

★ **STAR BOATING CLUB** ★

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92nd ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

to be submitted to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in

THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY, 28th AUGUST, 1958.



OFFICERS:

President: Mr. A. D. Bayfield, M.B.E.

Vice-President: Mr. W. R. C. Oswin.

Club Captain: Mr. G. H. S. Sadler.

Deputy Club Captain: Mr. A. L. Brown.

Secretary: Mr. F. L. Scott.

Treasurer: Mr. A. C. Staniford.

Match Committee: Messrs. G. H. S. Sadler, A. L. Brown, R. O. Weenink.

General Committee: Messrs. W. K. McConville, C. E. McMahon, L. F. Schwass, A. R. Scott, T. Smith, R. O. Weenink.

Delegates to W.A.R.A.: Messrs. G. H. Sadler, R. O. Weenink, F. L. Scott.

Trustees: Messrs. A. D. Bayfield, W. R. C. Oswin, W. S. Wheeler.

Auditors: Messrs. G. C. Broad, A. R. Burge.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Life Active:

1919* F. B. Anyon
1900* A. D. Bayfield, M.B.E.
1934* H. W. Bevan
1937* W. A. Bryant
1933* A. R. Burge
1909* W. S. Cederholm
1935* S. Columb
1914* W. Copeland
1927* J. E. Delaney
1910* E. C. Drake
1931* J. F. Eggers
1934* G. A. H. Field
1932* W. B. Fitchett
1907* Lord B. C. Freyberg, V.C.

1936 W. T. Fitzgerald
1903* F. H. C. Galvin
1925* G. D. D. Gray
1934* R. P. Hansen
1935* W. H. G. Hawker
1926* T. M. Hinkley
1934* L. L. Hosking
1904* J. A. E. Kerlake
1929* S. I. Kidd
1928* A. R. Lawson
1903* A. J. Mack
1929* K. E. May
1912* M. G. C. McCaul
1926* F. H. Mullins

1926* C. J. MacGibbon
1917* A. H. Millward
1905* W. Robertson
1908* C. J. Robinson
1933* A. Ross
1936* N. M. Rose
1900* F. H. R. Taylor
1890* W. A. Tripe
1890* C. R. Trimwell
1906* M. A. Turner
1927* E. G. Webb
1901* W. S. Wheeler

Life Honorary:

1902* H. S. Barrow
1934* G. C. Broad
1925* R. A. Comerford
1934* K. G. S. Cromie
1906* J. M. Curtis
1905* J. B. Davis
1917* E. Diehl
1920* F. C. Dobson
1921* M. Duncan
1898* C. N. Fraser
1928 A. G. Gibbons
1934* G. C. Gibbons
1911* R. B. Gibbons
1909* P. V. Hackworth
1900* W. R. Hackworth

1916* W. P. Gowan
1937* R. P. Hill
1907 J. D. Harper
1918* H. P. Herd
1935* R. V. Hodson
1924* B. W. Johns
1923* M. L. G. Leask
1917* F. G. Oborn
1914* D. McGrath
1893* J. A. McLeod
1898* C. E. Maudsley
1925* R. D. J. C. Moffatt
1908 S. D. Nathan
1919 I. A. Pearce
1917* J. W. H. Pringle

1902* P. R. Pye-Smith
1897* A. B. Rose
1900* F. C. Russell
1901* H. A. Shearman
1920* G. C. Sherwood
1919* W. P. Shortland
1917 W. Simm
1908 A. G. Smith
1903* P. R. Stansell
1910* H. V. Tomlinson
1891* R. W. Wallace
1895* C. H. Webb-Bowen
1888* L. C. Woolcott
1908* H. H. A. Young
1937 W. L. Young

Active:

1955* G. I. Ansell
1956 T. Bensman
1957 F. Borrett
1957 C. Bridge
1957 D. Brooker
1955* A. L. Brown
1955 P. Bugler
1955* D. A. Cameron
1949* R. R. Carroll
1949* C. H. Cederholm
1957 D. Corbin
1955* W. D. Dent
1957 R. Elliott
1957* B. J. Fraser
1948* S. G. Gillen
1957 J. Gleason
1938* W. H. Hock
1957 R. Honey

1957 P. Johnson
1957 A. Joplin
1956* R. J. Joyce
1957 S. Kenward
1957 J. W. Lambourne
1956 B. J. Leckle
1954* R. S. Leckle
1954* W. K. McConville
1956 P. McFarlane
1957 L. McKenzie
1956 G. McLean
1955* C. E. McMahon
1956 P. McMahon
1957 D. J. Miller
1957 A. Milne
1957 R. J. Moore
1950* J. Morgan
1951* J. A. Nicol

1954* J. D. Reilly
1957 E. Rodgers
1948* G. H. B. Sadler
1955 L. F. Schwaas
1952* A. R. Scott
1951* F. L. Scott
1956 J. Seamer
1957 N. G. Shepperd
1946* L. Snih
1952* T. Smith
1956* A. C. Staniford
1954 K. J. Taylor
1957 S. Thompson
1945* A. A. Turner
1953* R. O. Weenink
1957 P. Wilkinson
1941* B. G. Wilford

Honorary:

1944* R. W. Allum
1948 C. Aitken
1926* F. M. Bell
1954* A. A. Burgess
1920* M. H. Carroll
1940* A. G. Coekroft
1945* R. G. Connall

1946 F. G. Dobbs
1939* V. E. Donnelly
1947 C. Harkin
1941 A. G. Little
1949 J. J. O'Neill
1957 G. O'Moore
1946* W. Porter

1948* A. J. Simen
1939* L. D. Tapp
1938* P. M. Taylor
1938* G. A. Turner
1946 W. Walburton

Country:

1934* A. A. Andrews
1937* J. F. Ashby
1942 J. Aspell
1936* M. H. Clay

1941* G. T. Cornink
1949 H. Eggeil
1943* D. McLeod
1947 G. Richards

1943 W. K. Stone
1934 J. McK. Toma

* Denotes first class oarsman.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the Club's 92nd Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1958.

INTRODUCTORY:

This report will show that the successes achieved on the water during the past few seasons were not wholly continued during the 1957/58 season. Without a doubt it was the worst season experienced for water conditions for a large number of years and this plus the retirement and transfer of a number of the Club's more experienced oarsmen were the main reasons for the lack of regatta wins.

FINANCE:

The hall is continuing to be the main source of revenue and this plus other money raising schemes are now placing the Club in a more healthy financial position, despite the increasing expenditure which is, in these times, inevitable. Payments were made into the Centennial Fund and it is heartening to note the surplus income over expenditure. A number of outstanding subscriptions were recovered but unfortunately a number of accounts for members subscriptions (mostly non-active) were not sent out until after the 30th June. This was due to the members' ledger having been mislaid and only found recently.

COMMITTEE:

The sudden and sad death of the Club's Vice-President, Mr. W. R. C. Oswin is covered later in the report. The Deputy Club Captain, Mr. A. L. Brown, was transferred to Kalkoura in November and the Club lost a very able and successful senior oarsman and sculler who also worked hard for the Club out of the water. Mr. C. E. McMahon was appointed Deputy Club Captain and Mr. R. S. Leckie was appointed to fill the resultant vacancy in the committee. Another committee member and prominent senior oarsman to be transferred was Mr. T. Smith who departed for Dunedin in May. A former Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Reilly, who was known for his enthusiasm and keenness was transferred to Auckland in March.

The committee held 18 meetings the attendance resulting as follows: Messrs. G. H. S. Sadler 15, C. E. McMahon 15, A. L. Brown 3 (resigned November), F. L. Scott 15, A. C. Staniford 13, R. S. Leckie 10 (appointed November), L. F. Schwass 8, A. R. Scott 15, T. Smith 9, R. O. Weenink 12.

W.A.R.A.:

Messrs. G. H. S. Sadler, R. O. Weenink, F. L. Scott and A. R. Scott as reserve were appointed the Club's delegates to the W.A.R.A. Mr. L. Smith was a very able Secretary whilst Mr. R. W. Allum was again the President.

MEMBERSHIP:

Although the Club was weakened by the retirements and transfers of both senior and maiden oarsmen there were a large number of new members, most of whom showed enthusiasm and keenness despite the unusually adverse water conditions. The temporary transfer to Wellington of Mr. B. Fraser helped to supplement the depleted senior ranks and he soon proved to be a popular and very able oarsman. The membership of the Club is contained in the following table:—

	L. Act.	L. Hon.	Act.	Hon.	Country	Total
As at 30.6.57	40	48	52	24	9	173
New Members	—	—	20	1	—	21
	40	48	72	25	9	194
Resignations	—	—	16	3	—	19
	40	48	56	22	9	175
Deaths	1	4	—	1	—	6
	39	44	56	21	9	169
Transfers	11	12	3	2	2	—
As at 30.6.58	40	46	53	19	11	169

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

The following have qualified for life membership:

Active: 1938* W. Hillock.

Honorary: 1934* A. A. Andrews, 1937* J. F. Ashby, 1936* M. H. Clay, 1934* J. McK. Toms.

It is worthy of note that, apart from war service overseas, Mr. Hillock has represented the Club in many successful crews over the whole of his twenty years' membership and this was preceded by a number of years as a coxswain of the Club. His recent successes included six senior status wins in the 1956/57 season and a placing in the N.Z. Championship Double Sculls that season. He was a member of the senior four last season and has always worked hard for the Club on and off the water. His record must surely be unique in the Club's history and one of which Mr Hillock may be justly proud.

PLANT:

Early in the season the Club successfully tendered for the B & B cedar four used by the N.Z. crew at Helsinki Olympics. This boat is in first-class condition and has proved to be a valuable addition to the Club's racing plant. There are no outstanding orders for new plant and in view of the present overseas currency restrictions all boats will require careful handling and maintenance. Whilst, at the moment, the position regarding oars and sculls is fairly satisfactory the time could come when it may become critical. The club boats now require a great deal of maintenance and a few members have spent many hours in this regard. The committee and a few members have spent a great deal of time this winter on the racing plant which should be in good order for next season. Boat covers are at present being made for all of the racing boats which will from now on be adequately covered and protected when travelling. A list of plant appears as an appendix to this report.

CLUBHOUSE:

The Club is continuing on a month to month rental on its present site and there is no indication that this will alter in the immediate future. A start was made on painting the sea front side of the clubhouse by members and it is expected that this will be finished early next season. The dance hall is also received in part a new coat of paint. The roof is not in good condition and requires a certain amount of repairs which, however, can well be done by the members themselves. Work will also be required early next season on repairing and strengthening both skids.

ROWING TANK:

A rowing tank capable of providing instruction for both rowing and sculling has recently been constructed by Messrs. C. McMahon and P. McFarlane assisted by a few members. This tank should prove to be of immeasurable value and assistance in the instructing and coaching of crews especially if unfavourable winds are prevalent again next season.

REGATTAS:

The Club was represented at the Picton, Waitara, Hawke's Bay, Christchurch, Wellington and Wanganui (N.Z. Championships) regattas. Although only one win was recorded, and that a good one at the Championships, a number of placings were obtained. The senior four, after limited training, gained a good second at Picton and this crew with both the Maiden and Lightweight fours are to be complimented on their assiduous training and good standard of rowing. The Lightweights were unlucky at Waitara being placed second in a damaged boat and narrowly missed first place at Christchurch. The Maiden four were third at Hawke's Bay and were rather unlucky at Christchurch. Other placings were the Maiden Double Sculls second at Christchurch and third at Wellington. The highlight was the win of the Maiden Pair at Wanganui in the N.Z. Championship regatta. Due to military training this crew was a "new one on the day" and they delighted star members and supporters with their surprising but well-merited victory.

INTER-CLUB REGATTAS:

A good start was made when the Club won the Redding Shield at the beginning of the season but were not strong enough to hold off Wellington in both the Mothes Shield and Norton Cup. However, some promising crews won at these regattas, namely, the Novice Four, Maiden Four and Eight and Lightweight Four. Wellington also retained the White Horse Cup after a close race but the Star Club retained the Novice Plate.

CLUB RACES:

Due to water conditions club races could only be held early and then late in the season and the Committee were restricted on the number of races which could be held. However, what races were held provided some good racing and gave much needed racing experience especially to the younger members.

INTER-PROVINCIAL EIGHT:

Four members of the Club, namely, Messrs J. Morgan, R. J. Joyce, C. E. McMahon and R. S. Leckie (Reserve), were selected to represent Wellington in the inter-provincial eights at Picton. This eight was, generally, a young crew and the intensive training and coaching plus the experience must stand them in good stead for the future. The Club's eight was loaned to the crew for the race at Picton.

SOCIAL:

The Club's social activities were much improved late in the year with the formation of a ladies' committee which was very active and the ladies gave generously of their time whenever a social occasion was held. The following functions were held during the year:—

Opening Day.—The Club's opening was held on Saturday, 6th October, 1957 when the Redding Shield regatta

was held. A large crowd attended the regatta and the later social function.

Old Members' Day—Unfortunately the ever present northerly winds upset the plans for club races, however, tub pairs and the novice tub pairs were held and it was heartening to note the larger than usual number of old members who were present at the function.

Social Dance.—The active ladies' committee assisted the committee to organise and run an 'off-season' social dance on 24th May, 1938. This proved to be very successful and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.

Prize-giving Function.—The prize-giving is to be another social dance and again the ladies' committee are assisting. This function is to be held on Saturday, 3rd August which is outside the scope of this report, but indications are for another enjoyable evening.

Rugby Game.—For the second year a rugby game was played against the Petone Club in which Star ran out the winners 18—6. An enjoyable social was held in the Petone Clubhouse after the game and this was further proof, if needed, of the very good relationships which exist between the two clubs. Negotiations are also in hand for Star to play a Wanganui Club at Rugby.

APPRECIATION:

The Committee would like to record its appreciation for the sustained interest taken in the Club by the President, Mr A. D. Bayfield, M.B.E. Mr. Bayfield, has, during the 58 years he has been a member of the Club, held many administrative positions. His achievements on the water was climaxed when he stroked the crew which won the only N.Z. Champion Fours Title to have been recorded by a Star crew. His work for and on behalf of the Club and indeed for N.Z. rowing generally extending over so long a period is surely a proud record.

The Committee would also like to record their appreciation to:—

- Those old members who continue to show valued interest in the Club.
- The Ladies' Committee for their valued help in running social dances.
- Mr. V. E. Donnelly for his coaching of crews.
- Messrs. G. E. Broad and A. R. Burge the Club's Auditors.
- Those members who devoted time to Clubhouse and Plant maintenance thus assisting the Committee in this regard.

DONATION:

The Committee acknowledge with appreciation donations from the following: Messrs. F. B. Anyon, V. E. Donnelly, W. Hilleck, A. R. Lawson, R. D. J. Moffatt, R. P. Hansen, W. Simm and E. G. Webb.

CONGRATULATORY:

The congratulations of the Committee is extended to the following:—

- Messrs. C. H. Cederholm, J. W. Lambourne, T. B. Smith and K. J. Taylor on their marriages.
- Wellington and Petone Clubs on their achievements during the season.
- Messrs. W. D. Dent and D. A. Cameron on gaining their wins at the N.Z. Championship regatta.
- The W.A.R.A. and officials on the success of the Wellington regatta under adverse conditions.

OBITUARY:

In November, 1937, the Club lost its Vice-President, the late Mr. W. R. C. Oswin, who was well-known and respected by both the older and present members. He gained a 'Red Coat' when he rowed in the bow of the club senior four in 1905 which won the only N.Z. four oared championship as yet by a Star crew. With the passing of Mr Oswin the club lost a good friend.

It is with regret that the following deaths are recorded: W. R. C. Oswin (1899), W. C. Harrington (1911), V. P. Houghton (1909), A. H. Johnstone (1898), L. O. H. Tripp, C.B.E. (1888), J. Flood (1953), O. R. Bendall.

For and on behalf of the General Committee,

P. L. SCOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

APPENDICES

A. LIST OF WINNING CREWS.

Status Regattas.

Wanganui (N.Z. Championships)—Maiden Pairs: W. D. Dent (str), D. A. Cameron (bow).

Inter-Club Local Regattas.

Bedding Shield: Star 7, Wellington 6, Petone 2.

Maiden Fours: D. Newman (str), W. D. Dent (3), R. J. Joyce (2), C. E. McMahon (bow).

Youth Fours: L. F. Schwass (str), D. A. Cameron (3), C. Bridge (2), P. Bugler (bow).

Norton Cup: Wellington 23, Star 12, Petone 7.

Novice Fours: J. W. Lambourne (str), A. Jopling (3), A. Milne (2), J. Gleeson (bow).

Maiden Fours: R. J. Joyce (str), D. A. Cameron (3), W. D. Dent (2), C. E. McMahon (bow).

Maiden Double Sculls: W. D. Dent (str), B. Fraser (bow).

Moths Shield: Wellington 20, Star 13, Petone 12.

Maiden Fours: R. J. Joyce (str), D. A. Cameron (3), P. McFarlane (2), C. E. McMahon (bow).

Maiden Eights: L. F. Schwass (str), D. A. Cameron (7), R. J. Joyce (6), C. E. McMahon (5), W. D. Dent (4), D. Brooker (3), P. McFarlane (2), G. H. Sadler (bow).

Maiden Lightweight Fours: R. S. Leckie (str), P. Bugler (3), C. Bridge (2), B. Leckie (bow).

White Horse Cup: Wellington No. 1, 1; Star 2, Wellington No. 2, 3; Petone 4.

Club Trophy Races.

Fitzgerald Memorial Fours: A. L. Brown (str), A. C. Stanford (3), R. J. Joyce (2), A. R. Scott (bow).

McLean Bethune Fours: A. L. Brown (str), R. J. Joyce (3), B. Fraser (2), P. McFarlane (bow).

Ladies' Cup: T. Smith (str), J. Morgan (3), W. D. Dent (2), D. Miller (bow).

Old Members' Day Tub Pairs: P. McFarlane (str), P. Bugler (bow).

Novice Tub Pairs: S. Thompson (str), P. Johnston (bow).

G. W. Wright Trophy (Most Improved Oarsman): R. J. Joyce.

B. LIST OF BOATS.

1 B & B Four (Sims) "Olympus", 1 B & B Four (Towns) "Altair", 1 B & B Eight (Towns) "Sirius", 2 Plywood Fours (Towns) "Pollux", "Castor", 1 Plywood Fours (Botterill) "Vega", 1 B & B Pair/Double Sculler (Phelps) "Antares", 1 Plywood Pair (Towns) "Polaris", 1 Plywood Pair (Botterill) "Regulus", 1 B & B Single (Towns) "Pluto", 1 Plywood Single (Litecraft) "Mars".

TRAINING PLANT.

1 B & B Four (Old) "Spica", 1 Plywood Four (Botterill) "Peacock", 2 Clinker Fours, Nos. 16 and 17, 1 Clinker Pair "Jessie", 1 Plywood Double Sculler (Ex clinker), 1 Clinker Pair (Old) No. 25, 2 Clinker Singles.

LIST OF CLUB TROPHIES.

(With dates trophies instituted.)

1868: E. W. Mills Trophy—Won outright by Star of Wellington Regatta 22 Jan 1868, for Champion Gig Race. (Allocated in 1928 to Novice Tub Pairs).

1882: R. D. D. McLean Trophy: Challenge Fours until 1886—"McLean" Fours until 1904—thereafter known as "McLean-Bethune Fours".

1887: Seymour Tancred Trophy: Junior Single Sculls.

1888: Fitzgerald Memorial Trophy: For race in memory of Wm. Fitzgerald, Club Captain 1886-1888.

1889: Lady Jervols Trophy: Senior Single Sculls.

1890: J. H. Cook Trophy: Senior Fours.

1892: Mrs. Rhodes Trophy: Junior Fours.

1893: W. H. Levin Trophy: Senior Pairs.

1893: Ed. Pearce Trophy: Presented by Ed. Pearce, President 1882-1888: Senior Double Sculls.

1897: Ladies' Trophy: Presented by lady friends of the Club: Club Fours Race.

1904: Geo. Bethune Trophies (4): Club Fours Races.

1906: Stewart Dawson Trophy: Presented to W.A.R.A. 1903. Won outright by Star 1906. Allocated in 1928 to aggregate points contest in whaleboats.

1906: Wm. C. Chatfield Trophy: Junior Double Sculls.

1912: R. L. Evalt Trophy: Junior Pairs.

1914: J. G. Duncan Trophy: Presented by J. G. Duncan the Club's first 'Red Coat'. Double Sculls 1890/91—Club Swimming Race.

1922: War Memorial Whaleboat Cup. Presented by old "Tarantarians" in memory of club members who lost their lives in 1914-18 War.—Whaleboat Race.

1925: E. F. Kahn Trophy: Handicap Single Sculls.

1932: Norman Duncan Memorial Trophy. In memory of an active member who died 1931.—Club Fours Race.

1933: G. W. Wright Trophy: To most improved oarsman each year.

1936: Duff Cup (Brittania Fours). Presented by Proprietor of Britannia Hotel.—Fours Race.

1936: G. E. Williams Memorial Trophy: In memory of G. E. Williams, bow of N.Z. Champion Pair 1928/29. Killed R.A.F. 1934.—Club Fours Race.