

Brown (16), W. D. Dent (4), W. H. Barker (4) (resigned Nov. 66), D. Munro (7) (resigned Jan. 66), J. Bethwaite (5) (appt. Jan. 67), F. L. Scott (7) (appt. Dec. 66), S. L. Radford (11), C. W. Bishop (16).

It would be appropriate to mention the transfer of Mr S. L. Radford to Cambridge in March 1967. He has served on the Committee for the past three years and has been a valued senior oarsman having twice obtained second place in the Champion Pairs. His resignation is accepted with regret and with best wishes for his future.

Although not within the scope of this Report, the news of yet another transfer has just been received. Mr A. L. Brown who is due to transfer to Nelson during late May 1967, is indeed a serious loss to the Club. Alan Brown joined Star from Timaru in 1956 and in his first season with us won Senior events. In all he has won no fewer than 17 senior status races for Star which would certainly have been more but for a gap of two years when he was away from Wellington. He has served on the Committee for many years and has held office as Club Captain, Deputy Club Captain and Secretary. In addition, he has and is currently a member of the New Zealand Rowing Council thus his transfer is not only a loss to Star but also to New Zealand rowing generally. His wife has also given sterling work for the Club on a number of Ladies Committees. The Committees' very best wishes go with Alan and Mrs Brown on their transfer to Nelson.

## PLANT

Generally the Club's racing plant is in very good condition but except for the smaller boats there is a positive need for some replacements. It is obvious that the greatest requirement is for a racing eight and a racing four but this will involve a considerable financial outlay. As mentioned earlier finance raising schemes will need to be introduced if this plant is to be purchased.

Much of the training plant is now some years old and will require a complete overhaul this winter if it is to be in good rowing order next season. The old eight "Sirus" is now 17 years old and is virtually beyond economic repair. The plywood boats although ageing, fill a positive need especially for Novices and for College rowing. Much work is therefore required on these boats during the off-season.

A new racing pair was purchased during the season from the finance made available from the Centennial Committee. This purchase completes the Club's racing small boat plant which would now be second to none and is confirmed by the Senior results over the past two seasons.

A stock of 10 racing oars and two sets of sculls were landed from F. Collar Ltd. in January. These oars are slightly longer than our present oars and are a welcome addition to the Club's racing stock.

Whilst the Club possesses a relatively large amount of plant there must be a considerable job done on maintenance if the boats are to be in good order for next season. Members are therefore urged to assist with this if even for only a few hours.

A list of the Club's plant appears as an Appendix to this report.

## COACHING AND TRAINING

The work and dedication of a small band of coaches is directly related to the improved standard of rowing in the Club. The coaching was mainly handled by Messrs D. A. Cameron (maidens), F. L. Scott (novices) and N. C. Lynch (juniors), with also Messrs J. Morgan, R. O. Weenink, A. R. Scott and D. J. McGuire assisting, looked after the coaching of crews this season.

It will be seen that in the senior classes coaching is very limited but this season the seniors have set a good example in their training which has reflected throughout the Club.

For the 5th successive year the Club set up a training camp at Wairau from 26th December to 2nd January. There is no doubt that the 30 members who attended this camp improved immeasurably which is confirmed by a glance at the regatta results. Messrs D. A. Cameron, F. L. Scott, D. J. McGuire and A. R. Scott were kept busy coaching the crews. The Club is again indebted to the Wairau Rowing Club for the assistance given without which this rowing camp would not be possible. The ready assistance given by the Blenheim Rowing Club is also acknowledged with appreciation.

## CLUBHOUSE

As stated in the introductory paragraph it will be necessary, in a few years time, to rebuild on another

location. The date of this move is still not known but will most certainly be made when the Harbour Board's plans to reclaim in front of the Clubhouse are put into effect.

The Club at present has a 5 year lease which is due to expire in 1970 but as earlier stated tentative plans should now be made for our future location.

The Clubhouse is generally in a sound condition despite its 83 years. The roof requires some repairs over the locker room but elsewhere the roof has either been completely renewed or repaired.

Early last season all lockers were removed which has greatly enlarged the locker room and can now be used for indoor exercises. In addition the locker room was given a new coat of paint and now has a much more attractive appearance.

The floor in the boat bays has been repaired in some places but in others requires replacing. A small door has been built into one of the large doors facing the street. This was done so that all doors can be properly locked and members can gain entrance through the new smaller door. This door will be fitted with a lock and members issued with a limited number of keys.

A large window was installed in the hall and this has greatly improved the appearance and gives a panoramic view of the harbour. With this and the previous extensive renovations the Club possesses a most attractive hall which was, no doubt, appreciated by many members during the Centennial Celebrations.

## STATUS REGATTAS

The Club competed at the Wairau, Picton, Wellington, Wanganui and N.Z. Championship status regattas. In addition a limited number of crews started at the Christchurch and Auckland Championships whilst individual crews also competed at Alexandra, Whakatane and Rotorua. In all a record number of 27 wins was achieved with 35 seconds and 18 thirds.

A very pleasing feature was the success gained by Club crews in all divisions showing a good depth of strength. In the main the Seniors and to some extent the Juniors trained and raced in the smaller boats whilst the Maidens, Youths and Novices were in the larger boats. Another feature was the consistency of most crews and this is illustrated by the following crews who were never out of a place during the whole season. Senior coxed and coxless pairs, Senior Double Sculls, Junior Double and Single Sculls, Maiden and Youth Eights, Youth Four and Novice Four.

The Club was entered in four Championships events for a second, third and a fourth. J. G. Gibbons and S. L. Radford had competed with success during the season in both the coxed and coxless events. As a result hopes were high for Star to gain its first Championship since 1936. In the coxless event Star easily won their elimination heat to enter the final but in the coxed pairs they were required to win their repercharge before taking their place in the final. In the Champion Coxless Pairs final Star led for 1500 metres but could not hold on over the final 500 metres and finished second to Whakaitipu. They were also placed in the Coxed Pairs final finishing in third place. The Champion Double Sculls entry was A. Dowling and C. Bridge who were in fact the winners of the Junior Doubles and they were narrowly beaten into fourth place in the Championship event.

A. Dowling also won the Junior Single sculls and was unlucky to be disqualified in the Champion Single sculls repercharge heat. It can confidently be said that but for this he would have been placed in the Champion Singles Final.

The above wins and placings together with the Maiden and Youth Eights being placed second and the Novice and Youth Fours third placings gained sufficient points for the Club to win the Centennial Oars. This is the second time the Club has won the coveted trophy, the other being also at Lake Waiholia in 1965.

Status regatta results appear as an Appendix to this Report.

## LOCAL REGATTAS

The Club had mixed fortunes in local regattas until the rowing camp was held over the New Year period. Only the Queen's Cup regatta was won by Star during this period, other regattas being the Redding Shield, Norton Cup and Jury Cup at Wanganui. After the New Year the Club competed in two local regattas—the Woolworths Cup at Wanganui and the Mothes Shield, this year held in conjunction with the Wellington Championship regatta, with Star winning both regattas quite comfortably. It may be pertinent to note that this is also

the second time the Club has won the Woolworth's Cup at Wanganui and on each occasion the Centennial Oars has also been won.

As in Status regattas a feature in the local regattas was the consistency of some of crews notably the Senior coxed and coxless pairs, Senior Double and Single sculls, Junior Double and Single sculls, Maiden and Youth Eights, Maiden Fours and Pairs and Youth and Novice Fours.

Local regatta winners also appear as an Appendix to this Report.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS ROWING:

There are now a number of Secondary Schools within the Wellington District who have adopted rowing as a Summer sport generally sponsored by one of the local rowing clubs. Star's responsibility in this regard extends to both Rongotai and Wellington Colleges. Although now transferred to Onslow College, Mr N. C. Lynch has continued to coach Rongotai College crews, and has done a very fine job. Mr P. Savage is the rowing master at Rongotai and has done a fine administrative job.

It is clear, however, that the coaching of College crews, especially where there is no master at the College conversant with rowing, creates a problem because Club members can give only limited assistance in coaching when college crews train during the working hours of most members.

This problem was partly solved by selecting College rowers as members of the Club's crews and thus obtain the benefit of such coaching as was given to the Club crew. The obvious restriction is of course that only a limited number of schoolboy rowers are able to train with club crews.

Another solution was to invite the schoolboy rowers to the Club's rowing camp at Wairau and it was pleasing to see the number of Rongotai members who attended. Mr D. McGuire spent many hours coaching the schoolboy rowers and of course some rowed in the Club's Youth and Maiden Eights under the guidance of Mr D. A. Cameron. In fact it was four members of the Star Youth Eight who later won the Secondary School Springbok Shield fours race.

There is no doubt that the growth of Schoolboy rowing in Wellington, in which Mr N. Lynch has played such a large part, has increased the strength of local clubs.

#### CONGRATULATORY:

Sincere congratulations are extended to the following:—

(a) The Wellington and Hutt Valley Rowing Clubs for their events in the Championships Eights and Fours respectively.

(b) Rongotai Colleges win in the Springbok Shield Fours.

(c) Messrs. B. L. Albiston, S. L. Radford and W. Barker on their marriages.

(d) WARA officials for the success of the Wellington regatta.

(e) J. G. Gibbons for his selection to represent N.Z. at the World Rowing Championships.

#### SOCIALS:

Naturally the Centennial Celebrations were the highlight in this section and has already been reported. In addition the following social functions were held.

**Prize-Giving Dinner:** The new inception proved to be most popular and it was pleasing to see 54 members attending the Pier Hotel on Friday, 28th April, 1967. There were a number of old members present and in all a very enjoyable time was spent by those present.

**End-of-Season Dance:** This function was in lieu of the former Prize-Giving Dances and again this different approach proved most successful. Approximately 150 people attended and here the Ladies' Committee ably led by Mrs M. Brown provided a first-class supper.

In view of the success of these two functions it is recommended that the prize-giving continue next year in the same fashion.

#### APPRECIATION:

The committee extends its sincere appreciation to all who have given assistance during the year including the following:—

(a) The WARA executive and officials for ably conducting a very full regatta season.

(b) The lady supporters who generously assist at the Club's social functions.

(c) To those already mentioned in this report—Our President, Vice-President, Centennial Committee, Trustees of the Building Fund and Wellington Harbour Board.

(d) To the coaches in the efforts to improve crews.

(e) To the older members and parents for their valued and loyal support.

#### OBITUARY:

It is with regret that the following deaths are recorded and the committee's and member's sympathy is extended to the families concerned:

1919 F. B. Anyon 1904 J. A. E. Kerslake  
A. H. Millward

#### CONCLUSION:

Whilst the 1966/67 has been most successful, championship honours still elude the Club. It is felt that the Club is on the verge of a break-through in this respect but it will require much determination and a dedicated programme of training.

We have now entered the Club's second one hundred years on the right note and the Committee is confident of the future and wishes the incoming executive the same co-operation from members as received last year.

#### APPENDIX A—STATUS REGATTA RESULTS

##### WAIRAU, 27th December, 1966—

###### SECOND:

Senior Coxless Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Senior Single Sculls: A. L. Garrett.

Senior and Junior Double Sculls: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Junior Four: G. Fisher, J. Pope, I. Wooller, J. Kelliher.

Lightweight Four: M. Bridge, I. Lees, K. Jenkinson, T. Quayle.

Maiden Four: W. Sharp, S. Zillwood, J. Bethwaite, I. Lees.

Youth Four: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, I. Lees.

Maiden Double Sculls: C. Bridge, W. Bishop.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

##### PICTON, 31st December, 1966—

###### FIRST:

Maiden Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, G. Fellowes, R. McDonald, S. Zillwood.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

###### SECOND:

Senior Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Senior Eight: S. Radford, J. Gibbons, A. Garrett, D. McGuire, W. Barker, J. Kelliher, D. Munro, C. Bridge.

Junior Four: G. Fisher, J. Pope, I. Wooller, J. Kelliher.

Junior Double Sculls: J. Gibbons, S. Radford.

Maiden Four: W. Sharp, S. Zillwood, J. Bethwaite, I. Lees.

Youth Four: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, I. Lees.

Maiden Double Sculls: C. Bridge, M. Bridge.

##### WHAKATANE, 26th December, 1966—

###### FIRST:

Junior Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

##### ROTORUA, 21st January, 1967—

###### FIRST:

Junior and Handicap Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

##### WELLINGTON, 28th January, 1967—

###### FIRST:

Senior Coxed and Coxless Pairs: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Senior Double Sculls: A. L. Garrett, A. L. Brown.

Maiden Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, R. McDonald, G. Fellowes, D. Sanft, S. Zillwood.

Maiden Pair: R. McDonald, J. Kelliher.

Youth Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, H. Gamble, G. Fellowes, A. Bradshaw, S. Zillwood.

Youth Four: D. Bridge, C. Gamble, W. Sharp, I. Lees

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

**SECOND:**

Senior Single Sculls: A. L. Garrett.

Maiden Four: M. Bridge, C. Gamble, W. Sharp, I. Lees.

Maiden Double Sculls: W. Bishop, A. Peck.

Lightweight Four: A. Bradshaw, I. Lees, R. Har- nor, J. Welch.

**CHRISTCHURCH, 4th February, 1967—**

**FIRST:**

Senior Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

**SECOND:**

Senior Double Sculls: A. L. Garrett, A. L. Brown.

Junior Double Sculls: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

**WANGANUI, 11th February, 1967—**

**FIRST:**

Senior Coxed and Coxless Pairs: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Senior Double Sculls: A. L. Garrett, A. L. Brown.

Junior Double Sculls: A. Dowling, C. Bridge.

Junior Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

Youth Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, H. Gamble, G. Fellowes, A. Bradshaw, T. Castle.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

**SECOND:**

Senior Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

Junior Pairs (Equal No. 1): G. Fisher, J. Pope, (No. 2): I. Wooller, J. Kelliher.

Youth Four: A. Bradshaw, S. Zillwood, H. Gamble, J. Welch.

Maiden Pair: J. Bethwaite, R. McDonald.

**AUCKLAND, 18th February, 1967—**

**FIRST:**

Senior Coxless Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Junior Double Sculls: A. Dowling, C. Bridge.

Junior Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

**SECOND:**

Senior Double Sculls: A. L. Garrett, A. L. Brown.

Senior Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

Senior Coxed Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

**ALEXANDRA, 25th and 26th February, 1967—**

**FIRST:**

Senior Coxed Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

**N.Z. CHAMPIONSHIPS, LAKE WAIHOLA, 1st and 4th March, 1967—**

**FIRST:**

Junior Double Sculls: A. Dowling, C. Bridge.

Junior Single Sculls: A. Dowling.

**SECOND:**

Champion Coxless Pair: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

Maiden Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, R. McDonald, G. Fellowes, D. Sanft, S. Zillwood.

Youth Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, H. Gamble, G. Fellowes, A. Bradshaw, S. Zillwood.

**THIRD:**

Youth Four: M. Bridge, C. Gamble, W. Sharp, I. Lees.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

Championship Coxed Pairs: J. G. Gibbons, S. L. Radford.

**APPENDIX B—LOCAL REGATTAS**

**REDDING SHIELD, 8th October, 1966—**

**FIRST:**

Youth Four: W. Sharp, I. Lees, G. Fellowes, M. Bridge.

**STAR CENTENNIAL REGATTA, 22nd October, 1966—**

**FIRST:**

Youth Four: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, M. Bridge.

Senior Double Sculls: A. L. Garrett, A. L. Brown.

**QUEEN'S CUP, 26th November, 1966—Star 44, Wellington 30, Hutt 22, Petone 15, Aromoho 7.**

**FIRST:**

Maiden Pair: J. Bethwaite, M. Bridge.

Youth Four: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, I. Lees.

Junior Double Sculls: J. Gibbons, S. Radford.

Maiden Double Sculls: R. Clark, C. Bridge.

Senior Double Sculls: A. Garrett, A. Brown.

Maiden Single Sculls: R. Clark.

Youth Eight: M. Bridge, I. Quayle, I. Munro, C. Gamble, H. Gamble, G. Fellowes, S. Andrews, K. Jenkinson.

Maiden Fours: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, J. Bethwaite, I. Lees.

Senior Coxless Pair: J. Gibbons, S. Radford.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

**JURY CUP, Wanganui, 10th December, 1966—**

**FIRST:**

Youth Four: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, I. Lees.

Maiden Four: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, J. Bethwaite, I. Lees.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthorpe.

**WOOLWORTHS CUP, 21st January, 1967—Star 77, Hutt 45, Aramoho, 43, Union 14, Wanganui 13, Petone 10, Clifton 5, Horowhenua 3, New Plymouth 1.**

**FIRST:**

Senior Coxed and Coxless Pairs: J. Gibbons, S. Radford.

Youth Four No. 1: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, I. Munro, I. Lees.

Youth Four No. 2: A. Bradshaw, G. Fellowes, H. Gamble, S. Zillwood.

Maiden Fours: W. Sharp, C. Gamble, J. Bethwaite, I. Lees.

Junior Single Sculls: C. Bridge.

Senior Single Sculls: A. Garrett.

Youth Eight: M. Bridge, I. Lees, W. Sharp, C. Gamble, H. Gamble, G. Fellowes, S. Zillwood, T. Castle.

Novice Four: B. Traynor, G. McNamara, G. Maude, J. Pailthore.

Maiden Pair: R. McDonald, J. Kelliher.

Senior Double Sculls: A. Garrett, A. Brown.

**APPENDIX C—LIST OF PLANT**

**Racing Plant—**

B & B Eight (Litecraft), condition good, 2yrs. old.

B & B Four "Algoe" (Litecraft), good, 3yrs.

B & B Four "Rigel" (Phelps), satisfactory, 6yrs.

B & B Four "Olympus" (Sims), satisfactory, 13yrs.

B & B Double Sculls "Antares" (Sims), good, 3yrs.

B & B Pair "Raro" (S & B), good, 2yrs.

B & B Pair/Double "Capella" (Sims), good, 5yrs. (re-skinned).

B & B Pair/Double "Canopus" (Phelps), fair, 11yrs.

B & B Coxed Pair "Achemar" (Litecraft), good, 4yrs.

B & B Single Sculler "Venus" (Litecraft), good, 8yrs.

B & B Single Sculler "Pluto" (Towns), good, 10yrs.

B & B Single Sculler "W. B. Fitchett" (Towns), good, 14yrs.

**Training Plant:**

B & B Eight "Acrux" (Towns), fair, 6yrs.

B & B Eight "Sirius" (Towns), bad, 17yrs.

B & B Four "Altair" (Towns), fair, 16yrs.

Plywood Four "Pollux" (Towns), fair, 12yrs.

Plywood Four "Castor" (Towns), fair, 12yrs.

Plywood Four "Vega" (Botterill), good, 11yrs.

Plywood Pair "Polaris" (Towns), fair, 11yrs.

Plywood Double "Regulus" (Botterill), fair, 19yrs.

Plywood Single Sculler "Mars" (Litecraft), fair, 11yrs.

**Oars and Sculls:**

27 Shovel type oars (racing).

25 Conventional oars (training).

8 Sets racing sculls.

4 Sets training sculls.