

# Robin Radford



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**R**obin first joined a table tennis club in 1950 in Christchurch and in subsequent years participated in interclub before moving to Hamilton in 1957, transferred by his Insurance employer.

He was the Secretary of the Hamilton Sub Association from 1959 to 1962, Treasurer in 1960, President in 1966 and Treasurer again from 1967 to 1972. He was also one of Hamilton's top players, winning selection in the representative team several times. In 1963 he was closely involved with the formation of Hamilton as a full Association when Waikato was split into three.

He was made a Life Member of the Hamilton Association (now Waikato).

In 1965 he was Tournament Secretary of the North Island Championships hosted by Hamilton. Attracting 544 entries, it was the largest North Island tournament ever.

After moving to Tawa near Wellington in 1976 Robin became Secretary of the Kapiti Association from 1979 to 1988 and from 1996 to 1999. He was also Treasurer in 1987 and 1988 and President from 1991 to 2000. He managed Kapiti teams at the NZ Championships in the 1980s.

## Service at National Level:

Robin served on the National Executive Committee/Council from 1982 to 1993 and was Deputy Chairman for 6 years. In 1996 he was closely involved with a major administrative restructure which established a Board to replace the Executive Committee and National Council. He participated in the rewriting of TTNZ's constitution.

From 1996 to 2005, assisted by journalist/editor and TTNZ Life Member John Kiley, Robin produced 26 issues of TT INFO magazine which was eventually distributed to every registered member in NZ. He also maintained and enhanced a national database of members from 1998 to 2009 and managed TTNZ's first web site from 1998 to 2010.

From 2000 to 2008 he performed a vital administrative function as a TTNZ cheque signatory and voluntary back-up person staffing the national office when paid staff were on leave.

In 2006 he created and, on behalf of TTNZ, maintained an archives website featuring historic table tennis photographs year by year.



With **Ron Garrett** (L) at TTNZ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Special Awards presented by Northland Association for services to New Zealand Table Tennis (2009)

## *Robin Radford continued*

In 2009 he designed a year by year online chronicle summarising Table Tennis New Zealand's 75 year history. It was launched during the 75th anniversary celebrations. Crucial to this project was assistance from John Kiley who researched and wrote the text.

He continued to maintain several historical lists including titleholders and executive committee members. He designed and wrote the Hall of Fame booklet and has custody of a considerable quantity of hard copy material.

Wife Jean has been in support including using her nimble fingers in the days of the typewriter.

### **Recognition:**

Robin was elected a TTNZ Life Member in 2000 and received the National Volunteer of the Year award in 2008.



Nov 2004 TT INFO magazine envelope stuffing team

L/R: Ron Menchi, Robin Radford, Ian Stawbridge, John Kiley, Jean Radford, Bryan Thomson, Margaret Pitkethley, Sue Lill, Puhī Davis, George Wright, Shirley Ruddell, Merv Allardyce, Catherine Thomson



**Jean & Robin**

2009 Veteran Championships and TTNZ 75th evening



1954 NZ Championships - Wellington - Canterbury Players  
L/R: John Armstrong, Brian Williamson, Veronica Idle, Robin Radford, Athol Ascott