



Mornington-Roslyn Lawn Tennis Club

Then to now: A top spin through history





ROSLYN LAWN TENNIS CLUB

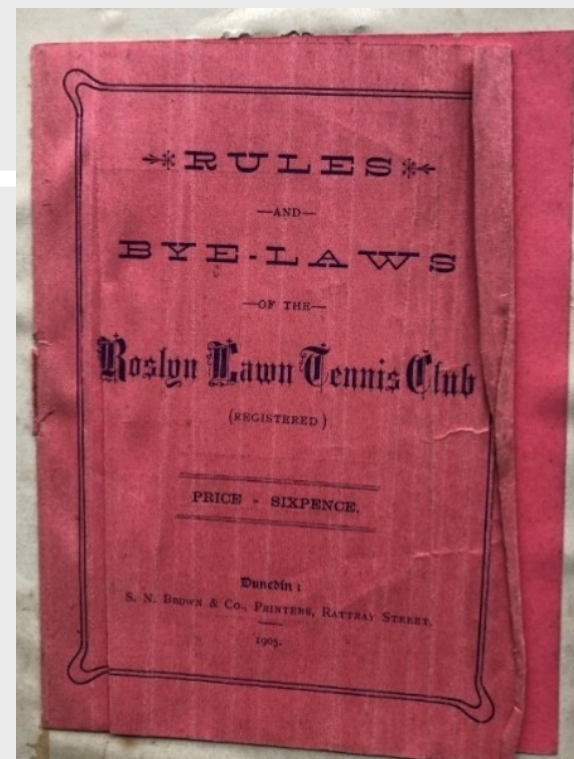
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1974



- Meeting of Kaikorai School and allowed tennis to be played on one school court.
- Then granted land on school grounds to develop courts.



Kaikorai
School, 1905



LOST AND FOUND.

LOST (Wednesday afternoon, between Roslyn Tennis Court and Arthur street), TWO SOVEREIGNS and SILVER, wrapped in £10-note.—£4 reward on returning to J. A. Flanigan, 11 Rattray street.

ODT, 15th December
1904



- Roslyn Bowling Club sold $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of its land in Gamma St
- Bought for £250 and funded by debentures bought for £5 by tennis enthusiasts and prominent Dunedin people
- In the first year: 2 asphalt courts, “a handsome pavilion” and well-fenced grounds

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1904

First committee meeting and minutes of the meeting held in the Roslyn Institute on 25th May 1904

Minutes of meeting held in the Roslyn Institute on Wednesday, 25th May 1904

Present

Messrs J. L. Salmond, A. C. Pegg, Captain Strang, J. B. Gallan, Eden Bowler, R. Wales, A. C. McGeorge, A. C. Alcock, R. Armstrong, R. H. Stables, S. A. Calder, R. S. Black, Mr. A. H. Crawford, Miss M. Callender & Miss W. L. Hepburn
Mr. A. J. Howison & Mr. A. C. Chapman

Mr. J. L. Salmond, being appointed Chairman, explained the reason of the meeting being called namely to consider the advisability of acquiring a piece of ground for the purpose of forming a Tennis Club in Roslyn. a letter was received from the Rev. J. P. Chisholm regarding the purchase of a piece of ground in Roslyn

Proposed by Proposed by Mr. R. S. Black & seconded by Capt. Strang
" That a Tennis Club be formed in Roslyn
Carried

Proposed by Proposed by Mr. R. Armstrong & seconded by Mr. A. J. Howison
" That Mr. R. S. Black be appointed as Secretary & Treasurer to the Club
Carried

Proposed by Proposed by Mr. A. C. Pegg & seconded by Mr. R. Armstrong
" That the name of this Club be 'The Roslyn Lawn Tennis Club'
Carried

Proposed by Proposed by Mr. A. C. Pegg & seconded by Captain Strang
" That Messrs Salmond, Howison & Black be appointed as a Committee to canvass for donations towards the expenses of putting down two asphalt courts & fencing the ground to Miss M. Callender & Miss W. L. Hepburn
Carried

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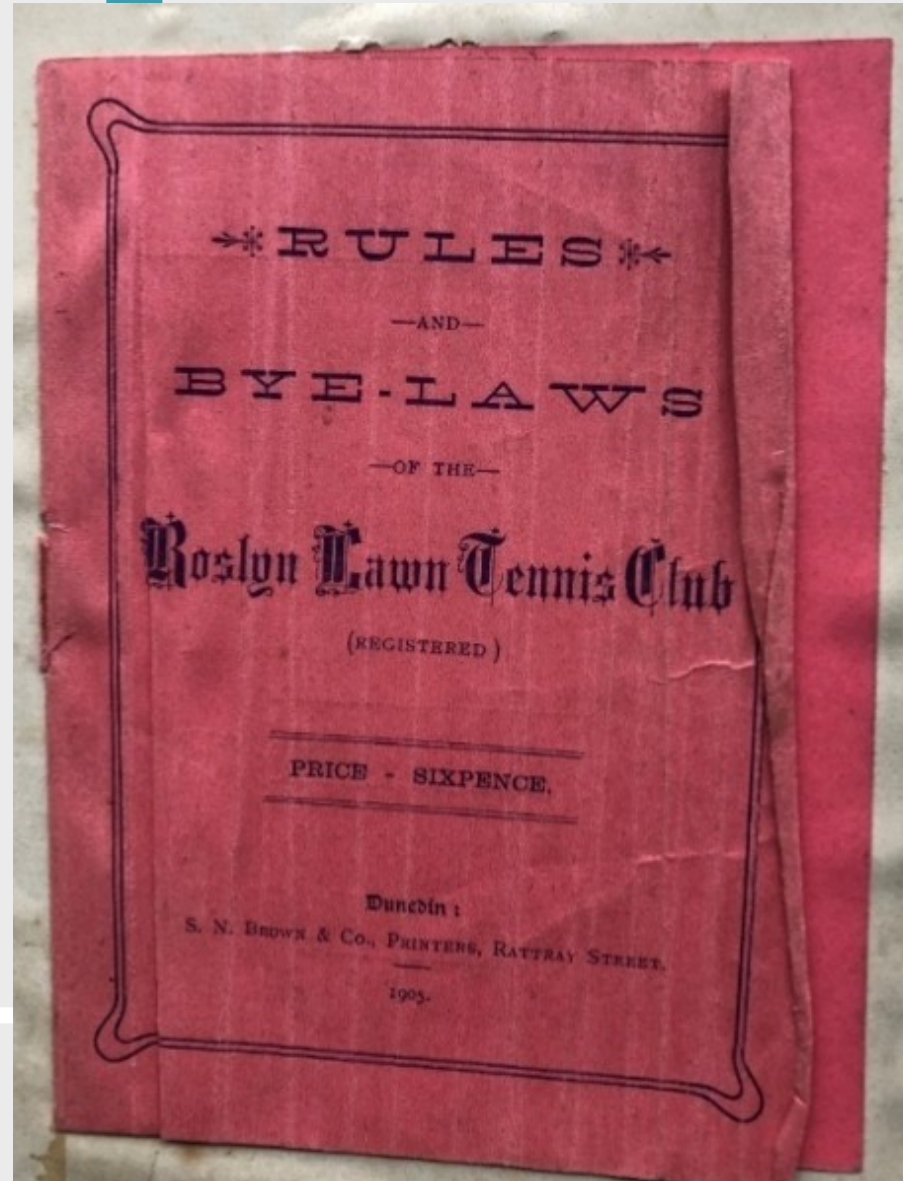
78 members in the first year

1904	Members	Men	1904	Members	Ladies
1	Mr Armstrong	A	1	Miss Anderson	May 127 High St Dunedin
2	Begg	RL	2	Miss Allan	Janey 127 High St Roslyn
3	Bullock	G.B.	3	Armstrong	
4	Black (Senr)	RS	4	Miss Bagshaw	High St Roslyn
5	Cameron	R.K.	5	Miss Black	Beta St Roslyn
6	Calder	Carnie	6	Miss Begg	Ross St Roslyn
7	Calder	G.	7	Landels	Bankend London St Dn
8	Calder	Jack	8	Boot	High St Roslyn
9	Callan	J.D.	9	Boot	Do Do
10	Dickson	Geo	10	Borrows	Do Do
11	Chapman	A.C.	11	Calder	Michie St Do
12	Howison	A.J.	12	Gallander	High St Roslyn
13	McGeorge	A.C.	13	Clarke	Ross St Dunedin
14	Lillie	J.	14	Mc Crawford	High St Roslyn
15	Millar	J.	15	Miss Couston	65 Rathay St Dn
16	Logan	J.	16	Martin	City Road Roslyn
17	Salmond	J.H.	17	Miss Dixon	Michie St Roslyn
18	Stables	R.H.	18	Miss Hopland	Office W.I.C.
19	Strang	J.	19	Miss Goyen	Bishopscourt
20	Sommerville	W.G.	20	Miss Hepburn	Leven St Roslyn
21	Sparrow	B.	21	Miss Lillie	Maori Hill
22	Jewesley	C.W.	22	Miss Kennedy	?
23	Managan	J.A.	23	Miss McGeorge	High St Roslyn
24	Darnett	J.C.	24	Miss Macaulay	Michie St Do
25	McFarlane	J.P.	25	Miss Logan	Do Do
26	Burnard	L.D.	26	Miss Nicolson	London St Dunedin
27	Debb	W.P.S.	27	Miss Nicolson	Newington
28	White	J.S.	28	Miss Patterson	High St Roslyn
29	Wilson	R.B.	29	Miss Sandlands	Queens Drive Musselburgh
30			30	Scott	Drivers Road Maori Hill
			31	Reid	38 Heriot Row Dunedin
			32	Riddell	Michie St Roslyn

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Roslyn Tennis Club
Rules dated 1904
modified 1963



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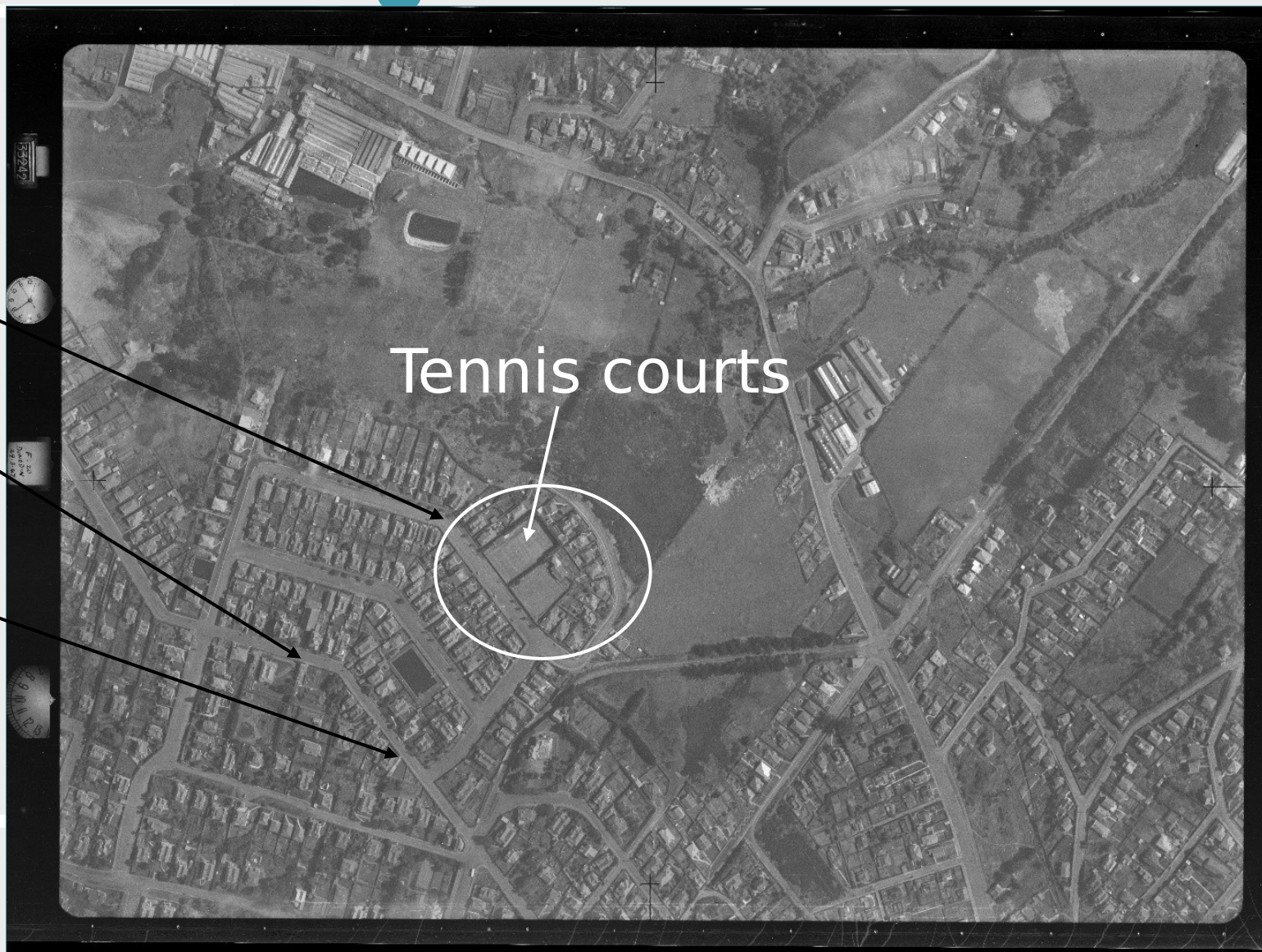
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Gamma St

Kenmure Rd

Highgate

Tennis courts



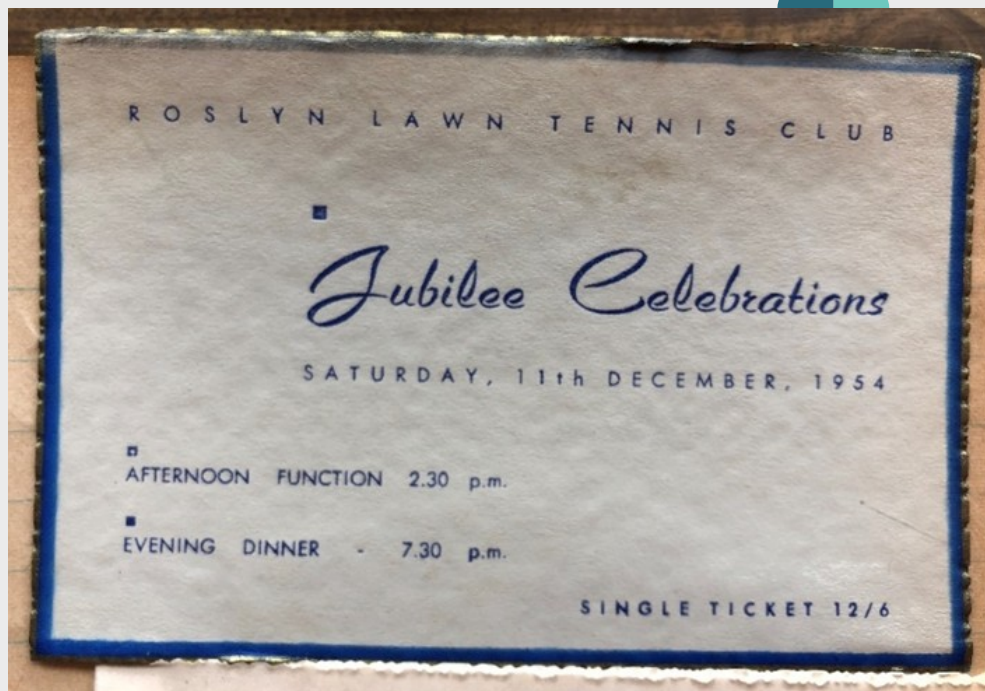
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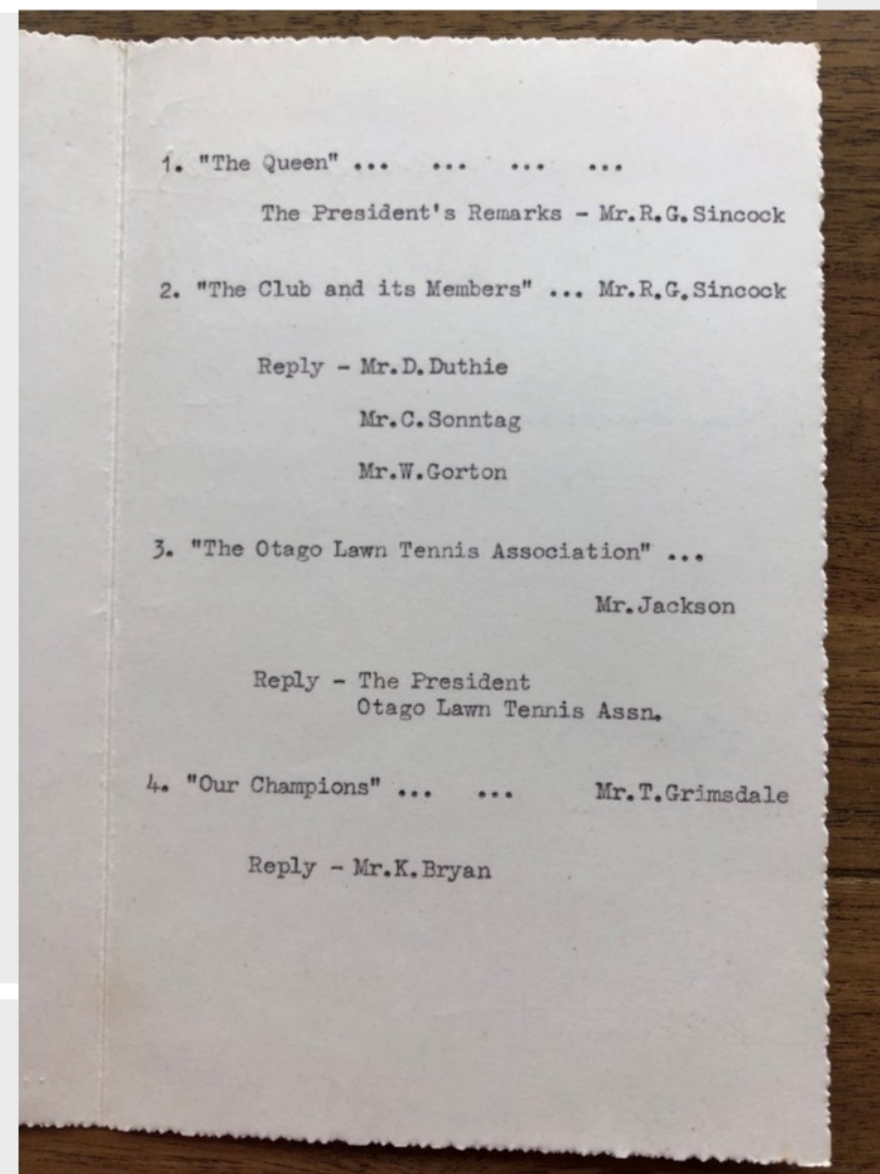
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1954



Golden Jubilee

Afternoon function playing tennis
Evening function at Astor Café on
George St





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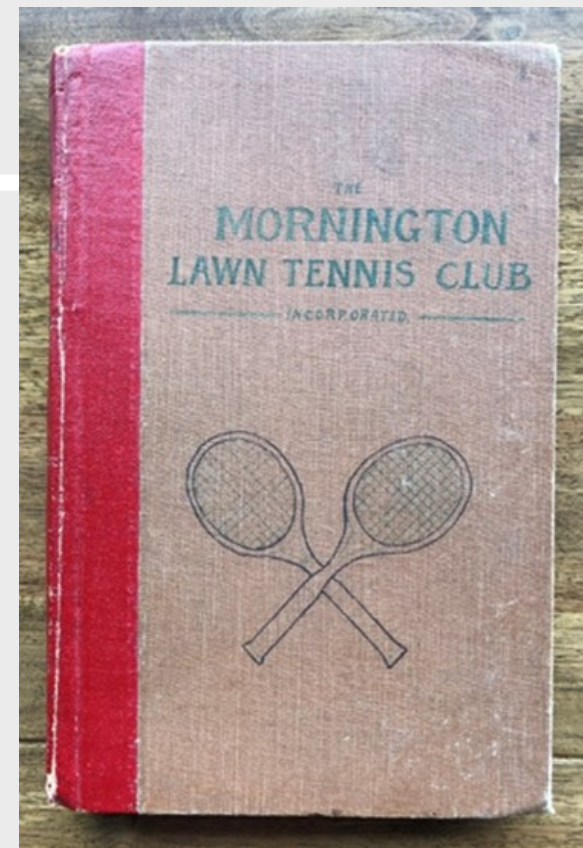
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Roll up and help to improve your district. Players and non-players are cordially invited.

W. J. ALLPRESS,
Convener.

ODT, 19th April
1938

19 MAY 1938
LAWN TENNIS

NEWLY FORMED CLUB

PROGRESS AT MORNINGTON

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Mr Allpress gave details of progress made by the committee since the last meeting, and said that a start had been made on the levelling of the ground for the courts. Substantial progress had been made in the sale of debentures and he asked members to forward names of people willing to assist by taking up debentures, thanking those who had already promised support in this direction.

Draft rules were read and the clauses taken seriatim. The rules as amended were confirmed and adopted.

The subscriptions were fixed at £1 15s and £1 5s net, and the entrance fee at 5s.

A motion to apply for incorporation under the Incorporated Societies Act, 1908, was carried.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr E. H. Williams; vice-presidents, Messrs E. S. Swete and R. McKinnon; secretary, Mr W. J. Allpress; treasurer, Mr E. B. Raymond; club captain, Mr R. Sutherland; auditor, Mr A. Gibson; committee—Messrs D. Mitchell, R. Johnstone, N. Lindsay and Miss Parker; trustees, Messrs C. Fraser and Mark Hanan; honorary solicitor, Mr R. McKinnon; delegates to Otago Lawn Tennis Association, Messrs D. Mitchell and R. Sutherland.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr Patton, to affiliate with the Otago Lawn Tennis Association.

The chairman, in his concluding remarks, said that the club had reason to be satisfied with the progress made, as 69 applications for membership had already been received, and as 100 members was considered a capacity membership, it looked as if the membership would be filled long before the actual opening in September.

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Mr
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Allpress



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Mr W. Allpress

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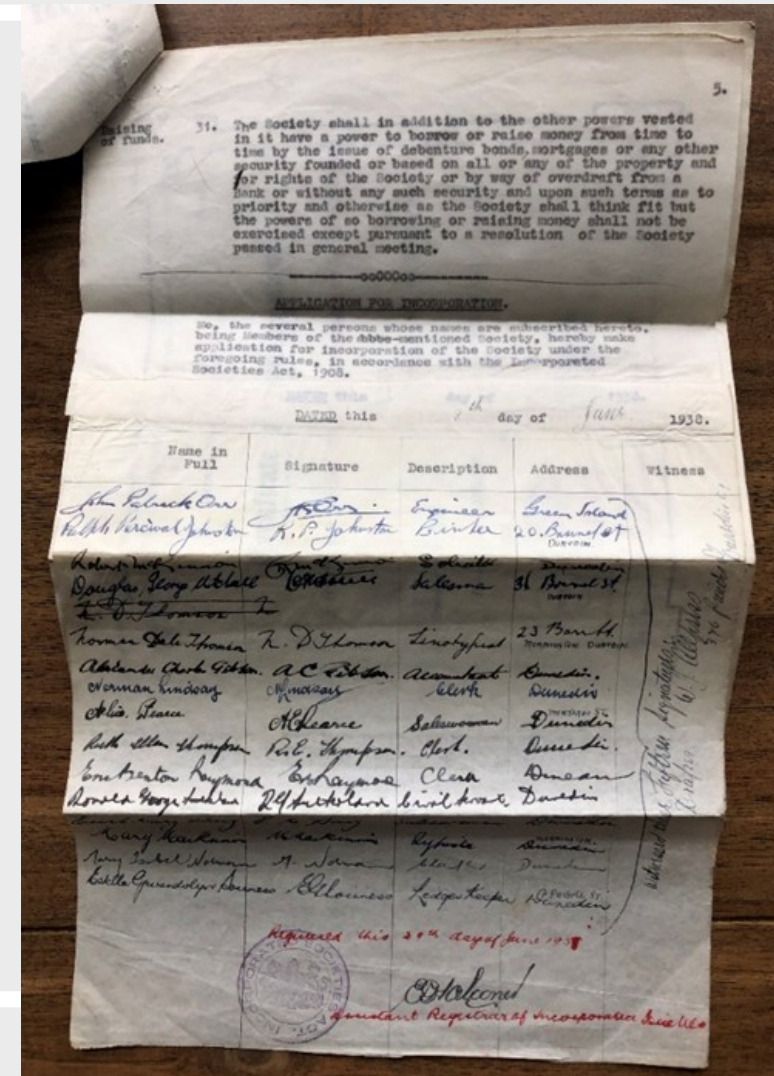
1938: Foundation member and one of the signatories on the original constitution

1939 to 1941: First secretary

1944 to 1963: President

Also Life member and Patron

1985: Died aged 86



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The Allpress Challenge Cup for Men's Handicap Doubles

First played for in 1946/47
Continued to 2020



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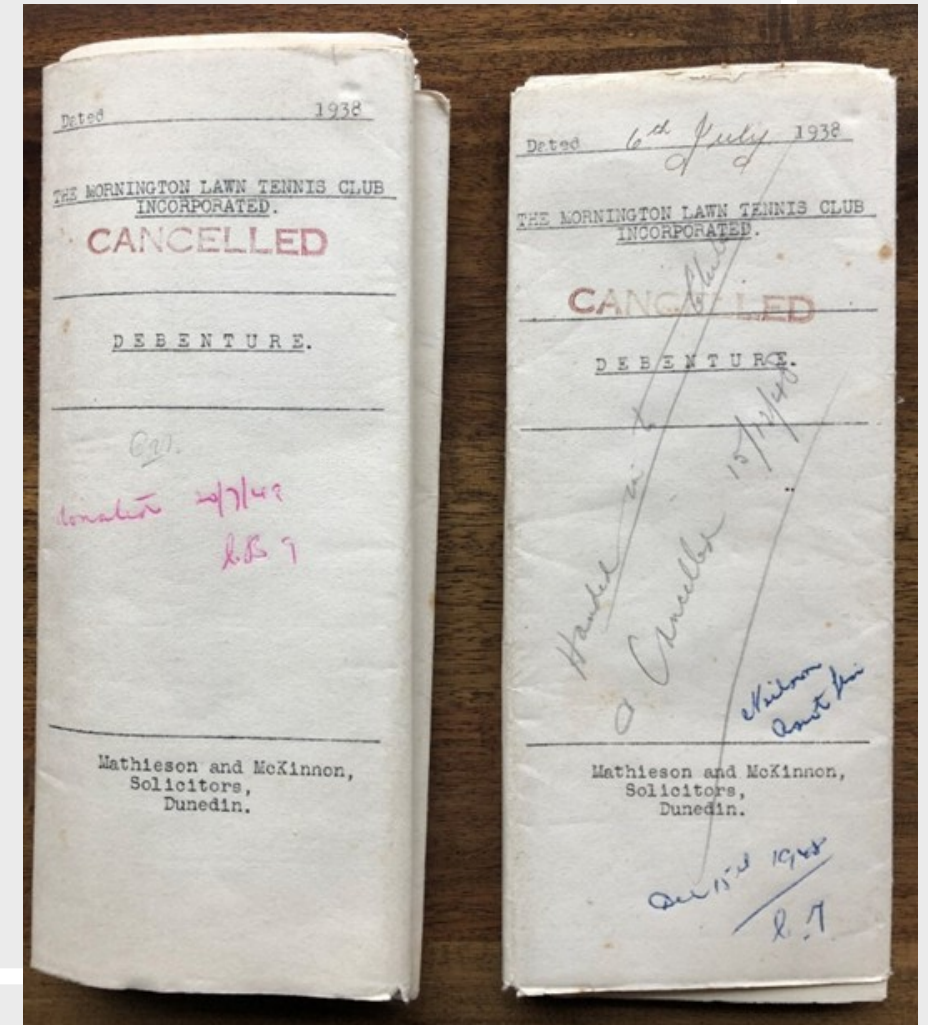
Mr J. P. S. Orr

Engineer of Green Island

1938: Bought £5 debentures to help buy land for the Mornington courts

1953 to 1983: Patron of Mornington and then the combined club

1938-





1971

Men's Championship Singles

“We are indebted to our Patron Mr J. P. S. Orr for the gift of two handsome silver trays for men's and ladies singles events.”

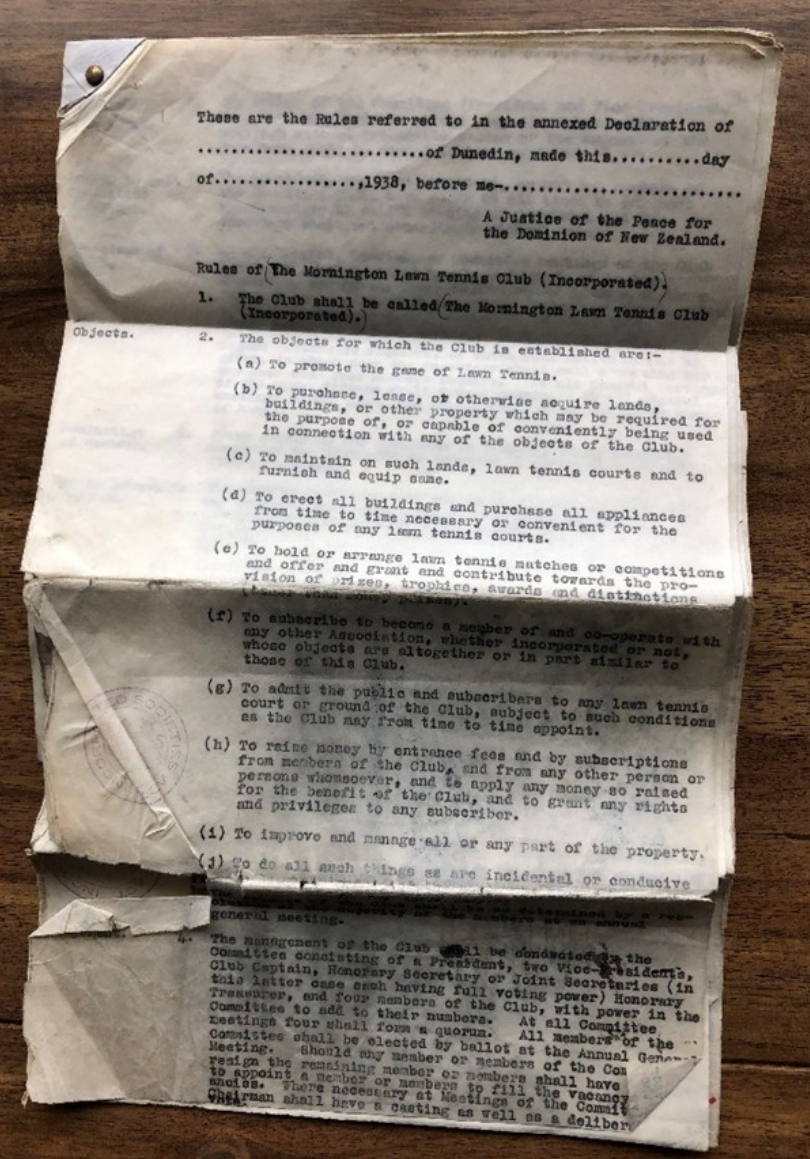
Played for almost continuously between 1971 and 2021



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Rules of
Certificate of
Incorporation
drawn up



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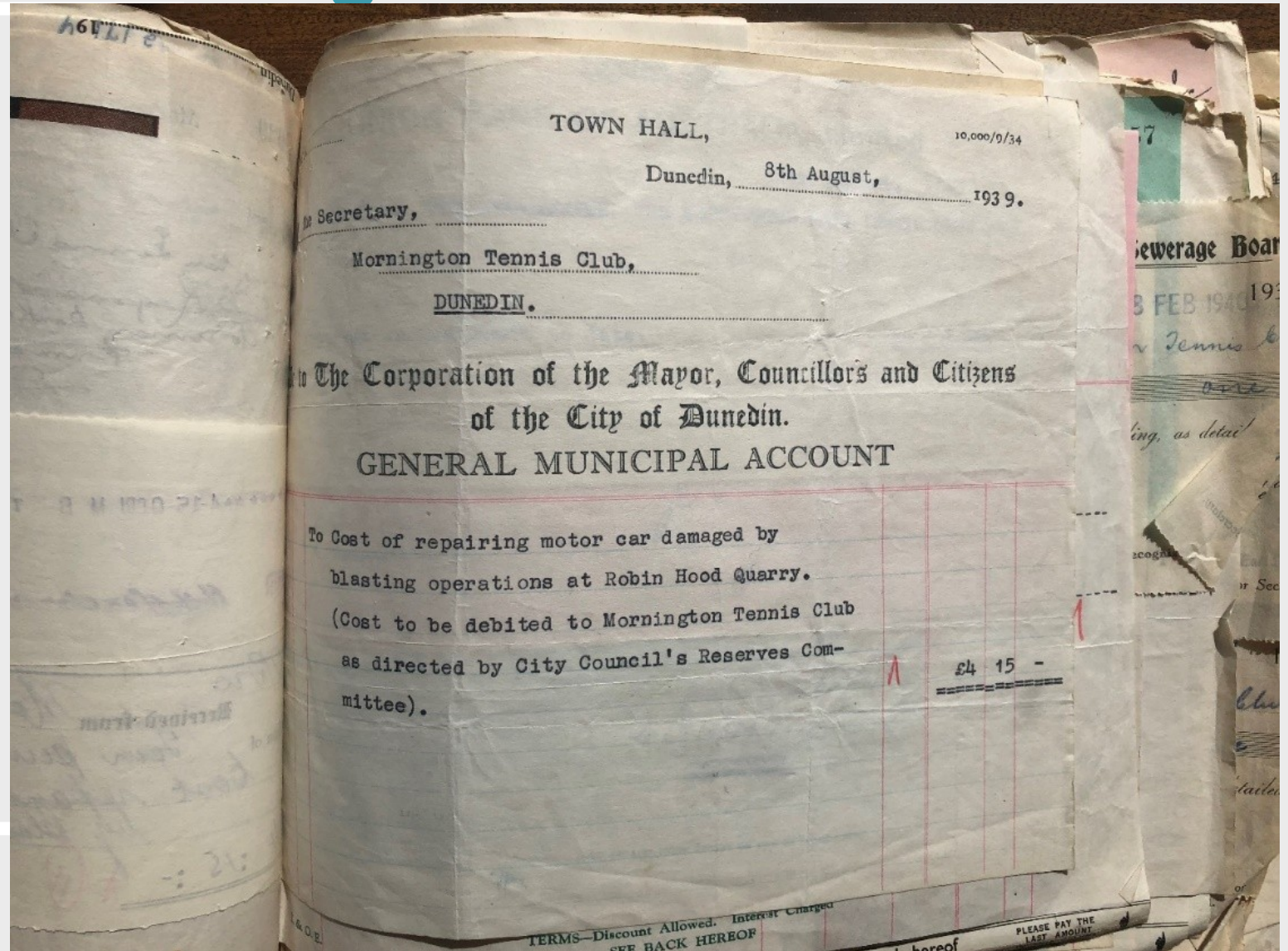
1st Annual
Balance Sheet.
Construction
of courts in
Meadow St

<u>FIRST Annual</u> <u>Balance Sheet.</u>		<u>THE MORNINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB INC.</u>		<u>RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - Year ended 31st. July, 1939.</u>	
<u>- Receipts -</u>		<u>- Payments -</u>			
Subscriptions	135 12 6	<u>COURTS:</u>			
Entrance Fees	20 10 -	Levelling	65 - -		
Donations etc.	72 14 10	Asphalting	200 - -		
Jumble Sale	7 19 -	Drainage	10 16 10		
Interest - Dunedin Savings Bank	1 6 6	Stone & Manuka Wall	12 6 11		
Challenge Fees	9 6	Taring Clay Bank	13 15 -		
		Fencing	32 13 7		
Income	238 12 4	Nets (2)	4 4 -	338 16 4	
		<u>PAVILION:</u>			
Debentures	245 - -	Iron & Timber	48 11 -		
		Cartages	4 6 -		
		Paint	1 12 9		
		Electrical Instalation	4 15 -	59 4 9	
		<u>FURNITURE:</u>			
		Table, Urn & Crockery	5 11 7		
		4 Seats	3 13 6	9 5 1	
		<u>ST. ANDREW'S COURTS:</u>			
		Rent of Courts	40 - -		
		Rent of Hall	3 2 6		
		Repairs to Net	10 - -	43 12 6	
		<u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u>			
		Otago Lawn Tennis Assn.	15 10 -		
		Match Balls	15 16 3		

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Robin Hood
quarry and
from 1960 is
Robin Hood
Park



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First official
opening
25th
September
1939



NEW LAWN TENNIS CLUB OPENED
Dr E. H. Williams addressing the gathering at the opening of the newly-formed Mornington Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday.

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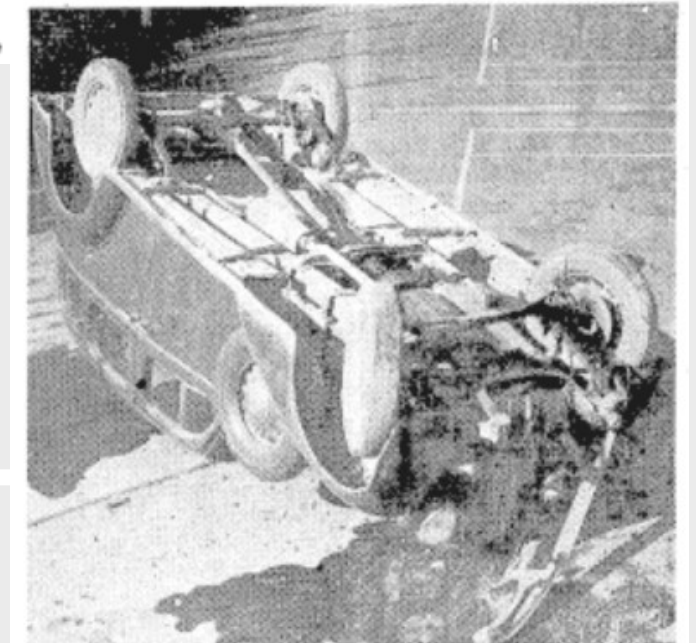


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The wreckage of a sedan car which crashed on to the Mornington Tennis Club's court in Meadow street yesterday afternoon. The owner had left the car standing near the Mornington cable car terminus and as he walked away from the vehicle it began to move forward, missing an electric light post by a very small margin, and then running over the reserve toward the court. The car, after crashing down the bank bordering the tennis courts, finally came to rest in this position.

ODT, 18th September
1948



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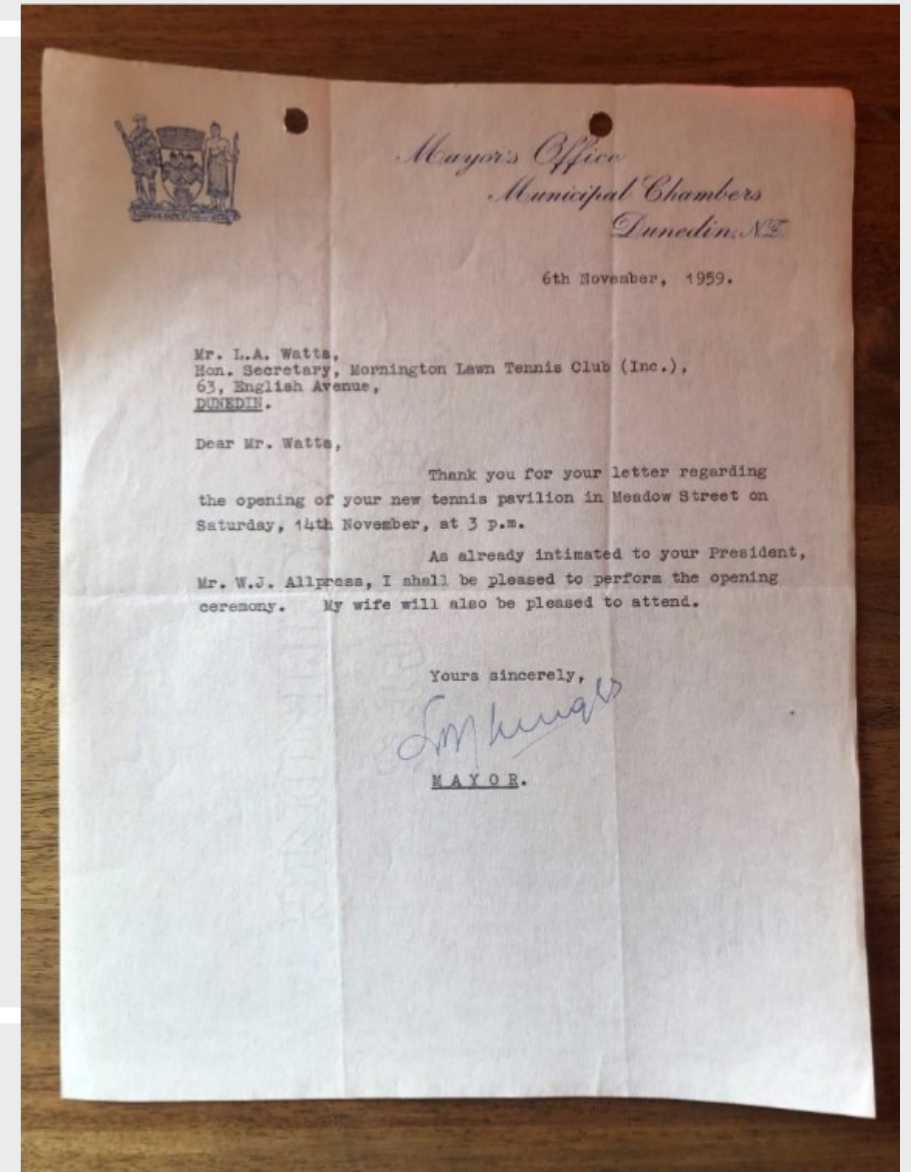
Original pavilion



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- Official opening of the new pavilion
- Cost was £1226
- Dunedin's mayor invited to open it



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Bulletin No 1 Sept 1966



MORNINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Dear Member,

Although the opening day was postponed a week, the 1966/7 season started very successfully as fifty members were present. We welcome to our club the following new members:-

Senior: Barbara Holden, Noelle McBride, Anne Pearson, Donald Crump, Dennis Higgs and Guy Sanders.

Junior: Patricia Ashwell and Carolyn Henderson.

Primary School: Kay Fogo, Katherine Govan, Joan and Judith Peterson, Valma Yardley and Trevor Pye.

COACHING

Commencing 7th October, coaching classes will be held every Friday from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the club's courts. Mr Ron Malcolm (convener)

and Billy Allpress will conduct this course and interested financial members are asked to be there at the appointed time.



TOURNAMENTS

McMillan Cup, 8th October.

Entries for the Mixed Doubles Handicap to be held at Logan Park on Saturday, the 8th Oct at 12.30 close on Tuesday the 4th. Entry fee is 2/6. Please arrange a partner NOW and add your names to the list on our club noticeboard. Please advise if you can help with transport.

Club Courts, 9th October.

A tournament will be held on Sunday from 1.30 p.m. This is for all members so come





MORNINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

1971

MORNINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB (Inc.)

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REUNION 1938-1971

Social and Dance

(MORRISONS CATERERS LTD., 256 GEORGE STREET)

SATURDAY, MAY 15th

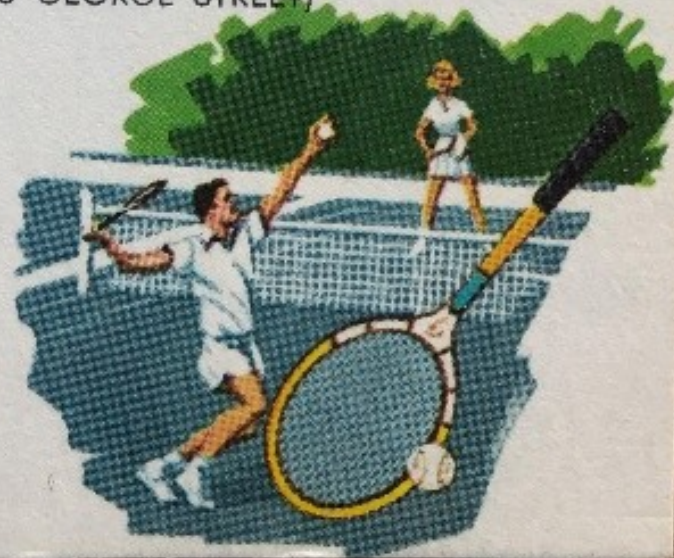
8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

GOOD MUSIC : NOVELTIES : PRIZES

SUPPER : REFRESHMENTS

DRESS OPTIONAL

SINGLE \$2.50 : DOUBLE \$5.00





32nd anniversary of the club

“Thanks to our Life member, Bill Allpress, and an enthusiastic band of past and nearly past members, a 32nd anniversary get together and dance. The dance in the evening went with a bang and was greatly enjoyed by the 50 couples present. During the evening I had the opportunity to express our appreciation to our patron, Mr Orr, for his generous support over the years.”



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1973

- Proposal from Roslyn to amalgamate with Mornington
- Roslyn had around 14 seniors and 7 juniors
- They could not attract new members or do admin
- Sale of Roslyn courts could raise \$10,000

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MORNINGTON TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COURTS ON SATURDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 1973, AT 9.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs C Peterson G.W. Nye.
Des Radford

APOLOGIES: Mrs M Robertson and Mr A Gillett.

ROSLYN TENNIS CLUB: The President said that he had had an approach from Mr R Sincock of the Roslyn Tennis Club asking if Mornington would consider an amalgamation with Roslyn.

Roslyn had something like 12/15 senior members and 7/8 juniors, and over past seasons had been unable to attract new members. In addition, no one was interested in the administration of the club.

Roslyn wished to amalgamate with a club playing competitive and social tennis. They also would require that their name was included in the name of the new club and felt that two Roslyn members should be on the proposed new club committee for at least the first year.

From the sale of existing club property Roslyn would be able to raise a sum in excess of \$10,000.00.

Mr Des Radford and other members gave their views in the discussion that followed.

A motion that "this meeting agrees in principle to the merger with Roslyn Club and that a meeting of the two committees be held to discuss the proposed merger further" was passed without dissent.

It was agreed that the President contact Mr Sincock and suggest that a meeting be held on Monday, 19 November.

Chairman: *[Signature]*

Date: 18/12/74



MORNINGTON-ROSLYN LAWN TENNIS CLUB



1974

First AGM of combined club

43 Seniors

40 Juniors

43 Primary school

63 Associate mainly Mid Week

Ladies

167 members in total

MORNINGTON-ROSLYN LAWN TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED. ANNUAL REPORT 1974/75 SEASON.

It is with pleasure that I present this, the first Annual Report, of the Combined Club or Mornington-Roslyn as we are now commonly known.

The Club Opening Day on 14th September last was most successful with 45 members present. Mrs M.Rennie, President of the O.L.T.A. declared the season open. The Mid-Week Ladies Group commenced their activities on an equally high note with an attendance of 40 including 8 new members.

Financial membership stands at 189 with 43 Seniors, 40 Juniors, 43 Primary and 63 Associate members. The Mid-Week Ladies make up most of the last group.

Teams were entered in O.L.T.A. Competitions as follows:-

OPEN GRADES:

Senior Men (3) Red, Blue and Gold.

Senior Women.

Mens Reserve.

Mixed "A".

The Senior Mens Red team were successful in winning their Grade.

The Mixed "A" were runner-up in their Grade.

The Presidents Cup and Senior Mixed Competitions held in the latter part of the Season were won by Mornington-Roslyn teams.

Denis Radford again led the Otago Representative team from the No. 1 position and was well supported by other Representatives from the Club. In addition Club members were well to the fore in a number of Tournaments.

The remaining teams enjoyed success at various times and the generally high standard of competition meant there were no easy games.

The Club singles were won by Denis Radford and Heather Wilkie. The conduct of these Championships was a credit to the Organisers and a set-up which could be repeated with benefit on future occasions.

JUNIOR GRADES:

Boys under 19

Girls under 17

Boys under 15

Girls under 15

Boys under 14

Boys under 13

The Boys under 19 were runner-up in their Grade.

The Boys under 15 and Boys under 14 won their respective Grades.

The Boys under 13 were runner-up in their Grade.

These successes were well earned and reflect greatly on the efforts of the players and their Coach, Mrs Norah Featherston. Having watched these future "seniors" on occasions I can only hope their present attitude remains a part of their game.

While thanking those parents who assisted with transport it is a matter of regret that these willing folk are so few in number. The well being of our Junior members depends on parental support and the incoming Committee will have to give attention to this aspect.

Junior Coaching was continued by Mrs Featherston and we record our appreciation of her untiring efforts in the interests of the Club. Any assistance she received was of a spasmodic nature.

While some changes were made in team set-ups, Club Captains Heather Wilkie and Roger Sugrue were kept busy and their efforts ensured the smooth running of competitive tennis in the Club.

The Mid-Week Ladies go from strength to strength and by their numbers are a real asset to the Club. They enjoy a full round of activities within their own Group and with the members of similar Groups belonging to other City Clubs.

Des Radford and Roger Sugrue have been our able representatives on the O.L.T.A. Management Committee.

The Committee have been mainly concerned with consolidation following the merger and the high level of activity before, and at the beginning of the past Season.

Mieke Robertson who relinquished the Secretary's position mid-season when she and John moved to Wellington, will be best remembered for her full recording of the discussions leading up to the merger.



AGM September 2007



2024

50 years since first meeting of combined club in 1974



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1939



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Do we celebrate 2024?

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Game, set and match!

AGM, September 2022

