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NEW ZEALAND TABLE TENNIS

VETERANS CLUB

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NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT HAMILTON
EASTER 1991, FROM 29 MARCH-1 APRIL



THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF VETERANS WHO ATTENDED THE SOCIAL EVENING AT THE TE RAPA RACECOURSE ON MONDAY EVENING 1 APRIL. ALTHOUGH IT WAS WELL PAST THE DEADLINE FOR APRIL FOOLS DAY JOKES THERE WERE STILL PLENTY AT A VERY WELL ORGANISED AND AMICABLE EVENING WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY THOSE PRESENT.

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MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

The South Island Championships will be held in Nelson from 14-16 June with entries closing on 21 May. There are still cheaper Air Fares available but accommodation is difficult to obtain if you want accommodation check with your local Association who will have details provided by the Nelson Association.

The North Island Championships will be held in Palmerston North from 28-30 June with entries closing on 5 June.

The National Championships will be held in Auckland from 2-14 Sept. The North Vs South Match is on Sunday 8 September; the Over 40 Teams Monday to Wednesday 9-11 Sept. and Veterans Individual events are Thursday to Saturday 12-14 Sept.

This year a new system of Veterans Ratings has been introduced and apart from the New Zealand Veterans at Easter there will be one Over 40 Rating Tournament in each Region as follows:

Region 1 - North Harbour May 25. Region 2 - Counties August 3.

Region 3 - Wanganui April 27. Region 4 - Wairarapa May 25.

Region 5 - Marlborough May 4. Region 6 - South Cant. July 20.

1991 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS AND MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

These two tournaments will be held together at the Brisbane Table Tennis Stadium from Saturday 12 to Friday 18 October. The tentative programme is as follows:

VETERANS: Saturday 12 - Welcome Evening.

Sunday 13 - Teams all day.

Mon. to Wed. 14-16 - Teams morning and afternoon.

Thurs. & Frid. 17-18 - Individual events.

Saturday 19 - Presentation and Social Evening.

MASTERS GAMES: Mon. & Tues. evenings 14-15 - Singles.

Wed. evening 16 - Doubles.

A number of players have already decided to attend and accommodation is being arranged. Several others who are interested in going still haven't made their minds up and I would like to hear from them if they decide to go. A number of entry forms are available for the Masters Games and these will be sent to those who have indicated an interest in going. Those who enter after 30 June will have to pay an extra \$10(Australian).

MEMBERSHIP - Eleven new members joined at the Veterans Championships at Easter bringing the total to 104. However, a few didn't pay last year so the current membership is 96. Those who haven't paid this years subscription of \$3 can pay at the South or North Island Champs. or if not going can send it by post.

If any of you have any matters you wish to bring to the attention of other members please let me know by early July.

VETERANS MEETING

There was some difficulty fitting in the Annual Meeting because of the tight timetable mainly caused by the inclusion of the Special Singles Events. As a result there were only about 40 of the players present as many of them were taking a tea break. This meant that we couldn't be sure that all of the opinions expressed were what the majority of veterans wanted so perhaps we should consider sending out a form to all our members to get their opinions in writing.

The main items discussed were as follows:

Special Singles - It was suggested they be held separately from the main tournament, preferably after all other events were finished because of the difference between the bats and balls used. There didn't appear to be much support for these events being held in future years.

Tournament Date - It was suggested the timing be changed and held at a different time from Easter in alternative years. However, a big majority preferred the Tournament to be held at Easter.

Age Groups - It was brought up that agreement was reached at the 1990 meeting that over 65 events be introduced but this had been ignored although it should have been given priority over the Special Singles events. It was also suggested that instead of limiting entries to 2 age groups it should be changed to six events which would be a fairer system as all players couldn't get doubles partners and in particular a small percentage of males had mixed doubles partners.

Name of Tournament: The matter was raised again about the name Masters being used instead of Veterans, however, the majority favoured the name Veterans as a separate Masters Games was held every 2 years (Masters isn't really a suitable name for both sexes).

Medals: Disappointment was expressed that Medals were not being presented for B and C Grade singles. It was pointed out that with Round Robin Groups in the singles the lower grades were actually Consolation events and Medals weren't justified. Those who spoke appeared to disagree on this matter and there was no real consensus of opinion.

Organisation: Some dissatisfaction was expressed at the way the NZTTA organised matters such as the Draw and Seedings and it was suggested that a separate Veterans Sub-Committee be set up and take over the organisation separate from but under the auspices of the NZTTA. There was general agreement with this proposal.

5th NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the Hamilton Assn. (since changed to Waikato) for a well run Tournament with very good Catering and other facilities. The Organising Committee had four long hard days work and the Tournament Manager was always available to sort out any problems, although I'm sure he didn't have many to deal with as the friendly atmosphere that we get at Veterans Tournaments was very enjoyable, It was great to see the two 1934 Mens Singles Finalists, Errol Cheal and Frank Paton, participating perhaps we'll have Barry Griffiths and Peter Jackson in 2050. Fortunately the concrete floor never got slippery and caused no problems thanks to the good timing.

Teams Results:

A total of 66 teams competed compared with 58 in 1990.

Over 40 Men	A - Auckland 1 - Bob Lassen, Pat Low.
	B - Waitemata 3 - Blair Melvin, John Parker.
	C - Canterbury - Stephen Craw, Merv Palmer
0.40 Women	A - North Harbour - Christine Cunningham, Kaylene Findlay
	B - Waitemata - Sheena Cooney, Merle Trenwith.
Over 50 Men	A - Auckland 1 - Nam Hang Lee, Thomas Wang
	B - Manawatu 2 - Royden Galloway, John Williams
	C - Hamilton 2 - Bruce Miles, Ken Ross
0.50 Women	- Wanganui - Anice Robottom, Elsie Spooner
0.60 Men	- New South Wales - John Gardiner, Col Roden
0.60 Women	- Combined - Doreen Bridson, Doris Lassen
0.70 Men	- Auckland - Valley Kwok, Errol Cheal

Individual Events:

Over 40 Years

Mens Singles	Bob Lassen(Ak) bt Bruce Connolly(HV)
Womens Singles	Christine Cunningham(NH) bt Val Beaver(Ct)
Mens Doubles	Nam Hang Lee/Thomas Wang(Ak)
Womens Doubles	Christine Cunningham/Kaylene Findlay(NH)
Mixed Doubles	Bob Lassen/Christine Cunningham(Ak/NH)
Mens B Singles	Sonny Rivers(Wt) bt Chip Eade(Wt)
Mens C Singles	Bill Otene(Wt) bt Russell Clement(HB)
Womens B Singles	Pauline Bennyworth(Waik) bt Val Scarr(Wair)
Womens C Singles	Geraldine Stapleton(NH) bt Judy Napier

Over 50 Years

Mens Singles Thomas Wang(Ak) bt John Lelliott(HV)
 Womens Singles Barbara Jackson(Ak) bt Doreen Bridson(OS)
 Mens Doubles Nam Hang Lee/Thomas Wang(Ak)
 Womens Doubles Doreen Bridson/Barbara Dye(OS/Ak)
 Mixed Doubles Doug Wong/Pat McArthur(Ak/Ct)
 Mens B Singles John Gardiner(OS) bt Col Roden(OS)
 Mens C Singles Royden Galloway(Man) bt Pat Doyle(Man)
 Womens B Singles Mirie McAvinue(Man) bt Gladys Halford(Man)
 Womens C Singles Armida Brugnoli(OS) bt Barbara Dye(Ak)

Over 60 Years

Mens Singles John Lelliott(HV) bt Roy Gregory(Wt)
 Womens Singles Elsie Spooner(Wang) bt Isabel Cleland(HV)
 Mens Doubles Roy Gegory/John Lelliott(Wt/HV)
 Womens Doubles Doreen Bridson/Isabel Cleland(OS/HV)
 Mixed Doubles Gerry and Doreen Bridson(OS)
 Mens B Singles Danny Krul(Man) bt Ron Trautvetter(Wt)
 Mens c Singles Alan Ward(H) bt Bert Cornforth(HV)
 Womens B Singles Nancy Brant(Ak) bt Pat Printy(Wt)

Over 70 Years

Mens Singles Valley Kwok(Ak) bt Ray Rowland(Man)
 Womens Singles Alice Stevenson(Man) bt Dorothy Lassen(Ak)
 Mens Doubles Valley Kwok/Ray Rowland(Ak/Man)
 Mixed Doubles Ray Rowland/Alice Stevenson(Man)

Special Singles (Hard Bat/Soft Ball)

0.40 Mens A Bob Lassen(Ak) bt Martin Lee(Ak)
 0.40 Mens B Blair Melvin(Wt) bt Merv Palmer(Cant)
 0.40 Women Pauline Bennyworth(Waik) bt Averil Roberts(HV)
 0.50 Mens A Gerry Doyle(Waik) bt Royden Galloway(Man)
 0.50 Mens B Ray Johnstone(HB) bt Pat Doyle(Man)
 0.50 Women Margaret McGregor(Wt) bt Anice Robottom(Wang)

MERIT LISTS (Announced at the Presentation Evening)

<u>Over 40 Men</u>	<u>Over 40 Women</u>	<u>Over 50 Men</u>
Bob Lassen	Christine Cunningham	Thomas Wang
Patrick Low	Val Beaver	John Lelliott
Bruce Connolly	Elsie Spooner	Nam Hang Lee
Thomas Wang	Averil Roberts	Doug Wong
Nam Hang Lee	Joyce Shewan	Chip Eade
Martin Lee	Kaylene Findlay	Harry Dye
John Lelliott	Pauline Bennyworth	Roy Gregory
Sonny Rivers	Patricia McArthur	Martin Lee
(Chip Eade	(Valerie Scarr	Merv Allardyce
(Peter Bennett	(Beverley Knowles	Gerrard Doyle
<u>Over 50 Women</u>	<u>Over 60 Men</u>	<u>Over 60 Women</u>
Barbara Jackson	John Lelliott	Elsie Spooner
Doreen Bridson	Roy Gregory	Isabel Cleland
Elsie Spooner	Col Roden	Doreen Bridson
Anice Robottom	Theo Sandberg	Alice Stevenson
Patricia McArthur	Danny Krul	Mary Miller
Margaret McGregor	Ron Trautvetter	
Isabel Cleland	Walter Wilson	<u>Over 70 Women</u>
Joyce Coleman	David Armitage	Alice Stevenson
Armida Brognoli	John Gardiner	Doris Lassen
Inga Lane	Valley Kwok	

Over 70 Men - 1. Valley Kwok 2. Ray Rowland

The next issue should be out by Mid-July.

Yours Sincerely,

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19 JULY 1991

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING

SIXTH VETERANS WORLD TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Well we now have some good news for those of you with Irish Ancestry such as Pat McArthur (the name seems right), Christine Cunningham (hair colour looks Irish) also a couple of other Pat's and about 5 other Mc's are on the membership list. You are all invited to participate in the 6th Veterans World Championships to be held in Dublin from Monday 15 June to Saturday 20 June, 1992. There will be 5 Age Groups - Over 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's and eligibility is based on the year that you reach the age, for example Over 50's must have been born in 1942 or earlier. Entries are restricted to one singles and one doubles event with an entry fee of 30 Pounds (about \$90), this will include each competitor receiving a Badge of the World Championships, tickets for all sessions and a Programme with the Draw plus a Diploma of Participation in the Veterans World Table Tennis Championships. The equipment will be Joola Tables and Nittaku 3 Star Balls. In each event there will be round robins in groups of four with the top two going into the main Draw and the bottom two into the Consolation Draw. This means that even if you lose every match you are still guaranteed a minimum of 4 singles and 4 doubles.

If any of you are interested in going please let me know as I will be following up to get full information on travel and accommodation. I'm seriously thinking of going to combine it with a visit to relatives in England.

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1991 Australian Veterans and Masters Championships

A number of players took advantage of the Special \$399 return Airfare and we now have 10 Women and 8 Men (plus 3 wives) attending with a few more wanting to go (if they win Lotto). Perhaps we should consider when we get together at Palmerston North next Easter setting up a big Combo with a view to establishing a travel fund. The Women's age groups are well spread and it looks as if there will be no problem in entering Over 40, 50 and 60 Teams but the Men are mainly in the Over 60 and 70's.

Accommodation is being arranged so if there is anybody who wants to be added to the list please let me know. Also those who haven't let me know their travel arrangements please drop me a line soon so that I can be sure that the accommodation is booked for all of the nights that you need it. Those already on the list are as follows: Val Beaver, Nancy Brant, Isabel Cleland, Margaret David, Thelma May, Pat McArthur, Averil Roberts, Val Scarr, Janice Stead, Alice Stevenson, Bruce Connolly, Pat Doyle (& wife), Ray Johnstone, Valley Kwok, John Lelliott, Eddie Millard, Ray Rowland (& wife), Theo Sandberg (& wife).

South Island Championships

The turnout in the Senior Age Groups was well below expectations with enough men for a reasonable competition but very few women with only 3 in the Over 35 and 4 in the Over 45 Singles.

The Tournament was very well run by the Nelson Association and the atmosphere was first class with everything on time and good prize money.

RESULTS:

Over 35's

Mens Singles - G.Rau Bt Les Stewart

Womens Singles - A.Roberts Bt M.David

Mens Doubles - K.Fogarty/L.Stewart Bt B.Butler/N.Williams

Womens Doubles - A.Roberts/G.Ferguson Bt L.Chamberlain/L.Menzies

Mixed Doubles - G.Rau/A.Roberts Bt B.Butler/G.Ferguson

Over 45's

Mens Singles - J.Lelliott Bt B.Connolly

Womens Singles - M.David Bt J.Orchard

Mens Doubles - B.Connolly/J.Lelliott Bt A.Biddington/R.Dunn

Womens Doubles - M.David/J.Orchard Bt L.Chamberlain/L.Menzies

Mixed Doubles - R.Dunn/L.Menzies Bt I.Hinee/J.Orchard

Over 55's

Mens Singles - J.Lelliott Bt L.Wells

Mens Doubles - J.Lelliott/L.Wells Bt C.Adamson/B.Neumann

North Island Championships

Entries were well above the number in the South Island Championships but still below expectations, there were still enough, however, to play all the Over 55 Events. The Tournament was run by the Manawatu Veterans Club who allowed plenty of time for matches so nothing was ever behind time. The older age groups got a surprise at the end with almost no prizes for Winners and Runners-Up something they had never experienced before at a major tournament.

RESULTS:

Over 35's

Mens Singles - D.Chow Bt G.Rau

Womens Singles - C.Cunningham Bt A.Roberts

Mens Doubles - T.Curtis/B.Wynks Bt D.Chow/T.Murphy

Womens Doubles - S.Shirrifs/L.Wynks Bt C.Cunningham/K.Findlay

Mixed Doubles - T.Murphy/L.Wynks Bt D.Chow/A.Roberts

Over 45's

Mens Singles - P.Root Bt D.Wong
Womens Singles - C.Cunningham Bt A.Robottom
Mens Doubles - R.Dunn/D.Wong Bt B.Connolly/J.Lelliott
Womens Doubles - C.Cunningham/P.McArthur Bt I.Cleland/B.Jackson
Mixed Doubles - R.Dunn/C.Cunningham Bt B.Connolly/B.Jackson

Over 55's

Mens Singles - D.Wong Bt J.Lelliott
Womens Singles - B.Jackson Bt E.Spooner
Mens Doubles - J.Lelliott/D.Wong Bt D.Krul/D.Rice
Womens Doubles - B.Jackson/A.Robottom Bt I.Cleland/E.Spooner
Mixed Doubles - D.Wong/B.Jackson Bt J.Lelliott/A.Robottom

Matters of Interest to Veterans

In the last Newsletter I mentioned the possibility of doing a survey of all members on matters discussed at the Hamilton meeting. The response I have had has been in favour of this and I have also been asked to include a few other items. I'll go through them all briefly and then enclose a separate sheet for completion and return to me by Mid-August and you'll get a summary in the next Newsletter in September.

1. Medals for Lower Grades - Consider whether the B and C Grades should be regarded as Consolation Events or be given the same status as A Grade and be given Medals.
2. Special Singles (with pimples out rubber)- Do you think these should be held in future years or players be given the choice of entering other events instead.
3. Date of Tournament - Should it continue to be held at Easter or at some other time. A big majority at the meeting preferred Easter.
4. Age Groups - Consider the introduction of Over 65's as agreed at the 1990 meeting.
5. Organisation - The question was raised as to whether a separate Veterans Sub-Committee should be set up to oversee the Seedings and the Draws as the way this has been carried out in the last two years was of concern to many players.
6. Limit on Entries - Should there be a restriction on entries to only 2 Age Groups or the players be given more flexibility by the restriction being to 6 events.
7. Entry Fees - most players consider the entry fees to be too high as they are well above other Tournaments and close to the entry fee for the Mens and Womens Open Singles at the National Championships and well above the Senior Age Groups at the Nationals. This year they were \$11.50 for Singles and \$7.30 for Doubles which is far too high particularly for Over 70's who get very few matches.
8. Teams - Originally this was for Association Teams but now a Combined Team or an Overseas Team may win any event something which is not allowed in Australia or at our National Championships.
9. Ratings - A Veterans Rating system for Over 40's was introduced this year when most Tournaments have Over 45's and we do have a separate Merit Ratings for the Easter Tournament. Should we make it Over 45's or change the Age Groups to Over 40's, 50's and 60's at the Open Tournaments and perhaps have Ratings for two Age Groups the same as they do for the Juniors.
10. Structure of Major Tournaments - Some statements have been made that the Veterans Events at the Nationals, North and South Island Championships are to be done away with. This is incorrect as the matter is under consideration by a National Sub-Committee and it is intended that any recommendation from the National Council go to the N.Z. Annual General Meeting and be dealt with in a democratic manner by votes from Associations. Most of the Veterans I have spoken to strongly oppose any deletion of Veterans Events at these major Tournaments.

Yours Sincerely,

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VETERANS TEAMS 1991 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS



**N.Z. CHAMPIONSHIPS
AUCKLAND N.Z. 1991**

BRUCE CONNOLLY AND JOHN LELLIOTT - WINNERS MENS A GRADE

Once again there was an increase in the number of entries in the Over 40 Teams at the New Zealand Championships held in Auckland. There were 19 Mens Teams, down 3 from last year, but the Womens Teams doubled from 5 to 10.

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1991 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again there was an overall increase in the number of entries in the Veterans Events with the biggest increase in the Over 55 Womens Singles, up from 3 to 8, with the Over 55 Men up from 14 to 16. It was good to see Thelma May back on the table after her long spell off through an injury and Nelson Tizard took us by surprise playing in the Veterans for the first time since 1985. The Award for the best Veterans performance must go to Barbara Jackson for winning 4 Gold Medals a great performance on her 57th Birthday. Later in the day her birthday was acknowledged at the Social Evening with a song (Sweet 16) and she entertained the crowd with a dance exhibition. Well done Barbara. John Lelliott was embarrassed at the Social being forced to sing the old song "When I'm 64", somebody got the date wrong as he doesn't qualify until next May.

Chip's not soggy now

The Award for the most improved player should go to Chip Eade who did well to get to the Over 35 Mens Double Final with Barry Butler and performed well in the 0.40 Teams. The results of the Over 35's are included this year as most of the entries and Medal Winners are Over 40.

Congratulations to the following Medal Winners:

	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
0.35 MS - Geof.Rau		David Chow
" WS - Val Beaver		Christine Cunningham
" MD - Richard Lee/David Chow		Barry Butler/Chip Eade
" WD - Val Beaver/Averil Roberts		Jill Edwards/Pat McArthur
" XD - Bob Lassen/C.Cunningham		Martin Lee/Pauline Bennyworth
0.45 MS - Eugene Herman		Bob Lassen
" WS - Christine Cunningham		Joyce Coleman
" MD - Eugene Herman/Bob Lassen		Nam Hang Lee/Peter Root
" WD - B.Jackson/M.McGregor		Joyce Coleman/Jean Radford
" XD - B.Lassen/C.Cunningham		Martin Lee/Pauline Bennyworth
0.55 MS - John Lelliott		Gerry Doyle
" WS - Barbara Jackson		Thelma May
" MD - Nelson Tizard/Doug Wong		Roy Gregory/John Lelliott
" WD - B.Jackson/M.McGregor		Anice Robottom/Dorothy Lassen
" XD - Harry Dye/Barbara Jackson		John Lelliott/Anice Robottom

VETERANS (OVER 40) TEAMS RESULTS:

Mens A Grade - 1st	Hutt Valley A	Bruce Connolly, John Lelliott	
	2nd	Waitemata A	Chip Eade, Peter Bennett
" B Grade - 1st	Waitemata B	Bill Otene, John Parker	
	2nd	Canterbury	Steve Craw, Glen Haszard
" C Grade - 1st	Manawatu	Eddie Millard, John Williams	
	2nd	Hawkes Bay A	Ron Anderson, Ray Johnstone
Womens A Grade - 1st	North Harbour A	Christine Cunningham, Kaylene Findlay	
	2nd	Waitemata A	Sheena Cooney, Margaret McGregor
" B Grade - 1st	Canterbury	Ngairie Jenkins, Janice Stead	
	2nd	Waikato	Joyce Coleman, Inga Lane

NZTTA ANNUAL RAFFLE

- 1st Prize - Car - 25929 - Trish Green, Manawatu
- 2nd Prize - \$1,000 - 25214 - Mrs Warren, Manawatu
- 3rd Prize - \$500 - 40922 - Wanderer Syndicate, Auckland
- 4th to 8th - \$200 - 11019, 12797, 16489, 23573, 45157
- 9th to 16th - \$100 - 10008, 10347, 23029, 32484, 34116, 41583, 41676, 42747

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

There will now be a New Zealand Masters Games in 1992 for about 40 different sports, including Table Tennis. It will be held in Dunedin from 3rd to 9th February, if anybody is interested in taking part write to N.Z. Masters Games, P.O. Box 58-485, Dunedin and they will send you up to date information. It is expected that there will be both Teams and Individual Events for Over 35's, 45's and 55's plus an individual event for Over 65's. It will be repeated in 1993 in Wanganui from 6th to 14th February.

NEW ZEALAND VETERANS - 1992

As most of you will be aware the Annual Veterans Championships will be held at Palmerston North next Easter. I have found out from a Tennis Veterans Newsletter that their Annual Veterans Tennis Teams Tournament will also be held in Palmerston North at the same time. As about 500 Tennis players participate it is important that those of you who intend to play in the Table Tennis Veterans book accommodation at an early date. If you need any assistance it is suggested that you contact Mike McAvinue, 18 Somerset Street, Palmerston North.

SURPRISE - One of our Members has submitted a poem:

TOSS IT UP - By GNIP GNOP (Wally Wilson)

WHEN WE PLAY TABLE TENNIS
OUR SERVICE MUST BE FAIR
DISPLAY THE BALL ON OPEN PALM
THEN THROW IT IN THE AIR
SOMEWHERE NEAR TO VERTICAL
(DON'T THROW IT AT THE BAT)
AT LEAST TO FIFTEEN CENTIMETRES
WE NEED TO PRACTISE THAT
THE RULES TODAY DO NOT ALLOW
FOR SERVICE OFF THE HAND
AND DON'T PERMIT FINGERSPINS
(THESE PRACTISES ARE BANNED)
SO THOSE WHO DON'T OBSERVE THESE RULES
WHEN T.T. TYPES ARE MEETING
CAN NOT BE LABELLED SPORTING
BECAUSE THEY WILL BE CHEATING

Thanks Wally for your reminder to the Veterans but I'm quite sure its also badly needed by both Juniors and Seniors.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS AND MASTERS

A copy of the latest Bulletin from the Brisbane Table Tennis Association is enclosed for all those participating. I hope you get it before you leave as we'll all be there by the end of next week. Don't forget to check your reporting times at the Airport because Daylight Saving comes in the weekend before we leave. Best wishes to you all from the Newsletter Club for a successful and enjoyable Tournament. In the next Newsletter I hope to be able to provide information on the 1992 Australian Veterans Championships.

1992 New Zealand Championships

Will be held in Invercargill commencing with Junior Teams on ~~Thursday~~ Thursday evening 3 September. The North Vs South match will be on Monday evening 7 Sept. and Senior and Veterans Teams and other events from Tuesday 8 Sept. to Saturday 12 September.

SURVEY OF MEMBERS

39 Forms were returned most of them fully completed with a number of comments.

The summary is as follows:

1. 84% were in favour of Medals for B and C Grades.
2. 46% favoured continuing with the Special Singles and 54% considered they should not be held. If they continue 50% were in favour of those not entering being allowed to enter one extra event.
3. 90% favoured the Tournament being held at Easter.
4. 81% favoured bringing in Over 65 Events.
5. 88% supported setting up a Veterans Sub-Committee to oversee the seedings and Draws.
6. 75% favoured restriction on entries to two age groups and 65% of the 17 who responded to the second question favoured a restriction to six events.
7. 80% considered the entry fees to be too high with most favouring around 25% reduction for 40's and 50's and up to 50% reduction for 60's and 70's.
8. 68% favoured the Medal Winners of Teams Events being restricted to New Zealand Association Teams but there was no opposition to Overseas or Composite Teams competing and being awarded Certificates.
9. 64% preferred Over 40 Ratings and 36% Over 45 but 82% felt there should be ratings for more than one age group.
10. 92% opposed Veterans Events being taken away from the National Championships and 89% opposed them being taken away from the North and South Island Championships.
11. Other Comments:
 - More time be set aside for discussion at Easter.
 - The Veterans Sub-Committee consist of 3 players.
 - That a Veterans Liaison Officer with the NZTTA be appointed.
 - An Australian player considers that having B and C Grade events is a major attraction but the A Grade winners should be the Championship Winners.
 - Older Age Groups should be scheduled first.
 - If Special Singles continue they should be held after the conclusion of the main events.
 - That fees be aligned with National Championships.

The summary will be passed on to the New Zealand Management Committee and the National Council to ensure they consider the views of our Newsletter Club Members before making any major decisions on the future of New Zealand Table Tennis.

Finally - Will you need me will you feed me when I'm 64.

Yours Sincerely,

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P.S. There are still 18 Members who haven't paid this years \$3 subscription. I'm running out of money for the last Newsletter so please pay as soon as possible or let me know if you don't want to continue being a member.