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NEW ZEALAND TABLE TENNIS

VETERANS CLUB

NEWSLETTER No.1

1989

Memories of Palmerston North and the 3rd Veterans Championships



A few cans of beer and Waitemata reach an all time high



Frank Powell can't stop smiling when they reach unlucky 13



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I had intended to get the first Newsletter out a few weeks ago but I have had to wait for up to date information from Australia on the Masters and Veterans Tournaments.

The 3rd New Zealand Veterans Championships were very successful and the Manawatu Association are to be congratulated both on the organisation and the excellent Cafeteria service provided. The official opening and the presentation evening were both very enjoyable and let us relax and get to know a number of new faces. The only real problem was the noise from the stock car racing so the next time Manawatu host the Veterans they may have to provide ear plugs so we won't be driven round the bend.

It was good to have Les and John Elliott visit us and I think we'll have to promote a new rule that allows all veterans to enter even if they belong to an Association like Taranaki that has gone into recess. I hope we see Les next year as I believe that he turns 90 within the next 5 months which proves that Table Tennis is a game for life.

Thelma May is now a SUPER lady having turned 60 a couple of weeks after the Championships. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her every success in her superannuation years.

Details of the Teams results, individual title winners and the merit lists are attached for your information as I'm sure you all didn't record them.

6th Australian Veterans Table Tennis Championships/Masters Games

A copy of the South Australian Associations Bulletin No.1/89 is attached with up to date information. The following players have indicated that they will be making the trip to Adelaide in October: Thelma May, Janice Stead, Nancy Brant, Ray Rowland, Eddie Millard, John Lelliott, Warren Evans, Bruce Connolly, Christine Cunningham, Pat McArthur, Eric Neale, Valley Kwok and Margurette Green. Accommodation has been booked at the Lindy Lodge Motel which is within walking distance of the Stadium. There is no spare accommodation but if anybody else is going and they want accommodation I would be willing to arrange it. Entry forms for the Veterans will be sent through the N.Z.T.T.A. and I will liaise with Merv Allardyce to make sure that those who require them will get them. I have got an entry form for the Masters Tournament and a copy is enclosed for those who have indicated they will be going. If anybody else wants one please let me know and I will send you one.

There have changes recently in flights to Australia so it is recommended that you check with a travel agent and make your booking but don't pay now wait until the last day required as there may be special fares come up as there was last year just in time for us to save many dollars.

South Island Championships- To be held in Invercargill from 16 - 18 June, entries close Tuesday 23 May.

North Island Championships- To be held in Auckland from 7-9 July, entries close Monday 29 May.

Both of these major tournaments now have doubles events in the Over 35, Over 45 and Over 55's and also have B and C Grade singles. This means that the veterans can get many more games than in previous years. If you want an entry form contact your local Association immediately as time is running out.

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NEW ZEALAND TEAMS TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
(includes a couple of veterans - Peter Hirst and Geoff. Rau)



Back row - Malcolm Darroch, Darren Sears, Alan Shewan, Peter Jackson
Front row - Maxine Goldie, Peter Hirst, Vanessa Balfour, Geoff. Rau,
Jane Shewan.

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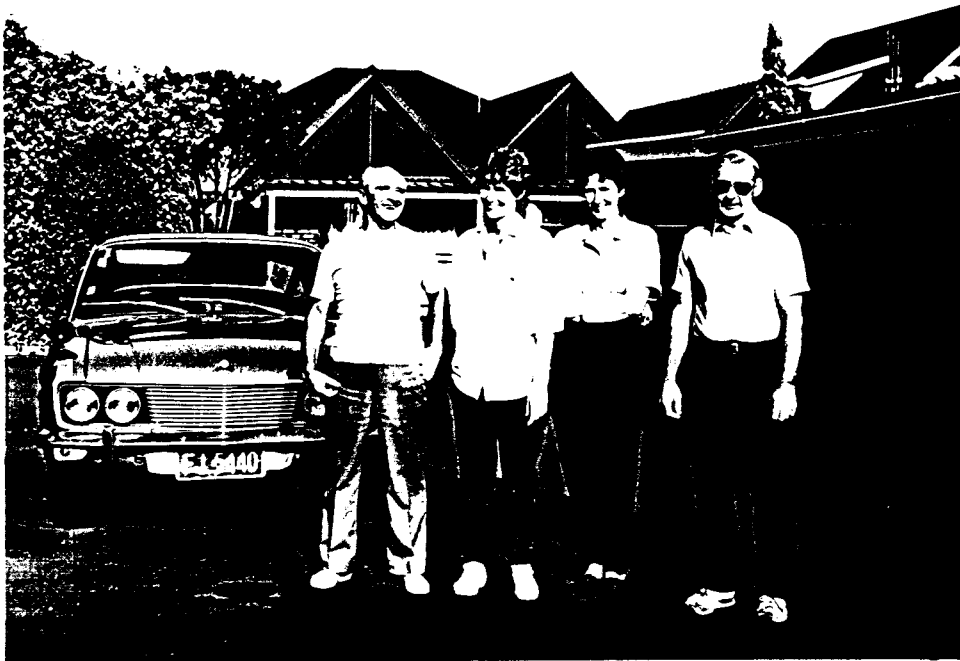
Dear Sir or Madam,

Please return our Masters Tournament to us. We have Masters Tournaments in swimming, golf, tennis etc. and no heavy bureaucratic hand or female scream has been evident. I have a Master bank card, I would like a Masters degree and I am past the manopause (sorry personpause). We have veterans events at the New Zealand Championships (no arguments). To confuse the issue we also have the Easter Veterans, a totally different tournament. Sponsors find it easier to relate to Masters rather than Veterans. Person Editor, I formally move the name Masters be returned to our Easter Tournament. Is there a seconder ?

Yours in Table Tennis,

R.Gregory

Waitemata.



WAITEMATA MASTERS(?) Easter Veterans 1989

Editors Comment: Roy I suggest you represent Waitemata at the next NZTTA Annual General Meeting and put your suggestion forward as a Remit which is necessary to change a previous decision of the A.G.M. I'm sure you'll get a (male) seconder but you may be breaching the law on Equal Opportunities.

The South Island Championships had a very poor turnout in the Veterans Events with some not being held because of a lack of entries. The North Island had a lot more entries but still not as many as we would expect. The stars of the North Island were Alan Tomlinson and Bob Lassen who fought out 3 finals in a row, Alan won the Mens B Grade and the Over 35 Singles but Bob won the Over 45(Veterans) Singles. The Veterans results which may be of interest to some of you are as follows:

South Island - 0.45 womens singles - Ngaire Garrett
 0.45 mens singles - John Lelliott
 0.45 mens doubles - Ivan Hines & John Lelliott
 0.45 mixed doubles - Russell Moore & Ngaire Garrett
 0.55 mens singles - John Lelliott

North Island - 0.45 womens singles - Barbara Jackson
 0.45 mens singles - Bob Lassen
 0.45 womens doubles - Barbara Jackson & Marg. McGregor
 0.45 mens doubles - Bob Lassen & Nam Hang Lee
 0.45 mixed doubles - Alan Tomlinson & Barbara Jackson
 0.55 womens singles - Marie Rau
 0.55 mens singles - John Lelliott
 0.55 womens doubles - Marie Rau & Nancy Brant
 0.55 mens doubles - Roy Gregory & John Lelliott
 0.55 mixed doubles - Doug Wong & Louisa Graham

Congratulations to the winners and best of luck to you all at the National Championships.

Ratings System

The Ratings system has certainly helped the atmosphere at Table Tennis this year. The reason being that everybody who looks at it, regards it as the joke of the century and has a good laugh. Just as well the News Media didn't see the 19 June list with Li Chun Li (our unbeaten star) No 4 on the Womens list and Peter Jackson No 15 and Barry Griffiths No 16 on the Mens list. Alan Tomlinson wasn't on the list at the time but after winning the Mens B Grade at the North Island Championships he got 72 points and is now No 10 in New Zealand. Bad luck Alan no more entries to Mens B Grade until you go below No 25 or C Grade until you go below No 100.

Australian Veterans and Masters Championships

Entry forms have finally arrived and have been distributed to those who have indicated that they are going. I was surprised to see they had changed the eligibility date and asked Merv. Allardyce to check it with Australia. However, as I wanted to get this Newsletter out without any further delay I rang the Tournament Secretary in Adelaide who checked it with the South Australia and Australian T.T.A.'s. She rang me back within a few hours and said they had made a mistake and the eligibility birth years are in fact 1949, 1939, 1929 and 1919. This is good news as it allows 4 of our players to enter older age groups. The entry fee for the Masters Tournament, which includes the Registration Fee, is \$30 but all those who enter will be given 2 \$5 Vouchers by the South Australian Assn. which can be used for meals at the Stadium. This will in real terms reduce the entry fee to \$20. The accommodation booked is at the Lindy Lodge Motel, 445 Torrens Road, Woodville Park, Adelaide. Phone: 268.2333.

Yours Sincerely,

John Lelliott

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OVER 55 MENS DOUBLES MEDAL WINNERS 1989 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Roy Gregory and John Lelliott(Gold) Doug Wong & Harry Dye(Silver)



Harry might be embarrassed when he hears the results of the American research into hairgrowth of older men. Summarised it reads "Any man who has still got a full head of hair when he's past 40 has either got no brains or he's never used them". That can only be good news for the three baldies.

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Australian Veterans and Masters Championships

Everything seems to be going wrong at the moment. Nancy Brant's husband Alf has had a heart attack and Nancy has had to withdraw. Thelma May has recently had an urgent operation and has had to pull out and Joy Ingpen has a problem with (Table) Tennis Elbow and can't play. Let's all join together and wish Thelma, Joy and Alf a speedy recovery. Eric Neal also decided he couldn't go because of work commitments.

Best of luck to those still on the list - Christine Cunningham, Margaret David, Margurette Green, Pat McArthur, Janice Stead, Bruce Connolly, Danny Krul, Valley Kwok, Bob Lassen, John Lelliott, Eddie Millard and Ray Rowland.

Those flying from Auckland are lucky as their flight goes through to Adelaide but the five flying from Wellington on Friday 13 October will be stranded in Melbourne because of the Australian Pilots strike. It appears that they will have to travel overnight by bus or train and go straight to the Stadium when they arrive at Adelaide the next morning to play in the Masters Tournament. Keep your fingers crossed and pray that the strike which has been going on for several weeks will be finished by 12 October.

Full details of the Australian trip and 1990 dates in the next issue.

1989 National Championships at Timaru

There was a big drop in the number of entries in the Over 45 and Over 55 Events which can only be attributed to the spread of events over 5 days caused by a combination with Junior Events. This was allowed despite a NZTTA policy that Seniors and Juniors National Championships shall not be held at the same time. Over 55 Womens Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles could not be held because of a lack of entries which compares sadly with the North Island Championships and the 1988 Nationals when they were all held. The total Over 55 entries in Singles and Doubles was 11 compared with 37 in 1988 and the Over 45's was 64 compared with 86 in 1988.

Congratulations to the Gold and Silver Medal winners:

0.45 MS Gold - Bob Lassen, Silver - Eugene Herman.
0.45 WS Gold - Ngaire Garrett, Silver - Thelma May.
0.45 MD Gold - Herman & Lassen, Silver - Robert Dunn & Doug Wong.
0.45 WD Gold - Barbara Jackson & May, Silver - Phylis Hoete & Janice Stead.
0.45 XD Gold - Lassen & Jackson, Silver - Lelliott & May.
0.55 MS Gold - John Lelliott, Silver - Doug Wong.
0.55 MD Gold - Roy Gregory & Lelliott, Silver - Harry Dye & Wong.

How to Make Table Tennis Last For Ever

Plant a "Table Tennis" garden in your heart and in your mind.

First plant two rows of turnips:

TURN UP for Club Night
TURN UP for Interclub Night

Next plant three rows of squash:

SQUASH foot stamping
SQUASH bad language
SQUASH bat throwing

Then plant four rows of peas:

PREPARATION PRACTICALITY POLITENESS POSITIVENESS

Lastly plant five rows of lettuce:

LET US be unselfish LET US be helpful to others LET US be appreciative
of others LET US be good losers LET US be good winners

TOURNAMENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1990

4th N.Z. Veterans Championships to be held at Christchurch. The Canterbury Association propose to hold it over 3 days, Saturday 14 to Monday 16 April with 1½ days for Teams and 1½ days for individual events. It will be preceded on Friday 13 April by the Canterbury Open which also includes a Veterans (Over 45's) and Seniors (Over35's).

5th Veterans World Championships at Baltimore, USA, June 8-12.

South Island Championships at Timaru, tentative dates 15-17 June

North Island Championships at Napier 6-8 July will include Hawkes Bay's 50th Jubilee Celebrations.

National Championships at the Town and Horticultural Halls Lower Hutt 31 August to 8 September. Veterans schedule - North v South Tuesday 4 September at 7.00 pm. Over 40 Teams Wed./Thurs. 5 & 6 September. Individual Events Frid./Sat. 7 & 8 September. Social Saturday Evening 8 September.

Australian Veterans dates not yet available but probably at Hobart in November,1990.

1991

N.Z. Masters Games to be held at Wanganui 5-10 February, 1991. They are already sending out newsletters so if you are interested and want to get on their list write to: National Mutual N.Z., Masters Games, P.O. Box 500, Wanganui.

World Table Tennis Championships will be held in Chiba City, Japan (about 40 Km south of Tokyo) from April 24 (Wed) to May 6 (Mon.), 1991. There is direct access by sea and air through Chiba Sea Port on one side of the City and Narita Airport on the other side. It will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for Veterans as they are going to hold a "Ladies and Masters" Tournament at the same time which is open to everybody to enter. Roy Gregory will certainly be pleased at the name and no doubt we will get a Remit at the AGM next March to change our Annual Veterans to the same name.

1989 NZTTA Raffle

The Annual raffle has been drawn and the prize winners are:

1st Prize	- Car	-62787	D J Hancox, Invercargill
2nd Prize	-\$2,500	-57599	J Steedman, Dunedin
3rd Prize	-\$1,000	-16553	C K Farrelly, Mt Maunganui
4th to 8th Prizes	-\$500	-13308	Wheels Synd, Auckland
		-19454	Mark Webster, Christchurch
		-22962	D Jones, Christchurch
		-47846	R B Stockwell, Blenheim
		-55263	Wayne Carr, Auckland

22 Prizes of \$100

12031	A Caddy, Auckland	50479	Barry B , Nelson
13503	B McGrath, Auckland	52486	Northland TTA, Whangarei
16117	M Rowe, Te Puke	52653	C/o Martin Yakas, Whangarei
20044	Crook, Christchurch	52923	Poata, Whangarei
25344	Halliday, Auckland	55351	Jane & Arnold, Auckland
26619	H Moot, Auckland	56829	J Steedman, Dunedin
34905	Hutt Valley TTA	57777	J Steedman, Dunedin
38295	Hutt Valley TTA	62669	R Moore, Invercargill
41476	J D Ross, Wellington	63910	Wairarapa TTA
46133	P Champion, Palmerston Nth.	70431	Bernie McCarthy, Lower Hutt
49011	Cheryl Amos, Ashburton	74616	Arthur Cunningham, Westport

Yours sincerely,

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