

Barry Griffiths



1981

Barry first represented New Zealand as a junior in 1978 at the age of 14 and became a regular member of the national team over the next fifteen years.

In addition to dozens of junior titles Barry won the pinnacle event of table tennis in New Zealand, the Men's singles title, a record eight times.

His huge promise showed in 1980 when he reached the final of the Australian Open.

Barry, from Auckland, was at his best during the 1987/88 seasons, winning the New Zealand Open twice, the Australian Open and the Oceania Championships.

In 1988 at the Asian Championships he had an excellent tournament winning 14 out of 16 matches.

He represented New Zealand at the World Championships in 1981, 83, 85, and 87.

At the 1988 Seoul Olympics Barry beat Patrick Birocheau, the French No 2.

His world ranking peaked at 124 in 1988.

Throughout Barry's career he formed a formidable doubles combination with Peter Jackson, winning bronze at the 1985 Commonwealth Championships, defeating Jorg Rosskopf and Stefan Fetzner in the teams events at the 1988 German Open. Rosskopf and Fetzner won the World Doubles crown the following year.

On the table, Barry was renowned for his formidable backhand topspin and his ability to control the ball when blocking. His ability to analyse an opponent and detect their weakness was second to none.

Barry was Player of the Year in 1979, 80, 82, 87 and 88.



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NZ team to World Championships, Yugoslavia - 1981

L/R: **Keith Pointon** (manager), **Shelley Palmer**, **Barry Griffiths**, **Jan Morris**, **Richard Lee**, **Kadia Rice**, **Malcolm Temperley**

Barry Griffiths continued

National Titles:

New Zealand Open

Men's Singles - 1982, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92
Men's Doubles - 1982, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 93
Mixed Doubles - 1982, 86, 87, 91
Under 21 Singles - 1983, 85
Under 18 Singles - 1979, 82
Under 18 Doubles - 1979, 80, 82
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1979, 80, 82
Under 16 Singles - 1978, 79, 80
Under 16 Doubles - 1979, 80
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1978, 79, 80
Under 14 Singles - 1977

North Island Open

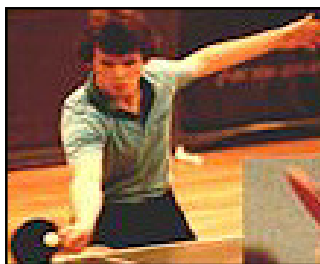
Men's Singles - 1984, 92
Men's Doubles - 1984, 88
Mixed Doubles - 1987, 88
Under 21 Singles - 1985
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Under 16 Doubles - 1979, 80
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1978, 80
Under 14 Mixed Doubles - 1977

South Island Open

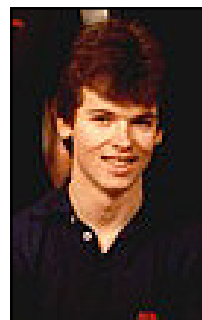
Under 16 Singles - 1978
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Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1978



1993 - working
at NZ Open



1983 NZ Open



1984