

Ron Garrett

Ron began his involvement with table tennis in the early 1960s and served continuously on the executive of the Southland Association from 1966 to the present day (2014), including 5 years as Secretary and 14 as President.

He was a key official when Southland built its own stadium. He has played over 300 matches for Southland and managed and coached junior teams at NZ Championships. He was also a key figure when Southland hosted the NZ Championships in 1992 and 2002, the NZ Veterans Championships in 1997, 2006 and 2011, and the South Island Championships 8 times between 1971 and 2009.



2014

Service at National Level:

Ron has attended TTNZ Annual General Meetings regularly since 1973 as either a Southland delegate or in his capacity as a TTNZ officer.

He was Coach at the National Junior Coaching School for 1983.

He served two terms as TTNZ President (1988/89 and 1994/96) and when the office of President was abolished in the 1996 restructure he served as Deputy Board Chairman from 1996 to 2005. Earlier he was Region 6 delegate on the National Council (1992/93).

During a period of flux and uncertainty in 2007 he stepped in as TTNZ Executive Director, remained in that position for 18 months and successfully restored stability. He then served again on the TTNZ Board in 2009 and 2010.

International Activity:

Ron has served terms as a member of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation Management Committee and the International Table Tennis Federation Veterans Committee. He managed NZ teams at the Australian Under 15 and Under 17 Championships in 1992, 1993 and 1994,

His pinnacle administrative appointment was manager of the NZ table tennis team at the 2002 and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

In 2005 he represented the TTNZ Board in their successful bid for the 2008 World Junior Championships. He was named National Official of the Year in 2005.

He was appointed Volunteer Coordinator for the 2014 World Veteran Championships in Auckland and shared the role of Tournament Director with James Morris.

He is an International Umpire and National Referee.



2013

Ron Garrett continued

Recognition:

In recognition of his outstanding service at all levels in multiple roles he was elected a TTNZ Life Member in 2001.

Success as a Player:

National Titles:

South Island Open

Open Mixed Doubles - 2006
Over 40 Mixed Doubles - 2000
Over 45 Mixed Doubles - 1992
Over 50 Men's Singles - 2005
Over 50 Men's Doubles - 2005
Over 50 Mixed Doubles - 1994, 95, 96, 99, 2006
Over 60 Men's Singles - 2005, 06, 07, 09
Over 60 Men's Doubles - 2005, 11
Over 60 Mixed Doubles - 2005, 07, 09, 13
Over 65 men's Singles - 2009, 11
Over 65 Men's Doubles - 2009, 10, 11
Over 65 Mixed Doubles - 2009, 10

Many of the Mixed Doubles titles were won with wife Ngaire, also a keen player.

NZ Representative

2003 Australian Veterans Championships
2006 Australian Veterans Championships
2006 Veterans Test Match v Australia
2007 Australian Veterans Championships
2010 Veterans Test Match v Australia
2011 Veterans Test Match v Australia
2012 Veterans Test Match v Australia



With wife **Ngaire** in 2009
Veterans & TTNZ 75th Dinner
in Christchurch



1977
Member Southland Team
to NZ Championships



2002 Commonwealth Games Celebration

L/R Front: **Helen Codlin, James Morris, Ron Garrett, Dave Currie** (NZ Chef de Mission)