

KEYSBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB

We believe the authors of this wonderfully detailed history to be L. & M. Villiers

25 Years of Progress and Accomplishments

Although this is only intended to be a record of the foundation, progress and achievements of the Keysborough Bowling Club, which in this Season 1985-86, celebrates its Jubilee Year, there is a background of many years of work and forethought that should be recorded to lead up to the establishment of our Club.

So, before we record the foundation of the Keysborough Bowls Club, it will not be remiss if we go back to the year of 1947.

In that year, a small group of Keysborough local people, met in the house of Councillor J. Mills, to discuss the possibility of securing one acre of land on which to build a Public Hall, as a meeting place, and a recreation centre for the residents of Keysborough which in those days, were market gardeners.

Through the meeting, a public meeting of interested residents was called to measure the feelings of their fellow residents and gauge the amount of support they could expect from their community.

The follow up meeting was held in the Sunday School at Keysborough, on the 10th of June 1947.

At this meeting, one of our present Life Members, (Don Werrett), moved that the motion to buy only one acre of land be rescinded. He was supported by Mr. J. Conlo. In support of his motion, Don told the gathering that Keysborough needed more than a Public Hall. "Keysborough," he said. "needed a sporting complex which included a football ground and a Public Hall, and also room for further development in sport, as Keysborough's population grew in the coming years."

He said "Now is the time to consider, not the purchase of one acre of land, but at least ten acres, to provide for the present and the future of the social and recreational needs of the Keysborough District." He put forward the following motion:

"That attendants at this meeting, representing the residents of the Keysborough District, agree to purchase a property of at least ten acres, for the purpose of building a Public Hall, and to provide an area for the propagation of social and sporting activities within the District."

His motion was overwhelmingly acclaimed.

Mr. Roland Allan then offered to make available, a property he owned on the corner of Stanley Road and Brighton Road (Now known as Cheltenham Road), for a mere £1,000:0:0. The position and the price were too good to miss, the members attending the meeting immediately agreed to purchase the property. Before the meeting was concluded £385:0:0 had been pledged towards the purchase price. Mr. Allan dropped his price by £100:0:0 to aid the project.

That property is now known as, The Keysborough Recreation Ground. It contains The Keysborough Football & Cricket Clubs, Boccie Courts (For the Italian interpretation of Bowling) and The Keysborough Bowling Club.

A Caretaker Committee was appointed, to be known as the Keysborough Public Hall Trustees and Sporting Committee.

In the intervening period between the purchase of the land and the birth of the Keysborough Bowling Club, the Public Hall had been built; the Keysborough Football & Cricket Clubs, established themselves, and the complex was handed to the control of the Springvale Council.

The following item was taken from the Dandenong Journal, dated 4/11/1959 :

'At a well attended and enthusiastic meeting, held on Tuesday the 27th October, at the Keysborough Public Hall, the residents of the district resolved to form a Bowling Club.'

The Office Bearers of the Provisional Committee are:

<i>President</i>	<i>Mr. Walter Allan</i>
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	<i>Mr. Bruce Chocrane</i> <i>Mr. David Corrigan</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mrs. Ern Smith</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mrs. Jack Trebilco</i>

Eighteen of those present volunteered to serve on the Provisional Committee, and some thirty members were enrolled. An approach will be made to the Springvale and Noble Park Council to secure land adjacent to the Keysborough Public Hall, as a site for the Greens, and advice will be sought from the R.V.B.A. for their construction.

This move represents a great move forward in the progress of Keysborough, as a fine new amenity will be added to the district.'

There is no record of any meetings held between that news item and 15/11/1960, even so, there must have been a lot of activity within the club, because once more I have to quote an article taken from the Dandenong Journal, dated 9/11/1960. The article reads as follows :

'The new bowling green is making excellent progress and electric lights are now being installed at the Keysborough Club for night bowls. The club will be holding its annual meeting in the Keysborough Hall on November 15th 1960 at 8pm. Sheds have been purchased and erected, mowers have also been purchased, and it is hoped to be able to play bowls next month. The green is a further tribute to Keysborough's Community mindedness, as it is estimated that between £2000 and £3000 worth of voluntary work has been put in by members and other helpers.'

There appears to be no official record about when the first social bowl was dispatched, nor do we know by whom.

The committee officiating during the first year of the club's bowling activities were as follows :

<i>President</i>	<i>Mr. Walter Allan</i>
<i>Vice Presidents</i>	<i>Mr. Dave Corrigan (Snr)</i> <i>Mr. Keith Allan (Jnr)</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mr. Michael Booth</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mr. Don Werrett</i>
<i>Committee Members</i>	<i>B. Cochrane, T. Villiers, E. Smith, C. Clarke, E. Brewer</i> <i>A. Damyon, J. Corrigan, S. McQuade, A. Longmuir</i>

The Club at this stage was a composite club, embodying both Ladies and Men, under the one committee.

We have an unofficial and uncorroborated statement, that the opening of the club, was a very quiet day of social bowls among the members, and it was on 'Australia Day' 26th January 1961. This is an important part of our history, I would like to clear up, and hopefully, with the assistance of some of our original members, get more intimate information to be a lasting memorial, to those men and women who had the forethought to form a bowling club, for the benefit of the residents of Keysborough and surrounding districts. At a meeting held in the Keysborough Public Hall in May 1961, it was decide to affiliate with the R.V.B.A. and to enter a team of bowlers in the pennant competition of the 1961-62 season.

At the same time, the Ladies joined the V.L.B.A. and also entered a team to participate in pennant competitions.

To conform to the schedule of other clubs in the R.V.B.A. group, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting in July 1961. The change of date was for the benefit of the first official committee, affiliated with the R.V.B.A. Mr. Walter Allan chaired the meeting. He was re-elected Chairman of the new committee. Others elected were as follows :

President	Mr. W. Allan
Vice Presidents	Mr. V. Woods (Snr) Mr. B. Cochrane (Jnr)
Secretary	Mr. R. Williams
Committee	C. Clarke, D. Dawson, F. Damon, T. Villiers, A. Swords, K. Allan S. McQuade, T. Brewer, H. Alexander, A. Corrigan

Don Werrett, Reg Williams and the late Vic Woods, were elected as delegates to represent the Keysborough Club.

The Ladies elected their own committee. Their first official committee under V.L.B.A. control was as follows :

President	Mrs. Ruby Trebilco
Vice President	Mrs. Nance Clarke
Secretary	Mrs. Jean Allan
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Alexander

As there were only twelve ladies attending the meeting, it was decided that all other ladies present, be elected as committee members. Their names were Mesdames Q. Smith, B. Allan, F. Brewer, G. Damon, P. Werrett, H. Whitehead, J. Foster and G. Lehmann.

And those were the ladies that supplied the morning and afternoon teas, for the residents that were helping to build the green, with labour and their implements. They were also the ladies that worked hard, arranging Beetle parties, catering at sales and using all the wiles that women use, to collect £1,376:5:1 to finance the birth of our club. That £1,376 on today's values (*The time that the original of this document was written – which is unknown – ed.*) would be the equivalent of at least, \$10,000.00.

Throughout the life of the club, the ladies have been the money raisers. They have also been the housekeepers and it would be safe to state, that without their interest and help, Keysborough Bowling Club would still be a project of the future.

The first pennant game played by the Keysborough Ladies Bowling was played against Carnegie at the Keysborough Club. It resulted in a loss by our local girls by 28 shots down. Considering that most of our Ladies had never played bowls, the 28 shot loss was not as serious as it would be today.

In that match Lorna Sutcliffe, who was later to prove herself a top bowler, went down 11-34; Nancy Clarke 15-19; Flo Brewer 17-18. They lost their first four games, then proved that they were getting into a bit form, be beating Willison by 19 shots; the scores for that game were 71-52 in favour of our ladies.

They were to taste victory again in February 1963, when they beat Hawthorn by 15 shots up. The final scores for that game being 69-54 in favour of the Keysborough girls. They also beat Gardiner by 12 shots, scoring 70 shots to Gardiner's 58.

Lorna Sutcliffe went on that year to win the first womens' Club Championship.

The first President's trophy was won by the late Flo Brewer.

Since then, the ladies have acquitted themselves very well and many successes have been added to their achievement board, which will be listed later, in this history of the Club's prowess.

It is of interest to note that Ruby Trebilco presided over the Ladies Committee meetings from the initial meeting in 1961, till she declined nomination at the Annual meeting in 1964.

Total monies raised by the ladies to finance the club's obligations, is not available; but the records of our present treasurer, Jim McKenzie, tell us that from the 1975-76 season, when Jim accepted the treasurer's responsibility, no less than \$42,000 has been handed to the management committees by the ladies. There are also frequent references in the Dandenong Journal, of sums as low as £75:0:0 and as much as \$1,900 being given by the ladies over the years preceding the 1975-76 period.

Social Committee

The first committee formed in 1959, was in the nature of a Social Committee, to raise funds to finance the target of constructing a bowling green and the necessary buildings, for the benefit of the residents of the Keysborough and surrounding districts.

They lost no time, and in the first year of activity, they had run Beetle parties, catered for sales, and canvassed the local people for aid, to attain their goal.

Whilst the ladies were busy raising the money, the men were busy levelling the ground and setting the foundation of the proposed bowling green. It speaks well for the old Keysborough residents, when we consider that many who assisted with labour and implements, were not so interested in playing bowls, as they were in adding another valuable amenity to the district, for their communal benefit.

In a little over twelve months, the green had been constructed and was at an advanced stage. Electric lights were being installed for night bowling, and sheds had been purchased and were in place to house the machinery that had been purchased for maintaining the green. All this had been accomplished with the minimum of fuss and no debts. Keysborough Bowling Club was a going concern and the membership list had grown to boast about 60, nearly 30 each of men and women.

There is no record of any social committee being elected as such, but there are records of many matters that would be associated with a social committee, brought up at meetings, being referred to the Men's Committee and at times, the Social Committee.

We must conclude that over the earlier years of our club, the General Committee acted as both General and Social Committee, and that all decisions were made and acted upon, at the General Monthly Meetings.

The first record of a Social Committee being elected, was at the Annual Meeting held in June 1964, when it was moved by D. Sutcliffe and seconded by H. Howard;

"That a Social Committee be formed, to consist of five members plus three ladies."

V. Wood, H. Howard, D. Sutcliffe, A. Isaacs and L. Prior were the men's representatives on that first Social Committee. Unfortunately, there is no record regarding the ladies who represented their section on that committee. Names have been given to me by various members who were members of the club at that time, but as so many different names have been mentioned, and corroboration has been insufficient to pin point the actual members, it is considered better, not to mention any particular names, to avoid hurting those good people who gave of their time, should their names be omitted.

For a few seasons, the social committee accepted the duty of running all Sunday Social Bowling, and rostered themselves for duty on certain Sundays of the month. This arrangement was inaugurated in 1969-70 when it was accepted that the social club members would be on duty as follows :

1 st Sunday of the month,	A. Ferguson
2 nd Sunday of the month,	R. Andrews, J. Trebilco
3 rd Sunday of the month,	L. Prior, W. Foster
4 th Sunday of the month,	D. Sutcliffe, H. Howard
5 th Sunday of the month,	V. Woods, who would also donate the trophies.

The social club committee members carried out the same arrangement after their election for the 1970-71 season. Members for that year were G. Payne, R. McMahon, D. Sutcliffe, K. Gordon, W. Foster, H. Howard, A. Coventry and J. Callan.

The present system appears to work satisfactorily; now we have a Match Committee that arrange the social bowls and the social committee is free to arrange the social activities of the club and in doing so, manage to raise a considerable sum of money to assist the club's finances. During the last ten years, the Social Club Committee has raised no less than \$23,000.

Match Committee

For a club to run smoothly, it requires a compatible General Committee, a hard-working Social Committee, and an intelligent Match Committee. Keysborough Club has been blessed with those attributes throughout the whole twenty-five years, and it is no accident that the past and the future of the club has, and will be, progressive.

The first elected Match Committee was chosen at the first annual meeting, held under affiliation with the R.V.B.A. At that meeting, the elected Match Committee consisted of Ted Brewer, Bruce Cocchrane and Don Werrett.

Since then, the Match Committee in co-operation with our Selection Committees have steered the club from Division C.3 to the top of A. Division.

In the earlier days of our existence, the Match Committee not only arranged the social games, but also reported the form of the players to the Selection Committee when selecting the teams for their pennant games.

There is not much that can be said about the Match Committee, except that they are a vital part of the machinations, and as they who have given their service in that capacity will tell you "The most frustrated committee in the club".

Selection Committee

In most clubs. Losses are the result of poor selecting by the Selection Committee and of course, all wins are through the prowess of the winning skippers. Our club is no different, and our first Selection Committee consisting of T. Villiers, C. Clark, and V. Woods was no exception.

During our first year of pennant, our boys did not win one game and in one match, one of our teams was beaten by 66 shots.

But in spite of this form they were in the happy position of knowing that they could not be relegated, because there was no lower division than the one they were in. They finished rock bottom. It is interesting to note, that despite their humiliating position at the finish of the season, they were promoted to Division C.2 for the following season. They 'won' promotion every year through the season 1967-68, when they won their section in Division B.3. Their progress after those earlier years slowed down as many more clubs were entering the pennant games and competition became more keen.

It was not til the 1983-84 season that we had a team representing Keysborough in the top Division, although we have not set the bowling world on fire with our performances in the top division, we have shown improvement each year and it would be compatible with our wishes, if in this season, 1985-86, our Jubilee year, our Selection Committee can find the material within the club and the right combinations, to win the big white flag for the glory of our pioneers.

In 1961-62 we started off with one team of three rinks representing the Club, today we are represented by five teams of four rinks, such has been our progress.

Chronology 1960-61 to 1985-86

1959-60 Meeting of interested residents, held in the Public Hall at Keysborough, decide to form a Bowling Club within the district. Committee consisting of Walter Allan, President; Bruce Cochrane & David Corrigan, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Queenie Smith, Secretary; and Mrs. Ruby Trebilco, Treasurer.

Eighteen members were elected as committee members, but their names were not recorded.

Green Number 1 laid, Electric light installed for night bowls. Sheds erected and machinery purchased.

1960-61 Green used for first time on Australia Day weekend 1961. This was an informal game, played by members of the club, to test the greens.

July 1961, the committee recommended to a general meeting that, Keysborough Club enter a team for Pennant Competition. It was decided to enter one team of twelve players to represent the club. They played in Division C4, and did not win a game. Although they finished at the bottom of the ladder, they were promoted to Division C3 for the 1961-62 season.

- 1961-62 Ladies affiliate with the V.L.B.A. and enter team to play in pennant competition. They did not play in pennant games that season, but concentrated on social bowls in preparation for the following season.
- Seven members, W. Allan, B. Cochrane, D. Dawson, C. Clark, J. Trebilco, T. Brewer and V. Wood donate seats to the club.
- Springvale Council put fence around Club grounds.
- Keysborough play in Semi-Final of Division C3 pennant.
- D. Sutcliffe played off in Semi-Final of Metropolitan Singles.
- Ladies elect their first committee as follows: Mrs. R. Trebilco, President; Mrs. N. Clarke, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Allan, Secretary; Mrs. T. Alexander, Treasurer; Committee Members, Mesdames Q. Smith, B. Allan, F. Brewer, G. Damon, P. Werrett, H. Whitehead, J. Foster and G. Lehman.
- Club Champion: R. Deakin.
- Club rules drawn up by V. Wood, G. Hazlett and R. Williams and adapted.
- 1962-63 President, Vic Woods; Vice-Presidents C. Clarke & R. Andrews; Secretary, R. Williams, and Treasurer, D. Werrett.
- Tenders were called to concrete around the Bowling green edge, all tenders were too high, so it was arranged that they would have a working bee and do the work themselves.
- Shrubs were planted around the boundaries on the recommendation of D. Dawson.
- Building Fund started with a view to building a Club-Room as soon as finances permitted. Afternoon tea was served in what is now our machinery shed.
- G. Smythe appointed greenkeeper at 11/- per hour.
- Score boards donated by Carlton and United Breweries.
- Club Champion: H. Howard
- 1963-64 President, C. Clark; Vice-Presidents, D. Dawson & D. Werrett; Secretary, R. Williams & Treasurer, H. Howard.
- The original constitution adapted by the club at 1960-61 meeting, was of necessity altered to conform with the constitution of the R.V.B.A.
- Bruce Cochrane presented a flag in the club's colours; he also promised that whilst he was alive, he would always make sure the club had a flag to fly from the flagmast. We are pleased to say that Bruce is still supplying our flags.
- During this season, the green was troubled with drainage, and it was found necessary to accept the hospitality of the Dnadenong R.S.L., who kindly permitted us to play our games on their green.
- Club Champion: T. Burrage.
- 1964-65 President, D.Dawson; Vice-Presidents, H. Howard & J. Trebilco; Secretary, R. Williams and Treasurer, A. Isaacs.
- This was the year when Keysborough began to spread its wings. In addition to entering one team in Division C2, it was decided to enter one team in the Roamers' Competition. For the information of some of us, that have only been bowling for a few years, The Roamers were bankers, who played an unofficial competition. There were no flags or trophies, but they played keenly with the hope of making next week's pennant team.
- Committee man Hec Grey, donated a trophy that was to be perpetually contested by Keysborough annually. The first game played during the 1964-65 season, was won by Keysborough; the following season, Pakenham won it. When it came to arranging the third game, for some reason, for which I can find no explanation, Pakenham refused to play and that trophy has been in Pakenham's possession ever since.
- The 1964-65 season was also the foundation year for the "Alison" shield, donated by the late R. Andrews; Bob had been very ill, surviving several operations and eventually returning to the bowling green. He was so grateful to his wife, Alison, for the way she had looked after him and also managed the farm during his absence in

hospital, that the shield in her name was appropriately presented to the Mixed Pairs winners each year. Although the trophy is still on display in the clubroom, the play the 'Alison' shield has lapsed for the want of an appropriate sponsor.

The 1964-65 season is also the year that brought the first flag to the club for a Divisional win by a team representing Keysborough in Division C2.

The drinking fountain between the clubroom and the front green was erected as a memorial to that great performance. (*Since removed due to extensive upgrades to the facilities – ed.*)

Club Champion: R. Deakin.

1965-66

President, H. Howard; Vice-Presidents, J. Trebilco & H. Grey; Secretary, R. Williams; and Treasurer, D. Werrett.

Two teams were entered for pennant; one each in Division C and Division D.

With two teams playing pennant, it was decided to forgo the roamer's competition, as all other players would be occupied in playing R.V.B.A pennant.

During the season, (in August actually), Don Werrett became very ill and was forced, by his illness, to resign as treasurer and other offices. Hec Grey resigned from the Vice-Presidency and took up the traces where Don left off. G. Hazlett was elected to the vacant Vice-President's position.

It is interesting to note that during this season, the ladies had presented cheques to the men's committee totalling no less than £610:0:0.

Another Divisional flag was added to the collection, when the men brought home the bacon in Division B.5.

Club Champion: R. Deakin.

1966-67

President, J. Trebilco; Vice-Presidents, B. Cochrane & G. Hazlett, Secretary, R. Williams and Treasurer, H. Grey.

During the term of this committee, a very forward move was made towards the building of our clubrooms. At the monthly meeting held in the Public Hall, a motion was presented by G. Hazlett and seconded by C. McMennamin –

"That a building committee of five be appointed with power to act and co-opt any member or members they consider necessary to further and advance the commencement of the Club building project."

The motion was passed, and the following members were elected to comprise the Building Committee; B. Cochrane, C. Clarke, J. McCarthy, G. Hazlett, H. Grey and D. Sutcliffe.

A further motion by G. Hazlett and seconded by C. McMennamin;

"That a General Committee be given permission to borrow such sum, or sums of money, for such terms and conditions as are deemed necessary to carry out the building program."

Club Champion: R. Deakin

1967-68

President, B. Cochrane; Vice-President, R. Williams & D. Sutcliffe; Treasurer, H. Grey.

Plans and specifications were completed and forwarded to Council for approval.

Later, a letter from Council, informing that plans had been approved and forwarded to the Board of Health, for their permit. Council also granted \$2,000 out of 1967-68 estimates, towards the cost of building the clubhouse.

First record of men organizing "Ladies Appreciation Day".

R.V.B.A. championships use Keysborough greens for championship play.

Apparently the Keysborough Club was becoming popular, as the minutes show concern of the club regarding the limit of 60 lady members being passed. It was decided that future applications be assessed, and that acceptable applicants be placed on a waiting list.

Club Champion: R. Deakin

- 1968-69 President, B. Cochrane; Vice-Presidents, D. Sutcliffe & A. Coventry; Secretary, H. Howard; and Treasurer, H. Grey.
- Inquiry from Advisory Board of the Keysborough Recreation Reserve, in answer to appeal by Keysborough Bowling Club for assistance in developing Bowling section of the reserve, wanting to know how best to help.
- Meeting advised Secretary to write Advisory Board, informing them that the best help would be with aid towards the cost of building the Club Room.
- At this stage the building of the Clubhouse was in progress and was expected to be opened near the end of the year. In fact, according to the record of the minutes of the meeting held in September, it was moved that the opening of the Clubhouse be held on November 2nd of that year; but at a special meeting held on 3/10/68, set the opening date for 8.pm Saturday, November 26th, 1968.
- During August of this Committee's term, our first President, Mr. W. Allan, passed away. It was fitting that when the Clubhouse was opened, that one of the first motions passed, at the first meeting held by the Committee in the new Clubroom, was that a photo of our original President be obtained and hung in the Clubroom.
- No time was lost in reaping the benefit of owning our own hall. Before the season had ended, regular card nights were organised, Indoor Bowls activity was enhanced, and a novelty night was arranged by C. Russell, K. Brokenshire and D. Sutcliffe for the closing night of the 1968-69 season.
- Club Champion: Don Werrett
- 1969-70 President, D. Sutcliffe; Vice-Presidents, A. Coventry & J. Coan; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, A. Ferguson.
- During this term of office, members were relieved by the generosity of two of our senior members, who took over the Club's overdraft with the bank. An agreement between the Committee and the two members (Mr. C. Clarke & Mr. B. Cochrane) was signed by all members of the committee present, and a vote of sincere thanks was passed and recorded in the minutes.
- Negotiations were launched during this term, for the Keysborough Bowling Club to lease the land, clubhouse and land south of the clubhouse, to be used for another green, from the Council for a minimum of thirty years.
- Another interesting adaption during this term was one which has been the subject of much discussion over recent years; that is, the qualifications for participation in the Minor Championship. At a meeting held on 21/1/1970, it was decided that all members were entitled to compete except members who had played six games in the top team at the closing dates of entries.
- Progress has been made with the Springvale City Council with regards to the application for the lease of the Bowling Complex, and a committee consisting of H. Howard, D. Sutcliffe, A. Ferguson and A. Coventry was elected to continue negotiations with the Council members, and report results to the General Committee.
- D. Sutcliffe & A. Ferguson won the Metropolitan Pairs, and D. Werrett, R. Andrews, H. Howard, & D. Sutcliffe (Skip) were winners of the Group 14 Tournament.
- Club Champion: R. Andrews
- 1970-71 President, A. Coventry; Vice-Presidents, J. Coan & J. Trebilco; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, W. Foster.
- A special meeting was held on 3/5/1970, when the following resolution was agreed upon:
- "When an election of office bearers for the committee is due, and there are more nominations than vacancies, the ballot shall be by postal vote. Ballot papers to be despatched ten (10) days, and must be returned three (3) days before the Annual Meeting.
- Returning Officer and two scrutineers to be appointed at a special meeting of the General Committee any year that the above conditions should apply".
- A request by the City Council for three signatories from the Keysborough Bowling Club, to sign the lease of the bowling complex, was agreed upon. A. Coventry, H. Howard, and W. Foster were commissioned to represent the club, but were advised that no signatures were to be given until such times as the representatives had discussed the wording of the lease, with the Town Clerk and were satisfied with the interpretation.

- 1970-71 Cont A vote of thanks was passed and placed in the minutes for the excellent work done on the surrounds of the green and clubhouse by the following members: J. Callaway, B. Cochrane, E. Anderson, C. McMenamin and T. Burrage.
- Two radiators were installed in the clubroom.
- Club Champion: J. McCarthy
- R.V.B.A. Metropolitan Reserve Singles Semi-Finalist: R. Warren.
- 1971-72 President, J. Coan; Vice-Presidents, J. Trebilco & C. McMemamin; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, W. Foster.
- W. Foster found it necessary to retire from the Treasurer's position through the second half of the season, and was ably filled by F. Gebbie.
- For some reason, record of the minutes of the meetings during this term were very scanty and it hard to find anything of interest to record here.
- Club Champion: H. Howard
- 1972-73 President, J. Coan; Vice-Presidents, J. Trebilco & K. Brokenshire; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, F. Gebbie.
- The men's triples, played on the third Friday of each month was organised and brought to fruition on the motion of J. Callaway.
- There could have been some little disagreements within the club at this time, because at the committee meeting held in August of that year, a disputes committee was formed to deal with any disputes in the club.
- At the annual meeting it was decided to enter three teams for pennant competitions. Two of the teams for Major pennant, and one team for minor pennant. A further notice of motion which was adopted in December was to the effect that a letter be sent to the R.V.B.A. stating that the club was withdrawing the team from Division C.4. The earlier decision to enter three teams in pennant proved to be a bit too ambitious. Sickness and lack of interest in pennant games by a couple of members, meant that the third team could not be filled. Hence the withdrawal of the bottom team.
- B. Bailey, D. Werrett and L. Sutcliffe won the Doncaster Master Mixed Doubles.
- Club Champion: R. Deakin
- 1973-74 President, J. Trebilco; Vice-Presidents, A. Coventry & B. Cochrane; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, F. Gebbie.
- An annual bottle license was obtained, and House Rules of the club were altered to accommodate the changed conditions.
- Club membership was building up slowly. It was decided at the annual meeting to advertise for members; it was also suggested that notices be put in all letter-boxes in the surrounding area appealing for members. The minutes of the meeting held in July 1973, record a vote of thanks to Mr. P. Ray, for his donation of 100 Billheads advertising for new members and his provision for 1000 more to be delivered to the club when requites.
- Resignation of J. Trebilco from the position as greens director, Jack had filled that position for the club from the 1967-68 season till his resignation in March 1974, a period of just on 7 years. A vote of thanks was placed in the minutes, for his long service with the green directing and the many other positions he has held in service to the club, including Presidency in 1966-67 and the present season.
- Club Champion: D. Werrett
- 1974-75 President, K. McCrum; Vice-Presidents A. Coventry & J. Calloway; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, F. Gebbie.
- It seems that the Minor Championship had been dropped, because at the 1974 annual meeting, it was moved by J. Callaway and seconded by A. Isaacs, that the Minor Championship be re-introduced.
- This also appears to be the year when Keysborough was first represented in interstate competition. Bill and Mel Barnes were selected as members of the Victorian team for Indoor Bowls to be played in Adelaide.

There are notices of congratulations to Keysborough members, J. Coan, C. Mcmenamin, J. Gallaway and C. Dove on winning the Metropolitan Fours.

Club Champion: C. Dove

1975-76

President, K. McCrum; Vice-Presidents, F. Damon & A. Coventry; Secretary, H. Howard and Treasurer, J. McKenzie.

Note: This report was accompanied by several photos of the original members working on the land to prepare for the green, and the eventual opening of the Club on the 16th September 1961. Due to the fact that these photos have been repeatedly photocopied, it was impossible to reproduce them here. However, at least one of the photos has survived and can be seen in another article in this section on the History of The Keysborough Bowls Club.