

OFFICIAL OPENING

OF OUR

BOWLING GREEN

The opening of the new Bowling Green was witnessed by about 130 people on Saturday, 23rd April, 1960.

Mr. J. H. Hounsham, Chairman of the Bowling Club, in introducing Dr. N. Levin, opened the proceedings by giving a most interesting outline of the formation of the Club some years ago, as a founder member, he was able to show the progress made through those years culminating in the very successful Club which exists today. He also welcomed our other distinguished guests who included Air Chief Marshal Sir Claude and Lady Pelly, and Mrs. Levin and Mrs. E. F. Newley.

Mr. Hounsham's untiring work on behalf of the Club has certainly been well rewarded and his achievements must now be giving him a sense of pride and satisfaction. His ambitions for the Club have been realised to the full and his efforts have been outstanding.

Dr. N. Levin formally opened the Green, bowling the first wood, and a very good one it was, finishing within 2½ feet of the Jack.

In his speech, Dr. Levin congratulated the Club and all concerned in the excellent start that is being made to the new era in the Club's activities. He and Mrs. Levin will be presenting a trophy to the Club to be competed for annually. It will be designated the "Levin Singles Championship Trophy." This very generous gesture was roundly applauded.

Mr. Hounsham welcomed the President of the Berkshire County Bowling Association, Mr. T. Campbell - Dykes and his team of County players, and the President suitably replied.

The opening match between A.W.R.E. B.C. and the County President's team commenced on schedule and ended in victory to the County by 72 shots to 55.

After the match was over eighty people enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the Recreational Society in the Gymnasium. After the meal Berkshire County Bowling Association Jubilee Badges were presented to Dr. Levin and Mr. Hounsham by the President of the County Association.

The Club has had nearly 70 applications for membership, and we extend a cordial welcome to anyone who would like to join. Instruction and equipment is always available for beginners.

Bowlers of experience need no introduction to the good fellowship which bowling naturally promotes. If therefore you have not already done so, come along—bowler or beginner—you will be warmly welcomed.

The subscription for this year is one guinea for men and 10s. 6d. for ladies. We hope that this will be reduced in 1961, but we'd like to establish our Club on a firm foundation so that for many years to come Bowling can be enjoyed by everyone. If you would like to join us we are here to help you. The officers of the

Club are only as far away as your telephone, and will gladly give you any information you want—and, I hope—an application form.

In conclusion the Officers, Committee, and members of the Bowling Club would like to record their very sincere appreciation for all the support and assistance given by the Recreational Society and other friends in the Establishment. Thank you all very much indeed!"

S. J. NEASBY, Hon. Sec.



The Director opens the new Green.