



Winners of the 2010 BN Triples Competition

(l - r) : Mary Robinson, Lorna Telfer, Pam Varley with Di McDonnell (President)



Winners of the 2011 Northumberland Area Over 55s National Pairs Competition, at the National Finals, Royal Leamington Spa, Warwicks

(l - r) : Norma Craig (Burradon B.C.) and Di McDonnell



Winners of the BN Double Rinks Competition, 2013

(l - r) : P. Varley, D.A. McDonnell, E. Emmerson, A. Rutter, J. Nichol, J. Nixon,
M. Catchpole, L. Telfer, M. Turner, G. Stapylton and M. Cowan

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Representative Honours

6.1 Men's Section

In chronological order, the following PBC members represented the NCBA League against winners of the Clegg Cup, Knight Cup and Edwardson Cup competitions :

Member	Year	Clegg Cup	Knight Cup	Edwardson Cup
W. Wilson	1952	Wallsend	-	-
M. Johnstone		-	Brighton	-
E. Forster		-	Brighton	-
E. Forster	1953	Collingwood	-	-
T. Fatkin		Collingwood	-	-
M. Johnstone	1954	Collingwood	-	-
J. Ions		-	Willington Quay	-
E. Hopkinson	1955	-	Brighton	-
R.F. Pascoe		Whitley & Monkseaton	-	-
J. Oliver		-	-	Willington Quay
E. Hopkinson	1956	-	Walker Park	-
R.F. Pascoe		North Shields W. E.	-	-
A. Young	1957	-	Benwell Hodgkin	
A. Attwater		Walker Park	-	-
J. Carr	1958	Walker Park	-	-
T. McPhee		-	Rockcliffe	-
E. Forster	1959	Wallsend Borough	-	-
W. Weightman		-	Nuns Moor	-
J. Oliver		-	-	North Shields W.E.
T.W. Cuthbert	1960	Rockcliffe	-	-
J. Oliver		-	-	North Shields W.E.
J. Loughton	1962	-	Willington Quay	-
J. Oliver		-	-	Brighton
W. Wilson	1965	-	North Shields W.E.	-
W.S. Douglas		Willington Quay	-	-
R. F. Pascoe	1966	-	-	North Shields W.E.
W. Wilson	1967	-	Walker Park	-
R.F. Pascoe	1968	-	-	Whitley & Monkseaton
J. Oliver		-	-	Whitley & Monkseaton

Also, in 1959 and 1960, both J. Oliver & R.F. Pascoe represented PBC in matches against the NCBA President's team. However, due to an increasing number of competitive matches, these very popular League fixtures were discontinued.

In chronological order, the following PBC members represented the County in the Northern Counties Armstrong Trophy competition. The number of appearances is shown in parenthesis :

B.D.W. Wright, 1979, M.A. Bennett, 1983 -1985 (10), R.I. Shuttleworth, 1994 (1), K.D. Wood, 1994 (4), W.R. Liddle, 1996 - 2009 (51) and R.J. Varley, 2006 - 2009 (16).

Again in chronological order, the following PBC members represented the County in the Alsop, Muras and Middleton Cup competitions :

J. Oliver, 1952 - 1971 (73)
R.F. Pascoe, 1956 - 1970 (57)
T. McPhee, 1959 - 1970 (67)
T.W. Cuthbert, 1962 - 1980 (89)
M.A. Bennett, 1985 - 1999 (90) and represented the County with other clubs after leaving PBC in 1999
W.R. Liddle, 2005 (3)
R.J. Varley, 2009 (1).

In 1995, M.A. Bennett and K.D. Wood represented England when winning the Pairs title at the British Isles Championships, held in Llanelli.

In 1997, M.A. Bennett again represented England but this time in the Series of Home Internationals and remained in the England squad in 1998.

6.2 Ladies' Section

Over the years the following PBC members have been selected to represent the County. In chronological order, the year shown in parenthesis indicates their first appearance whilst at Ponteland :

J. Graham (1983), I. Fletcher (1987), N. Rutherford (1987), B. Johnston (1988), M. Little (1988), M. Shuttleworth (1988), T. Wright (1990), E. Newton (1991), J. Nichol (1992), L. Telfer (1994), M.E.H. Nesbit (1995), E. Emmerson (2006), M. Cowan (2008), D.A. McDonnell (2009), G. Stapylton (2012), M. Turner (2013), A. Brennan (2014), P. Haylock (2014), R. Johnson (2014) and S.A. Storey (2014).

The Bowling Green

On matters relating to the bowling green, the General Committee reported in February 1936, that the PMH Committee had little or no money to spend on its maintenance. Immediate action was sought to treat the prevalent moss and provide a top dressing '*but not to put the same manure on as last year as it removed the polish from the bowls.*' Having written, and received no acknowledgement from the PMH Committee, the General Committee decided at the Club's expense, to seek expert advice on ways to improve the condition of the green. In 1944, the deteriorating condition of the bowling green, mainly due to moss and clover, was again of great concern. The main problem, however, was the difficulty experienced by the PMH Committee in finding a suitable Green-. For a time, a local farm-worker employed on a thresher was the only person available. Not quite the qualification one would have thought for being a Green-. Notwithstanding, the Club usually presented the Green- with a £2. 2s. 0d gratuity at the end of each season.

In 1945, the PMH Committee authorized the Secretary to contact the Miners Welfare Organization and Messrs Finney's, Newcastle for their advice in treating the green. In 1946, it was reported that the bowling green had received its pre-season treatment by forking and distributing 3 cwt of lawn sand, fertilizer, and '*the usual covering of sand*'. The deleterious effects of the continuous application of sand as a top-dressing, over the years, became apparent in 1976.

In 1947, permission was sought from the PMH Committee to allow improvements around the bowling green so as to conform to International Bowling Board (IBB) standards. The work involved the provision of a 34ft. stretch of turf, 3ft. wide, alongside the pavilion, and the perimeter of the green to be surrounded by a low wood batten fence or have its bank-sides heightened. The wood batten fence was erected, being the cheapest option. Unfortunately, in 1949, the turf required re-laying.

In 1951, the green was reported to be playing very well, and the Club offered the PMH Committee £50 plus the proceeds from casual fees towards its maintenance costs. An annual rental payment of £50 was made until 1962. The Green-'s end-of-season gratuity was increased to £5 in 1952.

In June 1952, the General Committee decided to purchase a motor lawn mower, and were grateful for the offer of 50% of the purchase price from the PMH Committee. Also, in 1952, a manually operated deep turf piercer was purchased at a cost of £35.16s. 0d. At that time, the lack of proper maintenance in rolling and cutting of the bowling green, and the absence of rink rotation, had caused problems. Also, in the late 1950s, much criticism was levelled at certain players and visitors who were not delivering their bowls correctly and seriously damaging the green. In view of this situation, fining the offending players 1s. 0d was contemplated.

In 1959, the first instance of vandalism of the bowling green was reported. Two years later, reservations were expressed about payment of the end-of-season gratuity to the Green- as the condition of the bowling green and its surrounds had deteriorated significantly. In fact, it was necessary to draw to the attention of the PMH Committee in February 1962 that a supply of sharp sand dressing was still lying beside the green from the previous October. At the 1962 Annual General Meeting members considered the bowling green was in need of more rolling and rotation of the rinks than hitherto.

In 1964, the PMH Committee provided much needed seating around the green.

At a GPC meeting, held in January 1967, it was reported '*a second invasion of the*

bowling green had been made by a pony.' Twenty square yards of replacement Cumberland turf had been laid and the green had been spiked, rolled, and top dressed. The following year, the condition of the bowling green again gave cause for concern, with bare patches in evidence.

In 1969, it was considered necessary to seek information from the Sports Turf Research Station, Bingley, Yorkshire on the upkeep and maintenance of the bowling green. However, local advice was available from the Kirkley Hall Institute, and following an analysis of core samples taken from the green, a written report was prepared by Mr R. McParlin of their Horticultural Centre on the condition of the bowling green. The recommendations, regarding necessary treatment of the green were accepted, and the Green- was offered and accepted a payment of £100 p.a. for normal maintenance work.

In January 1970, following consultation with Club officials the PMH Committee readily agreed to allow the Club to take full responsibility for the future maintenance of the bowling green. The Club, however, would not be responsible for the surrounding area. A nominal annual rent of £1 1s. 0d was set, and the PMH Committee agreed to provide a maximum grant of £80, towards the cost of implementing the recommendations made by Kirkley Hall Institute, to improve the condition of the bowling green.

In August 1970, it became necessary to close three rinks in order to carry out urgent treatment, comprised of spiking and applying a mix of sand, granulated peat, and a special lawn dressing, followed by re-seeding with a first class lawn seed. With the remaining three rinks in need of similar treatment, it was considered it would be at least three years before the green would be in good order. Happily, in spite of these difficulties, the domestic competitions were completed. Considerable difficulty was again experienced in the recruitment and retention of a suitable Green-. Later on, however, the sole efforts of a volunteer Green- ended happily with the introduction of a Green's Committee and the appointment of a sensibly remunerated Green-. He was responsible for the mowing and application of spring and autumn dressings, and re-seeding at the end of the season.

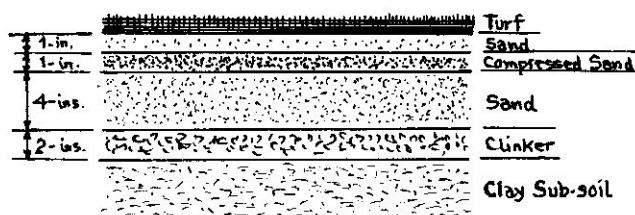
The pros and cons of rolling the green has been a source of debate over the years, and the last recorded rolling took place during the autumn in 1972. In the spring of 1973, the bowling green required treatment to eradicate the prevalent moss, and a machine from the Sports Centre was used to remove the dead grass. In 1974, an autumn dressing of peat and bone meal was carried out.

The non-professional maintenance of the green in preceding years, with the continued application of sand as a top dressing, led to the disastrous state of the green in the extremely hot summer in 1976. An unusual incident occurred during the Gosforth Bowlers Touring Club visit to South Devon that year when it was seen that some of the greens were covered with ladybirds. Quite a bowling experience in the extreme heat. On his return from the tour, the Secretary discovered a stretch of turf, more than 3ft. wide, had lifted off the surface of the green, and was curled up alongside the entire southern edge of the bowling green. The eastern edge also was affected. The Green-, J.A. Main, also had been on tour and, in his absence, apparently none of the members at the Club had watered the green in an attempt to limit the damage.

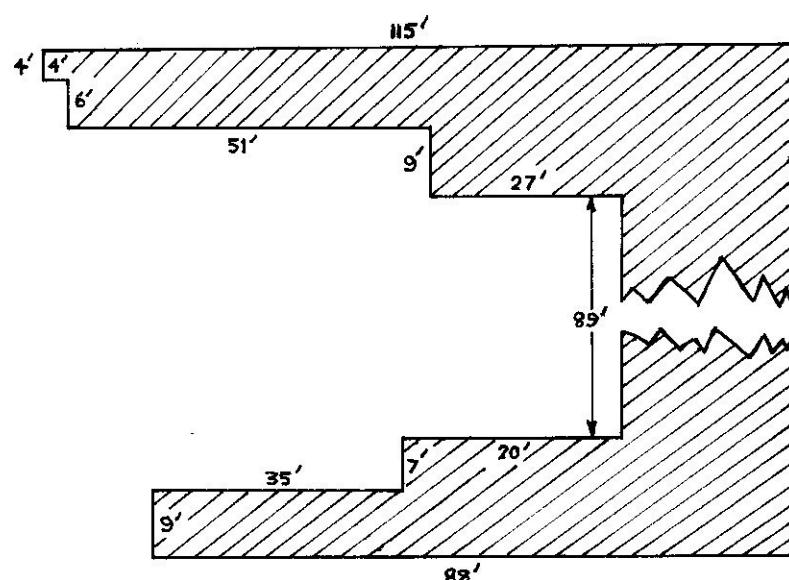
On inspecting the green a quotation of £4,860 + VAT was received from a local contractor for re-turfing the whole green. To renew the green entirely, and conform to the IBB recommendations for drainage and its surrounds, the cost would rise to £15,000. This, clearly, the Club could not afford. Subsequently, an examination of the green, by taking 4in. deep core specimens, revealed a 1in. layer of dead grass/thatch with little or no grass roots in the sub-layers of compacted fine sand. Altogether, some 35 per cent of the bowling green was affected, including small stretches along its western and eastern sides. Necessarily, 640 square yards of exhausted turf, and layers of compacted sand to a depth of 2 in., were removed. The underlying 4in. layer of sand had been laid over a 2in. layer of clinker above the clay bed. The top surface of sand was deeply forked and 30 tons of top soil mixed with quarry sand was added. Silloth turf was laid on the re-vitalized surface. In 1977, following the Secretary's letter to Lord Ridley seeking possible grant-aid towards the cost of re-turfing parts of the green, arrangements were made for a visit by the Head Groundsman from

Northumberland County Council. In connection with this work Mr David Batten, Secretary of the Northumberland Playing Fields Association (NPFA), invited a member of the Green's Committee to attend a 1-day course at the local agricultural college.

- TURF & SUB-SOIL LAYERS IN 1976



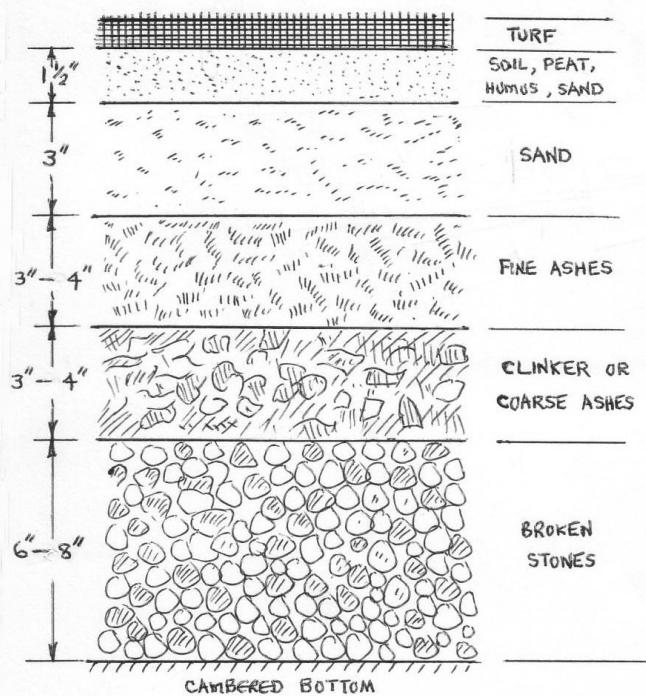
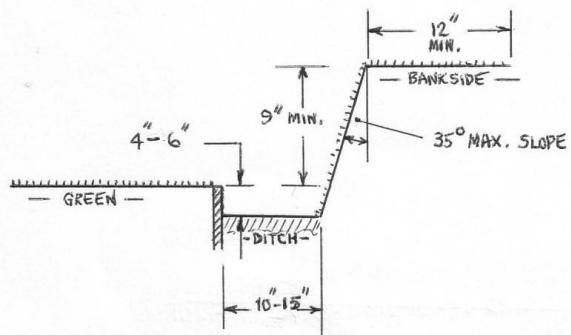
- TURF RENEWAL FOLLOWING 1976 SUMMER DROUGHT : 640 sq.yards.



Ponteland Bowling Green Specification and Turf Renewal, 1976.

Further improvement took place at the green when the posts and surrounding low wood fence battens around the green were removed. They were in very poor condition and, at that time, the bowling green surrounds did not conform to IBB standards. During the closed season in 1977, the Secretary raised the green surrounds on the eastern and northern sides of the green and turfed the bank-sides. During the closed season in 1978, the Secretary, with the able assistance of both T. McPhee and W. Middlemiss, raised the remaining green

surrounds and turfing of the bank-sides was completed.



TURF LAID IN 12" SQUARES

**Specification for Bowling Green
Approved By International Bowling Board, 1949.**



**Construction of the bank-sides by the Secretary
and nearing completion, April 1979.**

In 1978, at a meeting of the PMH Management Committee, the Secretary had requested permission to erect an 8-ft. high wire fence in order to secure the bowling green premises from future attacks of vandalism. Subject to obtaining the required planning permission, a 25% grant for this work would be made available.

The efforts of the volunteer labour force of Club members over several months were rewarded when home fixtures were resumed in 1978, albeit on shortened rinks. In this connection, the Secretary was indebted to P. Manson for his attendance at the green on Wednesdays to cut the bank-sides and verges, and for providing a hand mower.

In 1980, the GPC decided to seek professional assistance in the management of the bowling green. The initial work required was estimated at £450. Mr L. Wilson from Low Fell, who worked regularly on other greens, was contracted to improve the condition of the green and improve its levels. He continued working at PBC until his retirement in March 2004.

In 1983, a new mower with spiker and comb was purchased. Members again voiced their concern at the state of the green, as there were numerous bare patches, and a considerable presence of moss. Also, the green had suffered much damage, due to some members and opposing players not delivering their bowls correctly. A notice to this effect was displayed prominently in the pavilion. In order to keep a watching brief on the state of the green T.W. Cuthbert accepted the new appointment of Green-ranger and liaised with L. Wilson.

In 1985, the cost of professional green-maintenance, the provision of new entrance gates, a water-sprinkler system and new score-board exceeded £3,300.

In February 1986, two members attended a seminar, organized by the NCBA, on green-maintenance at the Scotch Corner Hotel. A barrel roller was purchased on the recommendation of the EBA's Greens Maintenance Advisory Scheme.

In 1987, the cost of green-maintenance and equipment exceeded £1,600.

In 1988, the Club's professional Green-, L. Wilson, advised that the present system of rink rotation was now inadequate. It had been introduced when the membership was 60 as against the present combined membership of 160. The wear and tear on the green was very bad, particularly on the rink ends. Changes were necessary in the management of the green due to the increasing number of league and friendly fixtures arranged for the combined

membership. Contrary to green-keeping procedure, he would not recommend rolling of the green as part of the maintenance programme and advised against the use of matting.

Early in 1991, the GPC reported that some irresponsible young persons had damaged the green. In order to reduce green-maintenance costs, the turfed bank-sides were replaced with boarding covered with synthetic turf.

In 1992, the condition of the green was not in a satisfactory state, despite the professional attention of L. Wilson and the Green's Committee. Following a meeting of the GPC, J. S. Duff took soil samples for analysis, and D. Boland surveyed the green identifying its unevenness. Work to improve the drainage of the green was carried out in 1993, at a cost of £2,100. Some levelling of the green was carried out, and a new machine purchased at a cost of approximately £2,500. Also, borders containing roses, some of which were gifts from three lady members, and bedding plants were set out around the green.

At the close of the 1994 season, the green was severely damaged by a marauding bullock, which had escaped from the local Auction Mart. Remedial work was carried out in restoring levels at the south-west corner of the green, at a cost of £200. In 1995, routine maintenance by L. Wilson costing £1,600, saw a big improvement in the condition of the green and the Club received many compliments from both players and visitors.

In 1996, the drainage was improved along the east side of the green. Also, two of the ditches were renovated and paving laid along the bank-sides at a total cost of £3,100.

In 1997, a new automatic watering system was installed at a cost of £6,500 which was partly financed by the EBA, with a repayable loan of £2,000 plus interest. Unforeseen problems, due to the sprinkler vents of the watering system being too near the pavilion, were resolved by L. Wilson at a further cost of £2,000. The work entailed the west side of the green being moved 2ft. away from the pavilion, and extended by 2ft. on the east side.

In 1998, approximately £4,000 was spent on green-maintenance which was carried out by L. Wilson. This included the completion of work on the remaining two ditches and paving the bank-sides. In 1999, it was reported that the green had been damaged by some youths attending a party held in the PMH. The question of security around the Club premises had first been discussed with the PMH Committee by the Men's Secretary, B.D.W. Wright, in 1978 but without resolution.

Early in 2001, L. Wilson carried out some levelling of the green following heavy winter rains leading to surface water in some areas. With the arrival of spring the green was subject to an invasion of rabbits and it was necessary to erect a wire fence alongside the hedge on the south side of the green. At the end of the bowling season the green was tined and a top dressing applied. The work carried out by L. Wilson in 2001 cost just over £1,600 and over £1,700 in 2002. It was agreed that the green should be closed mid-September in future years to permit necessary re-seeding and other maintenance work on the green. An unexpected incident occurred at the end of the 2001 bowling season when a helicopter landed on the green to deal with a medical emergency. Fortunately, the surface of the green suffered minimal damage.

In 2002, an expenditure of £2,756 was incurred on green-maintenance and £121 on machinery equipment. Routine maintenance work was carried out and Cowell's Garden Centre agreed to sponsor the display of bedding plants around the surrounds.

In 2003, a total expenditure of £4,650 was incurred on green-maintenance and the purchase of other equipment. Dobbies Garden Centre agreed to sponsor the display of bedding plants at the green.

In March 2004, L. Wilson retired from all activities at the green. At the start of the season, a great deal of moss was found on the green. The problem was soon rectified with the recruitment of Colin Moore working under the guidance of R. Stafford. He was a former Council Green- who also looked after the green at Gosforth Garden Village B.C. In 2004, a total expenditure of £9,860 was incurred on green-maintenance. This included £4,800 on

purchasing the Dennis an improved grass-cutting machine and a Walkman, at a cost of £350, to spray fungicide, liquid moss killer and fertilizer. Dobbies Garden Centre again agreed to sponsor the display of bedding plants at the green. In 2005, R. Stafford provided 200 home-grown bedding plants at no cost to the Club. His gesture in providing a splendid floral display was much appreciated by the members and visitors.

Security measures around the Club precincts required further consideration following the act of vandalism to the green in December 2005. On this occasion the police were informed of the incident. In the past, discussions on security had taken place with the PMH Committee but without any resolution of the problem.

Early in 2006, the green was scarified, top dressed with moss killer and fertilizer. A brush attachment for the Dennis machine was purchased at a cost of £495. Recent health problems of both the Green-ranger and the Green- prevented the end-of-season activities of scarifying, moss-kill, fertilizing and top dressing of the green until early spring. This delay resulted in the green not being up to the standard of recent years but had vastly improved by the end of the season. The green was hollow tined followed by a top dressing immediately after Closing Day. R. Stafford who had been the Green-ranger since November 1999, agreed to carry on with these duties until the Annual General Meeting in October 2007. This would enable the Green- to gain additional experience with the sophisticated Dennis F T machine and, with the assistance of the Green's Committee, carry out other routine maintenance activities at the green. In view of the Green-ranger's health problems the offer of assistance by M.L. Brennan to act as the deputy Green-ranger was appreciated. Unfortunately, he tendered his resignation at the end of the season due to the lack of co-operation of some members by continually damaging the green when delivering their bowls. The assistance given to the Green-ranger around the surrounds of the green by W. Bell over the years also was gratefully acknowledged. In 2006, R. Stafford again provided 200 home-grown bedding plants which again were much admired by the members and visitors during the season, and particularly by the rabbits in the borders near the equipment store!! Rabbits were previously reported to be a nuisance early in 2001.

Early in 2007, L. Wilson was engaged to replace the wood batten edging around the green prior to it being re-seeded and top dressed. The new Sorrel roller cassette spiker, attached to the Dennis machine, was used for regular aeration and light scarifying of the green. The sharp sand used in the ditches was to be replaced with 300 rubber protector tiles costing £2,200 with a 10-year guarantee. The tiles were 24" long x 9" wide and portable for winter storage. A wooden container for storing grass cuttings was installed alongside the water tank. In 2007, an expenditure of £8,248 was incurred on green-maintenance and £860 on machinery equipment.

It was reported in 2008 that rabbit droppings were a big problem on the green. Hollow tining and regular scarification had been carried out. Laying down of the ditch protection tiles was completed before Opening Day. Unfortunately, the green suffered a great deal of damage during the very wet season due to both members and visitors not delivering their bowls correctly. In mid-September 2008, substantial flooding occurred in Ponteland (and elsewhere) with the bowling green under water and over the bank-sides. An interesting feature of the photograph below is evidence of surface compaction. During early autumn, re-seeding and top dressing was carried out. Also, D.W. Kirk attended a Green-ranger's course in Wigton, Cumbria. In 2008, an expenditure of £7,794 was incurred on green-maintenance and £468 on machinery equipment.

Early in 2009, judges from the "Northumbria In Bloom" competition provided advice on plants for the borders around the green. Following hollow tining and very wet weather which delayed spreading of a top dressing, the green gradually improved during the season until further wet conditions resulted in much damage to the green. One disadvantage of installing the black ditch tiles has been the need to replace some of them most mornings following their removal by crows looking for grubs !! The John English memorial garden bequest was used towards the creation of a rock garden. The work was undertaken by J. & Mrs E. Gatenby with the assistance of members who donated shrubs and assisted with the planting. Hollow tining was carried out shortly after closure of the green. In order to minimize damage to the playing surface following wet periods, six protector mats, size 8'x7', would be available for the 2010

season. As in previous years, R. Stafford provided home-grown bedding plants for the surrounds which were much admired by members and visitors during the season. In 2009, an expenditure of £5,388 was incurred on green-maintenance and £556 on machinery equipment.



PBC Green following severe flooding , 6th September, 2008.

Following heavy snowfall during the 2009/2010 winter, the dead patches on the green had recovered well when scarified and spiked weekly. Springtime, M. McDonnell provided valuable assistance with both his labour and equipment for installing the new ditch backboard around the green. When the season ended, a useful soil survey was performed. Also, re-turfing of a small area along the edge adjacent to the PMH and heightening of the green alongside the footpath was necessary. Some damage had occurred on the green due to vandalism. The efforts of the Green's Committee throughout the season and of other members who provided hanging baskets (M.L. Brennan) and bedding plants (R. Stafford) were well rewarded when it was announced that at the first attempt, the Club with the Tennis Club had jointly been awarded a Silver Gilt Medal Certificate in the "Northumbria In Bloom" competition. J.T. Harrison represented the Club, accompanied by his wife, Ann, at the award ceremony held at Eaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees in September 2010. In 2010, an expenditure of £5,086 was incurred on green-maintenance and £439 on machinery equipment.

In 2011, the green had responded well to regular maintenance following a very early dry spell and continual wet conditions during the second half of the season. The ramps previously used for access to the green were replaced by steps with a handrail support. At a cost of £159, the frost-damaged garden shrubs were replaced. In August 2011, the Green-ranger, D.W. Kirk, tendered his resignation following unjustified criticism of him regarding the condition of the green which had been adversely affected by the previously dreadful winter weather. He agreed to provide a job-description of the work involved for his successor, W.R. Liddle who would, however, only be responsible for the bowling green. The Green's Committee would undertake the remaining maintenance work around its surrounds. For the second year running, the Club and the Tennis Club were jointly awarded a Silver Gilt Medal Certificate in the annual "Northumbria In Bloom" competition. Thanks were due to the efforts of the Green's Committee throughout the season and of other members who provided the hanging baskets (M.L. Brennan) and bedding plants (R. Stafford). Following closure of the green, heightening of the turf edges, hollow tining and application of a top dressing was

carried out. In 2011, an expenditure of £7,016 was incurred on green-maintenance and £575 on machinery equipment.

In 2012, a new Dennis Machine with a 9-bladed cutter was purchased for £5,159. Prior to proceedings at the Prize Giving on Closing Day, there was a short presentation on the green on behalf of Ponteland Town Council. The Club and the Tennis Club jointly received a Gold Medal Certificate presented by Councillor, Joyce Butcher, in the annual "Northumbria In Bloom" competition. Again, thanks were due to the efforts of the Green's Committee throughout the season and of other members who provided hanging baskets (M.L. Brennan) and bedding plants (R. Stafford). In September 2012, J. and Mrs E. Gatenby represented the Club at the "Northumbria In Bloom" award ceremony held at Spennymoor, Durham. Shortly after Closing Day, the green was scarified in different directions and treated for moss. Later on, it was over-seeded at the ends of the rinks and the damaged areas. In 2012, an expenditure of £8,869 was incurred on green-maintenance and £5,652 on machinery equipment.

In 2013, with the help of a working party of volunteers several tasks were completed in preparation of the bowling green for Opening Day. These included eradicating both moss and fungi, repairing crow damage, securing edges and surrounds. At the end of the season the Green-ranger, W.R. Liddle, reported that the winter maintenance programme was well in hand with progress displayed on the Clubhouse notice board. External expert advice had been sought and materials sourced directly in order to manage maintenance costs. The new aerator is a good investment being an integral part of the work on the green, it taking about two and a half hours to aerate the surface. Volunteers were required during the winter to swish the green to restrict the spread of fusarium. Congratulations were extended to the Green's Committee on the excellent state of the green surrounds and the winning of two awards viz. the Club and the Tennis Club jointly received a Gold Medal Certificate in the annual "Northumbria In Bloom" competition and "It's Your Neighbourhood". In 2013, an expenditure of £5,963 was incurred on green-maintenance and £369 on machinery equipment, the total cost being less than 45% of that in 2012.

Early in 2014, although the green had been treated with moss killer and fungicide it was not entirely moss-free. The watering system had been re-commissioned and a working party of volunteers had completed necessary tasks in preparing the bowling green for Opening Day, viz. replacing mats in the ditches, positioning bank-sides rink-markers and numbers, cleaning the bench seats and placing them around the green, re-painting the entrance gates and flag pole, also tidying up of the equipment shed. End-of-season activities around the green involved returning bench seats to store, hedge trimming, removal of bedding plants and general tidy-up of the surrounds. The Club and the Tennis Club were jointly awarded a Gold Medal Certificate by the judges of the annual "Northumbria In Bloom" competition. In 2014, an expenditure of £6,048 was incurred on green-maintenance and the large sum of £10,034 on machinery equipment the total cost being £9,750 more than in 2013.

For several years now there has been a problem with the end rinks alongside the PMH and the tennis courts. Although the condition of the playing surface is very good it has, to some extent, been mostly unplayable due to the green running down towards each ditch. A survey of the green was carried out by A. Barratt together with external professional advice. The GPC agreed to have both edges of the green levelled alongside the PMH and tennis courts. The work to begin immediately after Closing Day and cost in the region of £5,000. It involved lifting 1.5 m of turf along each side of the green, fitting new edging boards, levelling with Rootzone and relaying the turf. The work, when completed, will bring the two end rinks up to the required playing standard. Further work on the remaining two edges of the green to be carried out later.

In 2015, A new battery controlled fertilizer/weed killer sprayer was purchased at a cost of £780. This will ensure consistent and even application of materials. The Club with the Tennis Club were jointly awarded another Silver Gilt Medal Certificate by the judges of the annual "Northumbria In Bloom" competition.

In 2016 and again in 2017, it is pleasing to record that the combined efforts of the

volunteers in the Club and the Tennis Club resulted in the joint award of a Gold Medal Certificate by the judges of the annual "Northumbria In Bloom" competition.

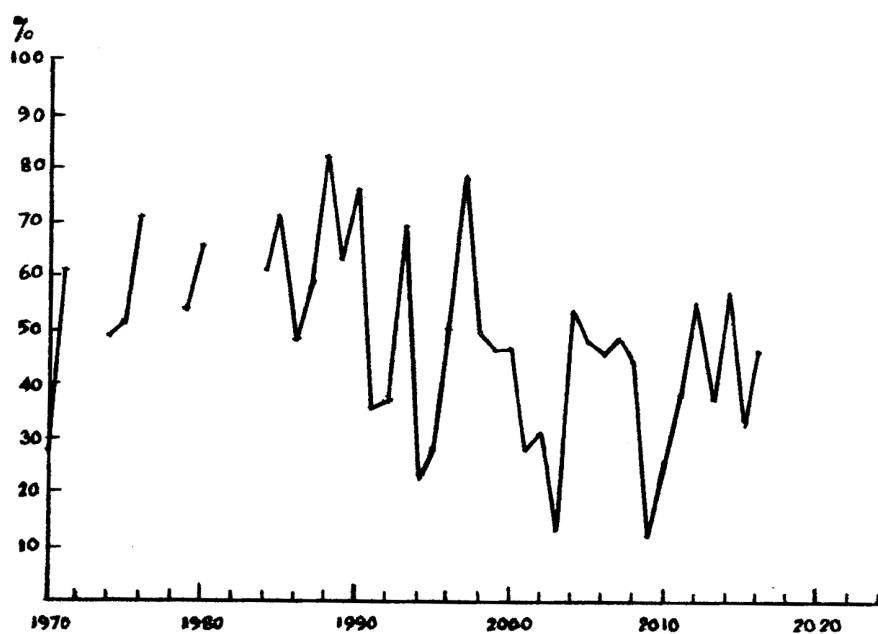
As the Club became more successful, the combined active membership of the Ladies' and Men's Sections rose from 63 in 1975 to 200 in 2003 following the building of the new Clubhouse. Since then, however, there has been a steady downwards trend to 138 full members in 2017. More importantly, however, when comparing the combined list of 71 home fixtures in 1975 with the home programme of 126 fixtures in 2017 there is clearly substantially more wear and tear on the green by the end of the season and, hence, more maintenance required.

There has been a significant increase in the levels of expenditure experienced in recent years to fund high machinery costs and make major improvements to the bowling green and its surrounds. During the period 1991 - 2000 an average expenditure on green-maintenance was approximately £4,000 with machinery costs approximately £500. These costs may be compared with the period 2007 - 2016, where the corresponding items averaged approximately £6,950 p.a. and approximately £2,050 p.a.

Clearly, from the above annual reports, green-maintenance costs over the years were variable and, in earlier times, with insufficient funds available, only limited remedial work was carried out with the aid of voluntary labour. From available Financial Statements the total expenditure each year on the maintenance of the bowling green and its surrounds (i.e. wages, new equipment, repairs and improvements) is shown below.

Year	%	Year	%
1970	28	1999	47
1971	61	2000	47
1974	49	2001	29
1975	52	2002	32
1976	71	2003	23
1979	54	2004	54
1980	66	2005	48
1984	61	2006	46
1985	72	2007	49
1986	48	2008	45
1987	58	2009	16
1988	83	2010	27
1989	63	2011	39
1990	76	2012	55
1991	35	2013	38
1992	38	2014	58
1993	70	2015	32
1994	24	2016	47
1995	28	2017	
1996	51	2018	
1997	80	2019	
1998	50	2020	

Total Green-Maintenance Costs as a Percentage of Total Capital Expenditure



Total Green-Maintenance Costs as a Percentage of Total Capital Expenditure



PBC Members celebrating the 2010 “Northumbria In Bloom” Silver Gilt Medal Certificate. Also, in picture, (l - r) : Ponteland Mayor Robin G. Ramsay, Cllr Joyce Butcher and Cllr Liz Thompson



PBC Members celebrating the 2012 “Northumbria In Bloom” Gold Medal Certificate presented to Nan Caldwell by Ponteland Cllr Joyce Butcher



**Silver Gilt Medal Certificate Awards,
2010, 2011 & 2015**



**Gold Medal Certificate Awards,
2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 & 2017**

Pavilion Projects

This section describes the endeavours of members over the years with the help of local authorities and national bodies to improve the amenities at the Club.

Following its formation in 1923, Club members were confined to the use of a small wooden building.

In 1933, the PBC Committee, mainly through the efforts of the Chairman, H. Beecham, and the Secretary, W. Barrons, in raising public monies the first but inadequate wooden structure was replaced with a 28ft. x 12ft. brick building at a cost of £230. The new pavilion was opened on Saturday, the 5th May 1934, by the President, J. Hilton, with approximately 40 members, 18 ladies and friends in attendance. Fourteen months later, the building was free from debt. The door key to the pavilion was officially handed over to the PMH Trustees on the occasion of the annual concert given by the Whitley Bay Male Voice Choir.



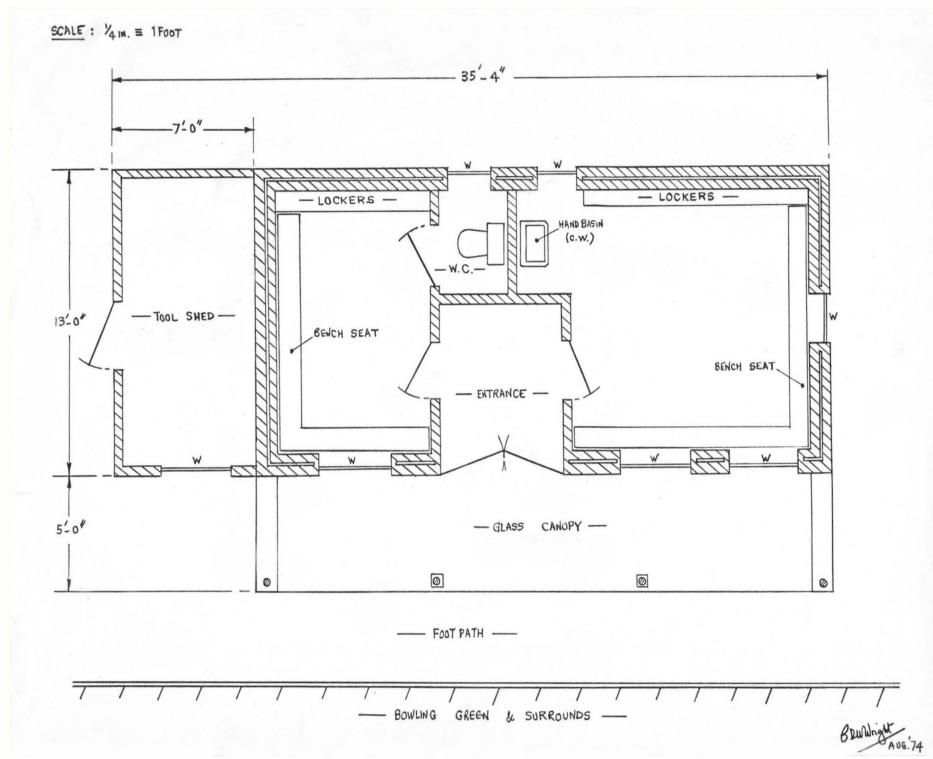
Official Opening of the Ponteland Bowling Club Pavilion by the President, J. Hilton, 5th May 1934.

Chairman : H. Beecham Secretary : W. Barrons

In 1937, continuing efforts by the PBC Committee saw the provision of seating around the bowling green, mainly funded through regular Whist Drives. The seats were handed over to the PMH Trustees in May 1938. Perhaps, somewhat surprisingly, it was not until the Spring General Meeting was held in April 1941, that amenities in the pavilion were improved with the installation of a toilet and wash hand-basin at a cost of £30. The members expressed their gratitude to the Vice Chairman, R.L. Davison, for his generous donation towards the cost. His cheque for £13. 2s. 0d was the proceeds from the sale of 307 copies of the booklet he had prepared entitled "A History of the Ponteland War Memorial". Later on, bowls lockers were

installed. In 1949, G.A. Hall provided a provisional plan of the suggested alterations to further improve the facilities in the pavilion. In 1950, a lean-to extension was built on the south side of the pavilion, providing a garden tool and machinery store, at a cost of £92. The necessary funding was obtained from a Jumble and Bring & Buy Sale organised by the Ladies' Committee.

In 1951, a glass-covered veranda was erected alongside the front of the pavilion, at a cost of £48. Afterwards, electricity was installed in the pavilion which comprised of three 5 ampere lighting points and one 15 ampere power outlet, at a cost of £8 12s. 0d. The first General Committee meeting was held, with the benefit of heating and lighting, on the evening of the 16th October 1951. In 1956, an additional 21 lockers were installed in the pavilion, at a cost of £25.



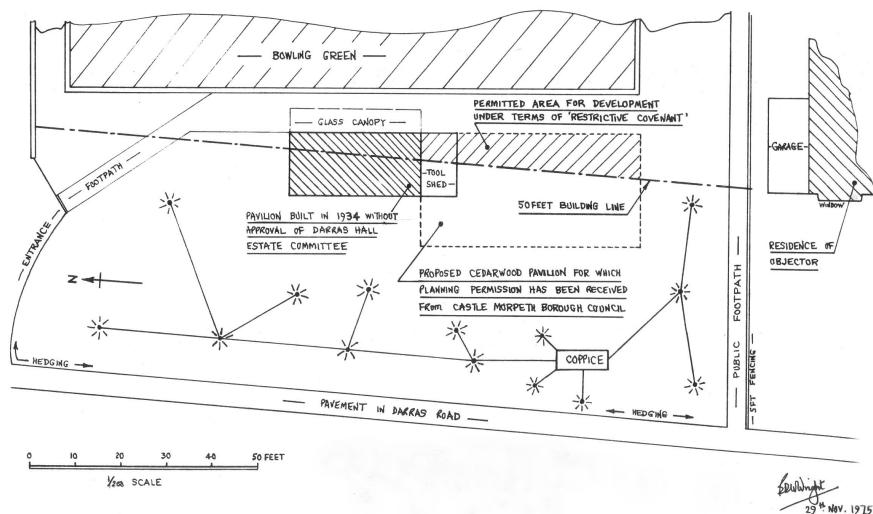
**PBC Pavilion Erected in 1934.
Tool Shed Erected in 1950.
Glass Veranda Erected in 1951.**

With the formation of the Ladies' Section, on the 15th June 1967, and with limited accommodation available in the pavilion, it was imperative to provide additional facilities at the Club. In 1974, it was agreed that the Men's Secretary, a member of the PMH Committee, should put forward his proposal to them for extending the pavilion which was approved. Preliminary plans were then prepared by B.D.W. Wright in August 1974, for consideration by the GPC. The first, provided a 30ft. brick-built extension on the north side of the pavilion which included a kitchen, additional toilet facilities, additional locker space and bench seating. An alternative plan showing a 30ft. x 20ft. extension on the south side of the pavilion provided, in addition to the above facilities, sufficient floor space for two rinks of carpet bowls. Shortly afterwards, however, it came to the attention of the GPC that a substantial RAF-type cedar wood building, 30ft. x 20ft., was available at a cost of £1,000 which could be erected alongside the southern end of the pavilion. At additional cost, the building would need a sound foundation with floor tiles and be fitted out with a kitchen, toilets, also electric lighting and power points. Planning permission was received from the local Council, and with the approval of Club members and the PMH Committee it was decided to purchase the cedar wood building. Discussions had already taken place with the Darras Hall Estate Committee (DHEC) who advised that before the building could be erected it was necessary for the Club to obtain a

legal discharge of the restrictive covenant regarding the 50ft. building line. This was unexpected, as the existing pavilion layout already breached the 50ft building line. Following consultation with the PMH Management Committee, it was recommended that the Men's Secretary obtain the services of a solicitor having the necessary expertise in Land Tribunal matters. In addition, they wished to be indemnified in any legal proceedings in connection with the project.

Meanwhile, DHEC sought the views of immediate local residents. An objection was lodged because some trees would need to be removed, and it was considered the building would be unsightly when the remaining deciduous trees were bereft of leaves during the winter months. Over a period of months, further discussions ensued between the parties concerned, and it was finally decided it would be in the best interests of the Club if an alternative pavilion proposal was made. The Secretary volunteered to submit plans for a brick-built pavilion when the cedar wood building was sold. Fortunately, a local Boy Scouts Group bought the building shortly afterwards, at the price previously paid by the Club.

Building plans drawn up by the Secretary for the proposed pavilion were approved by the local authorities in January 1977, and A.B. Wood, the Club's solicitor from Ingledew Mark Pybus, Newcastle was instructed to prepare a brief for the Lands Tribunal. At an Extraordinary General Meeting the Secretary was given the authority to act on behalf of all Club members in indemnifying the PMH Trustees against any costs arising from proceedings at the Lands Tribunal. Of concern, was the possibility of claims for compensation by local objectors to the pavilion project. On the 3rd August 1977, the PMH Trustees granted a licence to occupy the bowling green premises subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Schedule to the Licence. At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the combined membership, held on the 29th November 1977, it was agreed that the liability of individual members should not exceed £20. The Club itself, would have a maximum commitment of £1,750 in any costs, following the advice of our legal representative. Members were advised that if they were unwilling to accept this undertaking they would be required to resign from the Club. No objections were raised publicly or privately by the members at the meeting. Events arising from this particular item are outlined in Section 1.1.



Proposed Cedar Wood Pavilion, 1975

The Lands Tribunal was held in Newcastle on the 18th and 19th January 1979, with the Men's President, the Men's Secretary and the Club's solicitor in attendance. Representatives from the PMH Committee, DHEC and a local objector to the pavilion scheme also attended the hearing. A Consent Order for the legal discharge of the restrictive covenant was granted by the President of the Lands Tribunal, but with unacceptable conditions for the Club. The building work had to be started within twelve months, and in that event, the local objector to the pavilion scheme would be awarded £1,000 in compensation. Furthermore,

behind the pavilion, a non deciduous tree screen had to be erected parallel to Darras Road, and no application to be made to the Courts in respect of the alcohol restriction contained in the Darras Hall Trust Deed. Also, the building plans, drawn up by the Men's Secretary and passed by the local planning authority in June 1976, had to be modified to reduce the length of the pavilion from 60ft. down to 50ft. A tool equipment room could be erected, elsewhere, provided it did not encroach upon the 50ft. building line.

Arising from the litigation brought about by a Darras Road resident and the DHEC, their legal costs were slightly less than the agreed sum of £1,750 imposed by the Club's solicitor. Regarding the Club's expenses, the Secretary of the Men's Section had been associated with the project for more than four years, and had personally prepared the building plans and other drawings at no cost to the Club. Submissions for grant-aid and planning permission, also discussions with local authorities, entailed over 250 letters in correspondence. The Club solicitor had expenses and professional fees during this period which were reasonable, but the agreed total liability costs of £1,750 meant he could only receive payment of less than £100. Because of the overbearing financial implications from the Consent Order received at the Lands Tribunal, the pavilion project was cancelled.

Following the Lands Tribunal judgement, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held in the PMH on the 9th March 1979, attended by 51 members, a combined total of over 80% of the Ladies' and Men's Sections in attendance. The Men's Secretary informed members that he had drawn up new building plans which were acceptable to both the local planning authority and DHEC. Submissions for grant-aid also had been made, and it again required the Club to raise 25% of the building costs. In addition to the inflationary climate prevailing in the country at that time, the estimated cost of the new project had risen to £11,000 from the £6,000 originally estimated in 1975. The Club would be required to pay a rent of £1,040 p.a. for 25 years covering the interest and repaying the loan capital. It was clear from the ensuing discussion that some members were unhappy with the prospect of raising the necessary 25% towards the cost of the pavilion. A vote-of-confidence was taken to decide the future of the project, but the majority decision in favour of its continuation was less than the 2/3rds majority requested by the Men's Secretary. Most disappointed at the result of the ballot, the Secretary thanked all members who had in any way supported him in his efforts to re-vitalize the Club with the building of a new pavilion. Members who subscribed to the fund-raising schemes for the pavilion would have their contributions returned. Finally, members were reminded of their obligation to remit the £20 liability now payable to cover the legal costs arising from the Lands Tribunal proceedings. Following the cancellation of the pavilion project, B.D.W. Wright informed the members of his decision to resign from the position of Secretary and membership of the PMH Committee.

David Batten, the Secretary of the NPFA, in writing to the Parish Council and the Trustees of the PMH, expressed his regret at the resignation of B.D.W. Wright, the Men's Secretary, over the pavilion affair. Possible problems relating to the 50ft building line had first been considered in 1975, before building plans for a new pavilion were prepared by the Secretary. At that time, to no effect, the Secretary had approached the PMH Committee to explore the possibility of a joint venture with the Tennis Club for erecting a pavilion above the lounge in the Memorial Hall. The matter was raised again in 1979, without success, and the PMH Committee suggested that the Club make use of its changing room facilities along with the Tennis Club.

In October 1979, the GPC decided that J. English should write to the PMH Secretary drawing attention to the need for repairs to the pavilion viz. roof tiles, guttering, wood flooring, veranda roof, broken windows and improvement in toilet facilities. It was estimated that this work would cost the PMH Trustees approximately £1,150. In view of this, only items requiring urgent repair were attended to in the closed season. In connection with the proposed face-lift for the pavilion, the PMH Committee suggested that the Club consider a possible lengthwise extension of the pavilion. The loan capital would be raised and repaid by the PMH Trustees, with the Club having to pay a rent equal to the interest charged on the capital which would qualify for some grant-aid. B.D.W. Wright, at the request of the GPC in February 1980, again prepared outline plans of a proposed modification to the pavilion having overall dimensions of 42ft. x 19ft. Copies were sent to the PMH Trustees for estimates of the possible cost of the project.

Further to this, a GPC meeting was held in December 1980, and four alternative plans were considered which had been prepared by both H. Buckley and N.I. Younger. The plan finally adopted, and approved by the local authority, in January 1981, entailed the removal of the glass veranda and the west wall of the existing pavilion. A new wall extending outwards towards the bowling green to be built, adjacent to a 3ft. path along the bank-side. The external walling to be built with the facing bricks remaining following the PMH extension. Two toilets were to be provided, also space for 54 lockers and bench seating. The existing tool shed to be converted into a wall-tiled kitchen. A separate wood-built equipment store to be erected on the south side of the pavilion. In addition to the grants total of £2,625 received from the local authorities, the PMH Trustees contributed £450 towards the project in lieu of previously agreed repairs. The estimated cost of the alterations exceeded £5,000.

In April 1982, the extended pavilion was officially opened by the Mayor of CMBC, Cllr W.J. Lough. Besides the Club officials, other attendees were Mrs N. Lough the Mayoress, Mr L. Dewhirst (Chairman, PPC), Mr D. Adams (Treasurer, PMH), Mr W. Baldock (Secretary, PMH), Mr Dunlop (Sports Council representative), Mr J. Dixon (President, NCBA), Mesdames Adams, Baldock, Dewhirst and L.H. Loughton (PBC).

The alterations to the pavilion, in 1981 and 1982, provided additional space with three large uPVC window frames fitted with double-glazed units but some elements of the original pavilion remained.

In 1991, emergency repairs were necessary to replace some flooring, an up-grading of the hot water heater in the kitchen, and the provision of hot water in the toilets. Also, the laying of carpet tiles, re-painting the doors and window frames was undertaken. The cost of this maintenance and repair work amounted to over £2,200 including an ex- gratia payment of £150 for voluntary work undertaken by a Club member. In addition, a new wooden equipment store was erected.

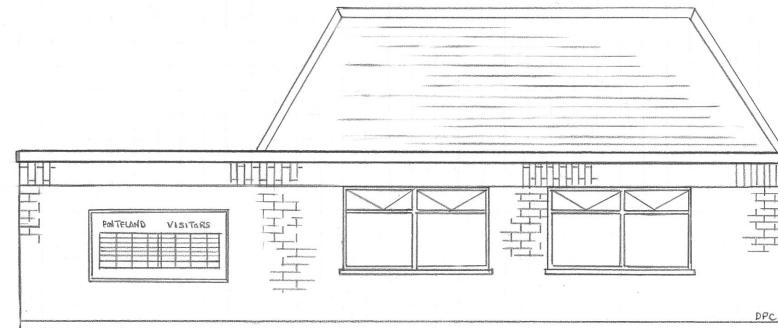
In 1994, dry rot was found in the flooring in way of the lockers. At the same time, when repairing the floor, it was decided to dispose of the wooden lockers and provide metal lockers at a total cost of £1,300. Later on, a proposal to erect a separate modular building, 7.5m. x 3m., along the west side of the pavilion was rejected by the members.

In 1995, it was decided to consider the possibility of extending the pavilion by 6m. at each end to provide separate changing room and toilets. It was estimated the total project, which included an upgraded kitchen, an extended social area and an automatic watering system for the green, would cost approximately £54,000. However, in 1996, the project was abandoned in favour of erecting a new Clubhouse, and an application was made to the National Lottery Commission (NLC) for a grant towards the project costs, estimated at £55,000, with the members providing a minimum of 35% of the total cost. A year later, the application required amendment to satisfy the requirements of the NLC on equal membership rights. As the membership of the Club was not fully integrated, some changes in its Constitution were required. At that time, there were doubts whether 75% of the members would be in favour of the change. In view of this, and increasing building costs arising from possible delays, the project was cancelled yet again.

FRONT ELEVATION (LOOKING WEST)

SCALE : 1cm ≡ 2 FEET

- NOTES : 1. BRICKWORK EXTERIOR SAME AS
MEMORIAL HALL ie. HEADERS OVER WINDOWS.
2. CONCRETE FLOOR THROUGHOUT
3. THERMOPLASTIC NON-SLIP TILES Laid
4. REMOVE BOWLS STORAGE LOCKERS TO
PROVIDE HANDBALL BOARD SPACE
5. PBC BOWLS STORED IN LOCKABLE ADMINISTRATION
CUPBOARD

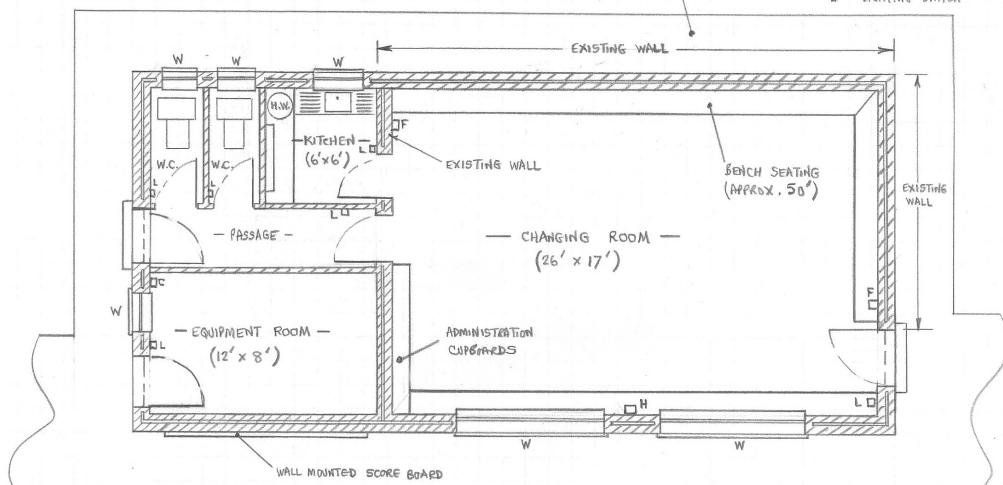


PLAN OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO PAVILION (42' x 19')

SCALE: 1cm ≡ 2 FEET

CONCRETE PATH 3'

C - COLD WATER HOSE SUPPLY
W - WINDOW
H - WALL MOUNTED HEATER
F - FIRE EXTINGUISHER
L - LIGHTING SWITCH



Proposed Modification to Pavilion, February 1980.

Further maintenance of the pavilion was required in 1998, at a cost of £1,600, with the replacement of the hardwood entrance door and windows. In 1999, further repairs to the flooring were carried out.

In recent years, considerable expenditure was incurred in providing a bowling green considered by visitors, and more importantly by members, to be among the best in the County. However, this could not be said of the facilities in the pavilion. The limited accommodation and amenities provided by the extension of the pavilion previously carried out in 1982, hardly met the needs and expectations of 130 members from both Sections of the Club. Wall space was at a premium for displaying notices and honours boards. Although the necessary repairs and maintenance of the building had been carried out, it became increasingly more apparent that a new building was required with the total membership approaching 200.

In 2000, it was decided to make plans for the provision of a Clubhouse, with much improved facilities, to cater for the large membership. An application for grant-aid was made to the Foundation for Sport and the Arts (FSA) and the EBA granted an interest-free loan of £20,000 repayable over a 5-year period. This was subject to members providing guarantors of £2,000 or £1,000 to cover the loan. Twelve members supplied the requisite guarantee. Also, in addition, the PPC had contributed with a £500 donation, and some of the members subscribed with donations and interest-free loans over 3- and 5-year periods.

Further to the application for NLC funding of an earlier project in 1996, it was decided to make another attempt in 2001 and plans for a new £120,000 Clubhouse scheme were drawn up. It comprised of a building with a red-tiled hip roof, uPVC doors and window frames fitted with double-glazed units from the existing pavilion. The necessary specification required the facing bricks for the exterior walls to match those of the PMH extension. The amenities included separate changing rooms, toilets and a toilet for disabled persons, kitchen, committee room, social area, and an 8m. long veranda overlooking the green.



Pavilion Extension Working Party Members, 1982

(l - r) : John Duff, Norman Younger and Eric Scholes

(l - r) : Norman Younger, John Duff and Tom McPhee

Absent : Tom Cuthbert



Pavilion Extension, 1982 - Southern View



Pavilion Extension, 1982 - Northern View

Following careful consideration of the financial implications for the membership, it was agreed that the cost of the building, including all fittings, should not exceed £100,000. It was decided, therefore, to dispense with the proposed veranda and amend the original specification to reduce the floor space area by 24 sq. m. Accordingly, the pavilion length was reduced by 3m. at the southern end, giving an overall length of 17m. It was also decided that, if required, any future extension would be made at the northern end of the pavilion. A grant of £30,000 was eventually made available by the FSA. The grant had been dependant on the PMH Trustees providing the Club with a lease rather than a licence. However, a lease entailed the Club paying the PMH Committee a fixed sum of approximately £2,800 p.a. rather than the present annual charge of £560. Following representations by the PMH on behalf of the Club, the FSA accepted the existing PMH licence but with an extension until 2030. Clarification of the legal position, and satisfying the requirements of the FSA, took up much of 2002. Another nightmare scenario occurred in 2003, when an investigation, of several months duration, was carried out to determine whether the Club should or should not have been registered for payment of V.A.T. at 17.5%. This amounted to adding approximately £18,000 on the building costs. Further delay was experienced in re-claiming the V.A.T. from H.M. Customs and Excise, and 'salt was rubbed in the wound' when eventually finding that only £13,000 had been allowed.

During this period, further donations of £1,000 and £500 respectively, were received from the Joicey Trust and the Northumberland County Council via its Small Grants Scheme.

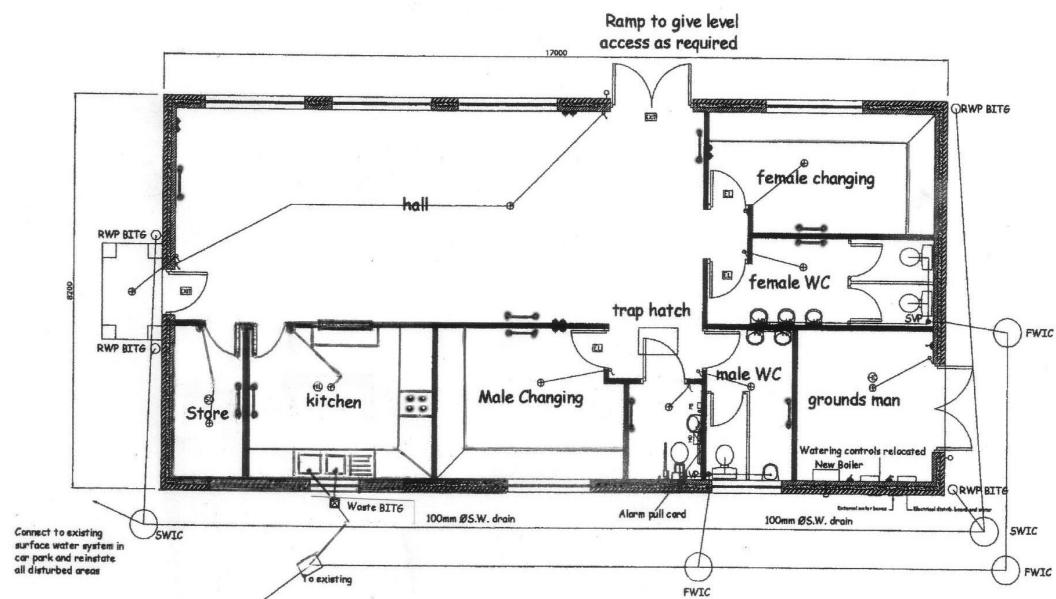
Meanwhile, in June, 2002, the pavilion was subjected to a break-in by a mis-guided youth. Measures to prevent vandalism had first been raised with the PMH Committee by the Secretary of the Men's Section in 1978.



Pavilion Break-in, June 2002



Clubhouse completed in March 2003



Layout of Clubhouse, March 2003



The Clubhouse was completed and formally handed over to the Lady Chairman by the Management Consultant on the 25th March, 2003

(l - r) : Betty Nesbit, Richard Sullivan, George Webb (Project Manager)

The 10-week contract for building the Clubhouse was given to Mears Construction (Northern) Ltd, Morpeth and a management consultant, Richard Sullivan, was appointed to oversee the project on behalf of the FSA. In addition, the GPC requested that five members should form a Building Advisory Committee. Those co-opted were G. Webb, W.R. Liddle, H. Robson, T.N. Robson and the Club Lady Chairman, M.E.H. Nesbit.

The existing building was demolished early in January 2003 and work on the new foundations began shortly afterwards. The Clubhouse was completed and formally handed over on the 25th March, 2003 by Mr R. Sullivan, the Management Consultant, in good time for the Opening Day on the 19th April, 2003. The greatly improved facilities have been much appreciated by the membership and visiting teams. However, the financial constraints which necessitated reducing the overall length of the building to 17m. entailed insufficient space in both changing rooms and the main hall.

Arising from the proposed 2009 structural changes to local government in England, CDMC would be abolished and its responsibilities transferred to Northumberland County Council a unitary authority. Apart from any political consequences, it proved to be a blessing in disguise for the Club. In 2008, CMDC indicated that substantial resources were still available in their Community "That Extra Mile" fund. Grant applications would be favourably considered subject to completion of projects before the financial year ending in April, 2009.

In view of this, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held in May 2008 and members agreed to take the once in a lifetime opportunity of extending the length of the Clubhouse by 4m. at the southern end. This would double the size of the changing rooms, also provide a

disabled toilet and increase the space in the main hall for social purposes by 33 square metres. Mr A. Tunnah of CMBC also attended the meeting to explain funding opportunities and was of great assistance to the Treasurer with the grant applications to finance the estimated cost of the project, viz. £53,640. The Community Fund application was approved in September, 2008 with a substantial grant of £31,640. Following the successful application to the EBA in 2002 for an interest-free loan of £10,000 it was decided to apply to Bowls England for another interest-free loan of £10,000 repayable over eight years which again was successful.

Following on from his experience with the original Clubhouse project in 2003, G. Webb agreed to assist the architects, Dickinson Associates, and the builders, A & S Kerr, in management of the project.

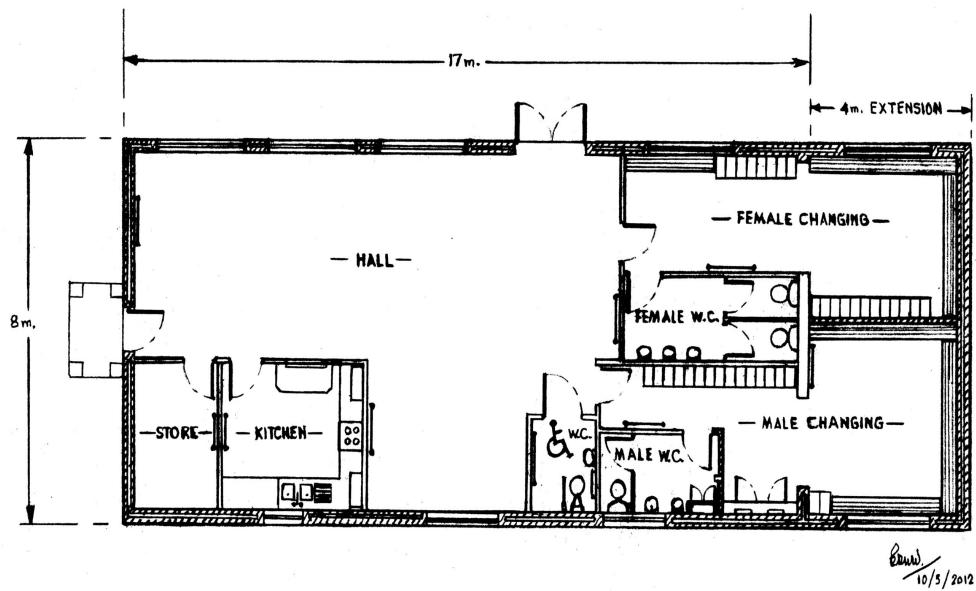
The actual cost of the Clubhouse extension was £41,579 which provided the opportunity to clear the waste ground in the south-west corner and to landscape the site. At the same time, it was thought that the construction of a patio area beside the Clubhouse would enhance outdoor social activities. For this purpose, extra funding of £10,000 was sought from the "Awards for All" Big Lottery Fund which proved unsuccessful. However, with the interior work in the Clubhouse not costing as much as planned the patio area and paved surrounds were completed. Further information on all of these projects may be found in the PBC archives.



Patio and memorial garden area completed in September 2009



Clubhouse extension completed in March 2009



Layout of extended Clubhouse, March 2009