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NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT INVERCARGILL 3-12 SEPTEMBER



OVER 35 WOMENS DOUBLES: WINNERS AVERIL ROBERTS AND VAL BEAVER
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1992 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held in Invercargill from 3rd to 12th September the entries were well down on 1991 with a decrease of 30% in the Veterans Individual events and 40% in the Over 40 Team entries. The Open events were not much different being down 34% with the biggest drop in the Mens Open and B and C Grades. No sign of our old friends from Manawatu and Waitemata but you'll see later on they shared a good social weekend which would have saved them a few dollars. Owing to a lack of entries the Over 55 Womens Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles couldn't be held. The Over 40 Mens and Womens Teams both had very close finals with the Auckland Men and the North Harbour Women both winning 3-2 by winning the doubles.

Yvonne Fogarty, the 1969 and 1974 N.Z.Womens Champion, was in good form winning the Over 35 Womens Singles, Yvonne is now over 40 so you Ladies had better be ready for her next Easter at Timaru. The weather in Invercargill was much better than expected with no rain at all during the Junior Events and not too bad during the Seniors. The lambs were all alive and well and not suffering from the cold (snow).

While there were a few arguments about the new systems and the draws the overall atmosphere was good and the Tournament well run by Ron Garrett and his team.

Congratulations to the following Gold and Silver Medal Winners:

	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
0.35 MS	Geof.Rau	Maurice Burrowes
" WS	Yvonne Fogarty	Lynley Barker
" MD	Geof.Rau/Pat Low	Les Stewart/Kevin Fogarty
" WD	Val Beaver/Averil Roberts	Jill Edwards/Pat McArthur
" XD	M.Burrowes/Y.Fogarty	L.Stewart/L.Barker
0.45 MS	Bob Lassen	John Lelliott
" WS	Pat McArthur	Kaylene Findlay
" MD	Bob Lassen/Thomas Wang	Robert Dunn/Doug Wong
" WD	K.Findlay/J.Wharehoka	Margurette Green/Toshiko Morii
" XD	Thomas Wang/Toshiko Morii	Bob Lassen/Kaylene Findlay
0.55 MS	John Lelliott	Gerry Doyle
" MD	John Lelliott/Gerry Doyle	Doug Wong/Frank O'Gorman

OVER 40 TEAMS

- Mens A Grade - 1st Auckland - Bob Lassen, Thomas Wang
2nd Hutt Valley - David Chow, John Lelliott
- Mens B Grade - 1st Canterbury B - Steve Craw, Merv Palmer
2nd Hawkes Bay - Ray Johnstone, Russell Clement
- Women - 1st North Harbour - Jill Edwards, Kaylene Findlay
- 2nd Counties - Val Beaver, Pat McArthur

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VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The information is starting to arrive and I'm expecting that copies of a Bulletin will arrive in time for distribution with the next Newsletter. The World Veterans will be held in Melbourne from 22-27 April, 1994 at the Royal Exhibition Building. To be eligible you must be 40 (or older) as at 1 January, 1994. The Age Groups will be 0.40, 0.50, 0.60, 0.70 and 0.80 and proof of age must be available on request. In each age group there will be Mens and Womens Singles and Doubles and each player may enter one singles and one doubles event. Each event will be played in groups of four, those who finish 1st or 2nd will qualify for the final rounds and 3rd and 4th will play in a Consolation Tournament. Both of these will be played on a knock out system. Already a large number have shown interest in attending these World Championships and there is little doubt that to get suitable accommodation we'll have to make our minds up by Easter, 1993 which is just over 6 months away. I've already started preparing a list so if you've made your mind up please let me know. As a possible way of meeting the cost perhaps those interested could contribute \$7 each and we could buy about 50 super lucky dip Lotto Tickets at Timaru and share the proceeds (if any) among the 50 who contributed. An alternative would be to use the money on a large group of Combo Numbers. This Tournament won't clash with the New Zealand Veterans at Easter, 1994 as those dates should be 1-4 April.

NZTTA ANNUAL RAFFLE

This was drawn on Saturday 19th September and the lucky numbers are;
1st Prize - Car - 32005 - Wellington
2nd Prize - \$1,000 - 32088 - Wellington
3rd Prize - \$500 - 25298
4th to 12th - \$100 - 10853, 12475, 12817, 17724, 17766, 35064,
39618, 39,726, 39798.

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES 1993

The 1993 Masters Games Table Tennis will be held at the Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui from 8-14 February. There will be a day for Social Players on Monday 8th with Teams Events on Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th with Individual Events on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th. Teams will be mixed with 3 players in the Over 35's and 2 players in the Over 45's and Over 55's. The individual events will consist of Over 35's, 45's and 55's with Mens and Womens Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles plus Over 65 Mens and Womens Singles. Entries close on 15th January, 1993. Anybody interested in playing let me know and I'll arrange for an entry form to be sent to you. An alternative is to write to N.Z. Masters Games, P.O. Box 500, Wanganui or contact your nearest National Mutual Office.

NEW ZEALAND VETERANS 1993

You are probably all aware that this special Annual Tournament will be held at Timaru from Friday 9th to Monday 12th April. I hope to give you more detail in the next Newsletter.

AUTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES 1993

This will be held in Perth from 24-28 April. If anybody is interested in entering please let me know and I will arrange for you to be sent all the relevant information. It won't be run at the same time as the Australian Veterans which is expected to be held in Sydney in October.

1992 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

To be held in Canberra from 18-24 October. Entries have closed and the following New Zealand Teams have been entered:

0.40 Men - Bob Lassen, Barry Wynks, Terry Murphy, Bruce Connolly
0.40 Women - Val Beaver, Averil Roberts, Lynley Barker, Linda Wynks
0.50 Men - Chip Eade, John Lelliott, Eddie Millard, Jim Jarmin
0.60 Women - Thelma May, Isabel Cleland, Alice Stevenson

Also attending are Janice Stead, Margaret David and Doris Lassen. Best wishes to all from the Newsletter Club for a successful and enjoyable Tournament.

MANAWATU AND WAITEMATA VETERANS CLUBS

The following information on a shared Social Weekend at Taupo has been received from Blair Melvin (President, Waitemata):

"The Waitemata and Manawatu (Assisted by Taupo, Rotorua and Wairarapa) veterans met at Taupo on 11th and 12th September for a social match and weekend staying on the lakefront at the Suncourt Motor Hotel. We think that this may be a first for New Zealand veteran table tennis, and hope that many more social meetings may occur in the future.

The weekend started with a meal at the Taupo Cosmopolitan Club on Friday night followed by a happy hour dance. Saturday morning dawned very fine and saw both groups busy setting up tables at the Taupo Community Centre kindly arranged by John Pemberthy of the Taupo Club. A 12 match format followed for 10 teams, and there were some extremely hard fought matches. It was noted that Waitemata won but the main winner was table tennis as we all enjoyed the rivalry and friendship.

Saturday night involved all the 36 travellers enjoying a meal in the Motel Restaurant followed by drinks and dancing at a local club where Chip Eade found the local girls most friendly.

Sunday morning, again very fine saw all of the members battling with the skills of mini putt golf where again Waitemata won with Margaret McGregor scoring an excellent 46 followed closely behind by Jim Jarmin on 47. His putter seemed to have a longer handle than his table tennis bat.

It is only rumour that the injury that Eddie Millard suffered to his toes in the Spa may prevent him from travelling away again, but had Waitemata's sherrif been on hand she would have arrested him without a doubt.

We can again only thank Manawatu for a most friendly, enjoyable trip and we hope that others may see the value in similar ventures."

NZTTA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The following letter has been received from Mr. Ron Menchi in his capacity as Chairman criticising my comments in the May Newsletter. I wasn't surprised to receive it after all Jim Bolger is always being critical of those who don't support his Governments policies.

"I was surprised and disappointed to read in the May Veterans Newsletter comments concerning proposed changes to the National Championships programme. Disappointed because the tone of the references on Pages 4/5 was so negative.

A subcommittee of the National Council was set up in March 1990 to review the structure of national tournaments with a view to making these fixtures more marketable, to make the programmes easier to manage and have the various sections, Junior, Open and Veterans stand on their own feet. Our national tournaments have become too large and fewer Associations are prepared or able to run them. Lack of large enough stadiums at affordable rentals is a major hurdle for prospective host Associations to overcome.

The reference to an illegal action I find quite offensive. At the 1992 A.G.M. a full discussion on aspects of the restructure sub-committee report was held and management was given a clear mandate to make changes to the Nationals programme, Page 4 1992 A.G.M. Minutes, and only limited action will be taken in 1992, the principal one will be the method of deciding the Inter-Assn. Championship. This actually meets the objective of changes introduced in 1987, the main aim then was to produce a competition climaxing in a final.

I would like to correct the impression concerning the need for change. It was not because Veterans take too long, rather the desire to see our huge national type programme pruned to separate the different categories into "stand alone" sections. Remember the changes to Junior Competition following their restructure in 1976.

The suggestion that Veterans be run separately in no way should signal to the Hillary Commission or anyone else for that matter that Veterans have a low priority in N.Z.T.T.A. planning. To give them separate national tournaments should suggest the opposite. Management has not used any razor on the Veterans programmes. There is reference in the Newsletter to the fact that an Association can, if it wishes, still include the Veterans section in their national tournament programme.

If Veterans, or Associations feel strongly about proposed changes all that has to be done is test the next A.G.M. It's so simple I can't understand the attitude of the Newsletter scribe. Extravagant language such as "illegal action" by a Committee which has been given power by its A.G.M. is counter productive."

RIGHT OF REPLY

Thanks for your comments Ron, I would like to elaborate on some of the points you have made to make things clearer to our members. My comments were not negative they were supporting the views of our Veterans Newsletter Club Members of whom 92% who responded to a survey carried out last year opposed Veterans events being taken away from the National Championships and 89% opposed them being taken away from the North and South Island Championships. The Committee set up in March, 1990 didn't meet very often and 2 years later submitted a discussion paper to the A.G.M. when it should have been in the form of a remit, submitted before the closing date, and sent out to all Associations to consider before their delegates attended the A.G.M. This is the proper procedure for major changes not having something thrust on a meeting as a discussion item.

The main reason I have heard from Associations not prepared to run major tournaments is the possibility of losing money if they can't get a major sponsor. This would be partly due to the 20% of entry fees retained by the NZTTA.

You will probably have noticed that there was no reference in Ron's letter to the point I made that the discussion paper had allowed 30 minutes for a 3 set match in individual events but only 13 minutes for it in the teams events.

I think we should accept Ron's kind offer and settle the matter at the 1993 A.G.M.

An alternative would be to hold a referendum in which we shouldn't vote for MMP (more mad politicians) but for MPP (more ping pong).

FINANCIAL POSITION

The position is looking very good as in addition to the help received from National Insurance we have now received a grant of \$300 from the Lottery Aged Committee who thought it was a very good idea to keep Veterans informed as much as possible. However, we still have about 20 members who haven't paid their \$3 Sub.

Yours Sincerely,

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AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS - CANBERRA 18-24 OCTOBER



NEW ZEALAND PLAYERS WHO PARTICIPATED - Left to Right

Back Row - Jim Jarmin, Lynley Barker, Linda Wynks, Val Beaver, Averil Roberts.

Centre - Bruce Connolly, Bob Lassen, Chip Eade, John Lelliott, Barry Wynks, Terry Murphy, Eddie Millard.

Front Row - Isabel Cleland, Thelma May, Alice Stevenson, Margaret David, Janice Stead.

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1992 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Canberra from 18th-24th October. Eighteen players from New Zealand participated in the Individual Events and fifteen of them played in the New Zealand Teams and Janice Stead played in a Presidents (Composite) Team. The Teams performed well with final placings in most groups well ahead of last year. The outstanding performance was the Over 40 Womens Team beating top seeds Victoria 6-5 which caused a big upset, despite Victoria having beaten South Australia they finished 2nd on the countback with our ladies 3rd. South Australia were so pleased that our ladies had virtually won the title for them they rushed two bottles of Champagne to them to show their appreciation.

Teams Results:

<u>Over 40 Women</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>%</u>	Beat ACT	7-4
Val Beaver	13/21	62	Beat New South Wales	8-3
Averil Roberts	13/18	72	Beat Queensland	8-3
Lynley Barker	10/15	67	Lost to South Australia	2-9
Linda Wynks	4/9	44	Beat Tasmania	8-3
			Beat Victoria	6-5
<u>Final Placing</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>out of 8</u>	Beat Presidents	11-0

<u>Over 40 Men</u>			Beat ACT	8-3
Bob Lassen	12/18	67	Lost to New South Wales	2-9
Barry Wynks	7/15	47	Lost to Queensland A	2-9
Terry Murphy	6/18	33	Beat Queensland B	11-0
Bruce Connolly	6/12	50	Lost to South Australia	5-6
			Beat Victoria	6-5
<u>Final Placing</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>out of 8</u>	Beat Presidents	7-4

<u>Over 50 Men</u>			Beat ACT	6-5
Chip Eade	8/18	44	Lost to New South Wales	3-8
John Lelliott	14/18	78	Beat Northern Territory	7-4
Eddie Millard	4/12	33	Beat Queensland A	6-5
Jim Jarmin	1/15	7	Beat Queensland B	11-0
			Lost to South Australia	2-9
<u>Final Placing</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>out of 8</u>	Lost to Victoria	0-11

<u>Over 60 Women</u>			Lost to New South Wales	5-6
Thelma May	12/15	80	Beat Queensland	8-3
Isabel Cleland	10/15	67	Beat South Australia	9-2
Alice Stevenson	4/15	27	Lost to Victoria	1-10
			Beat Presidents	10-1
<u>Final Placing</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>out of 6</u>		

Individual Events:

- Over 40 Womens Doubles - Lynley Barker and Linda Wynks- BRONZE
- Over 40 Mens Doubles - Bob Lassen (with R.Lassen NSW)- BRONZE
- Over 60 Womens Singles - Thelma May - SILVER
- Over 60 Mens Singles - John Lelliott - GOLD
- Over 60 Womens Doubles - Thelma May and Isabel Cleland - BRONZE
- Over 60 Mens Doubles - John Lelliott (with F.Molyneaux)- BRONZE
- Over 60 Mixed Doubles - John Lelliott and Thelma May - SILVER
- Over 70 Womens Doubles - Alice Stevenson(with D.De Low) - GOLD

A total of 11 Medals with 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 6 Bronze which is a very good effort in a strong Australian Competition.

Australian Merit Lists:

- Over 40 Women - 6th Averil Roberts; 9th Val Beaver; 12th Lynley Barker
 - Over 40 Men - 9th Bob Lassen
 - Over 50 Men - 10th John Lelliott
 - Over 60 Women - 3rd Thelma May; 7th Isabel Cleland
- Overall a very enjoyable trip with a good friendly atmosphere.

1993 NEW ZEALAND MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

To be run by the Wanganui Association at their Jubilee Table Tennis Stadium from 8th to 14th February but the serious side doesn't start until Wednesday 10th. The following details of the programme have been provided by Dave Welch.

Monday 8th - Social players day, with events organised closer to the day depending on entries. Bats will be available.

Tuesday 9th - The Stadium will be open for practise and casual play. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 10th - Over 55 Teams.

Thursday 11th - Over 45 Teams.

Friday 12th - Over 35 Teams.

Saturday 13th - Over 35 and Over 55 Individual Events

Sunday 14th - Over 45 and Over 65 Individual Events.

Please note the Over 55 and Over 35 Teams dates have been swapped around to allow all the younger "vets" to take part without having to take extra days off work. Players may play in all the events they qualify for so the older ones don't have to take a break if they don't want to.

Play will commence at 9.00 a.m. each day and it is hoped it will be finished by 5.00 p.m. to give you time to socialise. Morning and Afternoon Tea and light refreshments will be available at the Stadium. Lunch will be available at the main food marquee next to the Stadium.

Entries close on 15th January so early registration would be appreciated.

Any enquiries to Dave Welch Phone (06) 346.5906.

I have a large number of Entry and Registration forms so if you have any problems getting them let me know and I'll send them to you straight away.

7th NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The big one will be hosted by the South Canterbury Association at its Stadium located in Coonor Road, Timaru from Friday 9th to Monday 12th April. The Teams will be held on Friday and Saturday and the Individual Events on Sunday and Monday.

Most of you will no doubt have seen the Newsletter sent out several weeks ago with details of accommodation and travel. Any further information can be obtained by contacting either Barry Butler, Hook, No.8 RD, Waimate, Phone (03)689.5737 or Keith Bradley, Levels Valley, No.4 RD, Timaru, Phone (03)614.7343. South Canterbury is a lovely Scenic Area and if enough people are interested Barry is thinking of arranging a trip the day before or the day after the Tournament such as a Bus Trip up to Mount Cook and round the lakes. He needs to know whether enough people are interested in advance so if you would like to be involved please let me know as soon as possible and I will forward the details on to Barry.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Will be held in Christchurch with the Seniors, Juniors and the Veterans on the same weekend (good positive thinking by the Canterbury Association). The dates have had to be changed because of problems with the use of the Stadium and have been brought forward to May 22nd to 24th.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

At present no Associations have applied to run the North Island Championships. It would be appreciated if the North Island Members would canvas their Associations to run it on the same basis as Canterbury are doing for the South Island Champs.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

It appears that Auckland will host the Juniors but there is nothing definite yet about the Seniors and Veterans. I can't remember when we last had such poor information at this time of the year, if ever.

1993 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

To be held in Perth from 24th to 28th April. Not much interest has been shown but its not too late if any of you are interested to let me know and I will send you a Registration and Entry Form. Entries close on 28th February, 1993.

1993 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

All we know at present is that it will be hosted by New South Wales, probably in October, but they haven't fixed the venue yet so while it will probably be in Sydney it could well be at somewhere like Woolongong quite a way south of Sydney.

1994 WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Further to the information in the last Newsletter I have now got a number of information Bulletins on this very special Tournament to be held in Melbourne from 22nd to 27th April, 1994. All those who have indicated an interest in attending will have a copy enclosed and any body else who is interested I would like to get on the list as soon as possible to make sure that you get all of the information as it arrives and so that we can plan ahead for accommodation. Please let me know if you want to be involved.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

On Thursday evening 11 November I switched from TV1 to TV2 and there was our old friend Alan Tomlinson spinning the wheel and winning big prizes. I wasn't surprised when he got a free spin, something he's always been good at. He was very unlucky as he didn't get quite enough spin on his last serve and it stopped just before the top dollar, as a result he wasn't Champion on the night as a lady had outspun him. He still got \$1,915 in prizes which I'm sure is a lot more than he's ever won when he's been the New Zealand Table Tennis Champion. Well done Alan it was great to get some publicity for Table Tennis, we don't often see our Champions on TV these days.

END OF THE YEAR

We are getting close to the end of the year and I'm sure most of you have enjoyed your Table Tennis in 1992. Best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a happy (and successful) New Year. Our special thanks to National Insurance and to the Lottery Aged Committee for their financial assistance which was very much appreciated. The last page will give you some idea of how our players enjoyed the trip to the Australian Veterans. I've just heard that Thelma May has had to go into Hospital for another operation. Best wishes Thelma for a speedy recovery and we would all like to see you once again at Easter.

Yours Sincerely,

John Lelliott

John Lelliott,
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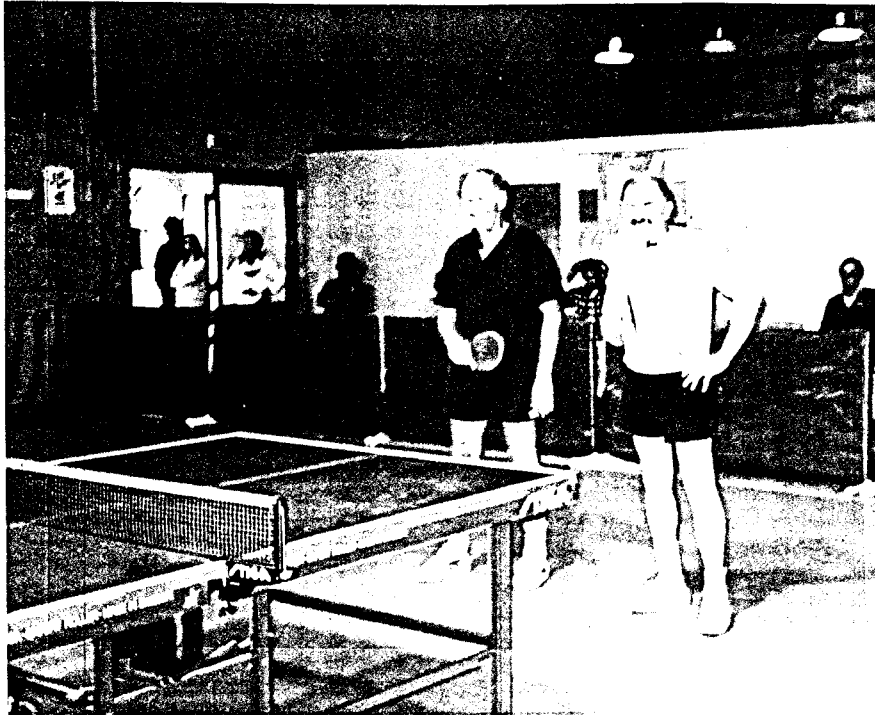
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NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES HELD AT WANGANUI 10-14 FEBRUARY 1993



MURRAY BORLASE AND DENNIS THORNER



NELSON TIZARD

Way back in 1959 Murray Borlase and Dennis (Butch) Thorner won the Under 16 Boys Doubles at the National Championships and in 1961 they won the Under 18 Boys Doubles and Butch also won the Under 18 Boys Singles and Mixed Doubles. In 1993 they played in the Masters Games in the Over 45 Events, both still young and active, with a bit more regular play they could be hard to beat. Nelson Tizard is well known for his contribution to Table Tennis both as an Administrator and a player. It was really good to see them all playing again in a Major Tournament and let's hope that we'll soon get more of the top Juniors from the 1960's joining us in the Veterans, some from the early 1970's would also qualify.

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1993 NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms for the Veterans major tournament of the year are now out and entries close on Wednesday 10th March for both Teams and Individuals events. Those who played in it last year should have already received an entry form and other forms are available from your local Association. If you have any problem getting a form let me know as I've got some spares. If you want to play in the Teams contact your Association and if they can't enter a Team you should put your name down for a Combined Team on the Individuals Entry Form. Don't forget it will be held in Timaru from Good Friday 9th to Easter Monday 12th April. It's Womens Suffrage Year so all you Ladies should make it a special year and enter as I'm sure Barry Butler will give you some special treatment. It would be great if we could record that in 1993 Womens entries were higher than the Mens.

1993 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We've finally got the news that the Australian Veterans will be held at Unanderra which is close to Woolongong down the Coast to the South of Sydney. I'm following up on details of available accommodation and would be pleased to know as soon as possible who is interested in going. The dates are 23rd to 30th October. Travel will be via Sydney and I'll check on the best way of getting to and from Unanderra and all those interested will be advised.

KIWI IN AUSTRALIAN WINNING TEAM ?

Bob Lassen got a copy of the Victorian Association Magazine "Nets and Edges" and got quite a shock reading the results of the 1992 Australian Veterans Teams. "The New South Wales Over 40 Mens Team of Paul Pinkewich, Dave Beaumont, Richard Lassen and Bruce Connolly romped home with the loss of only 6 rubbers". It is suggested Bruce that you write to Tommy Samuelssen and claim the Gold Medal he got as a member of the team.

1994 WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Number 2 Information Bulletin is enclosed for those who have indicated an interest in going to Melbourne for this big event next April 22nd to 27th. I have got a list from the organisers of those of you who are getting them direct to avoid duplication. This will probably be a once in a lifetime chance of going to the World Veterans at a reasonable cost so if there are any others interested who don't get Bulletin No.2 please let me know so I can put you on the list, which at present has 33 names on it. I can then make sure you are kept up to date with information and I'm hoping to arrange accommodation within the next few months for those who need it. I'll definitely be going ahead with a group Lotto at Timaru at Easter for those going to the World Veterans at \$7 each. If you are interested and are not going to Timaru it is suggested you send me \$10 by late March which will cover the \$7 plus your 1993 subscription to the Newsletter.

WORLD MASTERS GAMES

They will be held in Brisbane in September/October 1994 as some of you will have been advised. However, I have now been advised that the Australian Table Tennis Association has declined the invitation for Table Tennis to be part of the World Masters Games so you can forget it unless you want to play in another sport.

1992 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

Held at the Jubilee Stadium Wanganui from 10-14 February this tournament was very successful. It was well organised, the atmosphere was good and the entries were nearly double the 1991 numbers with higher playing standards. A number of good players who hadn't been to major tournaments for many years entered which can only be good for the game.

RESULTS:

<u>OVER 35's</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
Mens Singles	D.Chow	B.Wynks	W.Weinstock
Womens Singles	K.Findlay	C.Cunningham	A.Roberts
Mens Doubles	B.Wynks/T.Curtis	D.Chow/J.Lelliott	B.Penberthy/N.Tizard
Womens Doubles	C.Cunningham/K.Findlay	A.Roberts/L.Wynks	E.Spooner/A.Robottom
Mixed Doubles	B.Wynks/A.Roberts	D.Chow/C.Cunningham	R.Dunn/K.Findlay
<u>Over 45's</u>			
Mens Singles	W.Weinstock	J.Lelliott	R.Dunn
Womens Singles	C.Cunningham	K.Findlay	V.Scarr
Mens Doubles	J.Lelliott/L.Mummery	E.Millard/J.Jarmin	W.Weinstock/R.Galloway
Womens Doubles	K.Findlay/C.Cunningham	E.Spooner/A.Robottom	M.Green/B.Dye
Mixed Doubles	R.Dunn/C.Cunningham	W.Weinstock/K.Findlay	J.Lelliott/A.Robottom
<u>Over 55's</u>			
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	L.Mummery	D.Wong
Womens Singles	E.Spooner	A.Robottom	B.Dye
Mens Doubles	J.Lelliott/L.Mummery	D.Wong/H.Dye	S.Stout/B.Neumann
Womens Doubles	E.Spooner/A.Robottom	B.Dye/L.Neilson	-
Mixed Doubles	J.Lelliott/A.Robottom	N.Gousgounis/E.Spooner	H. & B.Dye
<u>Over 65's</u>			
Mens Singles	N.Gousgounis	K.Neilson	B.Hughes
Womens Singles	E.Spooner	-	-

TEAMS

<u>Over 35</u>	GOLD	Auckland - R.Dunn, H.Dye, D.Wong
	SILVER	Manawatu 1 - T.Curtis, T.Smith, B.Wynks
	BRONZE	Manawatu 2 - E.Millard, S.Shirriffs, L.Wynks
<u>Over 45</u>	GOLD	Auckland - R.Dunn, D.Wong
	SILVER	Combined - J.Lelliott, B.Penberthy
	BRONZE	Wanganui 1 - B.Penberthy, N.Tizard
<u>Over 55</u>	GOLD	Auckland - D.Wong, H. & B.Dye
	SILVER	Combined - J.Lelliott, A.Robottom
	BRONZE	Nelson - B.Neumann, S.Stout

THE RECIPE FOR RECOVERY FROM HEALTH PROBLEMS

As you are aware Ray Rowland had a bad year in 1992 with health problems and couldn't find a cure. After a long wait, despite not feeling well, he decided to play table tennis again and every game he played he felt better and there he was at the Masters Games moving well and playing well. Congratulations Ray on finding the answer, we'll take your advice and hopefully will still be playing when we catch up with you at 3 score years and eighteen.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE GO TOGETHER LIKE A HORSE AND CARRIAGE

I must apologise for omitting an important item from the last Newsletter. Bruce Connolly and Margaret David got married last October and made good use of the trip to Canberra for the Australian Veterans as part of the Honeymoon. I'm sure you all wish to congratulate them and hopefully most of you will when you meet them on their next Honeymoon at Timaru over Easter.

TIMARU HOTEL GETS BURNT DOWN

The other day I heard on the Radio that the Seaview Hotel had been burnt down early in the morning and two men had died in the blaze. Knowing that our old friend Frank O'Gorman had lived there since about 1976 I was worried about his safety. However, I'm pleased to advise that Frank woke up in time and managed to escape just wearing his pyjamas. All his other belongings were destroyed. No doubt we'll see Frank at the Veterans Tournament at Easter, hopefully not still in his pyjamas.

DOUG LOVES HIS DOG



Doug Wong was seen sorting out some photographs at the Masters Games, one of them was so interesting it was grabbed by the Tournament Manager put up on the wall and prizes offered for the best Captions. There were 23 entries but I've only got space for a few of them.

1. All right I'll give you another game of table tennis but lets get inside first.
2. Come on Doug you Pong and I'll Ping
3. Love at first bite.
4. Oh Doug you do smell tasty.
5. Doug follow my example if you want to grow tall take some steroids and you'll have a ball.
6. Get off me B.Bi I'm much too old for a young girl like you.
7. What - only this for lunch.
8. Wong move.

Pity we couldn't have got something about this in the local paper. We often see articles on older men assaulting young girls but nothing on this two year old female assaulting a 61 year old male.

One of the ladies from up north said that Doug had three hothouses and the Dog was raised in one of them which explains why it was six feet tall at the age of two.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

In my poem in Newsletter No.16 I pleaded for the banning of fast glue, this dream has come true with the International Committee banning it from 1 January,1993. No doubt we'll soon have a New Zealand decision on rules to enforce it.

1993 MAJOR NEW ZEALAND TOURNAMENTS

The South Island Championships are to be held in Christchurch from 21-23 May and will include Seniors, Juniors and Veterans.

Waikato are hosting the North Island Juniors but nothing yet on the Seniors and Veterans. We can only hope that Waikato think about us and take all three the same as Canterbury.

Auckland have got the National Juniors and rumours have it that they will also take the Seniors.

No dates have been provided for the Nationals or North Island.

RATING TOURNAMENTS

The list is not yet available but hopefully we'll have it in the next Newsletter.

1993 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Sponsorship has not yet been finalised with National Insurance or the Lottery Aged Committee but the Sub. will remain at \$3.

Yours Sincerely,

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