

## THE DRUMMOND GOLF CLUB

Interest in forming a golf club in the Drummond District was aroused by the enthusiasm of Messrs H. Livingstone and J. Kincaid. On the 28th June, 1951, a meeting was held in the Drummond Hall for the purpose of forming a golf club. There were 21 people present and it was decided unanimously that a club be formed.

The first President was Mr H. Livingstone who was then the local hotel proprietor. Subscriptions were set at £1 for men and 10s. for ladies and an unofficial opening was arranged for the 14th July, 1951.

Mr H. Rogers, a professional from the Queen's Park Golf Club, assisted members in laying out the course which was sited on a gravel reserve owned by the Wallace County Council. This land was leased to local farmers who agreed to it being used as a golf course during the winter. In 1961 the club obtained the lease of the ground and the grazing was let. On 14th October, 1961, a summer golf season was opened for the first time, and the course has remained open all the year round since then.

In 1970 the Wallace County Council allowed the land on which the course is laid to revert back to the Crown and it is now part of the Drummond Domain. The Domain Board leases the land to the Golf Club for £40 per year.

The original clubhouse was a corrugated iron hut which had belonged to the Drummond Cycling Club. A lean-to was added to this in 1953, and in 1954 the building was lined with T & G timber. This building served the club until the 21st March, 1964, when the present clubhouse was opened by Mr R. G. C. Wilson, the President of the Southland District Golf Association. At this time subscriptions were raised to £5 for men and £3 for ladies. The clubhouse has since been extended and a verandah and changing rooms have been added.

The original greens were rolled and mown by the members at a working bee. Members sometimes had difficulty at the start of the season finding where the greens had been the year before. In 1954 a mower was purchased and Mr R. Oliver, the local school teacher, was paid 10s. per hour to mow the greens. Some local schoolboys who assisted were paid 2s. 6d. per-green. From 1956 until 1959 the greens were mown by the members under a roster system but since 1960 a green keeper has been employed to do this work.

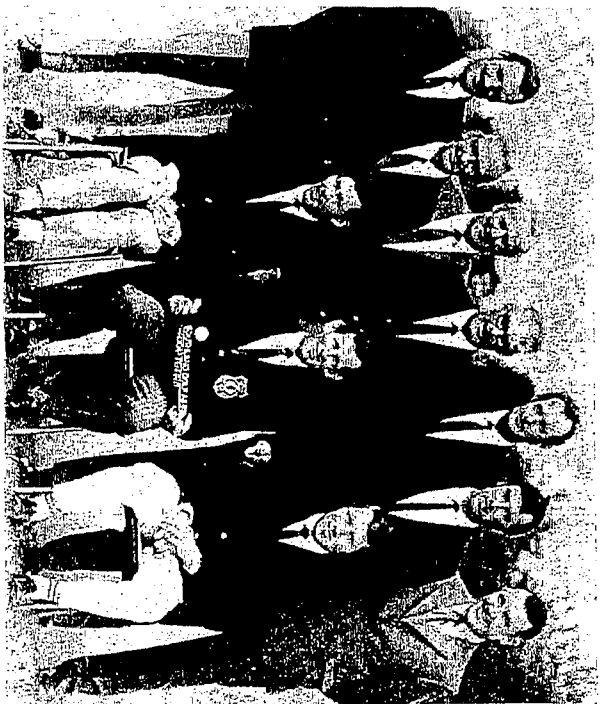
Playing conditions were greatly improved in 1961 when new greens were sown and fenced off. Four of these greens are still in use but five have been renewed and enlarged. All the greens are now watered by sprinklers during the summer months.

Since 1962 many trees have been planted and these contribute a great deal to the attractiveness of the course. In 1964 a set of second hand gang mowers was purchased for £85. These were replaced in 1971 with a new set which cost £2,500 and a second hand tractor was purchased. Since that time sheep have not grazed the course.

Club championships were keenly played for the first time about 1953. These matches were always keenly contested and are the highlight of each playing season. In May, 1964, the club held its first open tournament and this has become a popular annual event.

The membership has grown steadily over the years and now stands at approximately 150.

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DRUMMOND GOLF TEAM — 1972

### Pennant Match Winners

Back row: J. McBride, M. Lindsay (Sec.), C. Mathieson, A. Begg (Pres.),  
Middle row: J. McPhail, S. McCrostie, W. Jackman.  
Front Row: M. McBeath, J. Catto (Capt.), P. Adams.

In February, 1974, four foundation members were elected Life Members of the club. They were Mr and Mrs H. Jackman, Mr R. Hallum and Mr W. Woodhead.

### Presidents

1951-55	H. W. Livingstone	1965-66	J. M. McConnell
1955-56	W. Townsend	1966-68	J. C. McBride
1956-57	J. R. Kincaid	1968-70	L. C. Cowan
1957-58	R. F. Hallum	1970-72	A. W. Begg
1958-59	D. Ford	1972-74	G. J. Allison
1959-60	R. F. Hallum	1974-	W. G. Jackman
1960-61	H. H. Jackman	Secretaries	
1961-62	A. J. Sutherland	1951-54	J. Kincaid
1962-63	G. J. Booth	1954-64	W. Woodhead
1963-64	S. G. Woods	1964-73	G. M. Lindsay
1964-65	S. W. McCrostie	1973-	H. C. McCrostie

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Club champions	
1953	S. G. Woods
1954	J. Barker
1955	R. F. Hallum
1956	H. H. Jackman
1957	H. H. Jackman
1958	F. Bee
1959	F. Bee
1960	K. McCrostie
1961	S. G. Woods
1962	S. G. Woods
1963	S. W. McCrostie
1964	S. G. Woods
1965	S. W. McCrostie
1966	S. W. McCrostie
1967	R. N. Preston
1968	W. G. Jackman
1969	J. L. Catto
1970	R. N. Preston
1971	P. G. Adams
1972	P. G. Adams
1973	J. L. Catto
1974	A. J. C. Donald

The Drummond Ladies' Golf Club was formed in 1952 when seven attended the meeting, from which Miss N. J. Cowie (now Mrs R. Woods) was elected Club Captain and Mrs T. A. McLean, Secretary. Early the following year, 1952, the club affiliated to the N.Z.L.G.U.

**Presidents**

1953	Mrs J. L. Hazlett	1970	"
1954	"	1971	Mrs F. Cook
1958	"	1972	"
1959	"	1973	Mrs C. C. McLean
1960	"	1974	"
1955	Mrs H. H. Jackman	1975	Mrs J. McBride
1956	"	1961	Mrs E. Ford
1963	"	1962	"

**Secretaries**

1953	Mrs R. G. Oliver	1965	Mrs D. Cowan
1954	"	1971	"
1955	Mrs R. J. Woods	1972	Mrs K. Lindsay
1956	Miss N. Barker	1975	"
1964	"		

**Ladies champions**

1953	Miss N. Cowie	1965	Miss J. McDonald
1954	Mrs J. A. Woods	1966	Miss J. McDonald
1955	Mrs D. Ford	1966	Mrs A. D. Campbell
1956	Mrs D. Ford	1967	Mrs A. D. Campbell
1957	Miss J. McDonald	1968	Mrs G. D. Cowan
1958	Miss J. McDonald	1969	Mrs A. D. Campbell
1959	Miss J. McDonald	1970	Mrs J. L. Catto
1960	Miss J. McDonald	1971	Mrs J. L. Catto
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1962	Miss J. McDonald	1973	Mrs J. L. Catto
1963	Miss J. McDonald	1974	Mrs J. L. Catto
1964	Miss J. McDonald		



**DRUMMOND LADIES GOLF CLUB**  
Opening Day — March 1953

Back row: Mesdames A. Allison, R. Swale, J. Woods, C. McDonald, R. Paterson, D. Cowan, R. J. Woods, V. Ford, H. Livingstone.  
Front row: R. Woods, A. McLean, R. Oliver, L. Hazlett, Miss D. Dawson, W. Townshend, R. Hallum.

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