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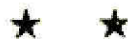
93rd ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

to be submitted to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held in

THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1959.



OFFICERS:

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

Vice-President: Mr. W. S. Wheeler.

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

Deputy Club Captain: Mr. C. E. McMahon.

Secretary: Mr. F. L. Scott.

Treasurer: Mr. A. C. Staniford.

Match Committee: Messrs. W. Hillock, J. Morgan, R. O. Weenink.

General Committee: Messrs. D. A. Cameron, R. S. Leckie, L. F. Schwass,

A. R. Scott, P. W. McFarlane, R. O. Weenink.

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

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

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Life Active:

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| 1919* F. B. Anyon | 1903* F. H. C. Calvin | 1912* M. G. C. McCaul |
| 1900* A. D. Bayfield, M.B.E. | 1925* G. D. D. Gray | 1926* F. H. Mullins |
| 1934* H. W. Bevan | 1934* R. P. Hansen | 1926* C. J. MacGibbon |
| 1937* W. A. Bryan | 1935* W. H. G. Hawker | 1917* A. R. Millward |
| 1933* A. R. Burge | 1938* W. Hillock | 1905* W. Robertson |
| 1935* S. Columb | 1926* T. M. Hinkley | 1908* C. J. Robinson |
| 1914* W. Copeland | 1934* L. L. Fooking | 1933* A. Ross |
| 1931* J. F. Eggers | 1904* J. A. E. Kerlake | 1938* N. M. Rose |
| 1924* G. A. H. Field | 1929* S. I. Kidd | 1900* F. H. R. Taylor |
| 1932* W. R. Fitchell | 1923* A. R. Lawson | 1906* M. A. Turney |
| 1907* Lord B. C. Freyberg, V.C. | 1909* A. J. Mack | 1927* E. G. Webb |
| 1936 W. T. Fitzgerald | 1929* K. E. May | 1931* W. S. Wheeler |

Life Honorary:

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| 1934* A. A. Andrews | 1911* R. B. Gibbons | 1917* J. W. H. Pringle |
| 1937* J. F. Ashby | 1909* P. V. Hackworth | 1902* P. R. Pye-Smith |
| 1902* H. S. Barrow | 1900* W. R. Hackworth | 1901* H. A. Shearman |
| 1934* G. C. Broad | 1916* W. P. Cowan | 1920* G. C. Sherwood |
| 1936* M. H. Clay | 1937* R. P. Hill | 1919* W. P. Shortland |
| 1923* R. A. Comarford | 1918* H. P. Herd | 1917 W. Simm |
| 1934* K. G. S. Cromie | 1935* R. V. Hodson | 1908 A. G. Smith |
| 1906* J. M. Curtis | 1924* B. W. Johns | 1910* H. V. Tomlinson |
| 1905* J. B. Davis | 1923* M. L. G. Leask | 1934 J. McK. Toms |
| 1917* E. Diehl | 1917* F. G. Oborn | 1891* R. W. Wallace |
| 1920* F. G. Dobson | 1898* C. E. Maudsley | 1895* C. H. Webb-Dowen |
| 1921* M. Duncan | 1925* R. D. J. C. Moffatt | 1883* L. C. Woolcott |
| 1898* C. N. Fraser | 1908 S. D. Nathan | 1903* H. H. A. Young |
| 1928 A. G. Gibbons | 1919 I. A. Pearce | 1937 W. L. Young |
| 1934* G. C. Gibbons | | |

Active:

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| 1955 G. J. Alecock | 1957 R. Elliott | 1957 E. Rogers |
| 1955* G. L. Ansell | 1948* S. G. Gillen | 1958 G. Rusterholz |
| 1953 P. Andrews | 1957 J. Gleeson | 1946* G. H. S. Sadler |
| 1958* W. Armstrong | 1958 K. Gleeson | 1958 G. G. Savage |
| 1958 A. Bentley | 1958 A. Hinkley | 1956* L. F. Schwass |
| 1957 F. Borrett | 1958* A. G. Johnson | 1952* A. R. Scott |
| 1957 C. Bridge | 1957 F. Johnson | 1951* F. I. Scott |
| 1953 K. Brocklebank | 1956* R. J. Joyce | 1958 A. Spiro |
| 1958 A. Brown | 1956 H. B. Leckie | 1958 C. W. Smith |
| 1955 P. Bugler | 1954* R. S. Leckie | 1946* L. Smith |
| 1955* D. A. Cameron | 1958 R. B. McCorkindale | 1958 J. Stace |
| 1958 P. Campbell | 1956* P. W. McFarlane | 1956* A. C. Staniford |
| 1958 G. Campbell | 1957 L. McKenzie | 1958 P. Swinburn |
| 1949* R. R. Carroll | 1955* C. E. McMahon | 1957 S. Thompson |
| 1949* C. H. Cederholm | 1956 P. McMahon | 1948* A. A. Turner |
| 1958 J. Cordner | 1958 M. Mahoney | 1958 R. J. Vine |
| 1958 P. B. Davla | 1957 D. J. Miller | 1953* R. O. Weenink |
| 1955* W. D. Dent | 1957 R. J. Moore | 1941* B. G. Wilford |
| 1958 A. Ehorn | 1950* J. Morgan | |

Honorary:

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| 1944* R. W. Allum | 1940* A. G. Cockroft | 1958 R. McFarlane |
| 1948 C. Aitken | 1945* R. G. Connall | 1949 J. J. O'Neill |
| 1928* F. M. Bell | 1946 F. G. Dabbs | 1957 G. O'Moore |
| 1956 T. Benseman | 1939* V. E. Donnelly | 1958 K. Manning |
| 1954* A. A. Burgess | 1947 C. Harkin | 1946* W. Porter |
| 1920* M. H. Carroll | 1941 A. G. Little | 1948* A. J. Simes |
| | | 1948 W. Walburton |

Country:

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| 1942 J. Aspell | 1949 H. Egdell | 1945* D. McLeod |
| 1941* G. T. Cornink | 1957 W. K. McConville | 1947 G. Richards |
| | | 1943 W. K. Stone |

* Denotes first class oarsman.

Junior Four, Maiden Four, Maiden Double Sculls and Novice Four. It will be noted that the most prominent feature was the consistency of the crews.

The club was entered in the Championship Fours at Lake Waiholu and as circumstances forced the crew to be a new combination at the regatta, they rowed very well. They were second in their elimination heat to last year's champions and were third in their repechage heat, close to the winners. In both races some good crews finished behind them.

Status regatta results appear as an Appendix to this Report.

LOCAL REGATTAS:

A good start was made when the club won the Redding Shield on an opening day, but could not hold off Petone in the Norton Cup and Mothes Shield. The club, however, finished ahead in one of the extra local regattas. The Novice Four and Junior Pair consistently won at local regattas, whilst the Senior Four, Maiden Four and also as a Junior Four, the Maiden Double Sculls and the Senior Eight all recorded wins at local regattas also. The club retained the Novice Shield and regained the White Horse Cup after a good race for Senior eights.

The winning crews at inter-club regattas appear as an appendix to this Report.

CLUB RACES:

Although most Saturdays in January and February were taken up with regattas, a number of club races were held, and those competing gained excellent racing experience. A list of trophy winners appears as an Appendix to this Report.

INTER-PROVINCIAL EIGHTS:

The Inter-provincial eights race was held in Wellington in conjunction with a status regatta and before a large crowd. Three members of this club were selected to row in the Wellington eight, namely: Messrs. C. E. McMahon, A. G. Johnson and R. J. Joyce. There were nine entries in the race which was won by Otago, and although Wellington did not look to have much of a chance after the first mile, the training and race will be good experience for the members of the crew.

A. D. BAYFIELD TROPHY:

In accordance with the motion passed at the last Annual General Meeting a fitting cup was purchased and inscribed as follows:—

"Presented by members of the Star Boating Club in honour of Mr. A. D. Bayfield, M.B.E., and in recognition of his work for rowing."

This cup has been presented to the W.A.R.R. to be awarded annually to the winners of the Senior Fours event in the Wellington Championship regatta. The first winners in a field of eleven was the Aramoho Boating Club. The Star senior four was a creditable second in this race.

SOCIAL:

Opening Day: The club's opening was held on Saturday, 18th October, 1958, when the Redding Shield regatta was held. The Ladies' Committee organised an attractive afternoon tea whilst the function after the racing was well attended by a number of old members.

Xmas Dance: The Ladies' Committee were again very active in the preparations for this dance which was very well attended and was a complete success.

Old Members' Day: The favourable water conditions enabled a number of club races to be held and this function was also well attended and was another success. Miss L. Collier (now Mrs. McFarlane) very kindly looked after the afternoon tea arrangements. She has the Committee's thanks for her work.

Prize-Giving Dance: The Prize-Giving Dance was held on 9th May when again the Ladies' Committee proved indispensable in regard to the dance and supper arrangements. Mr. W. Hillock presented the prizes to the various winners before the large crowd, and this dance also was another success.

Rugby Games: Two games have been played by a Star team against the "Grandonians", losing 9-10, and against the Petone Rowing Club in what is now regarded as an annual match, the Star team won 18-9. There is yet to be another game scheduled for July 18.

APPRECIATION:

The Committee would like to record their sincere appreciation to the following:—

- (a) The Ladies' Committee for their support of the club in many ways and particularly their work which greatly helped to ensure the success of the club's dances. Mesdames Gleeson, Schwass, L.

Leckle, L. McFarlane, M. McMahon, Misses D. Clyde, M. McMahon.

- (b) Messrs. J. Bentley and V. E. Donnelly for their coaching of crews.
- (c) Those members who assisted on club house renovations and plant maintenance.
- (d) Those old members who continue to show valued interest in the club.
- (e) Those parents of present members who give support at regattas and other club activities.

DONATIONS:

The Committee acknowledge with appreciation donations from the following: Messrs. E. Diehl, V. E. Donnelly, R. Hansen, W. Hillock, R. V. Hodson, W. K. McConville, E. Webb, W. S. Wheeler.

CONGRATULATORY:

Sincere congratulations are extended to the following:

- (a) On the following marriages. The ladies mentioned are members of the Ladies' Committee: Mr. R. S. Leckle and Miss L. Lapresle; Mr. P. McMahon and Miss M. Collier; Mr. P. McFarlane and Miss L. Collier and Mr. T. Benseman.
- (b) The W.A.R.A. and officials on the success of the regattas held by the Association during the season.
- (c) The Petone and Wellington Rowing Clubs on their achievements during the year.

OBITUARY:

It is with regret that the following deaths are recorded:

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| 1909* W. S. Cederholm | 1890* C. R. Trimwell |
| 1890* W. A. Tripe | 1897* A. B. Rose |
| 1893* J. A. McLeod | 1907* J. D. Harper, M.B.E. |
| 1903* P. R. Stansell | 1910* B. C. Drake |
| 1927* J. F. Delaney | 1914* D. McGrath |
| | 1900* E. C. Russell |

For and on behalf of the General Committee,
F. L. SCOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: LIST OF SUCCESSFUL CREWS. STATUS REGATTAS.

WHAKATANE:

Junior Pairs: 2nd, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

PICTON:

Senior Fours: 2nd, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

Juniors Pairs: 3rd, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

Maiden Fours: 2nd, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Novice Fours: 2nd, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, C. W. Smith, P. W. Davis.

Senior Pairs: 3rd, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

WAIROA:

Maiden Fours: 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Senior Fours: 2nd, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

Junior Fours: 2nd, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, R. J. Joyce, C. E. McMahon.

Maiden Double Sculls: 2nd, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

Novice Fours: 2nd, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, C. W. Smith, P. W. Davis.

Maiden Eights: 2nd, R. S. Leckle, C. Bridge, R. J. Joyce, C. E. McMahon, L. F. Schwass, P. W. McFarlane, G. L. Alecock, B. Leckle.

Youth Single Sculls: 3rd, C. Bridge.

WANGANUI:

Junior Pairs: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

Novice Fours: 2nd, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, C. W. Smith, P. W. Davis.

Junior Eights: 3rd, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, R. J. Joyce, C. E. McMahon, L. F. Schwass, P. W. McFarlane, R. S. Leckle, B. Leckle.

Maiden Fours: 3rd, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

LYTTELTON:

Maiden Double Sculls: 1st, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.
(Richards Cup)

Maiden Eights: 3rd, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane, G. L. Alecock, C. Bridge, R. S. Leckie, B. Leckie.

Novice Double Sculls: 3rd, R. McCorkindale, A. Bentley.

WELLINGTON:

Junior Pairs: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

Maiden Fours (Sandin Cup): 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Novice Fours: 1st, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, C. W. Smith, P. W. Davis.

Senior Fours: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

Maiden Double Sculls: 2nd, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

WELLINGTON INTER-PROVINCIAL REGATTA:

Junior Fours: 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. Mahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Novice Fours: 2nd, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, K. Brocklebank, P. W. Davis.

Lightweight Fours: 2nd, P. McMahon, G. Rusterholz, K. Brocklebank, E. Rogers.

Maiden Double Sculls: 3rd, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

LOCAL INTER-CLUB REGATTAS.

Redding Shield, 18 October, 1958:

Senior Fours: 1st, R. O. Weenink, C. H. Cederholm, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

Junior Welterweight Fours: 1st, R. S. Leckie, B. Leckie, C. Bridge, P. Bugler.

Youth Fours: 1st, L. F. Schwass, B. Leckie, C. Bridge, P. Bugler.

Points: Star 6; Petone 5; Wellington 4.

Training Regatta, 23 November, 1958:

Junior Pairs: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

Junior Fours: 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Maiden Fours: 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Lightweight Fours: 2nd, R. S. Leckie, B. Leckie, C. Bridge, P. Bugler.

Maiden Double Sculls: 2nd, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

Youth Fours: 2nd, C. Bridge, F. Borrett, D. Miller, E. Rogers.

Points: Wellington 17; Star 10; Petone 9.

Norton Cup, 6 December, 1958:

Junior Pairs: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

Senior Fours: 2nd, W. D. Dent, J. Morgan, A. G. Johnson, D. A. Cameron.

Junior Fours: 2nd, L. F. Schwass, D. A. Cameron, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Maiden Fours: 2nd, L. F. Schwass, P. W. McFarlane, R. J. Joyce, P. Bugler.

Maiden Double Sculls: 2nd, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

Points: Petone 20; Wellington 10; Star 6.

Special Regatta, 29 December, 1958:

Senior Fours: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

Junior Pairs: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron.

Maiden Fours: 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Novice Fours: 1st, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, C. W. Smith, P. B. Davis.

Maiden Double Sculls: 2nd, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

Lightweight Fours: 2nd, R. S. Leckie, B. Leckie, C. Bridge, P. Bugler.

Points: Star 11; Wellington 11; Petone 2.

Mothes Shield, 21 February, 1959:

Senior Fours: 1st, W. D. Dent, D. A. Cameron, A. G. Johnson, J. Morgan.

Maiden Eight: 1st, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane, G. J. Alecock, C. Bridge, R. S. Leckie, B. Leckie.

Maiden Double Sculls: 1st, A. R. Scott, F. L. Scott.

Novice Fours: 1st, No. 1, G. G. Savage, R. J. Vine, C. W. Smith, P. B. Davis.

2nd, No. 3, K. Brocklebank, R. McCorkindale, A. Hinkley, A. Bentley.

Junior Fours: 2nd, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Maiden Fours: 2nd, L. F. Schwass, C. E. McMahon, R. J. Joyce, P. W. McFarlane.

Points: Petone 15½; Star 11½; Wellington 9.

White Horse Cup, Saturday, 7 March, 1959:

1, Star No. 1; 2, Petone; 3, Wellington; 4, Star No. 2.

The winning crew was as follows: R. O. Weenink, J. Morgan, W. D. Dent, A. G. Johnson, R. J. Joyce, D. A. Cameron, F. Borrett, C. E. McMahon.

CLUB RACES:

Ladies' Plate: C. Bridge, J. Morgan, G. Alecock, A. Scott.

Britannia Fours: C. Bridge, J. Morgan, J. Gleeson, P. Campbell.

Fitzgerald Fours: L. Schwass, C. McMahon, J. Gleeson, C. Bridge.

Senior Pairs: R. J. Joyce, J. Morgan.

Junior Pairs: G. J. Alecock, P. B. Davis.

Novice Tub Pairs: P. Swinburn, R. J. Vine.

Club Swimming Race: D. A. Cameron.

G. W. Wright Trophy—Most Improved Oarsman: C. E. McMahon.

APPENDIX B: LIST OF PLANT

Racing Plant:

B and B Plywood Eight (Towns), Name "Sirius"; condition Fairly good.

B and B Cedar Four (Slims), "Olympus"; Good.

B and B Plywood Four (Towns), "Altair"; Good.

B and B Cedar Pair/Double (Phelps), "Canopus"; Good.

B and B Single Sculler (Towns), "Pluto"; Good.

Maiden Plywood Four (Towns), "Pollux"; Good.

Maiden Plywood Four (Towns), "Caster"; Good.

Maiden Plywood Four (Botterill), "Vega"; Good.

Maiden Plywood Pair (Towns), "Polaris"; Good.

Maiden Plywood Single (Litecraft), "Mars"; Good.

Training Plant:

B and B Four (32 years old), "Spica"; Fair.

Maiden Plywood Four (Botterill), "Peacock"; Good.

Maiden Plywood Pair (Botterill), "Regulus"; Good.

Clinker Four (Webb & Green), No. 17; Fair.

Clinker Four (Webb & Green), No. 16; Fair.

Maiden Plywood Double (Ex Clinker), "Wezen"; Fair.

Clinker Pair, "Jessie"; Fair.

Clinker Pair (old), No. 25; Poor.

B and B Single (old), Fair.

Clinker Single, No. 21; Good.

Clinker Single, No. 18; Fair.

Clinker Single, No. 20; Damaged.

2 Training Tubs, Fair.

2 Whaleboats, Poor.

1 Light Tub, Fair.

Oars and Sculls:

16 Racing Tubular Oars (good condition but limited life).

20 Training Oars (many patched).

4 Sets Racing Sculls, Good.

4 Sets Training Sculls, Good.

Gentlemen,

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the Club's 93rd Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1959.

INTRODUCTORY:

The 1958/59 season was from many aspects the most successful the club has enjoyed for a number of years. Wins were recorded in almost all grades except, oddly enough, crews generally showed best form at Status rather than at Local regattas although a certain measure of success was achieved in the later regattas also. A loyal and hard working Ladies' Committee earned the club's appreciation and ensured the success of a number of social functions. Clubhouse renovations, boat covers and additional furniture were all necessary, but for the season greatly increased the expenditure. Crews were given valued support at regattas by old members of the club and by some parents of present members. Members have done a great amount of work on the plant and on the clubhouse and the year can be marked as one of steady progress.

FINANCES:

The generous bequest of the late G. E. Warburton has resulted in the club receiving £1900, the major portion of which has been invested in a 4½ per cent Government Loan. Payments were made into the club's Centennial Fund and the financial position is quite sound despite the high expenditure which was incurred during the season. The hiring of the hall is still the main source of revenue. A number of outstanding subscriptions were received but it was necessary to write off some which are now irrecoverable and there are still a number of subscriptions which are outstanding. The NZARA levy has now increased by 1/- per member and the total now paid to both the WARA and NZARA total 5/6 per member in addition to the affiliation fee.

COMMITTEE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances a number of changes were necessary in the administration of the club. Both Mr. W. Hillock, for business reasons, and Mr. R. O. Weenink, for family reasons, were obliged to resign from the Selection Committee and they were replaced by Messrs. A. G. Johnson and R. S. Leckie. Mr. A. C. Staniford found it necessary to resign as Treasurer and Mr. D. A. Cameron was appointed in his stead. Mr. R. O. Weenink also resigned from the General Committee early in the season and Mr. R. J. Joyce was appointed to fill the resultant vacancy. All of these resignations were received with regret but it was indeed fortunate that willing and competent substitutes were offering.

The Committee held 15 meetings during the year, the attendance resulting as follows:—

Messrs. G. H. S. Sadler (15); C. E. McMahon (14); F. L. Scott (15); A. C. Staniford (3) (resigned Jan.); D. A. Cameron (14); R. J. Joyce (10) (appointed Nov.); P. W. McFarlane (12); L. P. Schwass (9); R. S. Leckie (9); A. R. Scott (12); R. O. Weenink (2) (resigned Nov.).

MEMBERS:

A large number of novices commenced rowing at the beginning of the season and many soon showed the enthusiasm and ability required to do well. There were the inevitable number who did not continue rowing but even at the end of the season the club was able to put three novice crews on the water. Mr. D. A. Cameron gave sterling service at the beginning of the season in teaching many of the Novices to row. The club gained a Senior oarsman in Mr. A. G. Johnson, who soon proved to be a good club member. The composition of the club's membership is contained in the following table:—

| | L. Act. | L. Hon. | Act. | Hon. | Country | Total |
|---------------|---------|---------|------|------|---------|-------|
| As at 30.6.58 | 40 | 46 | 53 | 19 | 11 | 169 |
| New Members | — | — | 23 | 2 | — | 25 |
| Resigned | 40 | 46 | 76 | 21 | 11 | 194 |
| Deaths | — | — | 17 | 3 | — | 20 |
| Transfers | 40 | 46 | 59 | 18 | 11 | 174 |
| As at 30.6.59 | 5 | 6 | — | — | — | 11 |
| | 35 | 40 | 59 | 18 | 11 | 163 |
| | 31 | 34 | —3 | 11 | —3 | — |
| As at 30.6.59 | 36 | 44 | 56 | 19 | 8 | 163 |

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

The following member has qualified for Life Honorary Membership:—

1939* V. E. Donnelly.

W.A.R.A.:

The club is appreciative of the number of regattas which the Wellington Rowing Association held during the season. The extra local regattas gave crews valuable racing experience but these of course were held only because of the time and work the Association officials gave to organise and run the regattas. Of the members from this club, Mr. L. Smith was again an able Association Secretary, and Mr. V. E. Donnelly a competent Association Treasurer. Messrs. G. H. Sadler, C. E. McMahon and F. L. Scott were appointed the club's delegates on the Association.

PLANT:

As with most other clubs, import restrictions has put the position regarding oars in rather critical state. The stocks of both the racing and training oars have diminished and a number of new oars are now required. Although the club has sufficient boats at present, some of them, in particular the eight, will need to be replaced, whilst the new rules regarding the unrestricted use of B. and B. boats passed by the NZARA, which takes effect next season, will require the purchase of more B. and B. plant. In fact two boats, a B. and B. single and a B. and B. convertible Pair/Double Sculler, have been ordered but are not expected to be received for some time.

A steady and continual amount of work has been done on plant repairs and maintenance, and is still carried on during the winter and the racing and training plant will be in good order for next season.

Much of the older plant has required new swivels and, in some cases, new seats and riggers, which has increased the expenditure on plant maintenance and given some members many hours of work.

Due to rough water conditions at most regattas, Wellington was a notable exception, and particularly driftwood at Wanganui, some of the racing plant was holed. These boats have been expertly repaired and this has been largely due to the knowledge and skill of Mr. A. G. Johnson.

Covers have been made for all the racing plant, which again incurred further expense, but the boats are now all adequately protected when travelling and when not in use.

A list of the club's plant appears as an Appendix to this Report.

CLUBHOUSE:

The Clubhouse is continuing on a month to month rental and indications are that this will not alter in the immediate future. The action of the City Council in annexing the land in front of the Clubhouse occasioned the Committee to write a strong letter of complaint. In this regard the Committee was pleased to receive assistance and advice from three older members whose unsolicited assistance showed that the Club is well supported and must be in mind of many old members. The matter was discussed and the club has retained access how and whenever required to the front doors.

Extensive renovations have been completed in the hall, supper room, entrance and hallway, with most pleasing effect. Appreciation is due to a member, Mr. E. Rogers, for the tremendous amount of work and skill he displayed in this regard. He was assisted by some of the other members of the Club and it is worthy of mention that whilst this work carried on, the work on plant maintenance also continued.

The roof has been partially patched but still requires further repairs, whilst a start has been made on repairing the skid (another big job), and both skids are expected to be in good working order for next season.

In all, a very large amount of work has been done in and around the clubhouse and reflects great credit on those concerned.

STATUS REGATTAS:

As mentioned in the introductory remarks, the club's crews achieved most satisfactory results on the water during the season. The crews travelled extensively during January and February. The early date of the New Zealand Championships at Lake Waiholo caused many of the other regattas to be held early also, and this tended to rush a period of the regatta season. This gave rise to hurried selection of crews, thus adding to the usual onerous tasks of the Selection Committee. Entries often had to be made for two or three regattas before earlier regattas had been held, so that little guide was given on the form of crews and the composition of them. It is, therefore, a credit to the Selection Committee that many crews did so well.

The club was represented at the Whakatane, Pieton, Wairoa, Lyttelton, Lake Waiholo, Wanganui, Wellington and Easter regattas, where no fewer than thirty placings were obtained. Winning crews were the Junior Pair,