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Mr. Bradley reported that the irrigation scheme from the river was now functioning perfectly.

**Buildings:** The committee was unanimous in its decision to approve the drawings, which had been prepared by Mr. Webb for alterations to the building in order to provide improved facilities directly into the main Clubhouse lounge. It was also decided that the President and other committee members would show the drawings to the Ladies committee at the meeting with them on 14 February.

The Chairman asked that it be recorded that, at a recent Special Meeting of the committee, the purchase of a cold room was approved at a cost of R7000, inclusive of tax and repayable free of interest over a period of 24 months.

17 February 1986, Special General Meeting: this meeting was called for discussions on quotations submitted for the construction of the bar hatch.

Quotations were received from the following firms:

### Electrical Installations.

Peters Electrical.

R441.48

W.J. Electrical.

R409.48

### Building Alterations.

George Black.

Failed to quote

G.J. Kotze.

R5 117.00

F. W. Struckmeyer.

R4 924.00

**Resolution:** It was unanimously resolved to accept the lowest quotes of Messrs W.J. Electrical for the electrical alterations and F. W. Struckmeyer for the building alterations. A total sum of R6 000.00 was allowed to cater for contingencies not reflected in the quotations.

10 March 1986, Following the resignation of Mr. Stoute as green keeper, it was agreed that the President should approach Messrs B. Fry (ME) and E. Todd (VLC) to ascertain their preparedness to take on the job at R200 per month.

**Buildings:** It was agreed that Mr. Webb should place the newly acquired cold room, in position immediately and that he should also go ahead with the completion of plans, for the permanent installation of the cold room, and the submission thereof for approval by the Municipality, as well as the plans for the alterations to the bar (arches between the bar and existing locker room), and submit these to the Liquor Board.

Mr. Webb reported that the new aluminium guttering for the club-house would cost in the region of R2,200.00 and it was decided to leave this matter in abeyance for the time being.

14 April 1986, The committee authorised Mr. Webb to go ahead and obtain quotations for all further proposed alterations, which should be itemised, viz. installation of cold room, bar alterations, additional burglar proofing, etc.

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12 May 1986, **Buildings;** No further communication has been received from the Liquor Board regarding alterations to the bar and construction of the cold room.

Mr. Webb was authorised to approach the City Engineer regarding the closing of the cycle track adjacent to A and B greens.

The Competition Secretary to place before the District the following complaint: Penalties of W. Thomson, Incorrect Scorecard.

Deduction of, 2 Points. Round 4 of District Fours.

The Martsburg Bowling Club wish to place on record their disappointment in the penalising of one of their teams for failing to enter the names of players who participated in the 1986 District Fours Competition.

It is accepted that the skip did not comply with the provisions of the bylaw 10 (page 22) by omitting the names of his players. It is Doubtful however the Executive Committee has ensured, in terms of by-law 7, that the relevant rules were compiled with, FOR if an official umpire was available, surely the submission and correctness of the scorecard must be part of his duties.

It is further recommended that these by-laws, be brought to the attention of the Clubs offering, their greens and facilities to the District Executive. In other words, if a club can not provide the necessary service, should not an alternate venue be provided where the service will be available, or, alternatively, the Executive should arrange for the necessary service.

16 June 1986, Mr. Webb referred to a request by the Corporation for additional information concerning the installation of the cold room and it was decided that he should proceed in the matter as he saw fit. (The Chairman, wished to place on record the Special Committee's resolution on the purchase of the prefabricated cold room for R7000.00 inclusive, to be paid over 24 months interest free from Midlands Refrigeration (Pty) Ltd. This price included the erection cost)

It was also decided that Mr. Webb should attend to recent complaints concerning the Ladies toilets and replace whatever parts were necessary in order to improve them.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Mr. Bearpark (comp sec) should negotiate with Stella Park and Durban B.C. concerning proposed inter-club visits and friendly competitions to be held on mutually acceptable dates.

Mr. Bearpark was asked by the Chairman to take up at the next District Committee meeting certain aspects relating to the recent unsatisfactory handling of Mr. Thomson's case.

14 July 1986, It was decided to proceed with major renovations to B green after the Azalea Tournament, which meant that the green would be closed for several months from September 1986, because of this the club would only have two greens available.



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The Secretary was asked to write to both Stella Park and Durban Bowling clubs and enquire whether they would again be able to host our club on dates to be arranged later this year.

The Secretary read out a letter (dated 18 June 1986) received from the Town Clerk and conveying the City Council's decision not to close down the cycle-track adjacent to our Club as it had been requested by the club.

It was decided to write and request in view of the Council's decision not to close the cycle-track could it not be tarred as soon as possible in order to obviate stones being thrown onto the greens.

**Buildings:** It was decided to modernise the Ladies toilets at an approximate cost of R700.00, to replace the Notice Board at an approximate cost of R250 and submit plans to the Corporation for the installation of the cold room and alterations to the Bar.

11 August 1986, Mr. Webb was authorised to go ahead with the installation of the cold room and the bar, including the archway, electrics and burglar alarm at an estimated total cost of R8000.00 and obtaining 3 quotations.

13 October 1986, In response to a letter dated 8 October, received from P.D.B.A. it was decided to accept the invitation, to make our Club's facilities available for the 1988 S.A. Inter-District Tournament to be staged in the City during November of that year, in order to celebrate the 150 th Anniversary of Pietermaritzburg.

10 November 1986, In response to letters dated 3 November 1986 from the Tournament Secretary, of the 1987 All Natal Bowls Tournament, to be held from 6 to 20 June 1987, The Secretary was asked to write and advise the name of the club's green keeper, Mr. J.C. Read and also to enquire why Collegians P.M.B. is again expected to be Headquarters, and why other clubs have not been approached in this connection.

The Chairman stated that all Major alterations to the clubhouse were now completed. He thanked Mr. Webb for all his hard work this past year.

8 December 1986, With regard to a suggestion by Mr. Brebner that men be allowed to wear shorts, it was decided to allow this on Thursdays only, provided that the Women's Section had no objections. It was decided that the possibility of shorts being worn on Wednesdays, as well be taken up by Mr. Adhinnall with District.

12 January 1987, A letter was received from the NBA about the 17 th Natal District Tournament on Friday 24 th to Sunday 26 th July 1987. This matter was discussed, and it was decided that this Club would not be in a position to host this Tournament at that time. Secretary to advise NBA accordingly. It was also decided that this Club would not be able to be Sub-Headquarters for the All Natal Tournament in June 1987.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Brebner, that his suggestion about wearing of shorts has been forwarded to Higher Authorities for their decision. In the meantime shorts would not be allowed on bowling days.

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The meeting was informed, that as from 1 st January 1987, white bowling shoes will be permitted, but the shoes must be of leather or imitation leather, any other material will not be permitted.

The Chairman said that SABA had recommended that all teams representing their club must all wear the same colour shoes. It is hoped that this will soon become law and so avoid the mixing of colours.

9 February 1987, The Chairman reported on the meeting that had been held with the Ladies Section, and it had been decided to start off the fund raising with a fete to be held at the club at the end of May. All funds so raised were to be set aside for certain building alterations. After discussions each member was asked for his opinion, it was decided to continue with this project, and that the amount of R2600 currently in the club's general fund, be earmarked for this purpose. A special account to be opened at a bank or building society for these funds.

13 April 1987, It was noted that overdraft facilities up to R5000 for new bar furniture and building renovations had been granted by the bank and that the rates would be lower than those which would be payable in respect of a loan from the City Council.

YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN.

Azalea Tournament Committee for 1987, Joe Brittain was once again The Chairman.

11 May 1987, The Chairman the committee with two quotations for roofing the cold room- one for R1590 by Batemans and the other, by Mr. J. Struckmeyer, for R800 which included repairs to the Clubhouse guttering. The committee decided to accept Mr. Struckmeyer's quotation.

8 June 1987, It was agreed that Messrs Carbis and Brewer should investigate the practicability of installing a metal pipe on the pump at the Dust River and should obtain quotations therefor.

In response to a letter dated 23 May 1987, from the Chairman of the Natal Inland Women's Bowling Association, requesting permission for the club to be used as Head-quarters for the 1988 SA Womens Inter-District Championships to be held from 9 to 15 October 1988, it was decided to first discuss the matter with the ladies Committee.

13 July 1987, The Secretary read out a letter dated 16 June 1987, which he received from the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Natal Women's Bowling Tournament Championships to be held in Pietermaritzburg from 14 to 28 May 1988, requesting the use of our greens, as well as application for Head-quarters/ Sub Head-quarters for the period in question.

The Committee decided to go along with whatever the Women's Section would like to do, the Secretary to discuss with Mrs L. Blyth before replying to the letter.

10 August 1987, The Secretary was asked to write to the Secretary Tournament Committee, in reply to their letter dated 16 June 1987, confirming that the club wishes to apply for Head-quarters for the Natal Women's Bowling Championships to be held from 14 to 28 May 1988.



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12 October 1987, It was noted that the SA Women's Bowling Association required the use of two greens from 9 to 15 October 1988, as they had decided to establish Head- quarters at Collegians Club and not, at our club, as originally requested.

9 November 1987, After some discussion, building works were listed in order of priority as follows;

- (1) Roof leaks.
- (2) Internal, painting.
- (3) Awaiting outside bar.

It was decided that these works be done as soon as funds are available, the Ladies Committee be approached for possible assistance.

11 January 1988, The Committee agreed to permit pensioners to use two greens on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, provided that they do not damage the greens. The normal green fees to apply, bar facilities would be available and negotiations for tea would be made with the Ladies Committee. The Chairman undertook to ask them to wear proper bowls dress, if possible.

Mr. Brittain reported that the pensioners bowls was proving a great success and of financial benefit to the club.

14 March 1988, Mr Carbis gave a report on the state of the greens and the maintenance programme. He mentioned that due to the excessive rain was having an adverse effect on the eradication of weeds, to add to his woes there was excessive moisture on (C) green, and he felt that this was due to poor storm-water drainage above the green, it was decided that the building sub- committee should investigate improving drainage.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the City Engineer requesting that his representative should meet with Mr. Rowles in order to discuss storm- water drainage problems in the road outside the club but had not yet received a reply.

Mr. Webb reported that he had obtained a quotation from Mr. Struckmeyer and that it would cost approximately R1000 to repair the roof leaks, ceiling and gutters of the clubhouse. He was authorised to accept the quote providing it was the cheapest. 11 April 1988, Mr Webb reported that he had investigated the excessive moisture on (C) green and estimated that it would cost at least R4500 to provide proper drainage. It was decided to defer taking any action at this stage as we are entering the dry season.

The resignation of Mr. Brewer Vice-President and the intended resignation of Mr. Webb, the Chairman to approach two members to be co-opted onto the committee was, approved.

9 May 1988, The Green keeper gave a brief report on the greens. He also mentioned that Mr. Read wished to replant (A) in August and it was agreed that it should be done. The Secretary was to notify District that the club would be a two green club until further notice.

Mr. Carbis stated that Mr. Read felt that a hollow-tine machine was essential for proper maintenance of the greens and had suggested that all clubs should get together and purchase one.

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It was agreed to Confer Hon Life Membership to Mr T Gibson. Mr. Brittain, however, felt that the club should acquire for our own use and suggested that we should write to the SA Breweries for an advance in order to purchase it. This was agreed to.

13 June 1988, In response to a letter dated 13 June received from the PDBA regarding the Pietermaritzburg 150 Tournament, it was decided that the Secretary should reply to effect that, in view of our present green problems, we could only offer our green for the tournament to be held from 15 to 18 September 1988 and could, unfortunately, not offer our club as Headquarters because of the greens position.

11 July 1988, It was decided to ask the green keeper to investigate re-planting (A) green with Australian grass instead of Buggiew and to see what can be done to fill in the depression on (A) green prior to the Azalea Tournament.

The secretary reported that he had written to the SA Breweries asking for a loan of R13 500. For the purchase of a hollow- tine machine, but had not yet received a reply.

The Secretary mentioned that, at the request of Mr. Keegan, he had written to the Secretary of the SA Inter- District Tournament committee confirming that it will not be possible to allocate two greens for the Tournament to be held in October/November 1988. Buildings; Mr. McIntosh reported that Mr Struckmeyer had been working on the gutters and roof. It was not clear, however, whether the work had been completed.

It was also suggested that the ceiling in the bar be painted before the Azalea Tournament and he undertook to arrange for a task force to do the work. He was authorised to obtain 10 litres of ceiling paint through Mr. Radcliffe.

8 August 1988, Mr. Carbis mentioned that "C" green was to be top dressed, and that "A" green would be replanted in September or early October.

The Secretary informed that as yet there was no reply from SA Breweries regarding the loan to purchase a hollow- tine machine. It was decided that the green keeper should enquire from Collegians in order to find out where they had hired a machine from and the cost thereof.

Membership; The proposed increase in subscriptions, which is to be from the subject at a Special General Meeting to be held on 20 August 1988, was discussed and it was felt that an increase in subscriptions for certain pensioners could create a hardship for them. It was decided that members who are 70 years and older should not be included in the increase and that the following rates of subscriptions should be proposed at the forthcoming meeting.

Existing Subs.	Under 70.	70 and over	Proposed Subs
Full Members.	R35.00 pa.	R50.00.	R35.00pa.
Associate/Country.	R20.00 pa.	R30.00pa.	R20.00pa



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11 September 1988, The Secretary was requested to follow up the letter to the SA Breweries regarding the loan for the purchase of the hollow-tine machine.

Mr. Carbis gave a brief report on the greens and referred to a quotation received from Messrs Weedkill for killing the Grass on "A" prior to replanting of R230.00 and for killing the weeds and foreign grasses on "B" and "C" green R172.00. It was agreed to accept these quotations provided that Messrs Weedkill gave a guarantee as to the complete effectiveness of the treatments. Mr. Carbis mentioned that the work would be commenced on 19 September 1988 if weather conditions were favourable, and after the Pietermaritzburg 150 Tournament.

It was noted that the Club would be Headquarters for the PMB 150 Tournament to be held from 15 to 18 September 1988.

It was unanimously agreed to confer Hon Life Membership to Mr. Frank Carbis.

Mr. Brittain reported that the repairs to the roof and guttering had been done and that Mr. Struckmeyer was paid. He added that major repairs to the roof would be required in due course.

The following few pages are extracts from the Official Programme for this tournament, I hope the readers can reminisce when looking through the personnel of the teams.

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11 October 1988, The secretary mentioned that he had written again, on the 15 September 1988, to the manager, SA Breweries in Durban in connection with the interest free loan of R13.500 for the purchase of the hollow- tine machine but had not received a reply.

It was agreed to put forward a notice of Motion to the forthcoming AGM on 27 October 1988 to amend the constitution in order to provide for Hon Life President: one at a time- and to nominate Mr. Joe Brittain for this Honour this year.

14 November 1988, The Secretary mentioned that Mr Read considered it to be essential to acquire a hollow- tine machine and asked if the funds could be raised from club members by way of interest free loans repayable over a period of, say, 5 years. He felt so strongly about this matter that he would personally advance R1000 for this purpose. After discussion, it was agreed to put a notice on the notice board appealing to members for assistance.

The secretary read out a letter dated 7 November 1988 from the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the National Association for Blind Bowlers, requesting our club as Headquarters, for the 1989 Allied National Blind Bowlers Tournament to be held in Pietermaritzburg from 7 to 15 April 1989. Morning teas and light lunches would be required for the duration of the Tournament. The Committee unanimously agreed to this request.

12 December 1988, Mr. Brittain enquired whether he should negotiate a loan through Wesbank. For the purchase of a hollow- tine machine, which would cost about R16.000.00, plus GST and the Secretary mentioned that there had been no response to the appeal for loans or donations from members. Mr. Judkins read out an article in a journal querying the wisdom of hollow- tinting and it was then decided that Mr. White should discuss the whole matter, with the District Greens Advisory Committee and report back to the committee.

It was also queried if the greens were being scarified enough, as they were heavy. The Chairman undertook to discuss this aspect with the green keeper.

The committee noted with gratitude the generous donation of R1.081 by the Ladies committee, towards the renovations of "A" green, and the Secretary to write thanking them.

There has still not been any response from SA Breweries. 13 March 1989, Maritzburg B. C. was again to be Headquarters for the 1989 All Natal Tournament from 3 to 17 June 1989.

The Secretary was asked to write to the corporation and request them to provide a concrete fence along the Mayor's Garden boundary and to supply suitable plants in order to beautify the grounds in time for the all Natal Tournament in June. 8 May 1989, the secretary reported that he had received a reply from the Town Clerk, in response to the clubs request for the erection of a concrete boundary fence and assistance with shrubs, and flowering plants. Mr. Brittain had the letter and he was obtaining quotations for concrete fencing as indications were

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That the Council, would consider a grant for this. It was also necessary to liaise with the Parks Department for shrubs and flowering plants, the Chairman undertook to do this.

It was also agreed to paint the bar, with good quality paint before the All Natal Tournament in June. Mr. Judkins offered to make all the arrangements, including deciding on the colour scheme, engaging a painter and assisting the painter with the painting. This was agreed to.

Mr. Judkins also undertook to draw up a roster of entertainment each evening during, The All Natal Tournament, and to organise braais, pies, samoosas etc. The committee gave him a free hand to go ahead with the arrangements.

1 June 1989, Mr. Judkins stated that the cost of labour for painting the Bar and Lounge of the clubhouse would be approximately R1000, but he could not give a figure for the paint costs at this stage. The labour costs were approved.

District; It was decided not to support a District proposal that it should be a condition of play in singles events that losers should be obliged to mark games after the first round.

10 July 1989, Mr. White read out a report from the green keeper with regard, to the purchase of six new blades for the mower at a cost of R250 was authorised. The Committee also approved the replanting of "C" green with buyview grass at an estimated cost of R3 720.00, as soon as possible after the Prestasie tournament to be held on 26 - 27 August 1989.

The Secretary, stated, that he had applied to the City Corporation, for a grant to erect a concrete fence along the club's Northern boundary, at an estimated cost of R3 665.00, but mentioned, that the application was unlikely to succeed, in view of the lengthy delay which had occurred in getting quotations.

14 August 1989, With the possible purchase of hollow- tine machine, it was noted that it would cost approximately R8 000 plus GST. The committee decided that a demonstration should be arranged, for which the club would be prepared to pay, if necessary.

11 September 1989, The Chairman stated that he had attended a demonstration of the hollow- tine machine together with Messrs Brittain and Read and all were satisfied with the machine's performance. The price of the machine was R3 800, excluding GST. The Treasurer stated that the club would have to raise an overdraft in order to purchase the machine. After discussion it was agreed to purchase the machine.

In regard to re-planting of "C" green, the committee decided that it would like the Green keeper to try the method of using cuttings instead of planting the conventional way. If this was tried and failed the committee would not blame the green keeper. This decision was made to reduce labour costs.

9 October 1989, the committee noted that the new hollow- tine machine would be delivered on 10 October 1989, and it up held the decision of the committee to purchase the machine in spite of adverse criticism voiced by certain members.



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13 November 1989, The Chairman remarked that "C" green was coming along very well and complimented the green keeper on a splendid job.

Mr. Sanders reported a move to make PDBA a full District and instead of a Sub-District and it was agreed to support this proposal.

11 December 1989, The chairman reported that, repairs to the compressor unit and fan of the fridge in the ladies bar would cost in the region of R1 500.00 and the repairs were duly approved.

The Secretary reported, that he had received a letter from the Hon. Secretary of Natal Women's Bowling Tournament Committee confirming that the Club's offer as Headquarters for 1990 Women's Natal had been accepted.

Mr. Sanders suggested that the club write to the District stating, that we are of the opinion, that the District should become a full District instead of falling under the NBA and this was agreed to.

15 January 1990, Mr. Brittain reported that he expected to raise close on R3 000. From Christmas hampers, raffles, etc, and proposed that it be earmarked for the new guttering. Approved.

Mr. Carroll drew attention to the fact that people selected for the Natal "B" team may not enter for the District singles Championships. It was decided that the Secretary should write to District and record the club's objection to that decision.

19 February 1990, Mr. Brittain, mentioned that he was still trying to obtain quotes for the guttering. He felt that the guttering was inadequate and this was the reason for the leaking roof.

19 March 1990, The Secretary read out a letter dated 7 March 1990, received from the District in response to the Club's letter dated 20 February 1990, concerning the clash of fixtures, viz. The Natal "B" sides tournament and the opening rounds of the District Singles Championships, in which District stated that they, could see no way out of the difficulty but had written an appeal to NBA.

16 April 1990, Mr. Brittain stated that he had obtained two quotations to renew the guttering. It was decided to accept the lowest quote, i.e. that of Messrs Longspan Gutter Enterprises at the sum of R4 450.00 provided that the material used was of correct Specification. He also undertook to contact Mr. Struckmeyer in connection with his previous Quote to repair the roof.

It was resolved to proceed with the construction of a new Committee room on the verandah and it was noted that the costs involved would be borne by the Ladies Section. Messrs Sanders and Brittain will organise the work. A News Letter was prepared for the Notice Board, mentioning the intention to renew the guttering and the construction of a new Committee room.

The fete held on the 6 April 1990, realised R3 000.00 and all those that assisted were thanked, as well as those who had made donations and those who supported the fete.

It was agreed that the compilation of a competition calendar, as proposed by Mr. Brewer, was not practicable.

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21 May 1990, With regard to the green keepers request, to lend the hollow-tine machine to Mr van der Merwe for three weeks, so that he can copy the various parts, this was agreed to, provided that Mr. Van der Merwe insures, the machine for R15 000, that he gives the club an additional 6 Months guarantee on the machine, and that he does not use the machine, for demonstration or other purposes.

The gutters were renewed but the down pipes were still outstanding.

The Chairman reported that the ladies Committee were apparently prepared to help with paying off the building loan of about R5 700 and it was decided to arrange a meeting with them in order to discuss the matter, as well as possible extensions to the clubhouse.

23 July 1990, Mr. Sanders stated that he would arrange for an artistic person to investigate the décor of the bar, in consultation with Mr. Juddins and Mr. Sander. Mr. Juddins mentioned that tips could be taken from the refurbished Collegians bar.

The Ladies notified the Committee that they would assist with financing the alterations to the Clubhouse to the value of R5 000.

20 August 1990, The Secretary read out a letter from the Director of Parks, in which he stated that he was unable to assist with providing better lighting for the street outside the main entrance, and suggested that the City Engineer be approached in this matter. Secretary undertook to approach the City Engineer.

17 September 1990, Following a report on the greens it was agreed, to acquire the following equipment;

(a) an electric motor for a drum for spraying copper sulphate, fertilizer, etc. at a cost not exceeding R500 and

(b) a lawnmower, with a grass box and a trimmer for the surrounds and banks respectively, at a combined cost not exceeding R2 000.00, in order to replace equipment stolen in the recent burglary.

The bar décor was left to the incoming committee.

Mr. Brittain undertook to look into a burglar alarm system for the equipment shed as, following the recent burglary, the insurers required such a system.

15 October 1990, the alarm system for the equipment shed had been installed.

5 November 1990, Mr. Brittain undertook to engage a handyman, to remove the wall between the tab room and locker room, in order to create a committee room. To erect shelves/cupboards on the far wall and re-erect a number of the lockers in the passage below the notice board, in consultation with Mr. L. Sander. He also undertook to obtain quotations for the erection of a concrete wall, along the, northern and eastern boundaries.

Mr. Juddins agreed to get quotes for carpet tiles for the bar.

It was also agreed that, although improvement of the bar décor was not a priority, it should not be lost sight of and should be attended to by the new bar committee.

Mr. Langley referred to the problem of members cars being



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Broken into in the parking area, in front of the clubhouse. The feeling was that, the existing live hedge, be replaced by a low concrete wall.

21 November 1990 at a Special, meeting of the general Committee, Mr. Brittain, stated that he had received a number of quotes, for the erection of a concrete wall along the northern boundary and along the eastern boundary as far as the main gate and that the lowest quote received was from Messrs Wonder Concrete for the amount of R5 297.04. Agreed to accept this quote.

Mr. Brittain stated that Mr. Jensen had used farm labour over three days in order, to clear the way, for the concrete wall and that a previous quote received for this work was R2 000. After discussion it was agreed to pay Mr. Jensen R500 for his services. Mr. Juddins referred to the fact that his staff had removed the brick wall between the tab room and locker room in order to create a new committee room. It was agreed to pay him R100 for his services.

17 December 1990, The moving of the lockers to below the notice board in the passage to the bar, had been completed and the committee room was in the process of being completed. The cost of the alterations totalled approximately R2 300.00 and Messrs Brittain and Juddins were thanked for their efforts.

The estimated cost of attending to the roof leaks, would be in the region of R6000, it was agreed that Messrs Brittain and Juddins look into the matter.

Mr. Brittain reported that the concrete walls had cost a total of R5797.00, including the clearing of the site, the Ladies Section had donated R5 205.00, leaving a balance of R595 2.00. The extension of the concrete wall along the front of the premises, at an additional R1900.00, was approved, and it was unanimously agreed that the wall was a big improvement.

18 February 1991, it was reported that Mr. M. Eastman was in the process of making a pin type scarfier for the club, at a cost of about R180.00.

The committee room had been painted.

22 July 1991, The question as to whether the club should register with District distinctive coloured clothing was discussed, it was felt that a pale green shirt and navy blue longs should be registered.

19 August 1991, The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from District concerning the clubs request to register coloured clothing. District pointed out that, only shirts, pullovers and cardigans may be varied.

14 October 1991, an undated letter was received from the 1992 All Natal Tournament Secretary asking whether the club wishes to be considered as Sub-Headquarters for next year's tournament. It was decided to write and enquire why the club should not be considered as Headquarters.

Mr. Brittain referred to the fact that the club had only a short term lease on the grounds, and suggested that the club approach the Town Clerk with the view of selling the ground to the club. This suggestion was agreed to.

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18 November 1991, Mr. Briceout sought authority to purchase a "Sprinkaan" lawn mower for the surrounds at a cost of T2 475. This was agreed to.

9 December 1991, Mr. Briceout mentioned that the new mower for the surrounds was working like a charm, and had made a big difference to the surrounds.

He also mentioned that the stone wall was falling down, and Mr. Brittain said that, his brother felt that it was too big a job for him to tackle. Mr. Jensen quoted R3000 to remove the wall slope the ground and grass it with instant lawn. It was decided to look out for a handy man who could do the work.

The damage to the concrete wall would be claimed from the insurers.

20 January 1992, Mr. Brittain referred to the quotation, which he had obtained, for insurance cover in respect of bodily harm or death as a result of an armed robbery. It was decided to obtain more quotes and that the cover b R100 000 for two bar assistants, for death or permanent disability.

The Secretary, reported that he had received a letter from the City Estates Manager Suggesting that the club should apply for a 25 year lease and he was asked to proceed with the application.

17 February 1992, Mr. Brittain referred to a quote which he obtained, from the club's insurers in respect of bodily harm or death as a result of armed robbery. R443 per person per year for R100 000 death/disability cover, in addition to other medical and income benefits. It was decided to take out insurance for two persons.

Mr. Rall drew attention to a letter received from the Municipality, indicating that the installation of the cold room attached to the bar some years ago was illegal, as no plans were submitted to the Municipality. Mr. Langley stated that Mr. Webb was assisting with drawing up the plans and requested the Secretary apply for a three week extension by the Municipality.

A letter was received notifying the club that it would be Headquarters for the 1992 All Natal Tournament. He also mentioned that no response was received from the Municipality regarding the club's request for a 25 Year lease.

Mr. Briceout stated that the club would soon be receiving a request, for the South Africa Bowls team selected to play in the World Bowls Tournament, to play at the club on 13 and 14 June 1992, and the Secretary to respond immediately upon receipt of the letter.

16 March 1992, It was decided to accept the offer by District to host the Springboks versus Natal/Port Natal event on 13/14 June 1992, and it was noted that no other play would be permitted at the club during that week-end.

It was noted that R249 had already been spent on reconstruction of the stone wall behind the bar, for which no authority had been given. It was decided to condone the expenditure and to approve an additional R1 000 for the reconstruction.

The damaged concrete wall was not covered by the insurance and that the R200 quoted to repair it was approved.



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16 March 1992, Mr. Langley mentioned that Mr. H. Webb had kindly drawn up plans for the cold room for sub-mission to the corporation, which Mr. Langley would attend to in the next day or two.

15 June 1992, some discussion took place concerning club colours on bowling shirts, and it was general felt, that the shirt have a green collar and cuffs on a white or cream shirt, with the club's badge, on the pocket, instead of a green shirt, members should pay for their own shirts.

20 July 1992, Mr. Langley reported that he had been advised that the plans for the cold room had been approved by the Corporation.

Mr. Jensen kindly offered to supply bricks and a bricklayer to rebuild the collapsing wall outside the bar. The club to supply the cement, sand and stone. This offer was accepted. Mr. Werner stated that he could arrange for topsoil to be supplied to fill up the space behind the new brick wall.

17 August 1992, Mr. Langley reported that despite telephonic assurance obtained from an official of the Corporation that the cold room plans were in order, a letter had been received calling for an Engineer's certificate. Mr. Briceout undertook to discuss the letter with Mr. J Last of Scottsville B.C.

16 November 1992, The Treasurer reported that the Corporation was no longer going to subsidise the Pensioners Club or the supply of water to the club.

"At Last" The Engineer's certificate had been received (AFTER Mr. Briceout had spoken Mr. J. Last) and the Corporation notified the club that the plans for the cold room had been accepted.

21 December 1992, The Chairman mentioned that he had given the Pensioners Club a copy of the letter from the Corporation, in which the R300 was being withdrawn. It was decided that the Secretary should draft a reply to the Corporation on behalf of the Pensioners.

Mr. Rudling reported that satisfactory arrangements had been concluded in respect of the fruit machines.

Mr. Brittain stated that he would see Mr. Robin Dales about the latter regarding a 25 Year lease, bearing in mind the large amount which would be payable in respect of survey fees.

18 January 1993, Mr. Briceout mentioned that the greens were due to the worn blade cutting cylinder and was asking that a new one should be purchased at a cost of between R2000 and R3000. Approved.

He also mentioned that the club would be Headquarters for the Ladies SA Tournament in November 1993.

Samples of bore-hole water should be sent for analysing and Mr. Werner was asked to assist with this.

The Secretary was asked to liaise with Mr. Charlie Key concerning a reply to the letter received from The Corporation withdrawing the annual grant of R300.

Mr. Holden suggested that an awning be erected over the bar door and Mr. Sanders undertook to look into the matter.

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18 January 1993, The Chairman Mr. Briceout reported that he had raised the question of PDBA becoming a full District, at the council meeting recently, and the District was presently establishing, what the revised requirements were for full District Status.

15 February 1993, The Chairman reported that he had purchased two new blade cutting cylinders at a combined cost of R1991. As a great improvement to the cutting of the greens had resulted, he requested permission to purchase an additional one. This was approved.

The secretary had written a letter to the Corporation regarding the withdrawal of the grant of R300 pa in respect of the Pensioners Club and had received a reply to the effect that the letter had been forwarded to the Grant-in-Aid Sub-Committee for consideration.

Mr. Ashe from the Parks and Recreation, would visit the club on Tuesday 16 February at 8.30, in order to discuss the provision of plants and shrubs for the Women's All Natal in May, as well as for permanent planting in the club grounds.

19 April 1993, The Chairman asked when the retaining wall would be erected. Mr. Werner said that he could arrange for a bricklayer if Mr. Jensen had problems getting one. It was agreed that Messrs Werner and Jensen should liaise in the matter.

3 May 1993, Mr. Sanders expressed thanks to Mr. Jensen for seeing to the erection of the retaining wall and the ramp outside the bar door.

19 July 1993, The Chairman reported that the SA Green keepers Association would inspect the greens on 20 July in connection with the Ladies Inter-District Tournament to be held in November. 7 August 1993, At a special general meeting of the committee, to consider a letter dated 5 August 1993, received from the Hon. Sec, SA Women's Inter-District Tournament committee.

After a brief discussion of the letter, and the reports assessing the condition of the club's greens, it was decided to reply to the effect that; in the light of the fact that the greens are not considered to be up to the required standard, the club now withdraw its offer for the use of the greens and facilities for the above mentioned tournament.

As a matter of interest the greens were graded as follows;

(A) Was graded as C 83.5 %

(B) Was graded as B 86.0 %

(C) Was graded as C 83.5 %

16 August 1993, The Chairman gave a brief report on the greens, he also referred to an SABA diagram for artificial banks and said that they were so simple to construct that he could do it himself. He would work out costs for presentation at the next meeting.

At 5.30pm the meeting was joined by Mrs Pat Rainier, Chairman of the 1993 SA Women's Inter-District Tournament Committee and Mrs Vinnie Visser.



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Mrs Rainier expressed her disappointment at the fact that the club had withdrawn its greens and facilities in respect of the Tournament to be held in November. She explained that the decision to use Scottsville Bowling Club for the Semi-Finals and Finals was based solely on the recommendation of the SA Greenkeepers Association and that the matter was out of their hands.

She appealed to the committee to reconsider its decision in view of the fact it would be difficult for Her committee to make alternate arrangements at this stage. The two Ladies left the meeting at 6.00pm.

Mr. James then proposed that the club withdraw its letter dated 11 August 1993 and give full use of the club's greens and facilities. It was carried, with only Mr. Holden disagreeing.

20 September 1993, District; It was decided to Support the concept of an Inter-Provincial for seniors only if it was under the auspices of SABA.

18 October 1993, Lengthy discussion took place concerning the Pensioners Club, and various members expressed the opinion that it was not in the best interest of Bowls in the City. Bowlers were leaving recognised bowling clubs in relatively large numbers to join the Pensioners Club. They then paid an extremely low annual subscriptions and did not pay any levies to SABA, NBA and PDBA, where as club members had to pay higher club subscription and all the levies. Mr. Brittain undertook to fully investigate the matter and report back to the incoming Committee.

Mr. Sam Lelsegang mentioned that, membership of the club, which five years ago stood at 166, had dropped to 67 as at 30 September 1993. Very little was being done to recruit new members and the question now arose, as to whether the club could continue to afford to maintain three greens.

Mr. Landely referred to the fact that PDBA was endeavouring to establish an Industrial/Commercial Bowls League in the City, in an effort to recruit new bowlers into the game. A circular had been sent out to members of the PMB Chamber of Commerce and Industries, and a response was awaited.

Mr. W. Bassett enquired what was happening about the proposed breakaway of PDBA from NBA. Mr. Britcote replied to the effect that although he, personally, foresaw certain advantages, general apathy was being displayed by Clubs in the District.

18 October 1993, Mr. Lelsegang felt that the club should appoint a Development Officer, whose job it would be to endeavour to recruit new members. It was decided that the Committee as a whole be involved with development and recruiting on a continuous basis. It was further suggested that, more bowls of a social nature be promoted, as well as fun bowls

Mr. Carbis felt that the availability of bowls coaching was not meeting, the necessary publicity and it was decided to include this in the club's weekly bowls notes in the Press.

Mr. Brittain mentioned that the club badly needed more members if it was to survive.

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30 October 1993, Mr. A Holden felt that the Pensioners Club was a problem in that a member only had to pay R6 per year in Subscriptions. The club was getting a bad name for hosting the pensioners, and this was doing a disservice to bowls. Mr Brittain said that he was investigating a scheme whereby members of The Pensioners Club could join the club, at a fee of R30.00. per year (which would cover all levies to SABA, NBA and PDBA), plus green fees. It was agreed to leave this matter to the incoming committee to discuss further.

The cost of the longterm lease would be R3 520; it was suggested that the men's section pays half and the Ladies Section the other half.

Mr Brittain to follow up the matter of the donation to The Pensioners Club of R300 from the Municipality.

A letter from District indicating that there was dissatisfaction amongst club that members of the Pensioners playing on the clubs did not, belong to a club. Mr Carbis offered to obtain names of these people. The Secretary to write to District informing them that this matter was under investigation, and that Mr. Brittain is to discuss this with the Pensioners.

Mr. Carbis discussed the correct width of rinks. This is to be a minimum of 5m in future. SABA. recommendation.

13 December 1993, The Ladies donated R2000 towards the surveying costs and a ceiling fan for the bar lounge.

It was agreed that the club goes ahead with the survey of the grounds. Secretary to write to City Estates Manager enclosing cheque for R3 520.

Seven pensioner Club members have accepted the package deal put forward by Mr. Brittain.

R300 was received from the Municipality for the Pensioners Club.

Mr M. Stone quoted R1 536 for the erection of a canopy over the bar door. Secretary to advise him that the club at the present moment did not have funds available and could not accept the quote.

14 February 1994, Lease agreement; Letter received from Estates Manager stating that the land survey will be undertaken. Mr Werner to try and expedite the matter.

The purchasing of cheery machines was discussed; members should be given an opportunity of investing in the machines. On going.

Lease agreement; Mr. Werner stated that a letter was on its way to the club. It was agreed that the matter was extremely urgent. Azalea Tournament; Mr. M. Wessels is endeavouring to obtain prizes. A decision whether to continue the Tournament will be made after a Special Meeting on 19 March 1994.

It was decided at the Special Meeting to purchase Cherry machines. Debuture shares would be offered to members at a return of 12.5 % adopted by a majority of 18 Votes. This was decided upon, due to the withdrawal of J and B from the Azalea Tournament.



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22 March 1994, at a special meeting it was decided to continue with the Azalea Tournament, in spite of J and B withdrawing their sponsorship. It was felt that the club could hold the Tournament without adopting standards. It was imperative that money should be raised to cover the prize money and expenses. Cherry Machines; Mr. Rudding could possibly obtain machines at R3895 each. He will make inquiries. Debenture shares for the use of members will be posted on the notice board. 11 April 1994, it was reported that the lease agreement will probably not be finalised before the end of the year. In conjunction with the District Senior Fours Championship is planned to run that Natal was also planning a similar Championship. Azalea Tournament; R 1000 has been received from Unilag. 2 May 1994, Mr. Brittain was give a cheque for R 11 300 for the delivery of the gambling Machines. 27 June 1994, Lease Agreement; Letter received from the City Estates Manager. City Administrator will take steps to close the area utilised by Martsburg Bowling Club. 7 July 1994, Combined General Committees of the Men and Ladies Sections, the meeting was called to discuss the possible amalgamation of the Men's and Ladies Sections of the club. It was pointed out that the matter had been discussed about two years previously but the men's section had turned it down. It was generally agreed that there would have to be;

- One President
- One Lady Convenor
- One Secretary
- Separate Competition Secretaries

It was resolved that the Ladies discuss this at their AGM and if accepted the Men's section would discuss at their AGM in October. 5 August 1994 the Ladies Section had agreed to the amalgamation of the Men and Ladies sections. Mr. Roberts was thanked for his positive attitude when the J and B withdrew their sponsorship. His drive motivated the committee to embark on a successful fund raising schemes, which enabled the club to stage the Azalea Tournament in 1991. 9 January 1995, Re sponsorship Azalea Tournament, ABSA would advise once the budget for 1995/6 was finalised. The City Estates Manager informed the club that no objections had been received on declaring the club grounds a "Private Open Ground". The matter should be finalised in three to four months. 15 March 1995, ABSA informed the club that they are not in a position to sponsor the 1995 Azalea. The Secretary was instructed to apply for sponsorship for the 1996 Tournament. It was agreed to shorten the 1995 Azalea Tournament to three days. Dates 19,20,21 July 1995. Entry fee R120 per team. Invitations to be sent out immediately.

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10 April 1995, Azalea Tournament; ABSA will provide a sponsorship of R12 000. A Special Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 April to discuss suggested changes in the competition. A Meeting with officials will take place on Wednesday 19 April after which new entry form will be sent out. This meeting was rescheduled for the 16 May 1995. 10 July 1995, only 26 entries were received for the Azalea Mrs. S. Morgan offered to make the charts. Lease agreement; In a letter from the Estates Manager the latest information regarding the lease was received. Because the wording was not clear, Mr. Langley requested the Sec to hand him all correspondence regarding the lease. He would enter into negotiations with the Estates Manager. The First Committee of the club after amalgamation of the Men and Ladies Sections was as follows;

President.	A. Keegan
Vice-President.	E. Brincout
Secretary.	E. Brauner.
Treasurer.	G. Rall.
Comp. Sec.	R. Radcliffe.
Committee.	J. Brittain
Immed Past Pres.	D. Langely.
Mesdames.	S. Morgan (TPP), M. Werner, P. Hawkins, C. Mary, C. Bateson and W. Radcliffe (Comp. Sec)

8 January 1996, Quotation for replacing the urinal trough with urinal bowls from Noel's Plumbing was accepted. 11 March 1996, Bowls South Africa. At the first inaugural meeting of BSA the President would be elected. The best person for the job would be elected whether it be a Man or Woman. BSA will operate from Johannesburg. 1 April 1996, no water can be pumped from the Duzi because the pump is defective Mr Werner has agreed to repair it. It was reported that the pump was not the fault but that some of the pipes had been stolen Mr. Werner can obtain pipes required at a cost of R752.81 accepted. Two quotations had been received for the erection of an awning of the bar door. It was decided to extend the awnings by two m. Martsburg Awnings to requote. 13 May 1996, it was reported that by PMB. Msunduzi Council that the lease agreement should be finalised in three months after the land has been surveyed (this is the second time). 10 June 1996, Mr. Keegan had received a quote for the awning at a cost of R2064. (accepted) 36 Teams had entered for the 1996 Azalea Tournament. 9 September 1996, District; The amalgamation of PDBA and NWBA, the questionnaire will not be circulated. The pump from the Duzi river is again a operational Thanks to Mr. Werners efforts. 9 December 1996, Mrs Morgan notified the meeting that Martsburg Would be Headquarters for the Ladies All Natal Tournament during April 1997.



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13 January 1997, Mr. Brittain said that the roof was badly in need of repair, as it was leaking all over the whole area. The Chairman said he would speak to Mr. Werner. The recent thunder storm caused a huge tree to damage the fence and part of the roof. Receiving attention.

10 February 1997, Mr. Brittain mentioned that the new greenkeeper would be Mr. Len Henderson whom he approached after the resignation of Mr. Bricout. All the machines had since been sharpened. It was also agreed that the greens be cut on Mondays was a good idea.

A quotation was received for the repair of the roof from Messrs R.C. Warr for R46 600, was turned down by the committee and the matter placed in abeyance.

10 March 1997, quotes had been received for a new Mower.

The Chairman said he would speak to someone at the Local Council about, the damage done to the roof, caused by the falling tree.

The Croquet club asked if the club was interested in the cutting of the grass surrounds for R150 per week. Mr. Keegan would speak to the greenkeeper.

2 June 1997, The Chairman said he would approach the Estates Department to inspect the surrounds of the greens and ask them to try and eradicate any trace of ants. Positive remarks were made, during the All Natal by visitors, on the very good condition of the club's greens.

Mr. Brittain said that the Insurance had made payment for the claims; lightning and the damage to the roof caused by the falling tree.

14 July 1997, Mr. Werner would assist with the repairs to the damaged in the roof, for which the insurance had already paid.

8 September 1997, Mr. Botha suggested that the Pensioners do not play bowls on Saturday mornings, to rest the greens. This was discussed keenly, but in the end it was decided that they are to play on "C" green only.

It was decided to address a letter to Mr. V.d.Merwe of the Parks Department, with a copy to Mr. Roger Ashe, in regard with the problem, of ant infestation on the club's greens.

The Secretary said a letter had been received from District confirming the Amalgamation of PDBA with NIWBA  
Mr. Botha said that provision had been made for post from District.

13 October 1997, Mr. R. Radcliffe said that the PDBA/NIWBA amalgamation was to take effect from 1 December 1997. The amalgamation had been Officially approved by Bowls South Africa in a letter received by PDBA. He also said that NIWBA had decided to phase in their Subscriptions over two years.

Investments held by PDBA and NIWBA to be left where they are at the moment and it will be up to the new joint NBA Committee to decide what must be done with them.

The First AGM of the new Natal Inland Bowling Association was held on 29 November at 9.30am.

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Proposed alterations to the bar to be held over.

25 October 1997 AGM; Associate Members, Mr. Piton asked if it would not be possible for Associate Members to attend future AGMs. He felt that they would like the opportunity to express their ideas for the club. It was agreed that this would be in order BUT that the Associate Members would not be entitled to vote as per the Constitution.

Mrs. Brittain proposed a special vote of thanks to Mrs Lorna Blyth, for looking after the Pensioners and for doing the buying for the tea club.

Mr. D.Hanson thanked Maritzburg Bowling Club for hosting the Pensioners and hoped they would continue to do this.

Gambling Machines; Mr.R.Radcliffe said that he had asked Mr. H. Muller of the South African Police whether the club could use their machines. Mr. Muller had informed him that the fines would be HORRENDOUS and if the machines were used this would affect the granting of the Club's Liquor licence. Mr. Radcliffe said that the Club must wait until the Government had decided what to do.