

Introduction



The sport of Lawn Bowls was first played in Hong Kong by four Scotsmen in 1900 and together with another five gentlemen, they founded the Kowloon Bowling Green Club (KBGC) which was officially opened on Saturday, 4th August 1900. This group of people then managed and controlled the sport of Lawn Bowls. With enthusiasm, dedication and devotion, the first National Singles Championships was played in 1909 and the National League Competitions began in 1910. KBGC was used as the headquarters of Lawn Bowls until the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association (HKLBA) was officially formed on 11th March 1961. HKLBA then took over the management and control of the sport and became one of the 64 National Sports Associations under the wing of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.



When first formed, HKLBA used KBGC as its registered office until 1976 when we were allocated a shared office in the Queen Elizabeth Stadium Complex in Wanchai. In 1995, when the Sports House (now the Olympic House) in So Kon Po was built, we were allocated a much bigger office for our own use. The HKLBA is still located at Olympic House.



The recent increase in the member of Lawn Bowls Clubs and active bowlers has created some problems in the availability of greens and in organising our competitions. However, such increase goes to prove that Lawn Bowls today is a sport which appeals to a much wider range of people and it continues to grow in popularity both at social and competitive levels.

This book is published to commemorate the 50th anniversary (the Golden Jubilee) of the HKLBA. It covers the history of the Association since its inception and records some of the historical facts which have emerged over the years to celebrate this significant occasion for the sport of Lawn Bowls in Hong Kong.

