melton Bowls Club. For 15 years he was Secretary/Treasurer. He was also Greenkeeper, Captain, Barman, and ran bingo on a Friday night in the Parish Room to raise money for the Bowls Club. He was regarded by most club members as "Mr Melton". Bob was also very proud to be the Club President from 1986 to 1992, and was honoured to be the first Club President to wear the "Ribbon of Office". The club still flies the flag which Bob donated to the club in 1983.

Bob always had the club very much at heart and always did the best he could for the club. However, with not very many members there was little income to maintain the green and clubhouse. It was not until 1981 when the clubhouse was extended,

which attracted more members, and more income, that Bob could see the green and facilities improve.

I am sure that Bob would be pleased with the current condition of the green, our facilities, and the successes the club has had over recent years.

parties. After much discussion the committee agreed to get an estate agent to value the piece of land.

1971

An Extraordinary General Meeting was called to discuss the sale of land adjoining the green. Mr D Allen addressed the meeting, outlining the following proposal: To erect double entrance gates, a low brick wall and piers with timber fence for the full frontage of the property, a wooden fence separating the plot from the green, plus a sum of £750 for the plot. After discussion the proposal was accepted unanimously.

It was also agreed to enter the Ipswich Bowls 2 wood League to give members more matches, because the Woodbridge League was now run as two sections.

The highlight of the season was reaching the final of the Senior Cup, losing by a narrow margin to Suffolk Lawnmowers on the Waterside Works green.

1971 ~ MELTON BOWLS CLUB ~ Senior Cup Finalists



Back Row: A Runacres, J Hawes, J A Hawes, E Gooch, W Lankester, A J Whitmore
Front Row: G Hubbard, J Clark, A Lankester, R C Daines, W A Daines, P Pannifer

1971 ~ UK Decimal Currency Introduced

1972

In their first year in the Ipswich Bowls League, Melton won their division by ½ point over Fisons BC. The club also applied to join the EBA and had until the spring of 1973 to get the green into a satisfactory condition before they could enter the league.

Mrs E M Burness was elected President of the club.

The sale of the land was completed. R Daines suggested the club applies for a License to sell drinks for the 1973 season. An extension to the clubhouse was started, and it was agreed that it should be wired up and electricity laid on.

1974

After exceptional heavy expenditure, including pavilion enlargement, installing electricity and the purchase of a travelling sprinkler, the clubs total assets were around £500.

It was agreed to have a club tie for the first time, in maroon with a crest, and 36 ties were ordered.

Men's subscriptions were £2 and ladies £1.

1977

With more members joining the club, there was a growing need for more efficient toilets, particularly for the ladies. (There were no toilets within the pavilion). To raise more funds towards this, it was agreed to raise subscriptions to £3.50 for men and £2.50 for ladies. The club was now in three leagues (Ipswich 2 Wood League, Woodbridge League, and the EBA Triples League).

Jim Carter started a "100 Club" to raise funds for clubhouse improvements.

1978

Discussions started on how to extend the pavilion to provide a new bar, and include ladies and gents toilets. It was estimated that the new pavilion would cost approximately £7000, and new toilets and sewer connection £3000.

Bill Smith and Cecil Leach were finalists in the EBA County Pairs and took part in the National Championships at Worthing. They won their first game against Devon (22-21) but lost in their next to a strong pair from Cornwall (26-17). Several club members travelled down to Worthing to support Bill and Cecil.

1975 ~ Microsoft Founded

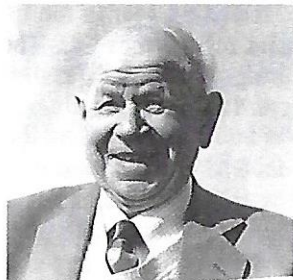
1979

The EBA was becoming stricter on players wearing grey trousers and white tops in all competitions.

Frank Proctor was elected as Club President.

1980

Quotations were received for building the new toilet block. £1500 for construction plus £577 for connection to the main sewer pipe in Dock Lane. The sewer connection was made in April. The club had about £900 available for the building work and hoped to raise the remainder by fund raising and a loan from the brewery. It was aimed to complete the work by the start of the next season.



Frank Proctor
President 1979 ~ 1985

1981

By February, the roof was completed in a snow storm and all other work was on track. The electrics and plumbing were completed by the end of March. All internal fitting was completed and ready for the official opening by the Club President, Frank Proctor, on 2nd May. All the work, except some of the roofing, was carried out by club members in their spare time. The total cost was £2057 and was financed mainly by the 100 club with fetes and jumble sales also raising funds. The club was indebted to all those who helped including members' wives, and the lady members of the club.

With the clubs new facilities, several new members joined the club including several ladies. The bar was making more money for the club and crib and whist drives were organised throughout the winter months.



1981 ~ Members in front of the new Clubhouse & Toilet Block

1982

Blazer badges and lapel badges were designed and purchased to complement the clubs new tie.

With the clubs new facilities, bowlers were eager to join the club and the committee had to introduce a limit of 70 full members.

The club affiliated to the Ladies EBA for the first time and friendly matches were arranged against Roundwood, Ipswich & District and Framlingham.

Also this year the club hosted a SCBA Executive match, SCWBA Vice Presidents Match and an Ellen Mathews match. These matches and the increase in membership brought much needed funds into the club. The turnover for the year was £4707.

1983

1983 saw the club celebrate its Jubilee (50 years on the present site at Dock Lane) and several things were planned for the celebration.

Bob Daines

agreed that if the club would

provide a flag

pole, he would

donate a flag to

the club. *This*

flag is still in use

today and flown

at all major

occasions (See

Back Cover).

Frank Plume

donated new

Honours Boards.

(These are now

mounted on the

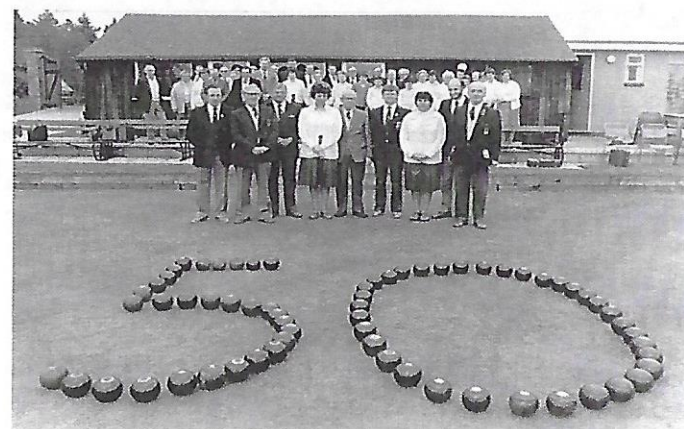
ceiling with

honours recorded

until 1999. New boards for 2000 onwards are mounted below them).

A fete was held on the playing field (opened by Lady Hutchison) which made a profit of £523. Also held were a Jubilee Pairs tournament for club members, an open tournament, a club photograph, and a bowls match at Sole Bay with dinner afterwards at the Flixton Buck.

With more bowling members, the club entered the Ipswich Triples league in



1983 ~ Celebrating 50 years at Dock Lane

Committee in Front Row: Ian Harvie, Frank Plume, Peter Mann, Muriel Backhouse, Frank Proctor (President), Trevor Lord, Wendy Lord, Bob Manning, Bob Daines.

addition to the EBA Triples, Woodbridge and Ipswich 2 Wood Leagues. The club won the Mercury Shield, beating Saxmundham Sports 81 – 68.



1983 ~ Mercury Shield Final ~ Melton BC v Saxmundham Sports BC

Bob Daines (Melton Captain) centre with Trophy

The Melton Winning Team on left of photo, Alec Lankester, Fred Snape, Oriol Coe, Ron O'Brien, Ian Harvie, Dennis Backhouse, Trevor Lord, Albert Durrell, Brian Andrews, Bob Manning, Cecil Daines, Bob Daines (Captain).

1984

The first "keep fit" class for the ladies, organised by Betty Plume, was held on Wednesday afternoons in the clubhouse.

The greenkeeper took advice from Herman Kindred, the greenkeeper at Framlingham Castle BC, on the programme of work required to improve the surface of the Melton green. The Framlingham green was considered to be the best surface to bowl on in the area.

An invitation tournament was sponsored by Blyth Hasel of Melton. Before the final, an exhibition match was played between Nigel Smith from Essex and the club chairman, Trevor Lord, resulting in an honourable draw!

1985

A new watering system for the green was installed, fed from a storage tank in the corner of the site.

1985 ~ Wreck of the Titanic Found



1984 ~ MELTON BOWLS CLUB

Back Row: R Swann, A Durrell, J Shelcott, M Daniels, F Woolnough, F Eversfield, S Swanwick, B Clarke, F Ling, P Hawes, I Murrell, G Lord, P Broyd, N West, R O'Brien, O Coe, J Carter, B Andrews

3rd Row: J Aldridge, E Cowlshaw, K Woolnough, H Cowlshaw, J Cox, M Lankester, M J Carter, L Rolph, M Cook, K Wilcox, A Lankester, R Daines, F Snape

2nd Row: L Dowden, B Durrell, J Clarke, K Broyd, D Dowden, B Plume, A West, M Wright, L Shemmings, C Daines, P Cox
Front Row: M Addison, V Wrate, F Plume, W Lord, T Lord, F Proctor, I Harvie, M Backhouse, R Manning, D Backhouse

The opening day commenced with a drive but was cut short after only 4 or 5 ends due to a snow storm which completely covered the green.

A Special General Meeting was held to discuss the development of the whole site including an extension to the green and a new lounge area. The new lounge area would include a new bar and kitchen with the existing bar extended to provide a changing room. Estimates for a builder to do the work were £12000, or about £6000 with voluntary labour. This was approved. Planning permission was received and work started. Various fund raising activities were held including a dance. An interest free loan of £5000 over 5 years was received from Greene King Brewery.

Frank Proctor, the club President, died. A seat in his honour was donated to the club by his daughter.

During the season the club played 91 matches of which 61 were won, 1 drawn and 29 lost. We won the Ipswich league, the EBA League, the Salter Cup, Jubilee Shield and Sun Bowl. We also reached the semi-finals of the Senior Cup and the Mercury Shield.

1986

All the building work was completed during the winter to provide a new lounge area, kitchen, bar and changing room. This was opened by the club's new President, Bob Daines. The cost of the new extension was £8445.



Muriel Backhouse, the club treasurer, was elected SCWBA President for 1986. Muriel held her President's Day at the Melton Club with a match on the green for 56 ladies, all in whites – quite a sight! All the ladies had a sit down meal after the match and were served by the male members of the Melton committee.



Muriel Backhouse
SCWBA President



Muriel Backhouse President's Day
on the Melton Green

The club also hosted two SCWBA friendly matches against Durham and Lincolnshire.

The EBA County President, Terry Bacon, also brought a team to play a friendly match against the club. We also hosted a Ladies Vice Presidents match and also a touring side from Leicestershire. A very busy bowling season for the club!

Having a larger lounge area, the club bought a short mat, and friendly matches were arranged for the winter months.

During the winter new concrete ditches were installed on two sides of the green. A grant was made by Melton Parish Council of £450 towards the concrete ditches.

A Special General Meeting was held to approve an extension to the green. The proposal was to extend by 2½ feet on the south side and by 6 feet on the north side, along with suitable paving for all four sides of the green, which was agreed. The south side was completed and the north side deferred until sufficient funds were available.

We reached the final of the Junior Cup, won the EBA Triples League and also the Woodbridge League.

1987

With more members, it was decided to enter another league, to give members more competitive matches, and the Finn League was entered for the first time.

It was also decided to enlarge the committee and appoint a fixture and social secretary to deal with more matches and social events.

1988

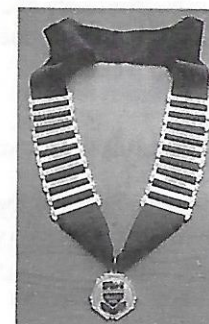
Jack Snow, EBA County President and previously a member of the club, brought a Presidents Team to play against the Melton Club.

1990

Mrs E M Burness, President of the club from 1940-45 and 1971-74, celebrated her 100th birthday. The club sent her flowers and a card signed by our members.

The club obtained a "Ribbon of Office" for our current and future Presidents, inscribed with all the names of our club Presidents. Bob Daines expressed pride when presented with the Ribbon of Office especially as he was the first President to receive it.

The extension to the green, by 6 feet, in front of the clubhouse was started by removing approximately 80 tons of soil from the bank. Concrete ditches were then laid, a



1989 ~ Berlin Wall Falls

retaining wall built and paving laid in front of the clubhouse. The new part of the green was then levelled, settled and seeded. The total cost of all the work on the green and surrounds was £4370.

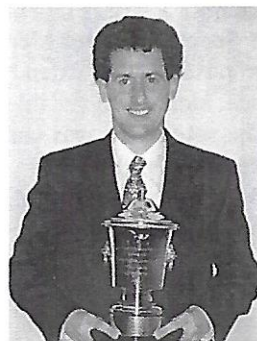
Just over 100 matches were played in 6 leagues and 8 knock out cups! Membership was 80 Full Members, 2 Juniors and 15 Social Members

1991

The season opened with the EBA Under 25's County side playing Huntingdonshire on our green with three of our young players playing for the county.

During the season we gained promotion in the Woodbridge League and won the Salter Cup. With our improved green and facilities, the club was now hosting more County Finals.

By coincidence, the club hosted the final of the County EBA Under 25's Singles which was won by Mark Addison from our club.



1991
Mark Addison
EBA Under 25's
Singles Winner

1992

This was both a sad and happy year for the club. Sad at the passing of Bob Daines, the Club President, who had done so much for the club over many years.

And a happy year due to many successes. The club won the EBA Quinton Bowl for the first time.

Sandie Andrews and Ann West won the SCWBA Pairs, and several members were selected to play for the County Teams.



1992
Ann West & Sandie Andrews
SCWBA Pairs Winners

1993

The club reached the semi-finals of the Senior Cup and the Quinton Bowl (won the previous year).

Honey and Thelma Bales won the EBF County Mixed Pairs Champions.



1993
Thelma & Honey Bales
SCBA Mixed Pairs Winners



1992 ~ Quinton Bowl Winners

Back Row: Kevin Ward, Norman Wilcock, Chick Halls, Peter Milldown, Ray Andrews, Jim Armstrong, Les Johnson, Mike Grayley, Duncan Snape, Bob Manning, Len Dowden, Ron O'Brien
Front Row: Mark Addison, Brian Andrews, Trevor Lord, George Ward, Fred Snape, Norman West

1994

Plans were drafted for a new changing room to be built between the entrance steps and the east boundary.

George Ward and Martin Curtis reached the EBF Pairs National Final at Skegness.

Thelma Bales was a SCWBA Champion of Champions finalist. Honey Bales, Dennis Backhouse and Peter Milldown were SCBA County Triples finalists.



1994
Martin Curtis & George Ward
EBF National Pairs Finalists

1995

The new changing rooms were completed at a cost of £4025 and ready for use by the start of the season.

Martin Curtis and George Ward played in all the rounds of the EBF Newton Trophy and were part of the winning team that won the final at Skegness.

Thelma Bales was County Champion of Champions. Colin Ramsey reached the final of the Veterans Singles at Skegness.

1994 ~ Channel Tunnel Opens

1996

Honey Bales won the EBF National Veterans Singles Trophy at the National Championships at Skegness.

1997

Thelma Bales and Muriel Backhouse were County Senior Pairs Champions.

2000

We celebrated the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of club members Jim and Joyce Carter. They were offered and accepted Life Membership of the club.

George Ward & Duncan Snape were EBA County Pairs Finalists.

Three members were selected to play in the County's top teams: Ann West in the Donald Steward, Duncan Snape in the Middleton Cup and George Ward in the Adams Trophy team.

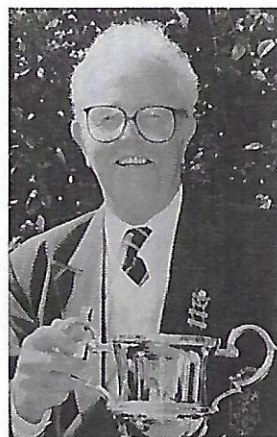
A new Honours Board was donated to the club by Colin Ramsey, and kindly erected by Norman West and Ken Frost. The old Honours Boards, which were full, were mounted on the sloping ceiling above the new Honours Boards.

2001

Duncan Snape, EBA Champion of Champions Winner.
Norman Wilcock & Ray Andrews, EBA County Over 60's Pairs Winners.
Norman Wilcock, Brian Bennet and Ken Diaper reached the Semi-Finals of the National EBA Triples at Worthing.
Thelma Bales reached the Finals of the EBA County Senior Singles.

2002

Colin Ramsey - EBA National Champion of Champions Quarter-Finalist.



1996
Honey Bales
EBF National Veterans
Singles Winner



1997
Muriel Backhouse & Thelma Bales
SCWBA Senior Pairs Winners

Colin Ramsey - EBA County Champion of Champions Finalist.
Norman Wilcock & Ray Andrews, EBA County Over 60's Pairs Winners.
Betty Garwood - EBA County Ladies 2 Wood Singles Finalist
Melton BC - Salter Cup and Jubilee Shield Winners

2003

The EBA allowed coloured shirts to be worn in matches, and the club registered a design with the EBA. The shirts were worn in all the EBA Fours League matches and some cup competitions.

The club received a loan of £5k from the EBA for the club to replace all the windows and refurbish the front of the clubhouse. The total cost of the refurbishment was £8930.

The club had their most successful year to date, winning the two main EBA trophies, the Norton Cup and Quinton Bowl, beating Ipswich BC in both finals. *"The Double"* has only been achieved by 5 clubs in the last 53 years, a really great achievement for the Club Captain Fred Snape and all the players who played in all of the rounds of the competitions.

NORTON CUP Results:

1st June Melton 59 - 27 Brantham
14th June Melton 51 - 39 Haverhill
22nd June Melton 49 - 36 Brandon
3rd August Semi-Final
Melton 33 - 25 Sudbury
30th August Final
Melton 46 - 23 Ipswich BC
(Ipswich BC conceded with 3 ends to play)

NORTON CUP Team:

Brian Andrews
Ray Andrews
Jason Ellis
Peter Moyes
Colin Ramsey
Graham Sadler
Duncan Snape
George Ward
Norman West

Captain: Fred Snape

QUINTON BOWL Results:

11th May Boxford 66 - 76 Melton
24th May Felixstowe BC 80 - 84 Melton
15th June Melton 91 - 62 Lowestoft Rly
6th July Melton 75 - 66 Marlborough
9th August Semi-Final
Melton 78 - 75 Norbridge
31st August Final
Melton 82 - 74 Ipswich BC

QUINTON BOWL Team:

Brian Andrews Peter Moyes
Ray Andrews Colin Ramsey
Don Baldock Robin Rose
Honey Bales Graham Sadler
Arthur Broome Duncan Snape
Arwyn Davies Fred Snape
Ken Diaper Steve Tallowin
Jason Ellis Keith Thornley
Ken Frost George Ward
Bob Manning Norman West

Captain: Fred Snape

*Photographs for the club's most successful year
are inside the back cover.*



Clubs Achieving "The Double":

1954	Rookery BC
1955	Felixstowe & Suffolk BC
1976	Marlborough BC
1997	Ipswich BC
2001	Felixstowe & Suffolk BC
2003	Melton BC



EBA Triples:

George Ward, Duncan Snape and Brian Andrews were Suffolk Finalists in the EBA Triples. In the All England Finals at Worthing they played five hard fought matches against well known England Internationals to reach the National Final. This really was a remarkable achievement and they only lost by two shots in the final.

1st Round: Suffolk A 19 - 13 Cambridgeshire B (Andrew Ware) An extra end had to be played!
 2nd Round: Suffolk A 16 - 15 Buckinghamshire A (Dave White)
 3rd Round: Suffolk A 16 - 12 Northumberland A (Stan Lant) British Isles winner
 Quarter Final: Suffolk A 14 - 10 Cumbria A (Stephen Farish) Commonwealth Games pairs silver medallist
 Semi - Final: Suffolk A 19 - 11 Kent A (Andy Thomson) Current England International
 Final: Suffolk A 13 - 15 Berkshire A (Robert Newman) Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist

EBA National Mixed Fours:

Sandie Andrews, Ann West, Duncan Snape and Colin Ramsey had a very good run in the EBA National Mixed Fours reaching the National Semi-Finals at Blaby BC, Leicestershire.

Area Results:

1st Round: Melton BC 18 - 16 Clive Webb, Felixstowe & Suffolk BC, Suffolk.
 2nd Round: Melton BC 27 - 8 Malcolm Upton, Lowestoft Railway BC, Suffolk.
 3rd Round: Melton BC 23 - 18 Colin Chick, Marlborough BC, Suffolk.
 4th Round: Melton BC 19 - 16 Graham Smith, Sudbury BC, Suffolk.
 5th Round: Melton BC 21 - 14 Graham Arnold, Liberty of Havering BC, Essex.

Regional Results:

1st Round: Melton BC 31 - 15 Richard Church, Freethorpe BC, Norfolk.
 2nd Round: Melton BC 16 - 13 Rodney Hudson, Wanstead Central BC, Essex.

National Results:

Quarter - Final: Melton BC 20 - 14 Shane Hayes, Belgrave BC, Leicestershire.
 Semi - Final: Melton BC 17 - 18 Simon Gilbert, Avenue BC, Warwickshire (2002 National Junior Singles Champion)

2004

The club's successes in 2003 were always going to be hard to follow but the club still had a very good season with the following successes:

EBA Millennium Trophy Winners

EBA Quinton Bowl Finalists

EBF Senior Cup Semi-Finalists

George Ward, Duncan Snape & Brian Andrews ~ EBA County Triples Winners



2004 ~ Millennium Trophy Winners

Back Row: Ray Andrews, Graham Sadler, Peter Moyes, Duncan Snape, Ken Frost, Norman West.

Middle Row: Colin Ramsey, Bob Manning, Mark Stannard, Brian Andrews, Fred Snape.

Front Row: Ian Harvie (President), George Ward (Captain)

Teams Played in the Millennium Trophy:

1st Round: British Sugar Bury
 2nd Round: Hadleigh
 3rd Round: Halesworth
 Semi-Final: Marlborough
 Final: Beccles

In the Millennium Trophy
 each team plays
 Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours
 simultaneously



2004

EBA County Triples Champions

George Ward, Duncan Snape & Brian Andrews

2005

Committee for 2005:

President:	Ian Harvie
Chairman:	Ray Andrews
Vice Chairman:	Robin Prior
Secretary:	Maureen Milldown
Fixture Secretary:	Peter Milldown
Social Secretary:	Ken Frost
Treasurer:	Norman Wilcock
Captain:	Fred Snape
Vice Captain:	Peter Milldown
Committee:	Maureen Frost, Keith Manley, Peter Moyes, George Ward, Ann West.

The following events are planned to celebrate "100 Years of Melton Bowls Club":

Sunday 27th February at 6pm

**Celebration in the Clubhouse of the formation of Melton BC
on 27th February 1905**

Buffet Tea at 6pm

A short history of the club & Club Members Anecdotes

Champagne and Cake

Saturday 16th April at 1pm

Opening Day with Drive

Formal Club Photograph

Saturday 30th April

**An invitation to Club Members and the Village to a Coffee Morning
in the Clubhouse**

Raffle & Tombola

Tuesday 17th May at 6pm

Joint EBA Mens & Ladies Presidents Match

4 Men's rinks & 2 Ladies rinks

Team Photograph

Monday 30th May at 2pm

Fancy Dress Drive on the green

Sunday 4th September at 2pm

Joint EBF Mens & Ladies Presidents Match

4 Men's rinks & 2 Ladies rinks, 25 Ends.

Team Photograph

Saturday 1st October

Morning Flight on the "London Eye"

Match against Royal Household BC at Windsor at 2.30pm

Meal after the Match

Team Photograph

Friday 11th November 6.00 for 6.30pm

**Celebration Annual Dinner & Presentation of Trophies at
Waldringfield Golf Club**

And now for the next 100 years....

Appendices

Club Presidents:

1908 - 15	J A Burness
1924 - 37	H F Sullivan
1938 - 39	H W Burness
1940 - 45	Mrs E M Burness
1946 - 57	Sir Roland Burke KCVO
1958 - 59	F G Hender
1960 - 70	S B Firman
1971 - 74	Mrs E M Burness
1975	A Runacres
1976	E Gooch
1977	A Lankester
1978	J Hawes
1979 - 85	C F Proctor
1986 - 92	R C Daines
1993	T Lord
1994 ~	Ian Harvie

Melton BC Life Members:

Jim & Joyce Carter

Suffolk County Presidents

while Members of Melton BC:

1949	Edgar S Lock	SCBA County President
1986	Muriel Backhouse	SCWBA County President

Club Supporters

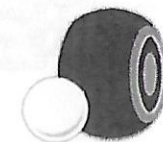
Since the mid 1970's the Melton Club has always had a loyal band of supporters willing to give up some of their time to support club members in either individual or team events. These events may be just up the road to Framlingham or Wickham Market for a league cup, or much further away at National Finals. Our competitors always appreciate this support as much as the supporters enjoy the club's achievements.

Honours Boards

The original Honours Boards were presented to the club by Frank Plume in 1982. New Honours Boards were presented by Colin Ramsey and erected by Ken Frost and Norman West in 2000.

Club Competition Winners:

Championship	Mens EBA Singles	Ladies Singles	
1966	A Lankester	1977	J Winfield
1967	R C Daines	1978	A M Coe
1968	A Whitmore	1979	A M Coe
1969	A Whitmore	1980	M J Carter
1970	R C Daines	1981	E Baker
1971	W A Daines	1982	V Wrate
1972	A Lankester	1983	S Andrews
1973	J H Hawes	1984	S Andrews
1974	A Lankester	1985	S Andrews
1975	P J Pannifer	1986	P Mann
1976	L Johnson	1987	M J Carter
1977	W Crissall	1988	M Backhouse
1978	R C Daines	1989	J Ramsey
1979	L Johnson	1990	J Ramsey
1980	A Lankester	1991	A West
1981	A Lankester	1992	J Ramsey
1982	T G Lord	1993	T Bales
1983	P Broyd	1994	T Bales
1984	O Coe	1995	T Bales
1985	A Durrell	1996	T Bales
1986	R C Daines	1997	T Bales
1987	B Durrell	1998	T Bales
1988	B Durrell	1999	M Milldown
1989	B Durrell	2000	A West
1990	P Milldown	2001	T Bales
1991	M Curtis	2002	T Bales
1992	R Andrews	2003	M Milldown
1993	R Andrews	2004	S Andrews
1994	N Wilcock		
1995	D Snape		
1996	G Ward		
1997	D Backhouse		
1998	D Snape		
1999	R Andrews		
2000	D Snape		
2001	D Snape		
2002	G Ward		
2003	D Snape		
2004	M Stannard		



Ladies EBA Singles

1982	A M Coe
1983	V Wrate
1984	A West
1985	M Backhouse
1986	M Backhouse
1987	M J Carter
1988	A West
1989	A West
1990	A West
1991	T Bales
1992	E Armstrong
1993	T Bales
1994	T Bales
1995	T Bales
1996	A West
1997	T Bales
1998	B Garwood
1999	A West
2000	T Bales
2001	B Garwood
2002	T Bales
2003	T Bales
2004	S Andrews

Robert Daines Trophy

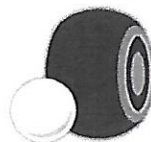
1990	C Ramsey
1991	D Backhouse
1992	L P Broyd
1993	P Martin
1994	J Thurling
1995	H Bales
1996	H Bales
1997	P Milldown
1998	T Bales
1999	T Bales
2000	A Davies
2001	T Bales
2002	N Wilcock
2003	T Bales
2004	K Diaper

Handicap

1971	J Clarke
1972	A Lankester
1973	A Potter
1974	J Clarke
1975	A Lankester
1976	E Gooch
1977	S Winfield
1978	A Lankester
1979	L Johnson
1980	L Johnson
1981	P Mann
1982	J Carter
1983	O Coe
1984	R Dunnett
1985	A Durrell
1986	T Lord
1987	B Durrell
1988	G Ward
1989	F Snape
1990	T Lord
1991	G Ward
1992	P Broyd
1993	P Martin
1994	R Andrews
1995	P Broyd
1996	C Daines
1997	A Davies
1998	N Wilcock
1999	B Ling
2000	A West
2001	D Howard
2002	G Ward
2003	J Ellis
2004	K Frost

Under 16's Singles

2004 D Smith

**Pairs**

1971	W Daines, A Lankester
1972	K Alexander, H Chafer
1973	P Pannifer, A Runacres
1974	P Pannifer, L Dowden
1975	A Whitmore, A Lankester
1976	L Dowden, A Lankester
1977	L Dowden, C Daines
1978	A M Coe, T G Lord
1979	V Wrate, T G Lord
1980	V Wrate, O Coe
1981	M J Carter, N West
1982	P R Mann, N West
1983	D Dowden, P Mann
1984	M Wright, N West
1985	M Addison, T G Lord
1986	D Snape, P Cox
1987	F Woolnough, M Addison
1988	K Wilcox Jnr, R O'Brien
1989	P W Mann, B Durrell
1990	F Plume, W Smith
1991	R Whitlock, J Armstrong
1992	D Setchell, M Copping
1993	S Mann, D Baldock
1994	E Armstrong, C Ramsey
1995	A West, C Ramsey
1996	N West, D Bull
1997	R East, D Snape
1998	P Cox, D Snape
1999	N Wilcock, P Milldown
2000	M Hoff, N West
2001	R Andrews, H Bales
2002	B Ling, K Diaper
2003	A Broyd, RJ Manning
2004	M Smith, R Andrews

Triples

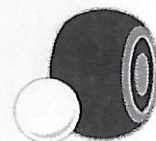
1977	J Hawes, W Lord, T Lord
1978	L Shemmings, B Clarke, O Coe
1979	V Wrate, P Wood, T Lord
1980	H Charity, R Swann, B Andrews
1981	M J Carter, N West, W Smith
1982	J Moss, J Aldridge, A Durrell
1983	R Swann, M Wright, A Lankester
1984	N Bills, R Swann, A Lankester
1985	B Plume, B Clarke, B Durrell
1986	F Woolnough, C Johnson, C Daines
1987	D Camp, F Plume, M Addison
1988	F Eversfield, G Wilcox, M Addison
1989	B Hoare, R Evans, R O'Brien
1990	J Carter, E Hoare, T Lord
1991	J Carter, D Dowden, D Baldock
1992	G Sadler, M J Carter, R O'Brien
1993	E Hoare, P Cox, N West
1994	S Potter, T Bales, H Bales
1995	L P Broyd, N Wilcock, L Johnson
1996	N West, D Setchell, K Frost
1997	V Barker, D Frost, T Bales
1998	B Ling, R East, P Milldown
1999	W Bull, B Garwood, D Snape
2000	R Prior, P Moyes, G Sadler
2001	V Barker, B Garwood, K Diaper
2002	T Bales, M Bennett, D Snape
2003	D Thompson, M Frost, T Sheldrake
2004	T Bales, R Prior, P Milldown

Mixed Pairs

1988	D Camp, R C Daines
1989	D Dowden, R O'Brien
1990	M Ward, T Lord
1991	M Milldown, N Wilcock
1992	W Lord, D Snape
1993	A Milldown, J Thurling
1994	T Bales, P Milldown
1995	M Milldown, N Wilcock
1996	D Thurling, H Bales
1997	S Andrews, C Ramsey
1998	T Bales, P Milldown
1999	A West, N West
2000	T Bales, P Milldown
2001	T Bales, P Milldown
2002	T Bales, P Milldown
2003	A Broyd, P Broyd
2004	T Bales, H Bales

Alec Lankester Cup

1990	W Wright, C Baker (Alderton)
1991	R Thorpe, G Coles (Waldringfield)
1992	C Emeny, R Curtis (Laxfield)
1993	C Baker, R Parker (Alderton)
1994	T Green, W Wright (Alderton)
1995	T Green, W Wright (Alderton)
1996	T Green, W Wright (Alderton)
1997	S Utteridge, R Curtis (Waldringfield)
1998	P Summons, L Brown (Martlesham)
1999	G Sadler, P Milldown (Melton)
2000	G Sadler, P Milldown (Melton)
2001	C Baker, R Parker (Alderton)
2002	S Foreman, R Clarke (Alderton)
2003	P Milldown, G Sadler (Melton)
2004	S Foreman, R Clarke (Alderton)



Club Honours (Winners)

1938	Daniels Cup
1970	Mercury Shield
1973	Jubilee Shield
1974	Jubilee Shield
1983	Mercury Shield
1984	Jubilee Shield
1985	Sun Bowl
1985	Jubilee Shield
1985	Salter Cup
1991	Salter Cup
1992	Quinton Bowl
1993	EBF Victor Ludorum
1995	Salter Cup
1995	Jubilee Shield
1998	Jubilee Shield
2002	Salter Cup
2002	Jubilee Shield
2003	Norton Cup & Quinton Bowl - "The Double"
2004	EBA Millennium Cup

Members Honours (Winners)

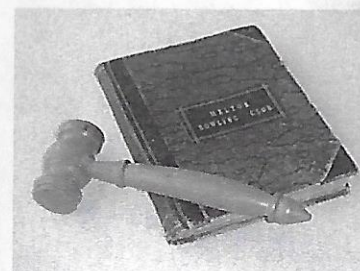
1991	M Addison	EBA Under 25's Singles
1992	A West, S Andrews	SCWBA Pairs
1993	T Bales, H Bales	SCBA Mixed Pairs
1994	M Curtis, G Ward	SCBA Pairs
1995	T Bales	SCWBA Champion of Champions
1995	C Ramsey	SCBA Veteran's Singles
1996	H Bales	EBF National & County Veteran's Singles
1997	T Bales, M Backhouse	SCWBA Senior Pairs
2001	D Snape	EBA County Champion of champions
2001	N Wilcock, R Andrews	EBA County Over 60's Pairs
2002	N Wilcock, R Andrews	EBA County Over 60's Pairs
2004	G Ward, D Snape, B Andrews	EBA County Triples

Achievements

1971	Senior Cup Finalists
1978	Bill Smith & Cecil Leach - EBA County Pairs Finalists
1994	Thelma Bales - SCWBA Champion of Champions Finalist Honey Bales, Dennis Backhouse & Peter Milldown - SCBA Triples Finalists
1995	Colin Ramsey - EBF National Veterans Singles Finalist
2000	George Ward & Duncan Snape - EBA County Pairs Finalist
2001	Norman Wilcock, Brian Bennett & Ken Diaper - EBA National Triples Semi-Finalist Thelma Bales - EBA County Senior Singles Finalist
2002	Colin Ramsey - EBA National Champion of Champions Quarter-Finalist Colin Ramsey - EBA County Champion of Champions Finalist Betty Garwood - EBA County Ladies 2 Wood Singles Finalist
2003	George Ward, Duncan Snape & Brian Andrews - EBA National Triples Finalist Sandie Andrews, Ann West, Colin Ramsey & Duncan Snape - EBA National Mixed Fours Semi-Finalist
2004	Quinton Bowl Finalists

*The Boys decided on
by the Committee to
pick up are to come
on to the green clean
& properly attend &
also to assist in rolling
& keeping the green in order
when able to do so.*

H. A. Lucas



**Melton Bowls Club
First Minute Book & Extract**
(Boys picking up woods, and assisting in
rolling and keeping green in order)



Newspaper Headlines over the years



Melton Bowls News-sheet



2003 ~ Melton Bowls Club's Most Successful Year



EBA National Mixed Fours Semi-Finalists
Duncan Snape, Ann West, Sandie Andrews & Colin Ramsey

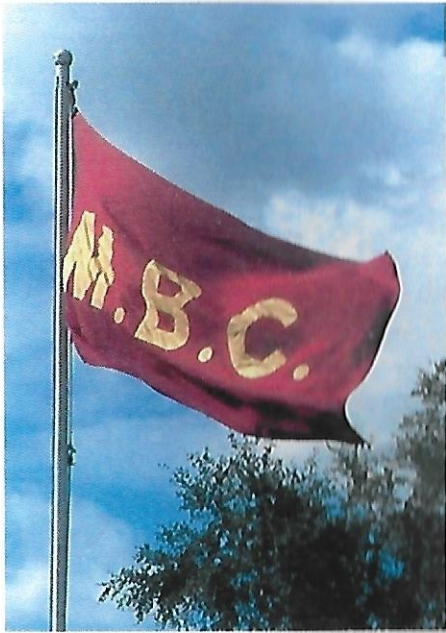


EBA National Triples Finalists
George Ward, Brian Andrews & Duncan Snape



Winners of "The Double" ~ EBA Norton Cup & Quinton Bowl

Back Row: Bob Manning, Arwyn Davies, Don Baldock, Ken Diaper, Peter Moyes, Ken Frost, Honey Bales, George Ward, Colin Ramsey, Ray Andrews, Norman West, Jason Ellis.
Front Row: Arthur Broome, Duncan Snape, Ian Harvie (President), Fred Snape (Captain), Peter Milldown (Vice Captain), Graham Sadler, Brian Andrews.



Melton Bowls Club ~ 2005



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