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### **Henderson Croquet Club**

In May 1926 a group of ladies met in Henderson to form a Croquet Club. Land was bought in Edsell Street and Opening Day was 6<sup>th</sup> November 1926. Meanwhile, their husbands who were keen bowlers wanted to share the grounds. The bowlers built a pavilion and the croquet club had a room and shared the facilities. There have been quite a few disputes between the clubs over the years, but fortunately that is not the case now.

Dora Wright was the first croquet club President, an office she held for one year. She then became club secretary, an office she held for many years. She presented a cup to the club and each year B and C Grade players vie for the Dora Wright Cup.

There seemed to be a lot of fun at the club with Gala Days and during the winter months the club stayed together with fundraisers such as Card Days and Morning Teas. Although only a small club, Henderson has produced three major New Zealand tournament winners: Hilda Dorman, Mavis Jacob and Les Goodenough.

Today Mrs Dorman's mallet hangs in the clubroom. In the early days keen players would travel to play Interclub. Complete with mallets they would board a bus from Henderson to the city, ferry to the North Shore and by bus again to the host club. No traffic jams then.

In 1983 the local council decided to move the club and land was made available to both the Bowling Club and Croquet Club in Cranwell Park. Again the Croquet Club had only one lawn. Later some boggy land was allocated to the Croquet Club. The council provided the drainage and with a lot of hard work by members and committee two more lawns were ready for play in 1992.

More recently the club has added to these grounds and proudly boast "the best shelter shed in Auckland (if not New Zealand)". Golf Croquet has been introduced at the club and is providing fresh interest.

### **History of the Henderson Croquet Club.**

On March 18<sup>th</sup> 1926 a meeting was held in Henderson with 12 ladies present a proposal to form a Croquet Club was Carried which began the Henderson Croquet Club and that same year November 6<sup>th</sup> was their first "Opening Day". ( Council eventually took these lawns over for a car park)

The opening Day was a day to be remembered, no electricity, so the afternoon tea was made from an old fashioned copper which stood outside on a brick fireplace for both clubs. Fund raising profits was divided 50/50 with the bowling club

The Coquet Club shared Lawns and premises with the Henderson Bowling Club for 59yrs 1926-1983.

Dora Wright was the first President, which she held for one year , then she became Secretary, an office she held for another 50yrs.

In 1983 the local council decided to move the Bowling Club and Croquet Club's to Cramwell Park in time for the World Bowling Championships and the Commonwealth Games, again the Croquet Club had only one lawn but later was allocated some boggy land for two more lawns.

Mayor Bob Harvey officially opened the new lawns and Representatives attended the occasion from every Croquet Club in Auckland.

IN 1992 The committee, thanks to the guidance from Vivien Greenway( Sect) drew up the first club constitution, and we became an Incorporated Society that same year.

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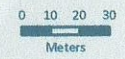






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### THE HENDERSON CLUB.

The Henderson Bowling Club, in conjunction with the Henderson Croquet Club, will open new greens at Henderson tomorrow afternoon at 2.15. The greens are in capital order.



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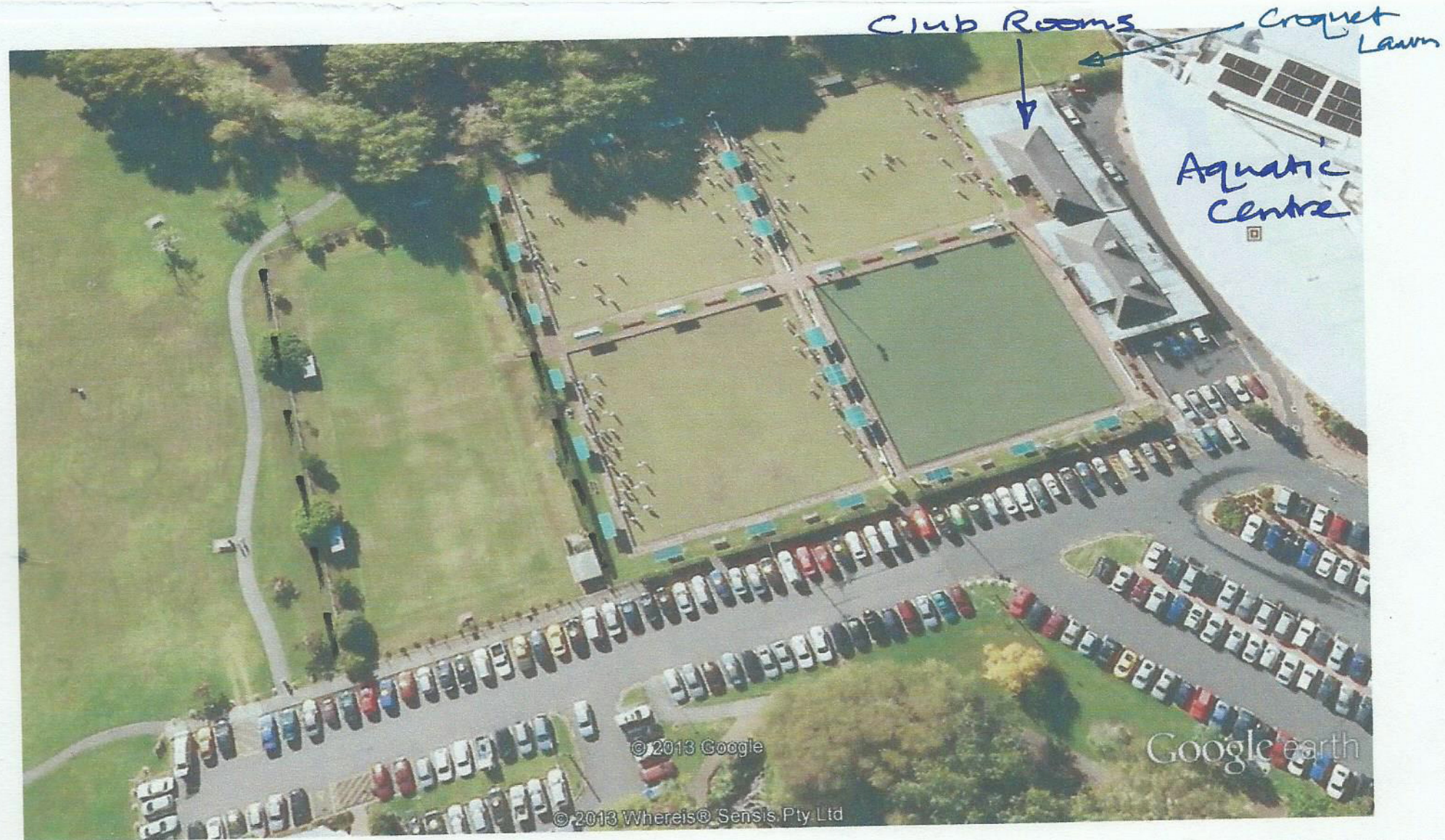




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Croquet Lawn

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