

The History of Parklands Golf Club Inc.



The First 25 Years.

Parklands Golf Club

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Foreword

When compiling this report, it was obvious the magnificent success of Parklands Golf Club was obtained by pursuing the policy of voluntary participation of all members and by dogged persistence.

Their contributions, whether in offering their expertise in serving on committees which have operated in a business-like manner, or in a host of other areas such as buildings, machinery maintenance, working bees, scrape duties, obtaining sponsorships, writing reports, being part of delegations, running tournaments, fund-raising, collecting green fees, planting trees, have been tremendous.

The assistance by the various Ladies Committees, since day one, has been invaluable whether by providing first class catering whenever a function was held, raising finance to purchase machinery, buildings, concreting floors, kitchen equipment etc., and representing the Club at district tournaments.

Special thanks must go to the members who have loyally donated thousands of hours by mowing the fairways etc in preparation for events.

On most occasions they braved the harsh elements often with inferior equipment. This machinery they usually repaired themselves.

It must be understood to name every individual who has contributed risks the possibility of offending by omitting another valued supporter. However, I do consider the recording of history would not be complete without the acknowledgment of the invaluable service from the group of members who cut and maintained the fairways. With apologies to any person omitted from the records, I have compiled the following list: -

K. Grambeau, D. Mitchell, I. Parsons, A. Fyfe, M. Goetzens, J. Williamson, B. Shaw, L. Carter, R. Tait, L. Hinchliffe, Marg Hinchliffe, T. Roberts, A. Smart, C. Shaw, K. Fort, T. Spillman, A. Andrews, R. Carauna, V. Sherlock, W. Page, A. Tippett, J. Hollard, R. Brabham, L. Mutch, K. Rhook, B. Read, F. Smalley, R. Smalley, B. Oldaker, K. Conyers. Parklands Golf Club expresses gratitude to the business firms and citizens of Hamilton and District who, by their great support, by means of sponsorships, enabled the Club to function and prosper.

The inclusion of the elected committees over 25 years ensures a large number are recognised. It is generally accepted that those listed for a particular year provided the bulk of the active participating members.

Finally I desire to simply say on this occasion of the 25th Anniversary of Parklands Golf Club, to all concerned "Well Done". By your efforts you have raised and spent over \$500,000 thus providing Hamilton and District, without assistance from Government sources, a first class golf course for use of the general public of which all can be proud.

The members can be truly classified as modern achievers. It now rests with future generations to value, improve and maintain this magnificent sporting venue carved out of virtual wilderness.

J. Eveston, Parklands Golf Club
Historian, 1997.

History of Parklands Golf Club

1972

"Setting Up Steering Committee"

As a result of public meetings held on the tenth and twenty-fourth of July 1972, and at the request of the Hamilton Water Trust Commissioners, a steering committee of six persons was formed to investigate the possibility of forming a golf club to operate on the site of the existing public links located adjacent to Hensley Park Road

The steering committee comprised: Mr. L Neaves, Mr H Hutchins, Mr. R Boyle, Mr. E Hartwick, Mr. R Tait, Mr. D Mitchell.

After several meetings the Committee met the Commissioners at a Trust meeting and put forth proposals that were considered favourable to the formation of a club and were granted a trial period of thirteen months in which to become established. This took place on the twenty-fourth of August, 1972.

Accordingly, a further public meeting was called for the fourth of September for the purpose of electing office-bearers and any other business relating to the formation of the Club.

It is worthy of note that at the 24th July, 1972 meeting with the Commissioners it was disclosed that the financial aspect of the course as currently operating, cost of maintenance relative to income, was unsatisfactory, and the return was in the region of 1/3 outlay \$1200 - \$400.

The conditions were that the Club have control of the course, the Trust to maintain the course and the Club recompense the Trust 1/2 cost for that period.

Formation of the Club

4/9/1972

At a public meeting held on September 4th, 1972 in the Town Hall Supper Room the Parklands Golf Club was formed.

There were 26 people present. The meeting was chaired by Councilor Kevin Thomas who after a short report from Mr. D. Mitchell, head of the steering committee, called for nominations for office-bearers and committee.

Those elected to office and committee were:-

PRESIDENT - Mr. D. Mitchell
VICE-PRESIDENT - Mr. E. McKay
SECRETARY - Mr. C. Roycroft
TREASURER - Mr. L. Carter
CAPTAIN - Mr. L. Neaves

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Messrs. D. Pickett, R. Boyle, R. Tait, H. Hutchins, E. Hartwick, D. McLean, K. Ilsley, K. Grambeau.



Above: Original Clubhouse

The committee set the fees at \$10 single, \$18 double, 15 yrs to 18 yrs \$5, children up to 15 yrs free.

The Club's constitution was adopted and it was decided to look at the possibility of laying greens.

A small 10' x 8' shed was being used as a Clubhouse, ticket-box etc. It was decided to put a skillion on this shed.

Meetings were held at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Club.

1973

Tournaments were held on the first weekend every month until April 1973 when it was decided to hold an event every week.

"V.G.A. Affiliation"

Victorian Golf Association affiliation was received in March 1973 and in April 1973 Parklands Golf Club became an official member of the Glenelg District Golf Association. The course still 9 holes and with sand greens was rated at 65 with a length of 5340 yards. The 12th May, 1973 saw a working bee organised to spread 54 metres of fern sand alongside the existing sand scrapes. These greens were ready for their first use in August 1973 but subsequently were never used.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on 12.9.73 where it was pointed out that income for the year was \$1,269.83, expenditure \$1,053.52 after starting with \$18.97 in November 1972 and with just 21 financial members. Assets \$636.31.

Members elected as Office-bearers as follows:-

President - Mr. D. Mitchell

Vice-President - Mr. Hutchins

Secretary - Mr. C. Roycroft

Treasurer - Mr. L. Carter

Captain - Mr. Goetzens

Committee: Messrs. Grambeau, Tait, Kenny, Williamson, Hadden and Mesdames Cooper and Searle.

At this time the Committee decided to ask the Hamilton Water Trust for a tenancy agreement. A verbal agreement was reached with that body in October 1973, to the effect that Parklands Golf Club would be the managing body as in fact the course was on Crown Land controlled by the Hamilton Water Trust, administered by the City of Hamilton, but also in the Shire of Dundas.

Also at this time, as the rough was so thick and high, it was decided to hire a local contractor to use his slasher at \$6 per hour to cut this area because the Club's second-hand gang mowers (purchased for \$400) couldn't cope with the job. This was done but the slashing left huge windrows of onion grass and weeds which caused many golf balls to be lost after misdirected shots. As a matter of fact, the weeds and especially the onion grass were so thick that a ball was usually lost if it was more than 30 cm off the fairways.

The gang mowers purchased were in poor condition. Don Mitchell and Ian Parsons decided to repair them before use on the course. In a little room at the Repco building in Thompson Street, these two members spent long hours after work stripping, cleaning, repairing, replacing and making parts for the mowers until after 3 months they were ready for trial. As the mowers had rubber tyres, the gang mowers were towed by an old tractor to Parklands Golf Club. It was found that the rubber tyres caused the wheels to skid on wet grass and therefore lost traction, consequently the mowers would not cut. The mowers were eventually sold.

1974

The Committee realised that if the Club was to grow it needed time, money, equipment and members. During 1974 the Club purchased and erected a 20 ft x 11 ft steel shed for the equipment storage, held its first Annual Open Tournament in July (28 players), spread superphosphate over the fairways and investigated the possibility of erecting an old house on the course for use as a Clubhouse.

During the latter part of the year, the Club also conducted its first Club Championship which was won by Mr. Les Hinchcliffe in a final with Mr. L. Carter.

Office-bearers elected at Parklands Golf Club's Annual General Meeting 11.9.74 at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Club Hall.

President - Mr. D. Mitchell
Vice President - Mr. H. Hutchins
Secretary - Mr. I. Parsons
Treasurer - Mr. L. Carter
Club Captain - Mr. M. Goetzens

Committee: Mr. C. Roycroft, Mr. R. Tait, Mr. L. Hinchcliffe, Mr. K. Grambeau, Mr. W. Hadden, Mrs. L. Hinchcliffe, Mrs. Cooper.

Treasurer's report revealed the Club had a credit balance of \$141.00 The City Council was owed \$217.30 for cutting grass. It was agreed to endeavor to obtain more membership fees and pay out the amount. Without this extra finance, the Club faced a deficit of \$87.



Left to Right: Ian Parsons, Don Mitchell & Les Hinchcliffe

Membership were set at Single \$10, Double \$18, green fees 60c.

The committee discussed the purchasing of a tractor and approached banks regarding a loan. This was denied due to the fact that the Club did not own the land.

Hamilton City Council was approached as guarantor without success.

It was arranged that four Club members draw the Water Trust's tractor and mower. They were D. Mitchell, I. Parsons, A. Fyffe, K. Grambeau. Total membership at November 1974 was 20 members.

During April 1974, some ladies tried to get together for a game of golf, meetings were held and eventually competitions were arranged.

1975

Early in February 1975, the Club bought its first tractor, which was a 35 h.p. Massey Ferguson, for \$400. As the Banks had refused to loan the Club the necessary finance, four Club members (Mr. I. Parsons, Mr. L. Hinchcliffe, Mr. J. Roberts, Mr. B. Shaw) loaned the Club \$50 each to assist. These loans were paid back before the end of the year.

Up until this time, the Club had been using a tractor belonging to the Hamilton Water Trust. The Trust required only a specified person to use it. The user had to pick up the tractor at the Water Trust shed (after signing a time book) and drive the tractor to the Golf Course, hitch the Club's mower to the tractor and then proceed to do the cutting. After the required cutting was finished, the tractor had to be returned in good order with any faults to be rectified by the Club. This suited the Club initially as the Water Trust filled the tank with diesoline, however it required a lot of extra time to organise as the Club had to fit in with whatever the Water Trust requirements were.

In March 1975, the Secretary sent a letter to Hamilton City Council, outlining a \$80,000 improvement plan for the course which included the supply of electricity, drainage, water, bunkers, greens, Clubhouse and the extension to 18 holes.

Professional Golfer, Mr. Trevor McDonald taught at the course, the gang mowers were dismantled and repaired, the tees were extended, leveled and sown, two more old buildings had been looked at as a possible Clubhouse but discarded and the Club decided to instigate a twilight Handicap Competition for which the Secretary and his family donated 2 silver cups as perpetual trophies - one for ladies and one for men.

1975 Annual General Meeting at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Club Hall 10.9.75.

Office Bearers:

President - Mr. D. Mitchell
Vice-President - Mr. H. Hutchins
Hon-Secretary - Mr. I. Parsons
Treasurer - Mr. L. Carter
Captain - Mr. L. Hinchcliffe

Committee: R. Tait, Mrs. Hinchcliffe, Mrs. Parsons, B. Shaw, M. Goetzens, J. Williamson, P. Kenny.

Credit Balance	\$108.59
Receipts for year	<u>\$1,292.93</u>
Total	\$1,401.52
Payments for year	<u>\$1,153.76</u>
Credit Balance	\$247.76
Assets	\$1,713.64
Liabilities	\$300.00

1976

During 1976, the Secretary organised ladies affiliation with the Victorian Ladies Golf Association.

The course was measured and permanent brick markers laid down.

Three sets of Clubhouse plans were drawn up by the Secretary and President.

Disused C.R.B. huts and the old Casterton Schoolhouse were looked at as a possible Clubhouse.

Committee meetings at this time were held in the home of the Secretary at 81 Milton Street, Hamilton.

New score-cards were organised and a new Victa Trimower was bought to cut fairways and rough (cost \$823).

Membership fees increased:

\$12.50 men and ladies

\$20 husband and wife

\$2 juniors

Greenfees 20c juniors, 60c adults

Annual General Meeting at the Hamilton Profession Cycling Club Hall 8.9.76.

Office bearers elected:

President - D. Mitchell

Vice President - M. Goetzens

Hon-Secretary - I. Parsons

Treasurer - R. Tait

Captain and Handicapper - L. Hinchcliffe

Committee: P. Kenny, P. Tait, M. Goetzens, H. Hutchins, J. Norris, Mrs. M. Hinchcliffe, Mrs. B. Parsons.

Credit Balance	\$247.76
Receipts	<u>\$1,629.01</u>
Total	\$1,876.77
Payments for year	<u>\$1,329.35</u>
Credit Balance	\$547.42
Reserve a/c Bal	\$115.72
Term Deposit	<u>\$400.00</u>
Balance Total	\$1,063.14
Total Assets	\$2,529.02
Liabilities	\$100.00

Having successfully completed the initial 3 year trial period, the Club was granted a further 3 year tenancy.

During the year the Committee decided to experiment on No. 1 hole. It was decided to remove all soil to a depth of 100mm, lay a cover of black plastic on the exposed area of soil and fill with beach sand well oiled. A 90mm slotted P.V.C. drain to be laid in scoria

in 300mm x 300mm trench around circumference of scrape. This drain then to extend from scrape to outside of fairway to provide sufficient fall for quick drainage. During the year the Ladies Committee had been active conducting events and raising funds

1977

On the 25th and 26th June, 1977, a working bee was held to prepare the number one scrape. At a later working bee the work on the scrape was completed. After a few months trial period, it was found that the job was not successful and the plastic was removed. The scrape than was reformed in the usual manner. Most activities during the year involved consolidation with all excess monies put into high interest yielding deposits and plans for Clubhouse not being passed.

Office bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Club Hall 14.9.77:

President -	D. Mitchell
Vice President -	P. Tait
Hon. Secretary -	I. Parsons
Treasurer -	R. Tait
Captain and Handicapper -	L. Hinchcliffe

Committee: M. Hinchcliffe, Mrs. B. Parsons, B. Shaw, L. McDonald, M. Goetzens, K. Ezard, H. Hutchins, A. Smart.

General A/c

Credit Balance	\$547.42
Receipts	<u>\$1,961.23</u>
Total	\$2,508.65
Payments	<u>\$2,047.40</u>
Credit Balance	\$461.25

General A/c	\$461.25
Reserve A/c	\$326.79
I.B.T.	\$400.00
Equipment	<u>\$2,288.88</u>
Total	\$3,476.92

1978

During 1978 the Club continued consolidating its position with working bees, investing any excess monies and planning for extension to machinery shed.

Fees : Adults \$15
Couples \$25
Juniors \$3

The Committee applied for a grant to assist with the erection of the new Clubhouse. The application was forwarded to Hamilton City Council - amount applied for \$4000 for Clubhouse and \$3500 for toilets.

Office bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Club Hall 13.9.78:

President - D. Mitchell
Vice-President - L. Hinchcliffe
Hon. Secretary - I. Parsons
Treasurer - R. Tait
Captain/Handicapper - A. Smart

Committee: A. Lindeback, M. Hinchcliffe, Mrs. B. Parsons, T. Storer, M. Goetzens, N. Storer, P. Kenny, (A. Turner, A. Roberts, J. Roberts emergencies)

General A/c

Credit Balance 31.8.77	\$461.25
Receipts	<u>\$2,524.26</u>
Total	\$2,985.51
Payments	<u>\$1,808.93</u>
Credit Bal	\$1,176.58

Res A/c	\$146.53
I.B.T.	\$900.00

Assets	
Gang mower	\$490.98
Tractor	\$400.00
Victa Trimower	\$823.00
Shed	<u>\$357.60</u>
	\$2,071.58

Total Assets	\$4,294.69
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1979

As the steel wheeled gang mowers were not satisfactory, it was decided to sell them at a price of \$200.

After submission to Hamilton City Council, the Club was advised that a \$2000 Community Development Grant was available for the Clubhouse. Youth, Sport and Recreation Department advised the Committee that the Clubhouse plans be redrawn and expanded but it became apparent that the Club could not afford the expense of the building the Department wanted the Club to erect. It was decided to expand the machinery shed temporarily to cater for increasing memberships.

Apart from all the other activities carried out by the members involved in maintaining and improving the course, the Ladies Committee conducted a very successful cabaret ball.

Officer bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Club Hall 19.9.79:

President - D. Mitchell
Vice-President - Later taken by V. Sherlock
Hon. Secretary - I. Parsons
Treasurer - B. Parsons
Captain/Handicapper - A. Smart

Committee: J. Roberts, T. Storer, A. Roberts, C. Shaw, R. Simmonds, G. Povey, R. Tait, P. Kenny, M. Goetzens.

Credit Bal 31.8.78	\$1176.58
Receipts	<u>\$2988.88</u>
Total	\$4165.46
Payments	<u>\$815.89</u>
Total	\$3349.57

Reserve A/c	\$318.92
Fixed Deposit	\$959.21
Grand Total	\$4627.70



Above: Original Clubhouse and Machinery Shed Extension

1980

As Hamilton's old Permewans building was demolished, at this time the Secretary decided to utilise the roof trusses and timber in a new Clubhouse. Plans were drawn up and he persuaded the Club to collect timber and second-hand bricks from the site to be used in this new design. This was done on a weekend. The bricks were cleaned by voluntary labour, led by Vern Sherlock, over a period of a few months.

The plans were submitted to the City Council and Shire of Dundas who advised the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation that a grant was requested for the building.

At the Committee Meeting 14.9.1980 held in the V.R.I. Hall, the Ladies Committee was announced consisting of:

President - G. Povey
Secretary - B. Parsons
Treasurer - B. Simmonds
Captain - B. Smart
Vice Captain/Handicapper - J. Fort
Assistant Secretary - B. Homes.

At the Club's Annual General Meeting 20.9.80 at the Club, the following members were elected to Committee:

President - D. Mitchell
Vice President - V. Sherlock
Hon. Secretary - I. Parsons
Treasurer - B. Parsons
Captain/Handicapper - A. Smart
Committee: R. Simmonds, T. Spillman, J. Roberts, A. Roberts, C. Shaw, F. Killen, M. Goetzens, A. Lindeback, R. Carauna, M. Smart, B. Simmonds, B. Smart, G. Povey, R. Tait.

Credit Balance 10.7.79	\$3,349.57
Receipts	<u>\$5,316.29</u>
Total	\$8,665.86
Payments	<u>\$8,346.56</u>
Credit Balance	\$319.30

Reserve	\$262.33
I.B.T.	<u>\$4,779.53</u>
Total Monetary Assets	\$5,361.16
Plus mowers, shed, timber, bricks etc	\$3,990.60

1981

In order to assist the Club with the building of a new Clubhouse, the Hamilton City Council offered a \$2000 grant. As the time limit for the grant to be used did not allow sufficient time for the Club to complete the project, it was decided to forgo the offer at this time and re-apply at a later stage.

A decision to extend the existing 3m shed at an approximate cost of \$300 was made. Plans were drawn up and negotiated with Hamilton City Council resulting in the extensions being completed on 11.7.81.



Above: Extension to Original Clubhouse

Due to the increasing use of the tractor in the task of grass cutting etc, the Committee decided to purchase a replacement. D. Mitchell, I. Parsons and A. Smart were appointed to investigate resulting in the buying of a Fiat 415 for \$1500.

The Ladies were very active and managed to conduct a Cabaret Ball with the very satisfactory profit of \$273.66.

As the installation of poker machines in Hamilton was taking place, the Club investigated the viability of installing machines at Parklands. After careful consideration, it was decided not to go ahead with the installation.

Mr. Don Mitchell, who had contributed so much to the successful running of Parklands Golf Club, was honored with the granting of a Life Membership Plaque by the Club on 13.12.1981.

A very busy year consisted of mowing fairways etc, maintaining machinery, concreting shed floor, lighting to shed and raising finance.

Members elected to office at the Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse shed on 13.9.81:

President -	A. Smart
Vice President -	D. Mitchell
Hon. Secretary -	I. Parsons
Treasurer -	B. Parsons
Captain/Handicapper -	T. Spillman

Committee: M. Goetzens, R. Tait, J. Roberts, K. Fort, R. Carauna, V. Sherlock, R. Simmonds, A. Andrews, B. Smart, G. Povey.

Credit Balance	\$319.30	<i>Assets</i>	
Receipts	<u>\$4,765.75</u>	Victa Mower	\$823.00
Total	\$5,085.05	Fiat Tractor	\$1,500.00
Payments	<u>\$3,607.70</u>	Equip/Shed	\$647.99
Credit Balance	\$1,477.35	7 Timber Trusses	\$1,050.00
Reserve A/c	\$685.13	10,000 bricks @ .08 c	\$800.00
General A/c	<u>\$6,200.00</u>	Timber	<u>\$700.00</u>
Total	\$8,362.48	Total	\$5,120.99
		Liquid Assets	\$8,362.48
		Ladies	<u>\$1,352.25</u>
		Total Assets	\$14,835.72

1982

The Club conducted a very successful tournament on 22.8.82 to assist the Miss Australia candidate, the amount raised was \$113.

A cheque from Pioneer Concrete to the value of \$130 was received in order that an annual event may be staged to be known as the "Pioneer Concrete Trophy".

During the year numerous working bees were held, a new hand mower purchased, trophies for Club Champions were organised.

The ever busy Ladies Committee staged a Ladies Open Day clearing \$200 on the day. They decided to open a fixed deposit account.

As the plans being drawn up for the Clubhouse could not incorporate the trusses on hand, also there was a surplus of timber and bricks, the Club decided to dispose of them.

In order to obtain the best return for the members' money, the Committee decided to invest \$1000 in maximum interest at 3 months call.

Looking ahead to the time when the new fairways would be set out, the Club enquired from Hamilton City Council whether some pine trees could be left in the Plantation to delineate the new fairways.

In the latter part of the year, the Club received a boost by way of a grant to the value of \$4000 towards the construction of the new Clubhouse from Hamilton City Council.

Office bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse on 10.9.82:

President - A. Smart
Vice President - D. Mitchell

Secretary - I. Parsons
Treasurer - B. Parsons
Captain/Handicapper - T. Spillman

Committee: J. Roberts, K. Fort, J. Dorman, V. Sherlock, A. Andrews, R. Tait, M. Goetzens, T. Sheridan, R. Caruana, J. Shaw, B. Smart.

1983

This year saw further consolidation of the Club. 20,000 score cards were organised and obtained.



Above & Below: Foundations for new clubhouse



The financial position was quite sound standing at \$17,111.26. As the new Clubhouse would require considerable capital, the Committee decided to impose a \$10 levy on all members, also to seek a loan of \$3500 for 2 years from South West Credit Union.

During March 1983, the foundations and slab was laid for the new Clubhouse.

The Ladies conducted a stall at the Trash and Treasure market. Also Mr. J. Dorman made and donated a BBQ to the Club.

For safety, tee fences were erected on various fairways.

As it was expected in the near future, a "hole in one" would be achieved, therefore the Committee ruled that the trophy would consist of 12 top grade golf balls. This was later amended to be a suitably inscribed Pewter Mug with the player's name engraved on a special board.

Players during the winter months experienced difficulty in playing the

9th fairway due to mud and water. To overcome this, the fairway had to be temporarily shortened.

The maximum handicap was set at 32.

Office bearers elected at the Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse on 9.9.83:

President - A. Smart
Vice President - K. Fort
Secretary - I. Parsons
Treasurer - C. Supple
Captain - T. Spillman

Committee: J. Roberts, T. Sheridan, T. Partington, D. Shaw, A. Andrews, R. Carauna, B. Harris.

1984

The Club made an agreement with the Hotel Hamilton whereby Bingo would be staged with Parklands Golf Club providing some personnel to run the event. In return, the Club would receive a percentage of the profit. This operated quite successfully for some time.

The Ladies were very active in assisting with this venture by providing members. As it became difficult to continue providing these members particularly as the Tuesday, which was the Boxing Day date where help was required the Club decided to forfeit and thank the Hotel Hamilton.

As etiquette is an important part of any golf course, a sign to display what is required was necessary. Mr. Roy Symmonds provided the sign thereby saving the Club an estimated \$60 - \$100.

To improve the machinery, the Club decided to search for a suitably priced slasher.

Below: New Clubhouse just prior to completion.



In an endeavor to incorporate a system into the maintenance of fairways and rough, the Grounds Committee with the mutual consent of members, drew up a roster of 2 or 3 members to take control of designated tees, roughs, fairways etc.

Two donations to be placed in the new Clubhouse were made by

members T. Povey "Clock" and J. Williamson "Painting of Old St. Andrews".

An excellent result achieved by the Ladies was by raising \$209 at the Trash and Treasure stall.



LtoR: CR Hynes, Bruce Chamberlain MLC, Arnold Smart & CR Bowden.

The event to which many had been waiting had arrived, namely the official opening of the new Clubhouse. After struggling under diverse conditions, the members will now be able to assemble together in comfort. Last minute finishes were put to paintwork, flooring etc. and on 23.6.84 at 12 noon, the Clubhouse was opened by Mr. Bruce Chamberlain M.L.C. In attendance was Cr. Bob Bowden and other dignitaries.

Following the ceremony, many enjoyed taking part in a golf match followed by a delicious afternoon tea.

A plaque with gold lettering commemorating this important event was unveiled by Mr. Chamberlain. The plaque was supplied by Ken Fort. The Club Secretary wrote to district clubs inviting Presidents and Secretary's and partners or any two nominated pairs to join in the Canadian Foursomes on Opening Day. Not forgetting old players, they received an invitation and a game was organised for them.

Below: Opening Day Mixed Tournament.
LtoR: D Shaw, P Tippet & I Parsons



Having achieved this milestone, the thoughts of the members were now directed towards securing an 18 hole course.

Other items of note during a busy 1984 included the Committee ruling that Club Championship finals to be held on one day and to be over 36 holes.

Club jumper colours were decided upon, royal blue with gold stripes or plain royal blue.

One of Parklands Golf Club's members, Mr. T. Smith, holed out in one on the 7th. A pewter mug was engraved "Parklands Golf Club" T. Smith Hole In 1 No. 7 Hole, 30.6.84. This was presented to Mr. Smith.

Club incorporation was discussed and acting on advice by Solicitor, Mr. Peter Cornish, it

was decided to become an Incorporated Association, Mr. Ian Parsons to become Public Officer.

Three alterations to the Committees occurred namely Mr. Col Supple resigned as Treasurer, he was thanked for his service, Don Mitchell was declared Publicity Officer and Pam Tippett became the new Lady President.

Below: Don Mitchell with Heritage Shield.



As Parklands Golf Club and the Hamilton Golf Club in Scotland conducted a yearly competition and at this time the Duchess of Hamilton, Scotland was visiting Hamilton Victoria, the opportunity to present the Annual Match Trophy to her was taken. The Duchess took it back with her to present to the Scots Club on her return to Scotland.

The two shields silverware cost \$169.50. Ian and Betty Parsons donated \$100 of this amount, the Club made up the balance.

The 1984 Heritage match against "Riccarton" Scotland was won by Parklands Australia - the results being Parklands 34.45 against 34.687 Scotland.

The 1984 Heritage match against



Above: Duchess of Hamilton visiting Hamilton.

The Ladies conducted a Melbourne Cup Luncheon on 6.11.84. This was very successful with approximately \$200 profit, 56 ladies attended. L.A. Walker donated a television for use by the ladies during the day.

To encourage people to enjoy the facilities at Parklands Golf Club, it was agreed to incorporate a \$20 Summer Membership from October to the end of February.

What was to prove to be a very popular competition resulted from the donating by Gary Cook and Gary Bailey - a cup for which to be played over 3 days. This was to commence in 1985.

The 1984 Olympic Trophy was won by C. Walker, the trophy was engraved "Olympic Competition 1984" C. Walker, Parklands Golf Club.

To encourage "good fellowship" in the Club, the Committee decided that the 1985 season should include more "mixed days".

Members elected at the 1984 Annual Meeting at the Clubhouse on the 14.9.84:

President - A. Smart
Vice President - K. Fort
Treasurer - G. Elkins
Hon. Secretary - I. Parsons
Captain - T. Spillman
Handicapper - W. Page

Committee: A. Tippett, T. Partington, J. Roberts,
D. Shaw, C. Supple, P. Humphries
Lady Delegates: P. Tippett, G. Povey



Above: Arnold Smart.

1985

In keeping with the Club's policy of investing any surplus monies at the best interest rates available, the amount of \$2000 was further invested.

An "Eagle's Nest" was established and it was agreed the prize to be 6 top grade balls. The composition of the scrapes were an ongoing problem and it was discussed without action that a "Colas" base may be the answer.

In keeping with the great work carried out by the ladies, 3 ceiling fans were purchased, the costs carried by the ladies. At this time the Club purchased its first colour television which provided much entertainment for the members.

Resulting from working bees, it was reported that as at 10.5.85 total length of agricultural drains laid - 1300 feet.

The Ladies organised a coffee morning on 1.5.85. This was most successful raising the amount of \$47.40. A trophy acknowledging Victoria's 150th anniversary was made available. This was won by Evelyn Coulson.

An approach was made to the office of local member, Mr. David Hawker M.P. for an Australian flag. This was obtained, the size being 6ft x 3ft.

During the year the Club purchased a Rider mower, slasher, new utility type hand mower and a second-hand mower.

The Ladies accepted a quote from Fyffes Furnishings for the supply and to lay carpet to the Clubhouse, the amount being \$385. The Ladies also purchased a small freezer for the Clubhouse.

As Honour Boards were required, these were manufactured and presented by K. Fort and T. Povey.

The Club was pleased to find its Division 6 Pennant team winning. The names of the team as follows: Captain T. Spillman, K. Fort, C. Walker, L. Mutch, T. Partington.

Saturday tournament attracted an average of 28.4 players with a total for the year being 1298 players.

A trophy of 200 litres was donated by B.P. which was used on B.P. Day 26.10.85. Melbourne Cup Day 1985 saw the ladies attending a luncheon. 38 attended and the takings were \$173.00.

Result of election at the Annual General Meeting 13.9.85:

President - K. Fort
Vice President - T. Partington
Treasurer - B. Homes
Hon. Secretary - I. Parsons
Ass. Secretary - G. Elkins
Captain - T. Spillman
Handicapper - P. Humphries
Committee: A. Smart, A. Crane, J. Roberts, S. Robinson, G. Elkins, S. Turner, W. Page, Ladies Delegates: L. Meadows, G. Povey.

1986

In order to control purchases, a special meeting was held at the Clubhouse on 14.2.86. It involved passing an amendment to Article of Association Rule 28a. It read : "all purchases (except for petty cash items) are to be obtained by presentation of an Official Club Order Form signed by an Executive member. Two official order books are to be maintained at all times in places easily accessible to members and Executive."

The South West Credit Union which had been costing interest was paid out on 11.4.86. The committee sought advice from Mr Peter Schoeder from the Research Institute as to the type of grass to be sown. This recommendation was reported to the committee on 11.4.86.

Mr. Ken Fort presented plans for the Captain's Rooms. These to be processed through the Shire. Plans were approved and completed in 1986.

The committee looked at prices for a P.A. System and Intercom, also for a key phone. Later B. Holmes presented an Intercom System.

Continuing their good work, the Ladies purchased and arranged for a ball washer to be installed.

On the south side of the 5th fairway a sand bunker was established.

As an added interest, the Club decided to provide a Cock-of-the-Walk every men's tournament day. The prize to be a top grade golf ball.

At a special meeting on 19.4.86, it was decided that Ian Parsons manufacture a new mower using old shafts and housing. This mower was constructed in his garage. On 15.6.86, 8 members loaded the mower onto Ken Fort's truck for removal to the golf course.

To produce quality sandscrapes, it is necessary to sieve the course sand to rid it of stones etc. This was a very laborious task as the sand was being sieved by means of a small square hand operated sieve. Parklands Golf Club member, Vern Sherlock manufactured a unit driven by a petrol engine. This was very successful enabling the task to be performed quickly and efficiently.

1986 was a busy year. Many improvements were made to facilities in the Club such as the tables being made by Ken Fort using sheets of lamiboard.

Two very active and respected members were farewelled - Arnold and Brenda Smart left Hamilton, their departure was a great loss to the Club.

Now that the Club boasted suitable premises, a special meeting was held to alter the Constitution to enable an application to be made for a restricted liquor license which was restricted to 11am to 12 midnight. The license was approved dated 1.9.86.

In all golf clubs there are many members who are not familiar with the rules of golf. An excellent decision was made to assist those members by means of a question and answer session whereby the Captain could give the correct interpretation. This has continued over many years.



Above: Arnold Mibus.

The course consisting of only 9 holes was causing problems, to overcome some of these it was decided that 72 players being the maximum allowed at any one time.

In preparation for future drainage requirements, the Club purchased 120 lengths of 90mm PVC A.G. pipe.

A very popular member, Mr. Arnold Mibus passed away whilst playing at Parklands. In memory of him, three members - Roy Brabham, Jack Hollard and Noel Rule donated a trophy which was to be played for yearly - winner to be best nett score (one trophy only for each winner).

At this time it was the practice for Parklands members to stand aside for visitors during the Annual Tournaments filling vacancies as they occurred. To compensate these players, it was decided that during the playing of the Annual Bailey-Cook tournament, extra trophies would be made available for those not able to play previously.

Des Brown, a local businessman offered a sponsorship in the form of a ball for nearest the pin on a Par 3.

It is of interest to note that during 1986 the average of players playing was 37.3.

On 14.11.86 an important event took place. Mr. Ian Parsons who had given so much to the Club was made a Life Member. His name to be inscribed on a special plaque along with others.

A novelty item was included in Saturday events. Should a player miss the ball altogether, "airies" or not reach the ladies tee with the men's drive, "fairy", that player was expected to pay 20c into a special account from which a tattslotto ticket was purchased. It was agreed that 1st and 2nd Division wins, handicapped members to receive equal shares of 80% of the total prize, the Club to receive 20%. This continued for many years only to be altered to instead of purchasing a tattslotto ticket, all monies received were held over by the Social Committee and used to provide drinks and lollies for children at the Club's Christmas Party.

As part of the Club's policy to foster good fellowship among members, card evenings were held. L. Kinghorn and G. Povey were elected to run the card evenings during 1987.

The policy regarding conducting Club Championships was decided upon. Qualifying rounds were to be held as a stroke event over three consecutive weekends in grades. Lowest scratch score as Champion.

The Club laid down a rule that no "free" membership could be given to anyone except "Life Members".

The 1986 Melbourne Cup Day saw the Ladies conducting another very successful get together raising \$214.75 for the Club.

As the finances were becoming healthy, an amount of \$1500 was placed in an Investment Account.

A decision was made during the year to enter a Trade Pennant Team.

The Club's newly elected "Life Member", Mr. Ian Parsons became the President of the South West District Golf Association, this honour reflected how Parklands Golf Club had progressed.

Members elected for office at the Annual General Meeting 14.11.86:-

President - Ken Fort
Vice-President - Allan Flack

Secretary - Ian Parsons
Treasurer - B. Holmes
Captain - Tom Spillman

Committee: L. Mutch, P. Humphries, R. Caruana, S. Robinson, M. Thomas, J. Roberts, A. Crane.

Auditor: Partington & Cogger.
Publicity: Don Mitchell
Vice-Captain: Allan Crane.

1987

Early in 1987, a flagpole was erected and wire installed for lights, this was done as part of a working bee at which 44 attended. These members laid 684 metres of 90 mm A.G. pipe.

Following upon the 1986 moving of surplus monies to an investment account, a further \$2000 was placed in a high interest bearing account. The Committee realised that the Club faced huge financial commitments in the future and was endeavoring to make provisions for use at a later date (at 8.5.87 the investment account held \$7521.86).

Hamilton Champion Lady golfer, Peg Christie, conducted a clinic for the ladies, this was very much appreciated.

As part of the Caltex team competition, Parklands Golf Club provided a team consisting of Peter Humphries, Stuart Robinson and Bill Page. These members won the right to represent S.W.D.G.A. at Wodonga on 31.5.87. These members performed very well, results from local teams were Hamilton 2nd, Parklands 6th.

Due to ill health, A. Flack resigned as Vice-President - S. Robinson filled the vacancy.



Above: Construction of Machinery Shed.

Events of note which occurred during a very busy 1987 included designing a new machinery shed by Ken Fort and Ian Parsons, holding the first card night on Saturday 6th May at 50c per head, investing a further \$2000, ladies having a new course length presented to V.L.G.A. scratch committee by Lorna Treloar following her visit on 13.5.87 to rate the

course, the purchase of a Victa 2 Stroke mower after Vern Sherlock presented information brochures, a roster system of interested members was drawn up to help start the field and check scorecards on Saturdays.

The Club was pleased to find that one of the Lady Members, Shirley Thomas had holed out in one at Peshurst on 6.6.87 during that Club's Annual Tournament. Congratulations was recorded.

A very successful clinic conducted by a popular district golfer of note, Mr. Bert Sharrock was held on Friday 26.6.87. The Club was very grateful to him for his assistance. Ken Fort did a great job in organising this event.

Rules regarding future Club Championships were laid down. The Championship to be open to all men in all grades. B & C to be separate. Players need to play 5 club rounds minimum in current season to qualify.

The membership as at 12.6.87 stood at 215 and the investment account at \$9803.93.

With the course extension the number one project in mind, Ken Fort and Ian Parsons reported to the Committee on the results of a meeting with Hamilton City Council. It was decided to submit plans to the City Council.

Another honour for Parklands in 1987! A member, Bill Page won the B Grade Western District Sandscrape Championship.

Due to the increasing assets of Parklands Golf Club in the form of buildings, machinery etc. it was felt that the current insurance was inadequate, so the Committee decided to increase the sum insured from \$45,000 to \$80,000.

As an addition to the Club's fund raising ability, a spinning wheel was manufactured. This proved over the years to be an excellent boost to the Club's finances.

Hamilton firm, Woolman Petroleum, had been assisting in the running of tournaments by providing a quantity of petrol as a trophy. The Committee decided to allocate 25 litres towards the Ladies Annual Tournament.

The Corrective Services Division made available personnel who had been sentenced by the Courts to do certain hours of community service. As there were many jobs to be done around the course which these people could fulfill, an approach was made by the Committee to obtain their services. At that time the experiment did not prove successful due to the lack of co-operation by the persons involved. The project was dropped and considered a failure. A few years later it was resumed with limited success. One person stood out as really trying and the Committee had the pleasure of forwarding to the participant a letter of congratulations on a job well done.

The growing importance of having a social committee resulted in one being formed. Jack Hollard, Roy Brabham and Ray Carauna as part of that committee put into place a collection and selling of empty bottles, cans etc.

Much activity took place during 1987 including the purchasing of two new flags for the scrapes, the installation of the P.A. System by Steve Gregory of Hamilton Electronics on 12.9.87, a Pool Competition organised by Noel Rule, the draining of 3 acres on the existing course, Parklands members tasting success in two events namely the Grampians Annual Tournament, where two perpetual cups were won, Ross Cup and Sierra Cup.

As part of the S.W.D.G.A. Executive Team comprising Ian Parsons, A. McMillan and L. Treloar, Secretary Ian Parsons succeeded in assisting that team to win the R. Spittle Trophy on the Flag Pennant Final Day.

As the funds were increasing, it was decided to invest the amount available, \$14110.30 in the M.U.I.O.O.F.

Resulting from the 1987 Annual Meeting, the Club set the 1988 fees at \$40 single, \$70 double, \$10 junior, Green Fees \$2 and \$1 junior.



Above: Spittle Trophy

Another item resolved was that the 1988 Club Championship to revert to stroke for qualifying rounds, the last 8 to qualify. Match play for finals in all grades.

Other decisions made by the Committee were that all elected officers to have their names printed on the honour board irrespective of time served. Also due to the risk of damage to the course, a rule was made whereby players under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and a sign to that effect was printed.

The section of the large pine plantation behind the No. 2 scrape was causing difficulty due to balls being lost etc. As the plantation belonged to the R.S.L., the secretary had to negotiate with that body for the removal of a section.

The Parklands Golf Club was always keen to foster the game of golf in young people. To this end, with the sanction of the Match Committee, a member, Mr. T. Sheridan agreed to take control of this enterprise.

As it was considered some of the fairways lacked sufficient degree of difficulty, the Club decided to install earth mounds at selected scrapes (1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th). This action proved very successful.

Office bearers elected at 1987 A.G.M. 13.11.87:

President -	K. Fort
Vice-President -	A. Crane
Treasurer -	B. Beaumont
Captain -	T. Spillman
Secretary -	I. Parsons

Committee: R. Caruana, J. Roberts, T. Sheridan, P. Humphries, S. Robinson,
W. Page, M. Thomas, N. Rule,

Handicapper - P. Humphries
Vice-Captain - S. Robinson
Assistant Treasurer - B. Homes
Auditor - Witham, Cogger & Struck
Publicity Officer - Don Mitchell

1988

Once again, the ladies made important additions to the Clubhouse by providing burglar alarm, two sensors and phone system. They also supplied morning tea to the workers involved in a working bee on Saturday 19th March, 1988. At this very successful working bee, scrapes were repaired and drains laid.

A new sponsor was obtained. Melissa Godfrey agreed to sponsor one of the par 3 holes. T. Povey made up the sign and R. Symmonds did the painting.

A move was made to charged those playing pool 20c per game. This was rejected by the Committee as it considered the table was provided for the pleasure of all who by their involvement in the Club paid sufficient already.

As part of another very busy year, the ladies had a very successful opening to their season. They also purchased 7 new cups for the scrapes, also flagsticks with flags. As the 9th scrape was difficult to see they purchased one extra long flagstick and flag. The Club decided to purchase 10,000 score cards, members spread super on the course using N. Schwartz's unit.

The plan to encourage children seemed to be working. It was reported to the Committee that a junior clinic was held at which 62 children attended. Old balls were supplied by Parklands members and it was decided to conduct a junior tournament on 28.5.88 with an entry fee of 50c, balls as trophies.

Members W. Page, S. Robinson & P. Humphries represented the District at the Caltex team event in Geelong. Parklands team finished 5th and Casterton 6th.

Another 100 spotted gum trees were purchased and planted by Tom Spillman.

The Club conducted a very successful Anti-Cancer day with \$230 raised. Mabel Hutchins commenced conducting clinics for new ladies. Over the years Mabel was able to be of great assistance to many and was really appreciated.

The May Junior Tournament was very successful with 49 players. Trevor Sheridan stressed the need to encourage girls to play. He worked out a handicapping system for 9 holes until juniors qualified for Australian Handicaps. It was decided to hold a tournament on Sunday fortnightly. Dates chosen being 13.6.88, 26.6.88, 10.7.88 and 24.7.88. It was also decided that a Junior Tournament be held in conjunction with the Ladies 4 Ball Day during the Annual Tournament.

The players attending the junior clinics during 1988 averaged 30. One of the juniors, Tim McCurdy received the junior clinic sponsorship. The Menzel family kindly donated 3 balls for novelty events on 14.8.88.

In order to improve efficiency, Brian Beaumont started a computerized list of members.

Geoff Elkins organised and sponsored an Eclectic Event for men.

Resulting from the running of the Pennant matches at Parklands, the ladies reported a profit of \$225.55. The Ladies Champions for 1988 were O. Barker (A), C. Homes (B) and L. Bigham (C) Grade.

Parklands member, W. Page brought further honour to the Club by winning the A. Grade Handicap at the Balmoral Sand Scrape Championships.

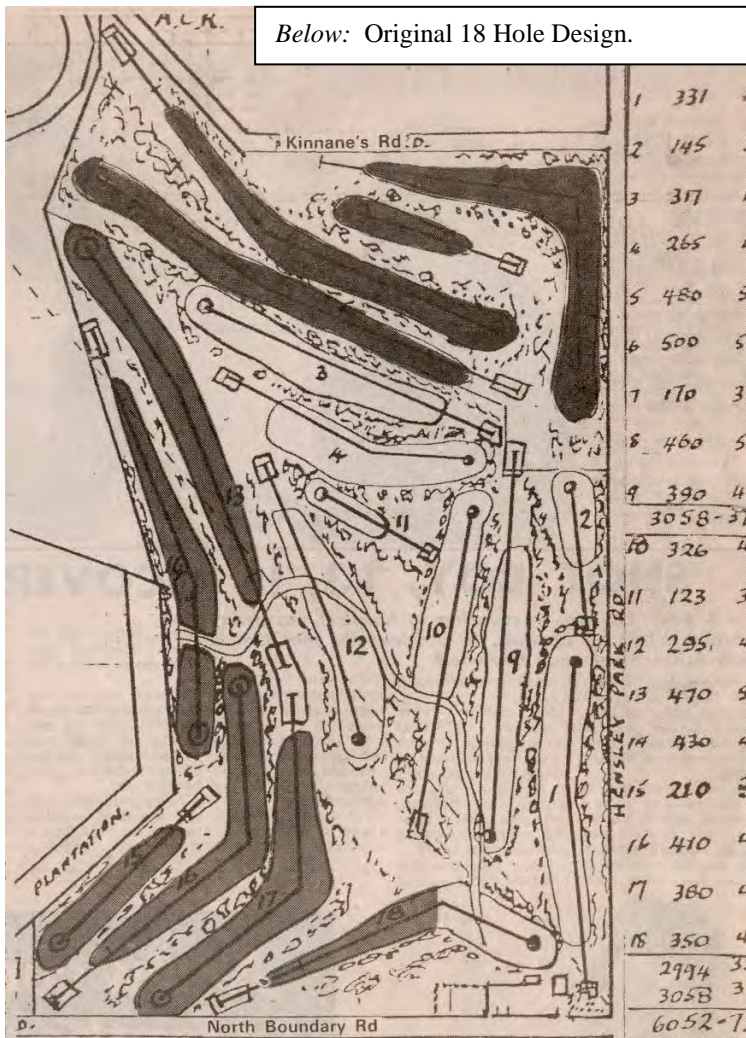
One of the Club's senior members, Vern Sherlock, in an attempt to take the hard labour out of the raking of the scrapes when preparing, manufactured and donated a scraper rake which was on wheels and fitted onto a rider mower.

The Spectator Social Club took the opportunity on 3.7.88 to use the course for a 9 holes of golf.

At this time, the Club was experiencing difficulty by some quarters in its desire to push ahead with obtaining the 18 holes. One of the actions taken by Parklands Golf Club was to ask the Hamilton City Council for a letter of ownership for what was known as the "Horse Paddock". This was a section of land adjoining the existing course and used by the pupils of the College opposite to graze their horses. This area was included in the original plan drawn up by Council officials previously and the Club had agreed to concentrate on consolidating the 9 holes and allow the horses to graze until needed. The Committee was anxious to secure the area so that the two holes could be pegged out. The



date set aside for this was 7.3.88. The obtaining of this area became a major stumbling block which will be detailed later.



In the meantime, a further effort was made to pursue ratification of the 18 hole design by a recognized course designer and to organise aerial shots as requested by K. Hartley. These were obtained and forwarded as directed. To further push its claim, the Club requested that records of the course construction by City Council be made available under Freedom of Information if necessary.

In preparation for the future expense associated with the course extensions, the Committee was building up reserves. The 1988 figure showed an investment account = \$19,000 on the 12.8.88.

Some very valuable trophies and sponsorship were gained, namely a perpetual trophy for a scratch event by Ray

Carauna to be over a mixed championship. Also Ken and Joan Fort donated a trophy called "Veterans Trophy" for handicap match play. Conditions were that players had to be 55 years. These events became very popular.

The sponsorship was obtained from Hammonds Paints to be awarded to a player who obtained a "Hole In One".

The 1988 Club Championship winners were "A" Grade - Tim Spillman, son of Tom and Nola, "B" Grade - W. Menzel and "C" Grade - B. Read.

The Ladies Gala Day saw 34 players taking part. The event was very successful with a profit of \$203 for the day.

For the second year in a row, three Parklands members won the Cross Cup during the Grampians Annual Tournament. The successful team consisted of W. Page, P. Humphries and S. Robinson.

During the 1988 Annual Tournament, a total of 347 players took part resulting in fee takings of \$1899.

Saturday competitions totaled an average of 48 players with the year's tournament fees totaling \$2499.

The Club's first Veteran winner was L. Kinghorn - congratulations were extended to him.

Congratulations were also extended to three Parklands members namely I. Parsons, T. Spillman and W. Page. These members won the S.W.D.G.A. Ron Spittle trophy for 1988.

Towards the end of 1988, Hamilton company, Ferguson Tyres sponsored a sign for 12 months with a donation of \$50.

Office bearers for 1988 elected at A.G.M. on 11.11.88:

President -	K. Fort
Vice President -	S. Robinson
Secretary -	I. Parsons
Treasurer -	B. Beaumont
Captain -	T. Spillman
Committee:	A. Crane, R. Carauna, B. Read, J. Curran, M. Thomas, J. Roberts.
Handicapper -	P. Humphries
Assist Treasurer -	B. Homes
Auditors -	Witham, Cogger & Struck
Publicity -	M. Thomas or D. Mitchell
Social Committee:	
Drinks Stewards -	R. Brabham, J. Hollard.
Cards -	L. Kinghorn, G. Povey.
Competitions -	F. Brown.
Pool -	N. Rule.

1989

A new annual event, the Queen Elizabeth Cup, saw the Club deciding to participate resulting in O. Barker and B. Clark representing the Club.

To improve the ability to care for the growing amount of machinery and to maintain it, a new machinery shed was erected.

The investment account was steadily growing. The amount in early 1989 stood at \$26,039 with the Ladies Committee holding \$7000.

Speed's Shoes assisted with sponsoring a longest putt.

Selkirk Bricks agreed to provide 3 trophies, these were for the three leading qualifiers in the Championships. Wannan Motors donated \$100 for the Eclectic event.

With the obtaining of a liquor license, the Committee being aware of the dangers of underage drinking, decided to conduct a strict check to see if the "no drinking" for underage rule was being observed, this was found in the affirmative.

To assist in the running of the junior clinic, local surgeon, Mr. John Williams donated some golf clubs to be used by the children.

At the request of the Junior Basketball Association, the Parklands Golf Club made a donation to assist junior basketball.

As part of the tree planting program, 250 trees were planted.

An important event for the Ladies Pennant team took place in 1989, the team won its first pennant match.

Continuing the valuable contribution, the Ladies were making to Parklands Golf Club, they purchased a new interior light for the Clubhouse. On the ladies 36 markers day 29.5.89, a total of 59 players took part.

Winners of the Ladies 1989 Championships were - "A" Grade C. Brownsea, "B" Grade B. Phillips.

Professional, Leith Wastle supported by Peg Christie gave lessons. The ladies were very pleased with their efforts.

To encourage the juniors, the Committee decided to make a special room for them in the old clubhouse.

The 1989 Championships were won by "A" Grade Tom Spillman, "B" Grade C. Schleter, "C" Grade P. Hutchins.

During the year, St. Andrews Cricket Club and the Hamilton Technical School were granted the use of the course.

The Committee regarded the use of a small motor bike to be an asset resulting in the purchase of one at a cost of \$475.

As the possibility of obtaining the "Horse Paddock" to enable the completion of the 18 hole layout,



Above: Tom Spillman



Above: John Curran

appeared to be dragging on, the President K. Fort had discussions with Hamilton Mayor T. Trimnell, City Officer K. Burton and C.F.& L. representative D. Read. Resulting from these discussions it was suggested the Club apply for the section of the pine plantations located north of the water basins. As this was considered an unworkable arrangement due to the long distance players would have to walk, also security and the hauling of machinery apart from the large expense involved in clearing the pines, the suggestion was rejected by the Committee and resolved to further push for the "Horse Paddock" as originally promised.

It was agreed that Parklands Golf Club would host the 1990 Glenelg Games to be held on 4.11.1990.

Office bearers elected at A.G.M. 10.11.89:

President - T. Spillman
Vice President - J. Curran
Secretary - I. Parsons
Captain - S. Robinson
Treasurer - W. Menzel
Committee: K. Fort, P. Humphries, R. Oakley, B. Oldaker, J. Roberts, R. Carauna,
A. Crane.
Handicapper - P. Humphries
Publicity - M. Thomas, D. Mitchell
Drink Stewards - J. Hollard, R. Brabham.
Cards - L. Kinghorn, W. Menzel, G. Povey.
Competitions - F. Brown.
Pool - N. Rule.

1990

Improvements to the course facilities continued. B. Oldaker and T. Spillman located the 150 m markers on the fairways, new light shades were ordered and paid for by the ladies, mounds were created on fairways 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7. A "Parklands" sign was erected behind the 1st tee, a "no pay no play" sign was painted and displayed and a sand bucket stand was manufactured and placed at the end of the garden near the Clubhouse.



L to R: D Wardle, J Eveston & A Crane.

The Committee decided that trophies for Saturday events would include glasses and balls also \$6 vouchers from Quinns and Robinson's Sports Stores and Mitre 10.

Parklands lady member, Nola Spillman won the Queen Elizabeth Trophy for 1990.

Two decisions reached by the Committee concerned the composition of the

"Eagles Nest". Six golf balls to be the reward for Club members and one ball for non-members. The other concerned the "hole in one", when a non-member was successful. The Committee ruled that such a player would have the ball mounted only.

In order to distinguish a Parklands member, the Club ordered 100 gold badges which could be sown onto garments.

Continuing the great support from Hamilton businesses, the Club received 2 new sponsorships - namely the Bandicoot Motor Inn with which the management agreed to sponsor a major event and also agreed to sponsor one ball weekly to be known as "Cock of the Walk" - Woolman B.P. agreed to sponsor a "hole in one" on the second hole and also donated a quantity of petrol to be used on the mixed day in November.

Parklands member, S. Robinson passed a Rules Accreditation exam. Obtaining this was of great assistance to the Club as he was able to conduct rules nights.

Nola Spillman's brother, David Hinchcliffe passed away. David was a much loved member and as a tribute to him, Nola agreed to donate a memorial trophy in the form of a silver dish. This trophy was to be contested for yearly and to be a mixed event. The two initial winners were D. Goodwin and J. Eveston. All names to be inscribed on the trophy. Club stalwart, Vern Sherlock constructed a new scraper, this was much appreciated.

The membership fees were fixed at \$50 for adults during 1990. The junior fees \$20. Green fees - adults \$3 juniors \$2.

The growth of the Club made it obvious the Clubhouse would not be large enough for future development. The Club discussed the extension of the building including the kitchen area which was quite inadequate.

Another member who had given great service, Jim Roberts agreed to collect the green fees monies. He continued to do so over many years and kept a 100% record of all monies collected. New sponsorships were obtained. The A.M.P. Society, through its Hamilton representative, Mr. Brian Tierney and Dianne Holmes agreed to assist.

Another honour bestowed on Parklands Golf Club came in the appointment of member, S. Robinson as S.W.D.G.A. Vice President.

Mr. Ian Parsons, "Life Member" had to relinquish the position of Hon. Secretary which he had faithfully carried out over almost the lifetime of the Club. The Club recognised his valuable service and forwarded a letter of thanks. Ian left Hamilton in his employment.

With the harvesting of pine trees in the plantation completed, the huge task of removing stumps and debris was to begin. L. Kenny was contracted to carry out the task. The stumps etc. were piled up in windrows for burning at a future date.

Meanwhile the struggle for use of the horse paddock continued. The Hamilton City Council again approved the Club's plans to use the area only to be refused permission by the C.F. & L.

In order to assist the Club and with the Committee's permission, member J. Eveston wrote as a citizen and Club member to the then Minister for Conservation Forests & Lands, Ms Kirner appealing for assistance with negative results. Similar submissions were made by him to subsequent Ministers Steve Crabbe and Ms Kay Sitches with no action.



As part of the program to encourage juniors, letters were forwarded to their parents advising them of the junior coaching program. Tea and biscuits were provided for supper on junior night and the Club provided publicity through 3HA and the Hamilton Spectator. The night proved very successful. It was in the form of a clinic with 36 juniors and parents attending on the Friday evening and approximately 30 juniors attended a clinic by Kelly Murphy on Saturday morning.

Office bearers elected at A.G.M. 9.11.90:

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| President - | Tom Spillman |
| Vice President - | G. Nichol |
| Secretary - | J. Curran |
| Captain - | S. Robinson |
| Treasurer - | W. Menzel |
| Committee: | A. Crane, K. Fort, R. Oakley, B. Oldaker, B. Read, D. Wardle, P. Hutchins, G. Torney, J. Fort, J. Goggin, N. Spillman, P. Humphries, F. Brown. |
| Handicapper - | A. Crane |

Publicity Officer - S. Robinson
Drink Stewards - J. Hollard, R. Brabham
Card Nights - W. Menzel
Competitions - F. Brown
Assistant Secretary - K. Fort.

1991

To assist with the financing of the many projects the Club was undertaking, an application was made for a \$5000 community grant. To add weight to the application, letters were forwarded to Hamilton High School and Hamilton Technical School, Hamilton College, St. Andrews Cricket Club and others seeking letters of community support for the grant application.

As part of the ongoing improvements, a new hot water service was installed and it was agreed to commence Clubhouse extensions as soon as possible. A special meeting of the executive was held on 22.3.91 to discuss plans for the Clubhouse extension - these to measure 6.2m x 9 m. After discussions it was decided to present to all members a proposed plan (after alteration). A special meeting was again called for 19th April, 1991. At this meeting it was decided to go ahead. At a later stage committee members contributed to the selection of design and style of various fixtures in the new Clubhouse.

As usual the ladies were very active. Eight members attended a meeting at the Hamilton Golf Club for a discussion on the new zoning rules given by the State Handicap manager.



Above: G Dixon and M Donkers.

Later in 1991, the ladies conducted a Junior Girls' Day.

The 1991 Ladies Championship winners were G. Dixon "A" Grade, M. Donkers "B" Grade. The Queen Elizabeth representative winners were O. Barker and A. Flack to represent Parklands Golf Club at Dartmoor in the final. Mr. A. Flack and Mrs. O. Barker represented the Club at Royal Melbourne in the Queen Elizabeth trophy.

L. Flack and O. Barker represented the Club in the Doris Chambers fours in Melbourne and L. Flack also played in the Silver Spoon in Melbourne.

Another significant event in which Parklands members participated as a team was the Caltex State Final at Rosebud Golf Course in June '91. The team comprised K. Fort, S. Robinson and T. Spillman. In this event, Parklands finished 6th, Tom Spillman won the 36 hole event and missed on a countback on 54 holes.

A very successful event to aid Miss Australia Quest was held on Sunday September 8th 1991. The amount of \$560 was raised and presented.

During the months of 1991, all the pine trees along Hensley Park Road were cleared. Discussions commenced on the location of the new holes. Working bees were held at which members cleared tree limbs etc. Tom Spillman planted a quantity of trees on the proposed new course.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the possibility of obtaining sufficient area to incorporate the new fairways, several options were investigated. It was feared the new fairways would be too close. The Club resolved to press for sufficient land to be made available in order that the original plan could be followed. A new approach was made to the Hamilton City Council regarding the "horse paddock" due to the length of inactivity and need for the originally promised "paddock" to expand to the 18 holes.

It should be noted that in all discussions with Hamilton City Council and the Shire of Dundas, Parklands Golf Club received excellent support, the stumbling block rested with the Dept of Conservation, Forests & Lands.



It is interesting to note that following the support given by local authorities, a couple of mowings were made in the "horse paddock" on the proposed fairways in the mistaken belief that permission had been granted. This activity had to cease and the paddock remained in "limbo".



When playing on sand greens, difficulty is sometimes experienced by players when the ball lodges on the outer edge of the sand against grass tufts. This can prevent backward movement of the putter. To overcome this, an application was made to the Victorian Golf Association for permission to move the ball out onto the grass surrounds 1 card

length. This application was granted.

The 1991 Champions were "A" Grade Tom Spillman, "B" Grade R. Snell, "C" Grade G. Saul.

The Ron Spittle Trophy for 1991 held at the Coleraine Golf Club was won by T. Spillman, G. Nichols and S. Robinson.

A very successful Gala Day was conducted by the ladies, 56 players took part.

Generous donations were received by Grange nursery in the form of trees. Pioneer Concrete donated a Cup. V. Sherlock donated a trophy to be used for a Men's and Ladies Ferret Competition to be held over 10 weeks. John & Julie Betts donated a considerable amount of trees.

At the 1991 Annual Meeting a motion that a Summer Membership of \$30 be ratified was carried.

Two loyal and hard working members of Parklands Golf Club, Joan Fort and Golda Povey had Life Membership bestowed on them by President Tom Spillman. This occurred at the 1991 Annual Meeting.

Figures for the 1991 Open Tournament were 214 visitors and 132 Parklands = 346. The Tournament was most successful. The number of Parklands members able to take part was limited due to the course consisting of 9 holes resulting in many members standing aside thus allowing visitors to participate.

Accounts for the hire of heavy equipment necessary for removing trees etc required payment. An amount of \$8000 was paid to L. Kenny and other sub-contractors paid \$2000.

After looking at possible colours, the Club decided to use Selkirk Stockade Stone bricks on the extension.

Office bearers elected at 1991 Annual Meeting 15.11.91:

President -	T. Spillman
Vice President -	J. May
Secretary -	J. Curran
Captain -	S. Robinson
Vice Captain -	R. Oakley
Treasurer -	W. Menzel

Committee: K. Fort, B. Oldaker, A. Crane, B. Read, P. Humphries, G. Nichol, G. Torney, R. Benbow, L. Flack.

Handicapper -	A. Crane
Publicity Officer -	S. Robinson
Drink Steward -	J. Hollard
Card Nights -	W. Menzel

Competitions - R. Oakley
 Assistant Secretary - K. Fort
 Green Fee Collector - J. Roberts
 President Tom thanked Jim for his continued assistance in this position.

1992

In spite of the setback the Club was experiencing in obtaining the "horse paddock", it pressed on with the construction of the new fairways. Many working bees were organised including an "Emu Parade" involving ladies, children and men whose task was to form a line across the new fairways and proceed to walk along behind other trailers, trucks etc picking up any small sticks etc left behind by the heavy machinery.



Above: Work on new fairways.

Further efforts to obtain the "horse paddock" were made. The Club was informed no change had occurred as to its availability and that the land past existing water basins was available.

It appeared it was that or nothing and although to extend the course so far to the north was quite an unsatisfactory option, the committee, fearing the possibility of losing all, decided to apply for the land.

Further moves were made by the Club by applying to the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands for land in the "horse paddock" to build 2 fairways running parallel with North Boundary Road. A meeting was organised with the Department representatives to discuss the situation without success.

Mr. R. Betts again assisted the Club by very generous donations of trees for the new fairways.

The 1992 Club Champion was Tom Spillman, Tim McCurdy "B" Grade and Geoff Elkins "C" Grade.

With the Clubhouse extensions progressing well, Tom Spillman and John Curran manufactured a number of new tables apart from providing most labour for the construction, with able assistance from Geoff Nichol.



Above: Building of Clubhouse Extensions

Time had arrived for the official opening of the Clubhouse extensions and on 9.8.92, Life Member, Mr. Ian Parsons officiated at the opening. A large crowd had assembled and it was an exciting day for all.

Later in the year, as the new fairways were looking so well and members were anxious to try them out, it was decided to allow play provided players teed up their balls. This enabled the course to consist of 16 holes. To all it was a very pleasant experience and only made it more important the extra ground be obtained to complete the 18 hole course.

At the C.U.B. Day played at Balmoral Golf Club, Parklands team consisting of Tom Spillman and S. Robinson were runners up. This enabled them to compete in the finals at Woodlands Golf Club on October 26th 1992 for the Victorian Open C.U.B. Teams Championship.

Life membership was bestowed on two members, Tom Spillman and Ken Fort at the Annual Meeting 13.11.92.

Parklands Golf Club Ladies brought further honour to the Club by winning at 5 - 0 the Pennant on 27th April 1992.

The 36 markers day in June was most successful with 44 players taking part. Two of the ladies ventured to Terang to represent Parklands Golf Club with P. Tully winning a trophy.

A new sponsorship was obtained. Torbeys of Hamilton agreeing to sponsor a nearest the pin.

For the convenience of members, a machine was installed under the outside verandah by the makers of Coke. Unfortunately as a result of continuous abuse by vandals, the machine had to be removed.

The excitement associated with the various activities including the course development and the opening of the Clubhouse extensions was dimmed with the passing of Parklands Golf Club's highly respected member, Mr. Don Mitchell. Don had been a great worker, being the original President when the Club was formed in 1972. His foresight and guidance had been of great value and a feeling of sadness was felt by all members.

Office bearers elected at the 1992 A.G.M.

President -	R. Caruana
Vice President -	A. Crane
Secretary -	J. Curran
Captain -	R. Oakley
Vice Captain -	B. Oldaker
Treasurer -	W. Menzel
Committee:	L. Patterson, R. Benbow, G. Nichol, B. Read, B. Oldaker, K. Fort, C. Stubbs, T. Spillman, S. Robinson, J. Johty, M. Thomas, J. Fort, L. Flack.
Handicapper -	M. Thomas
Publicity Officer -	S. Robinson
Drink Stewards -	R. Brabham and J. Hollard
Raffles -	G. Nichol and T. Spillman
Green Fee Collector -	J. Roberts.

Ladies 1993 Office bearers:

President -	M. Donehue
Vice President -	L. Flack
Secretary -	C. Kinane
Treasurer -	B. Waring
Captain -	J. Fort
Vice Captain -	M. Donkers
Handicapper -	N. Spillman
Committee:	M. Donkers, P. Tully, G. Povey, M. Perkins, K. Brockett, J. Drummond.

1993

As the Club entered the year of 1993, as reported in the 1992 annual report, the financial position was most satisfactory. Having raised and expended very large amounts of money since the Club's formation, the Club Treasurer reported the position with receipts - expenditure for 1993 at \$85,032.51, petty cash \$350 and the investment account \$6132.93.

Much more remained to be completed which would involve quite considerable capital. However the Committee resolved to continue operating in the prudent manner as the previous Committees had demonstrated.

An improvement was introduced concerning the playing of Canadian and Pinehurst events. The policy of only one name being placed in the Birdie & Ferret box appeared unjust. It was pointed out that often the good play of the first of the pair resulted in the ball finishing close to the pin resulting in an easy putt. The second player then completed the play and placed that person's name in the box. This was altered to include both players.

Businessman and member, Mr. D. Dodd made a generous donation by way of providing up to 12 balls for the "Eagles Nest".

At this time a junior cricket team from Hamilton district proposed to visit England for a series of matches. In order to assist the boys, the Club decided to run a special spin of the spinning wheel with the proceeds going towards that cause.

Parklands member, S. Robinson sat for his accreditation exam and passed . The Club extended congratulations.

The 1993 Open Championships were won by "A" Grade T. Spillman, "B" Grade Damian Ferguson, "C" Grade Jason Box.

As a junior, one of the Club's members, Tim Peterson demonstrated considerable talent. The Club was delighted when Tim represented Parklands Golf Club in the Regional event at Casterton and also played Country Week. Tim went on to win many events in later years.

The ever active Ladies Committee reported that A. Archer and B. Francis visited the Parklands Golf Club to rate the existing 9 hole course. The rating was 65. They also revealed Jean Ross and Glenys Dixon were to represent Parklands Golf Club in the Doris Chambers event in Melbourne.

The Open Championship for Ladies in 1993 resulted in wins to G. Dixon "A" Grade and L. Rennick "B" Grade. The ladies also donated \$1000 towards the purchase of a rider mower.

Two members, Ken Fort and Barbara Smith were congratulated. The pair finished 3rd in the District Queen Elizabeth event.

During the year, President Ray Carauna resigned as President. A letter of appreciation was forwarded to him for his service. A. Crane took over as President and R. Benbow Vice President.

Concern was expressed as to the quality of soil on some of the new fairways. The establishment of Pine Plantation had taken toll of the soil resulting in a very low reading of phosphorus. The services by soil expert, Mr. G. Saul was obtained resulting in the application of Pivot 800 on the old course and heavy supering of straight super on the new course.

Members were again called upon to assist with the digging out and laying of 1000 metres of 90mm slotted P.V.C. drainage pipe. As the work was carried out during the off-season which meant, when the course was hot and dry, to complete this work required a great effort. This action ensured many of the new fairways would be free of dampness and made for an all year course weatherwise.

Meanwhile ever hopeful of obtaining the ground necessary to construct the two remaining fairways parallel to the 18th fairway, a plan was produced and placed on display for approximately 6 weeks. This was to enable members to familiarize themselves with the proposed 18 hole course.

Results of elections A.G.M. 12.11.93:

President -	R. Carauna later resigned 16.12.93
Vice President -	A. Crane
Secretary -	J. Curran
Captain -	R. Oakley
Vice Captain -	G. Hards
Treasurer -	W. Menzel
Committee:	C. Russell, K. Fort, C. Stubbs, G. Nichol, R. Benbow, S. Robinson, T. Spillman, M. Thomas, L. Patterson, B. Oldaker, T. McCurdy, J. Fort, P. Clapham.
Handicapper -	M. Thomas
Publicity Officer -	S. Robinson
Drink Stewards -	J. Hollard and R. Brabham
Raffles -	G. Nichol
Green Fee Collector -	J. Roberts.

1994

A proposal had been presented to the Glenelg Veteran Golf Association by Hamilton Golf Club. It consisted of a levy to be placed on all players when that Club was hosting that event. The practice was for all Clubs to supply their course free of charge and to allocate a large percentage of the entry fee to the Ladies Committee of the particular Club involved plus proceeds from a competition usually held. This became a very unpopular issue and Parklands Golf Club, after discussion, decided to reject the idea along with the majority of other Clubs. This policy was later dropped by the Hamilton Golf Club.

Club member, John Densley who was highly skilled in wood carving, produced a pair of beautiful flower pedestals for use in the Clubhouse.

The area of the kitchen etc became very congested with the increased use. The Committee reviewed the situation and plans were drawn up to improve the situation by extending the workspace area.

Club members were successful in qualifying for the Caltex Country Team Championship at Horsham. Team consisted of G. Nichol, B. Read and A. Crane. The team did quite well finishing 13th out of a field of 32 teams. G. Nichol recorded best stapleford score on final 18 hole day of 132 players.

The 1994 Ladies Championship winners were "A" Grade G. Dixon, "B" Grade K. Brockett.

Club member V. Sherlock donated a separate "Ferret" trophy for ladies and men.

At this time, the fence along the edge of the 18th fairway was being removed. Rather than destroy the aged red gum posts which were covered in grey moss, Club member, Ken Rhook, also a skilled wood carver, produced some beautiful trophies from them. Ken left the moss on the finished product which gave a very special effect.

A product which was the subject of much comment was obtained and placed on the walkways. The material was in the form of chopped rubber flex, the various colours made the track quite unusual.

Club member, S. Robinson was voted President of S.W.D.G.A. for 1995. This was a further honour for Parklands Golf Club and best wishes were offered him with thanks for service.

Parklands Golf Club junior, Tim Peterson continued on his golfing career by representing the Club at Country Week.

The Club was very pleased and proud of three lady members namely Jan Hards, Kathy Brockett and Nora Beckham. These members of Parklands Golf Club had the honour of representing Victoria at the Royal Perth Golf Club. The team finished 3rd.

Another large working bee was held in September 1994. 32 people attended.

It appeared that the fate of the "horse paddock" future rested with the findings of a draft management plan conducted through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This came about due to pressure from local government, community groups as well as the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to deal with inconsistencies between reservations and present uses and to look at future direction and management for the lands. The plan would encompass all areas of public land within the City of Hamilton and some areas adjacent to the City but within the Shire of Dundas. Approximately 32 acres were involved each managed in a particular manner but not co-ordinated. A steering committee made up of representatives of various interested bodies had the task of dealing with this after receiving submissions which were invited from the general public. The area containing the "horse paddock" was involved as one of the areas to be defined.

Below: Ladies representative team.
L to R: J Hards, K Brockett and N Beckham



A long delay followed due to inaction by a section of the D.N.C. It was action taken by Mr. B. Chamberlain, M.L.C., following an approach by a Parklands Golf Club member, which stirred the Department concerned to supply the necessary information for the steering committee to complete its task. Approval was then granted on 1st November, 1994. Parklands Golf Club had won a long drawn out struggle. Plans were set in motion, fairways pegged out and large amounts of drainage pipes purchased.

Office bearers elected at 1994 A.G.M. 14.11.94:-

President -	A. Crane
Vice President -	R. Benbow
Secretary -	J. Curran
Captain -	R. Oakley
Vice Captain -	G. Hards
Treasurer -	W. Menzel
Assistant Treasurer -	T. McCurdy

Committee: D. Grambau, M. Thomas, F. Brown, B. Oldaker, J. Eveston, K. Fort, C. Russell, P. Clapham, T. Spillman, G. Anderson.

Assistant Secretary -	R. Fary
Handicapper -	M. Thomas

Publicity Officer - R. Oakley
Drink Stewards - J. Hollard and R. Brabham
Raffles - G. Nichol
Green Fees Collector - J. Roberts

1995

To demonstrate the Club's desire to assist preservation of the environment, Committee member, Col Russell along with D.N.R. member, I. Ingermay journeyed to the Dunkeld area gathering native seed for the Department.

Golf rules being so complex, the Club conducted a very successful rules night for both men and ladies.

Several moves were made to improve the playing of the course. Due to the safety aspect of the location of the 3rd hole, it was decided to look into the possibility of erecting a "look out" tower. This fairway runs adjacent to Hensley Park Road and prior to the development, a very thick pine plantation occupied the space. When the trees were cleared, a deep dip in the fairway was revealed making play dangerous. Three members, J. Perkins, K. Rhook and J. Eveston supplied and erected the stand. The possibility of players being struck by stray balls by other players hitting off on the 7th tee was discussed at length by the Committee. In the original plan it was intended that the 7th and 8th fairways face the opposite way but due to the long hold up in obtaining the area required, the existing layout resulted. The Committee decided to reverse the holes, then after further discussion at a later meeting rescinded the decision. It was considered obvious that when the trees reached maturity that danger would not exist.

The fence along Hensley Park Road was of a very low standard. Another working bee resulted in a tidy fence being erected.

Parklands' member, W. Menzel expressed concern as to the future direction of the Club. He wished to see a set of priorities set out regarding course improvement, machinery purchase etc. Following upon his submission the Club adopted a 5 year plan.

Two Club members, L. Patterson and B. Oldaker laser measured the 18 hole course, this provided an accurate record for the Club.

Resulting from a well attended working bee, thousands of metres of 90mm slotted P.V.C. pipe was placed on the new 16th and 17th fairways in the "horse paddock". Members provided trucks and trailers to backfill the trenches with metal screenings. This action ensured that Parklands Golf Club will remain an all weather course.

Members, G. Nichol, A. Crane and B. Read brought further honour to the Club by qualifying to play in the Caltex Country Championship at Sale Golf Club. The team

performed very well finishing mid field.

The 1995 Doris Chambers trophy winners for Ladies Open Championship were Open Champion G. Dixon (for the 5th year), "B" Grade S. McCaskill.

Men's Open Champion was G. Nichol, "B" Grade S. Heine, "C" Grade N. Schwarz.

Two valuable sponsorships were obtained. The Hamilton Spectator agreed to supply a trophy for a ladies event. P.K. Bearings agreed to take over the longest putt sponsorship on the 1st hole.

Parklands hosted the Glenelg Veterans day during 1995. A most successful day was had with 69 veterans attending. The ladies did an excellent job with a good financial result.

The magnificent support Parklands Golf Club had received from Hamilton and district firms continued with sufficient sponsorship to cover the cost of the Club's yearbook.

As a further encouragement to players, a ball competition on Saturdays was commenced. This proved very popular with an entry fee of \$1 with most proceeds supplying the balls.

Members elected at the 1995 Annual Meeting 10.11.95:

President -	R. Benbow
Vice President -	W. Menzel
Secretary -	C.G. Russell
Captain -	R. Isabel
Treasurer -	T. McCurdy
Handicapper -	M. Thomas
Committee:	J. Eveston, A. Crane, R. Schwarz, K. Anderson, K. Fort, R. Oakley, C. Stubbs, B. Oldaker, D Grambau, C Russell, B Read, T Spillman, N Schwarz, J Curran.
Publicity Officer -	R. Oakley
Drink Stewards -	R. Brabham, J. Hollard, N. Rule.
Raffles -	G. Nichol, G. Anderson
Green Fee Collector -	J. Roberts

1996

The year 1996 was full of activity. Now that the pipes on the 16th and 17th fairways were in place, it was "all systems go" to complete the job. A target for the opening of the 18 hole course was set at September 1st, 1996. This meant that the fairways would need to be disc harrowed, seeded, rolled and new scrapes constructed. A great financial hurdle faced the Club, therefore enormous thanks were extended to Mr. Arthur Bowden who brought his equipment to the course and harrowed and sowed the fairways as a donation. Sponsorships were still coming in. John Deere agreed to sponsor a second shot nearest the pin on the 3rd. Holmes Pitstop sponsored the nearest the pin on the 2nd hole. George

Taylor Stores agreed to sponsor the 5th hole for a limited time. McDonald's Restaurant agreed to sponsor the 18th hole.

The Ladies Committee obtained two new sponsors, both Hamilton businesses – A. Tully & Sons and Chez Diane.

Glenelg Cleaning Service agreed to sponsor the Arnold Mibus Closed tournament. Hamilton Tuckerbag kindly agreed to generously support the Club raffle by donation. The Grand Central Hotel undertook to sponsor the nearest the pin on the 15th and was also a generous sponsor during the Annual Tournament.

Following the wonderful support the Club received in producing the 1995 year book, the support was even greater in 1996 with 25 sponsors participating. This enabled the year book to be produced at no cost to the Club..

The Ladies were very proud to announce that 2 Ladies Pennant teams would represent Parklands Golf Club in 1996.

Unfortunately Byaduk Golf Club was forced to fold during 1996. Parklands members had loyally attended that club's events to help bolster the finances etc. Some of the flagsticks etc were offered to Parklands Golf Club resulting in their purchase. Club member, Ray Fary supplied new scrapers for the sand scrapes. These enabled an improved track to be made.

The fencing along the area between the water basins and 5th fairway was in a bad state of repair. The Glenelg Water Board co-operated by supplying sufficient posts and wire to replace the fence. Parklands members rallied once more removing the old fence and constructing a new one. Meanwhile members embarked on the job of painting all the new posts along Hensley Park Road and Kinaine's Road. This produced a very tidy job. About this time, a new water main was being installed along Kinaine's Road by the Water Board. This provided a great opportunity for Parkland's Golf Club to obtain water at the top end of the course. An application was made and agreed upon resulting in a tapping being made whilst the new pipes were exposed.

A proposal was made to the Committee that consideration be made to conducting a Seniors Day following the Annual Tournament. A sub-committee comprising R. Isbel, K. Fort, K. Anderson and J. Eveston was formed to run the event. This proved to be a great success.

To further assist with the task of mowing the fairways, the Club looked at purchasing a set of gang mowers. It was revealed that the Portland Golf Club possessed a set which were not required. A delegation journeyed to Portland and inspected the mowers. Upon receiving the report, the Club decided to purchase the set. After renovating the unit, the mowers were set in motion thus adding another asset to the Club.

Three ladies had a win representing Parklands as a team in the Holden team event. The players were S. McCaskill, M. Donehue and O. Barker.

During 1996, the Ladies Division 2 Pennant Team was successful with a win over Heywood. Team comprised G. Dixon, P. Tully, B. Hadley, L. Flack and J. Fort.



Above: Ladies Division 2 Pennant Team.

Another Parklands lady member, Pat Eveston donated one of her paintings for a raffle drawn on Ambrose 30 – 45 Markers Day. This was very successful raising \$219 for the Club.

New signs were required for the new tees. Club member, Tom Spillman supplied the signs.

To encourage more use of the course a pamphlet was produced and installed in many caravan parks, motels etc. Special attention was given to Glenelg Tourist Office from which there was excellent co-operation.



Above: First ball hit on 18 hole course
L to R: I Parsons, A Smart, L Hinchcliffe and B Chamberlain

Another sponsorship was received from R. O'Brien. The prize was in the form of a massage by Mr. O'Brien. The event was for nearest the pin on the 8th hole.

In order to record and protect valuable records of the Club's history, J. Eveston was appointed Club Historian.

The Hamilton Golf Club celebrated its Centenary. Parklands Golf Club extended congratulations and Club President, Rob Benbow along with his wife Sue represented the Club at the Hamilton Golf Club celebrations.

The 1996 Club Champions were "A" Grade Tim Peterson, "B" Grade N. Taylor and "C" Grade

G. Winnell.

An event which proved very popular was commenced during the year. A Summer Pennant Competition run over 8 weeks with teams of 4 and with a maximum handicap of 27 was held Sunday mornings. The entry fee was \$1 per player and open to all players from other clubs.

As the existing hand mowers were not performing satisfactorily, two new mowers were purchased.

Great celebrations were planned for September 1st, 1996. This was the day for which so much hard work and effort had been done, namely the official opening of the 18 holes course. Extensive preliminary coverage was made by Ballarat T.V. Station – B.T.V. 6, the Hamilton Spectator and Radio 3HA. Many of the original members journeyed back to the Opening. Mr. Bruce Chamberlain M.L.C. hit off the first ball watched by the Club's special guests. At 11am the official opening occurred followed by a round of golf. Men and Ladies Stableford was the event played and also a non-handicap event.



Above: Mr Bruce Chamberlain MLC and Mr Rob Benbow (President) opening 18 hole course.

Two video cameras recorded this special occasion, one unit supplied by Mr. D. Miethke and operated by Club member, W. Tuffnell. The other unit was supplied and operated by member, J. Goggin.

Among the special guests were Mr. I. Parsons (past Secretary for 17 years) who lived in Werribee. Mr. Arnold Smart (past President, Captain and Champion) from Clifton Springs and Mr. Les Hinchcliffe (past Captain and Champion).

It should be recorded that during the first years of Parklands Golf Club's existence, when conditions were very difficult, Mr. Hinchcliffe's wife assisted with the fairways mowing by driving the tractor.

Another important guest was Pat Honan from Women's Golf Victoria. During 1996 Parklands Ladies Committee had made application for the 1999 Women's Sandgreens Victorian Championships to be played at Parklands Golf Club. This is regarded as a very important event. Whilst delivering her speech, Pat Honan announced that the Parklands Ladies had been successful and the event awarded to Parklands.

In memory of the Club's much respected inaugural Past President the late Don Mitchell, his family approached the Club and announced a special perpetual shield would be made available to be played for annually.

During the wet winter recently experienced, the top end of the 4th fairway was flooded. It was feared water gushing down Kinaine's Road was not being discharged by the existing spoon drain. After inspection by a Southern Grampians Shire Council Engineer, works were carried out in an attempt to rectify the position. This co-operation was much appreciated by the Club.

At the 1996 Annual Meeting the fees were set at : Adult - \$80, Juniors - \$25.

Members elected at 1996 Annual Meeting 15.11.96:

President -	R. Benbow
Vice President -	T. Spillman
Secretary -	C.G. Russell
Captain -	R. Isbel
Treasurer -	T. McCurdy
Handicapper -	M. Thomas
Assistant Handicapper -	J. Goggin
Publicity Officer -	C.G. Russell
Committee:	J. Eveston, R. Fary, J. Perkins, A. Crane, R. Schwarz, G. Nichol, J. Fort, K. Fort, N. Curran, K. Conyers, W. Menzel, B. Oldaker, L. Patterson, D. Grambau.
Drink Stewards -	R. Brabham, J. Hollar, N. Rule.
Raffles -	G. Anderson, K. Fort.
Green Fees Collector -	J. Roberts.

1997

When in 1972, those members who embarked on the formation of Parklands Golf Club had a specific target. First priority was the development of a 9 hole course. The second was the construction of a suitable Clubhouse. Rapid increase in membership made extensions to the Clubhouse an urgent third project. Finally the desire to complete the 18 hole course became an obsession with all members resulting in the 1996 opening. This



L to R: T O'Brien, S Russell and N Gill playing on Saturday.

released large areas for increased numbers of players on the course at any one time. It had been the practice, for space reasons, that Saturday events generally were reserved for men only, Ladies day on Mondays. A new addition commenced in 1997 which proved very popular. A ladies event was incorporated which allowed ladies, not able to play Mondays, to enjoy a

game along with the men. The ladies participated in the novelty events alongside the men.

The placement of the sand scraper had been a problem due to the hole to receive the handle after use being clogged. Club member, K. Conyers developed new holders for the scrapers and proved to be a great improvement.

New additions made were : 1. Purchase of a line marker. This machine made it easier to mark a white line around the outer edge of the sandgreen. 2. Brian and Phyllis Tully manufactured and donated a beautiful circular seat which was erected around a tree at the 1st tee.

Due to business changes, the George Taylor Stores sponsorship ceased on a weekly basis. Hamilton business, Tara Travel undertook the sponsorship. George Taylor made a generous donation towards the 1997 Championships.

Another Club member manufactured 40 sand buckets. A new sponsor, Directions in Hair assisted in the ladies events.

Consolidation of the Club continued. The gang mowers 3 reels and a spare were sharpened and the unit put into good order for future use. Maintenance was carried out on the Fiat tractor. Member, Bob Smalley did a great job on this saving the Club considerable costs.

For use around the course, a second-hand trailer was purchased and a new security light was installed in the car park. The Ladies Committee met the cost of this addition.

Two new shelters on the course were built by Tom Spillman and Lee Patterson. These proved to be invaluable to the ladies when providing hot dogs etc on Veterans Day.

The Club was thankful to Rod and Norm Schwarz for donations of timber from their mill.

During the year the Club regretted loss of Hon. Secretary, Col Russell Junior due to his moving to Horsham in his employment. Col and family were wished every success and thanked for his efforts as Hon. Secretary. Treasurer, Tim McCurdy demonstrated his desire to assist by agreeing to undertake the roll of Secretary/Treasurer until the next annual meeting.

As the track from the Clubhouse to the machinery shed area was very rough, Club member, Ken Fort, using timber for boxing (again donated by Norm Schwarz) concreted a path along the strip. Ken worked in very chilly weather to do the job.

The ladies celebrated their 21st year of playing golf at Parklands. The event played proved very successful.

With the coming of the computer age, the Club moved with the times and purchased a computer. This presented further problems as the space required was insufficient to house the computer. This resulted in the existing office being extended by approximately 1.5 metres. Club member, Barry Oldaker and other Club members did an excellent job.



Above: P Tully after obtaining Hole In One on 15th

The existence of the 18 holes course naturally required much more mowing. A unit was sought which would fulfill the function of cutting the roughs. After much careful consideration, a Toro Front Deck mower was looked at and eventually purchased.

The Ladies Committee elected a new Hon. Secretary, Janet Foster. Janet has proven to be a very capable Secretary.

Another lady member, Phyllis Tully, a tireless worker for the Club, was delighted at obtaining a Hole In One on the new course.

In a further attempt to encourage juniors to play golf, the Club decided to attempt to get a junior program up and running in conjunction with the "Go-Go Golf" and to apply for a grant.

It was recognised that some of the senior players were experiencing difficulty in playing the whole 18 hole course. In order that they may still partake of the Saturday competition, the Committee instituted a 9 hole event with special prizes.

Planning had been continuing during the year towards producing a memorable celebration of the Club's 25th Anniversary on 27.11.1997. The festivities were held in the

Clubhouse and a large number of members attended. An excellent meal was provided by “Fabulous Feast” and entertainment by Ray Fary ably supported by lady members.



Above: Cutting of the cake at the 25th Anniversary celebration.

Club member, David King provided a beautiful cake which Lady President, Joan Fort and Club President, Rob Benbow cut to the applause of all. The atmosphere at the time as of a job well done by Nola Curran and team.

Two further additions were added to the Club by the installation of a smoke extractor and it was decided to purchase a pressure wash unit for use in cleaning mowers etc.

An important change was made to the format of the Club’s Championship. It was recommended by the match committee to include a 4th Grade to be known as “D” Grade. The grade handicap ranges as follows:

“A” Grade – Scratch to 14, “B” Grade – 15 to 18, “C” Grade – 19 to 24, “D” Grade – 25 to 32.

Despite a submission to the contrary, the Club at its annual meeting decided to demolish the building known as the “Old Clubhouse” which served for many years and was still used as a place for the location of the green fees box. It resolved to replace it with a building similar to the existing machinery shed. A plaque on the new building was to be located to acknowledge the fact that was the site of the original Clubhouse.

Members elected at the A.G.M. on 14.11.97:

President -	R. Benbow
Vice President -	T. Spillman

Secretary - T. McCurdy
Captain - R. Fary
Treasurer - W. Menzel
Handicapper - M. Thomas
Assistant Handicapper - J. Goggin.

Committee: A. Crane, G. Nichol, J. Eveston, J. Perkins, K. Conyers, D. Grambau, J. Fort, B. Oldaker, R. Schwarz, L. Patterson, K. Fort, N. Spillman, J. Goggin.

Drinks Stewarts - R. Brabham, J. Hollard, N. Rule.

Raffles - G. Anderson, K. Fort.

Green Fees - J. Roberts.

Memberships remained at \$80 Adults and \$25 Juniors.

Brief History of Parklands Ladies Committee.

A special record of the contribution by the lady members to the success of Parklands Golf Club – *thanks to Janet Foster.*

Prior to the 1973 Annual Meeting a number of ladies were enjoying playing at the Club. At that meeting, these ladies, namely Mesdames Cooper and Searle were elected to the Committee.

The following year at the April 1974 meeting, the Secretary was asked to write to a group of ladies inviting them to attend a meeting at the home of Mrs. Cooper. The purpose was to organise a get-together for a weekday round of golf. Unfortunately this was not successful. Not prepared to accept defeat, it was decided another attempt be made by calling another meeting the following Wednesday and that a poster be displayed advertising same.

Resulting from this meeting, a decision was made to continue the procedure adopted i.e. playing until such time as it was deemed suitable to form a Parklands Golf Club Ladies Committee.

The Annual Meeting held later that year, 11.9.74 at the Hamilton Professional Cycling Clubrooms saw two ladies elected to the Committee – they were Mrs. L. Hinchcliffe and Mrs. Cooper.

1975

During the year 1975, lady representatives were very active assisting the Club. Mrs. Hinchcliffe filling the role of Captain and Mrs. B. Parsons a member of the General Committee.

Although at that stage a Ladies Committee had not been officially formed, Club events were conducted and the honour of Club Champion being awarded to Heather Willis.

1976

By this time the ladies were truly organised and a meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Parsons, 81 Milton Street, Hamilton, date 9.2.1976.

Present at this all important meeting were Mesdames B. Parsons, J. Elkins, J. Shaw, L. Meadows, G. Povey, A. Hutchins, M. Anderson, L. Hinchcliffe, H. Willis, V. Humphries, B. Smart, J. Walters.

There were two invited visitors from the Hamilton Golf Club namely Mrs. M. Newsome and Mrs. L. Treloar.

Two men, Mr. Don Mitchell and Mr. I. Parsons were invited as observers from the General Committee. Mrs. M. Newsome chaired the meeting by invitation from the men's President and Secretary.

Nominations endorsed for Office Bearers were:

President – Mrs J. Walter by H. Willis

Vice President – Mrs. V. Hutchins

Secretary – Mrs. M. Anderson by J. Elkins

Captain – Mrs. M. Hinchcliffe by V. Humphries

Vice Captain – Mrs. H. Willis

Assistant Secretary – Mrs. J. Elkins

Match Committee – Captain, who is Chairman, Secretary, President, Vice Captain and Mrs. B. Smart.

Business decided upon consisted of:

Tournaments – Monday every week Ladies Club event, 12.30 start, 40c per player.

Ladies Captain to hold all monies and hand to Treasurer prior to men's Committee Meeting. Trophy to be a golf ball.

All cards to be sent in for handicapping. Season to start on 5th April, 1976 and extend till 1st November, 1976 or later if course and weather permit.

Next meeting 22.3.76 at M. Anderson's home. *Signed by President J. Walters.*

Club Champion for 1976 – Mrs. Hinchcliffe.

1977

The following years were spent in consolidating the position of the Club. Many successes have been recorded in this book.

Details of Office Bearers etc. are as follows:-

President – M. Anderson

Vice President – V. Humphrey

Secretary – B. Parsons

Captain & Handicapper – M. Hinchcliffe

Vice Captain – B. Smart.

1978

President – M. Anderson

Secretary – B. Parsons

Captain – M. Hinchcliffe

Committee to consist of all lady members i.e. B. Smart, G. Povey, L. Meadows, J. Shaw, M. Hinchcliffe, M. Anderson and B. Parsons.

Club Champion – M. Hinchcliffe.

1979

President – M. Anderson

Secretary – B. Parsons

Captain – B. Smart

Vice Captain – G. Povey

Committee: L. Meadows, M. Hinchcliffe, Joan McDermaid, Betty Homes, Judy Shaw, Lorraine Lindeback.

In July 1979 ladies recorded \$229.13 in bank.

Club Champion – B. Smart.

1980

President – G. Povey

Vice President – D. Perkins
Secretary – B. Parsons
Captain – B. Smart
Vice Captain & Handicapper – J. Fort
Assistant Secretary – B. Homes
Treasurer – B. Simmonds

Match Committee – B. Smart, G. Povey, J. Fort, L. Lindeback, L. Bailey.
Other members on Committee – J. McDermaid and Mabel Hutchins.
Club Champion – B. Simmonds.

1981

President – G. Povey
Secretary – B. Parsons
Captain – B. Smart
Treasurer – B. Simmonds
Assistant Secretary – B. Homes
Vice Captain & Handicapper – J. Fort

Other members on Committee: M. Hutchins, R. Roberts, C. Pryse, C. Kinnane, T. Grambeau.
Club Champion – C.M. Andrews.

1982

President – G. Povey
Vice President – B. Simmonds
Captain – B. Smart
Handicap Manager – J. Fort
Secretary – B. Parsons
Treasurer – N. Spillman

Other members on Committee: J. Shaw, M. Smith, T. Grambeau, V. Secomt and C. Andrews.
Club Champion – B. Smart B. Grade – L. Meadows.

1983

President – J. Shaw
Vice President – G. Povey
Secretary – B. Parsons
Captain – B. Smart
Handicap Manager – J. Fort
Treasurer – N. Spillman

Other members on Committee: J. Drummond, C. Pryse, H. Dorman, C. Andrews and M. Hutchins.



Above: Mrs Linda Meadows.

Mrs. B. Parsons retired at the end of 1983 after serving 8 years on Committee.
Club Champion – B. Simmonds B. Grade – B. Waring.

1984

President – J. Shaw
Vice President – H. Horman
Secretary – G. Povey
Captain – B. Smart
Handicap Manager – J. Fort
Treasurer – C. Pryse

Committee: P. Tippet, N. Spillman, C. Andrews, C. Dusing, B. Parsons.
Publicity – C. Andrews
Catering Committee: N. Spillman, H. Dorman.
Match Committee: B. Smart, J. Fort, N. Spillman.

Due to H. Dorman's resignation, a new Vice President was elected – C. Andrews. Linda Meadows was then elected to Committee.
Hilda Habel catered for the November 12th Presentation Dinner.

The new Clubhouse was built, all work being voluntary. The opening was a highlight of the year. In August it was voted that our Club be affiliated with the V.L.G.U. Incorporated.

Club Champion – B. Smart B. Grade – B. Waring.

1985

President – P. Tippet
Vice President – N. Spillman
Secretary – G. Povey
Treasurer – G. Pryse
Captain – B. Smart
Handicap Manager – J. Fort

Committee also included: C. Kinnane, L. Meadows, O. Barker, K. Dunbar, M. Donehue.

Match Committee: B. Smart, J. Fort, N. Spillman, O. Barker, C. Pryse.

Catering conveynor: N. Spillman

The Bradshaw Memorial Trophy was instigated (March 27, 1985).
Birdies and Ferrets competition given a trial run.
Margaret Donehue was appointed as the first grocery buyer to make the Treasurer's position a little easier (April 24, 1985).

Club Champion – B. Smart B. Grade – C. Kinnane.

1986

President – L. Meadows
Vice President – P. Tippett
Secretary – G. Povey
Captain – M. Rees
Vice President – B. Smart
Handicap Manager – J. Fort
Treasurer – C. Homes

Committee also included: M. Donehue, O. Barker, C. Kinnane, E. Coulson.

Catering Conveynor: N. Spillman

Match Committee: M. Rees, B. Smart, O. Barker, P. Tippett, J. Fort.

Mrs. B. Smart resigned as Vice Captain (served as Captain for 7 years). E. Coulson was elected in her place. B. Smart put onto Committee.

Mrs. P. Tippett resigned as Vice President and member of Match Committee.

Mrs. J. Fort was elected as Vice President and Mrs. E. Coulson to Match Committee.

Decided to continue Birdies and Ferrets competition.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Smart were farewelled – two loyal workers for the Club, moved to Clifton Springs (*page 20 book*).

Due to resignation of B. Smart, C. Homes was elected to Match Committee.

Club Champion – O. Barker B. Grade – B. Phillips.

1987

President – L. Meadows
Vice President – J. Fort
Secretary – G. Povey
Treasurer – C. Homes
Captain – M. Rees
Vice Captain – M. Hutchins
Handicap Manager – J. Fort
Assistant Handicap Manager – L. Flack

Committee: M. Donehue, C. Kinnane, N. Spillman, J. Drummond, O. Barker, L. Flack.

Catering Organiser: N. Spillman

Kitchen Buyer: M. Donehue

Match Committee: M. Rees, M. Hutchins, O. Barker, L. Flack, N. Spillman.

In March M. Rees resigned as Captain. M. Hutchins was elected Captain and J. Fort was elected as Vice Captain and onto Match Committee.

A Pennant team was entered in the District Pennant competition for the first time and performed well.

Club Champion – O. Barker B. Grade – E. Coulson.



Above: Winners of Sierra Cup. L to R: L Flack, M McCallum and K Lowery.

1988

President – J. Fort

Vice President – N. Spillman

Secretary – G. Povey

Treasurer – B. Waring

Captain – M. Hutchins

Vice Captain & Handicapper – L. Flack (C. Homes later became Vice Captain)

Committee: C. Kinnane, L. Meadows, J. Drummond, M. Donehue, C. Homes, O. Barker.

Match Committee: L. Flack, M. Hutchins, C. Homes.

Monthly Medal competition was introduced.

Lorraine Flack represented Parklands as our Bi-Centennial winner.

Club Champion – O. Barker B. Grade – C. Homes

1989

President – J. Fort

Vice President – C. Kinnane

Secretary – G. Povey

Treasurer – B. Waring

Captain – C. Homes

Vice Captain – N. Spillman

Handicapper – J. Drummond

Committee: M. Donehue, M. Hutchins, O. Barker, N. Curran, L. Flack.

Match Committee: C. Homes, N. Spillman, J. Drummond, M. Hutchins, M. Donehue.

Club Champion – C. Brownsea B. Grade – B. Phillips (*ref page 19 book*).



Above: Outstanding Club Members cutting Celebration Cake (Parklands Golf Club 21st Birthday.
L to R: M Hutchins, J Drummond and G Povey.

1990

President – J. Fort

Vice President – M. Donehue

Secretary – G. Povey

Treasurer – B. Waring

Captain – C. Homes

Handicapper – J. Dummond

Committee: C. Kinnane, L. Flack, K. Lowery, L. Menzel, N. Spillman, O. Barker.

Match Committee: C. Homes (Capt.), J. Drummond, K. Lowery (Vice Capt.), O. Barker, N. Spillman.

Club Champion – C. Brownsea B. Grade – B. Smith.

1991

President – M. Donehue
Vice President – L. Flack
Secretary – G. Povey
Treasurer – B. Waring
Captain – N. Spillman
Handicapper – J. Drummond

Committee: J. Fort, N. Curran, B. Smith,
C. Kinnane, L. Menzel, M. Rees.
Match Committee: N. Spillman (Capt),
J. Fort (Vice Capt.), L. Flack, J.
Drummond, N. Curran.

Two teams were entered in the Pennant
competition.



L to R: G Povey, M Donehue & N Spillman

Club Champion – G. Dixon B. Grade – M. Donkers.

Below: Presidents Day 1993.



1992

President – M. Donehue
Vice President – L. Flack
Secretary – G. Povey
Treasurer – B. Waring
Captain – N. Spillman
Handicapper – J. Drummond

Committee: M. Donkers, J. Fort, C. Kinnane, O. Barker, M. Perkins, M. Smith.
Match Committee: N. Spillman (Capt.), J. Fort (Vice Capt.), J. Drummond, B. Waring, M. Perkins.

Joan Fort and Golda Povey were made Life Members of the Parklands Golf Club.

Club Champion – G. Dixon B. Grade – C. Kinnane.



Championship Winners: C Kinnane and G Dixon

1993



L to R: B Smith, D Ryan, P Eveston & N Gill.

President – M. Donehue
Vice President – L. Flack
Secretary – C. Kinnane
Treasurer – B. Waring
Captain – J. Fort
Handicapper – N. Spillman

Committee: M. Donkers, P. Tully, G. Povey, M. Perkins, K. Brockett, J. Drummond.

Match Committee: J. Fort (Capt.), N. Spillman (Handicapper), J. Drummond, K. Brockett, M. Donkers, L. Flack (Vice Capt.).

Club Champion – G. Dixon B. Grade – L. Renwick



Above (L & R): Waiting to hit off (Captains Day 1993)

1994

President – L. Flack
Vice President – M. Perkins
Secretary – C. Kinnane
Treasurer – B. Waring
Captain – J. Fort
Handicapper – N. Spillman

Committee: N. Gill, M. Donkers, O. Barker, K. Brockett, P. Tully, L. Renwick.

Match Committee: J. Fort (Capt.), N. Spillman (Handicapper), M. Donkers, O. Barker, N. Gill.

Hole In One achieved by H. Holcombe on the 2nd.

Treasurer B. Waring retired from this position at the end of the year after 7 years of keeping the books “up to date” and in the “black”.

A.L.G.U. Centenary of Golf Championship Teams Event in Perth, W.A.. Our members, Nora Beckham, Jan Hards and Kathy Brockett represented not only Parklands but Victoria in this event (*ref page 41 photo 42*).

Club Champion – G. Dixon (4th time) (*ref page 41*) B. Grade – K. Brockett.

1995



Above: Presidents Day 1995.

President – L. Flack
Vice President – P. Tully
Secretary – C. Kinnane

Treasurer – N. Gill
Captain – J. Fort
Handicapper – N. Curran

Committee: O. Barker, J. Ross, M. Donehue, S. McCaskill, M. Perkins, D. Ryan.
Match Committee: J. Fort (Capt.), N. Curran (Handicapper), O. Barker, M. Donehue, J. Ross.

Club Champion – G. Dixon (5th time) (ref page 44) B. Grade – S. McCaskill.

1996

President – L. Flack
Vice President – P. Tully
Secretary – C. Kinnane
Treasurer – N. Gill
Captain – O. Barker
Vice Captain – N. Curran
Handicapper – J. Fort

Committee: S. McCaskill, D. Ryan, M. Perkins, P. Isbel, M. Donehue, N. Spillman.
Match Committee: O. Barker (Capt.), N. Curran (Vice Capt.), J. Fort (Handicapper), S. McCaskill, N. Gill.

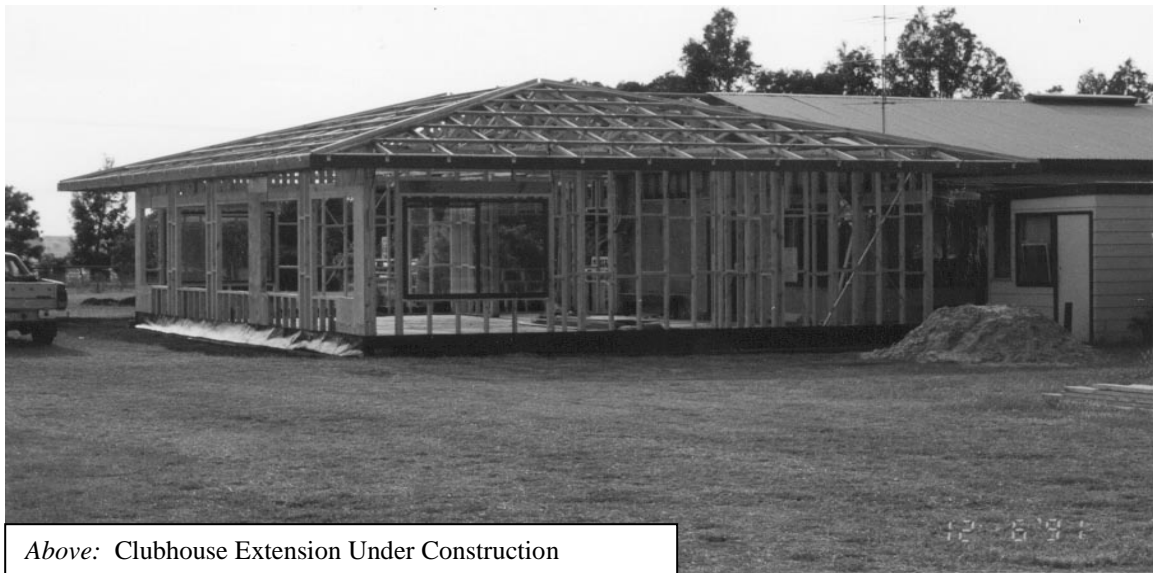
Opening of the 18 hole course
(ref page 46)

Pennant: Our first ever win – Section 2 (ref page 46 and photo).

Ladies Open Champion – G. Dixon (6th year) B. Grade – N. Gill.



Above: Ladies Champions and Runners Up.
A Grade – G Dixon B Grade – N Gill
A Grade (R/U) – O Barker B Grade (R/U) – C Kinnane



Above: Clubhouse Extension Under Construction

1997



Above: Champions (A Grade) G Dixon, R/U C McArthur
(B Grade) M Donehue R/U A Ferguson

President – J. Fort
Vice President – P. Tully
Secretary – C. Kinnane
Treasurer – N. Gill
Captain – O. Barker
Vice Captain – N. Curran
Handicapper – P. Isbel

Committee: M. Perkins, S. McCaskill, M. Donehue, M. Darling, D. Ryan.
Match Committee: O. Barker (Capt.), N. Curran (Vice Capt.), P. Isbel (Handicapper), N. Gill, S. McCaskill.

Celebration of 21 years of women's golf at Parklands (ref page 50).

Hole In One – Phyllis Tully on the 15th (ref page 50 photo).

Ladies Open Champion – G. Dixon (7th year) B. Grade – M. Donehue.

Janet Foster elected Secretary (ref page 50).

Ladies commence Saturday golf (ref page 49 and photo).



Above: 21st Birthday Celebrations.



Above (L & R): Ladies Pennant Teams.



Above: Parklands first successful pennant team.



Above: Bar Staff (L to R: R Brabham, F Brown, J Hollard & N Rule)