




# A NEW BOWLING GREEN



## PRESIDENT OF THE ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION ATTENDS OPENING CEREMONY



### PRAISE FOR WALLINGTON ENTERPRISE

SATURDAY WAS A GREAT DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THE WALLINGTON BOWLING CLUB, FOR IT WAS THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW BOWLING GREEN, ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND, COSTING, WITH THE PAVILION UPWARDS OF £2,000, AND BEING LAID WITH CUMBERLAND TURF AT A COST OF £750, THE CEREMONY BEING PERFORMED BY MR. THOMAS WOOF, PRESIDENT OF THE ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION, WITH WHICH THE WALLINGTON CLUB HAVE BECOME ASSOCIATED. THE MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS GATHERED ON THE GREEN IN GROSVENOR-ROAD TO WITNESS THE OPENING FELT IT A GREAT TRIBUTE TO THE CLUB TO BE HONOURED BY THE PRESENCE OF MR. WOOF, ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND SHOWED THEIR APPRECIATION BY THE HEARTY RECEPTION THEY ACCORDED THE VISITORS.

### THE PAVILION

THE PAVILION IS A FIRST CLASS BUILDING, WITH BILLIARD ROOM AND TWO TABLES AND A CARD ROOM. THE WHOLE OF THE £2,000 HAS BEEN RAISED ENTIRELY BY THE MEMBERS, WHO NUMBER A HUNDRED, HAVING RAPIDLY INCREASED FROM THIRTY WHICH IS A MOST ENCOURAGING SIGN OF THE INTEREST TAKEN IN BOWLS, NOW AUGMENTED WITH BILLIARDS, CARDS, ETC., FOR THE CLUB TO CARRY ON DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

THE FOLLOWING CLUBS WERE REPRESENTED: THE SOUTH LONDON, CROYDON, BELMONT, BALHAM, CLAPHAM PARK, HEATHFIELD, KINGSTON, CARBURY, NORWOOD, STREATHAM, EPSOM, TEMPLE, SOUTH NORWOOD, MEMBERS OF THE SURREY COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION ALSO ATTENDED.

MR. WOOF BRIEFLY DECLARED THE GROUND OPEN, AND A THREE-RINK MATCH BETWEEN A TEAM REPRESENTING THE ENGLISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS OF THE WALLINGTON BOWLING CLUB WAS PROCEEDED WITH, TO THE GREAT ENJOYMENT OF THOSE PRESENT, AND RESULTED IN A VICTORY FOR THE E.B.A. BY 65 TO 41. THE PLAYERS WERE:

RINK 1. – E.B.A.: T. WOOF (SKIP), S. MILL, J. CORDWELL AND W. GRICE. WALLINGTON: ALFRED JAMES MORRISS (SKIP), JAMES VANCE, JOHN THOMAS CLAXTON AND FRANK ROCHESTER WELSMAN.


RINK 2. – E.B.A.: IRVINE WATSON (SKIP), R. EARL, E. WOODROFFE AND SEYMOUR JAMES PIKE. WALLINGTON: HARRY HAROLD COWLISHAW (SKIP), LIONEL HUGH GREAVES, SAMUEL BEVAN HILL AND FRANK BARBER.

RINK 3. – E.B.A.: W. A. SIMS (SKIP), J. DAVIS, E. STANTON AND F. R. MOLYNEUX. WALLINGTON: ALEXANDER CRAIG MACDONALD, EDWARD THOMAS BAKER, JOHN SHAW AND JOHN SKEGG.

FOLLOWING A COLD SUPPER, SEVERAL TOASTS WERE PROPOSED AND RESPONDED TO.

### EXECUTIVES GREETING

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE WALLINGTON BOWLING CLUB, MR. LIONEL HUGH GREAVES SAID THAT VISIT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF E.B.A HAD GIVEN THEM PLEASURE. THEIR VISITORS KNOW THAT THE GREEN WAS BUT IN ITS INFANCY, AND THEREFORE BOUND TO SHOW THE CRUDITIES INSEPARABLE FROM NEWNESS. THEY CAME BECAUSE THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO DO THAT CLUB A GOOD TURN, AND TO GIVE IT A PROPER SEND-OFF. NO MAN WAS DOING MORE TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE GAME OF BOWLS THAN MR. WOOF. BY SO DOING, HE WAS SERVING THE COMMUNITY, AS AFTER THE WORRIES OF BUSINESS LIFE NOTHING DID A MAN MORE GOOD THAN AN HOUR OR TWO SPENT ON A BOWLING GREEN. MR. GREAVES THANKS THE VISITORS FOR THE COMPLIMENT THEY PAID TO THE CLUB BY THEIR PRESENCE AND ASKED THE MEMBERS TO DRINK TO THEIR HEALTH COUPLING THE NAME OF MR. WOOF WITH THAT TOAST.





## PRESIDENT'S REPLY

THE PRESIDENT, IN REPLYING, CONSIDERED IT A PLEASURE TO GIVE THEM A HELPING HAND IF THEY NEEDED IT, THOUGH HE DID NOT THINK THAT A CLUB DISPLAYING SUCH ENTERPRISE WOULD NEED IT. HE CONGRATULATED THEM ON THE SELECTION OF A VERY GOOD GROUND, WHICH IS LIKELY TO BECOME ONE OF THE FINEST GREENS IN THE SOUTH. (APPLAUSE). MEMBERS OF SO MANY CLUBS WANTED TO COME THAT MR. GREAVES HAD HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN KNOWING WHOM TO INCLUDE. HE DESIRED TO THANK THEM HEARTILY FOR THEIR CORDIAL INVITATION AND FOR THE HOSPITALITY RECEIVED. THAT SEND-OFF OF THEIRS WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE BOWLING WORLD. A MAN WAS FIRSTLY A BOWLER, SECONDLY A GENTLEMAN AND THIRDLY A SPORTSMAN. THERE WAS NO YOUNG CLUB HE WOULD DELIGHT TO WELCOME MORE THAN THE WALLINGTON, AND HE WISHED TO ENJOY THEIR GOOD COMRADESHIP. HE MUST ALSO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THEIR GREEN, THE SURROUNDINGS, AND THE SPORTING ELEMENT THEY DISPLAYED. MR. WOOF EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOME OF THE WALLINGTON MEMBERS WOULD SOON BE SCORING HIGH UP IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AND THAT SUCH A CLUB WHICH DISPLAYED MORE THAN ORDINARY ENTERPRISE, WOULD SOON COME INTO THE FOLDS OF THE E.B.A. MR. WOOF REFERRED TO THE MEETING WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN CLUBS, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. THE COLONIES, HE CONTINUED, WERE KEENLY DESIROUS OF KNOWING WHEN THE E.B.A. WERE GOING OVER. HE DESIRED TO SEE MORE CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE E.B.A. SO THAT A VISIT TO THE COLONIES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. AS A MATTER OF DUTY, HE WOULD GO, IF ONLY IN RETURN FOR THE SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM THEM DURING THE WAR. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED BY PROPOSING SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY TO THE WALLINGTON BOWLING CLUB.

MR. FRANK ROCHESTER WELSMAN, IN PROPOSING THE HEALTH OF THE VISITING CLUBS, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE THE LAST TIME THEY WOULD MEET. HE THANKED THEM FOR THE PLEASURE THEIR COMPANY HAD GIVEN.

MR. J. O. GRANT (NORWOOD), IN RESPONDING, THANKED THE WALLINGTON CLUB FOR THE PLEASANT AFTERNOON THEY HAD HAD AND CONSIDERED IT A WISE MOVE FOR THE CLUBS TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. THEIR GREEN WOULD BE A CREDIT TO ANY CLUB.

MR. SEYMOUR JAMES PIKE, A MEMBER OF THE E.B.A., COMMENTED ON THE SKILL, ENERGY AND ENTERPRISE THE WALLINGTON CLUB HAD EXHIBITED, AND HOPED NO MEMBER THOUGHT IT A CONDESCENSION ON THEIR PART TO COME DOWN; THEY WERE ONLY TOO GLAD TO COME, PROVIDING THEY WERE TO MEET TRUE SPORTSMEN. MUCH DEPENDED ON THE CARE GIVEN TO THE GREEN, BOTH IN AND OUT OF SEASON, AND "AS YOUR GROUNDSMAN LIVES HERE, IF HE DOESN'T DO HIS DUTY PROPERLY, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO, AND THIS IS TO DOUBLE HIS WAGES." (LAUGHTER).

## ALWAYS THE SAME FINE SPIRIT

MR. ALEXANDER CRAIG MACDONALD, ON BEHALF OF THE COLONIES, MENTIONED GREENS IN SOUTH AFRICA EQUAL TO ANY HERE; IN FACT, THERE WAS NOTHING DIFFERENT IN THE GAME OVER THERE FROM WHICH IT WAS HERE. ONE ALWAYS CAME UP AGAINST THE SAME FINE SPIRIT WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN BOWLERS. IN EXTENDING A HEARTY INVITATION, ON BEHALF OF HIS FELLOW BOWLERS IN SOUTH AFRICA, FOR THE TRIP TO KIMBERLY, VICTORIA FALLS, PORT ELIZABETH, ETC., HE HOPED BOWLERS WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER SERIOUSLY. THEY WANTED THEM TO SEND OUT REAL LIVE MEN, NOT OLD CROCKS! (LAUGHTER).

MR. WATSON MENTIONED HOW MUCH A TRIP TO THE COLONIES MIGHT DO TO CEMENT THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THEM AND THE MOTHER COUNTRY. THE COLONIAL TEAMS, WHEN OVER HERE, BROUGHT WITH THEM NOT ONLY FINE BOWLERS, BUT FINE SPEAKERS. THEY DID THEIR PROPAGANDA WORK THOROUGHLY. SO MUST THEY HERE. HE VERY MUCH DESIRED TO SEE THE E.B.A. SEND A TEAM TO ALL OUR COLONIES.

MR. WOODROFFE (SEC. OF THE E.B.A.) CONCLUDED THE SPEECHES BY THANKING THEM FOR GIVING HIM MORE WORK – (LAUGHTER)– AND APPEALED TO ALL BOWLERS TO "SUPPORT THE SPORT." THAT COULD NOT BE DONE WITHOUT AN ASSOCIATION, AND THAT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH CLUBS AFFILIATING. THEY, AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, EMBRACED THE WHOLE COUNTRY, AFFORDING MEN FROM THE SOUTH OPPORTUNITIES OF MEETING MEN FROM THE NORTH. THOUGH HALF HIS INTERESTS WERE IN CANADA, AS MR. MACDONALD'S WERE IN SOUTH AFRICA, IT WAS ALL PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, TOGETHER. IN MANY WAYS PEOPLE CLASHED, AS IN POLITICS OR RELIGION, BUT NOT IN AMATEUR SPORTS. HE HOPED FOR A LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE WALLINGTON BOWLING CLUB. THE TOAST OF "THE KING" HAVING BEEN HONOURED, AN ENJOYABLE EVENING CONCLUDED WITH "AULD LANG SYNE". THE CLUB NOW START OUT ON A NEW LEASE OF LIFE, WITH GREAT PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

