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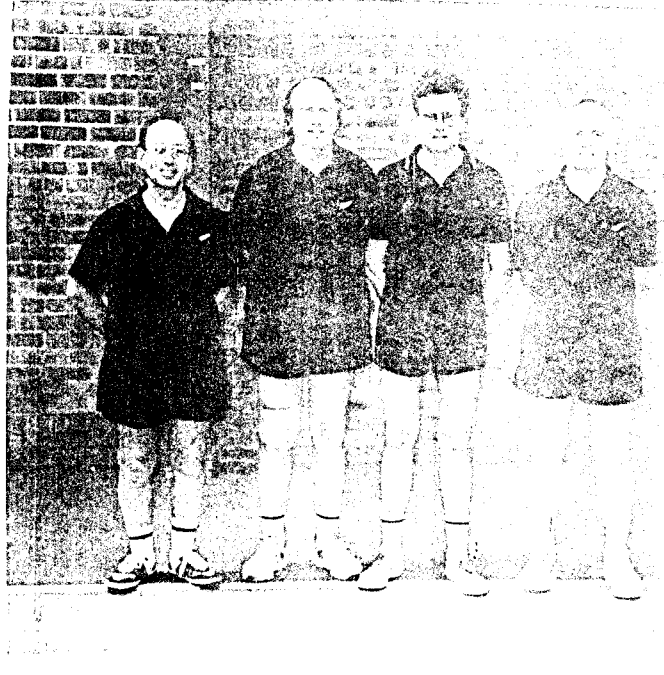
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NEW ZEALAND TEAMS - 1993 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS



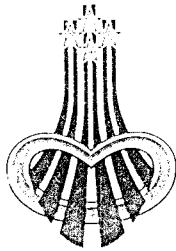
OVER 40 WOMEN

Lynley Barker, Averil Roberts,  
Val Beaver.



OVER 50 MEN

John Lelliott, Eddie Millard,  
Bob Lassen, Chip Ende.



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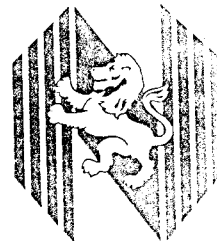
**NEW ZEALAND  
MASTERS GAMES**

DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND 5 - 13 FEBRUARY 1994

TABLE TENNIS - TEAMS 11 FEBRUARY, INDIVIDUALS 12/13 FEBRUARY

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1993 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This annual event was held at Unanderra, New South Wales from 23rd to 30th October with a record number of entries. Only nine players from New Zealand participated this year so we only had two teams. The Over 50 Mens Team finished 4th on a countback but were very close to a countback for 1st place only losing two of their nine matches with one of them a close 6-5 loss to New South Wales. Our men were the only team to beat Queensland which won the Grade for Victoria on a countback, this resulted in Victoria shouting us two bottles of Champagne at the social evening to show their appreciation. A repeat of last years performance from the Over 40 Womens Team.

TEAM RESULTS:

Over 40 Women

Vs South Australia lost 1-10  
Vs Victoria lost 3-8  
Vs New South Wales lost 5-6  
Vs A.C.T. Won 9-2  
Vs Presidents Won 11-0

Over 50 Men

Vs Victoria B Won 9-2  
Vs South Australia Won 7-4  
Vs Presidents Won 11-0  
Vs Queensland Won 6-5  
Vs Northern Territory Won 7-4  
Vs Victoria Lost 2-9  
Vs Tasmania Won 10-1  
Vs New South Wales Lost 5-6  
Vs Queensland B Won 8-3

Final Placing 4th out of 6

Final Placing 4th out of 10

Individual Performances - Medals Won

Over 60 Mens Singles Bronze John Lelliott  
Over 60 Mens Doubles Bronze John Lelliott (with T.Boyd NSW)  
Over 70 Womens Doubles Bronze Doris Lassen (with M.Gleeson SA)

Merit List

Over 40 Women - No.6 Averil Roberts  
No.8 Lynley Barker  
Over 50 Men - No.7 Bob Lassen  
No.11 Chip Eade

1994 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Next year this will be held in Perth from 2nd to 8th October. The Western Australian Association has recommended that those participating seek accommodation in Fremantle. I would like to make a bock booking of accommodation before Easter so if any of you have decided to go please let me know.

1994 NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our most important tournament of the year will be held at Palmerston North from 1st to 4th April. Entry forms are expected to be circulated in January. Any queries on accommodation contact Mike McAvinue (06)357.8990 same number for Phone and Fax. Mike is also hoping to arrange billets for our Australian friends.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFULL  
JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT  
O COME YE, O COME YE  
TO PALMERSTON NORTH

1994 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

Full details are as outlined in the last Newsletter. Teams events on Friday 11 February and Individual Events on Saturday and Sunday 12-13 February. Entries close on 14th January. Any queries contact Barrie Kendall, 12 Blake Street, Dunedin, Phone (03)476.4057.

OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE THEY JUST KEEP MARCHING ON

1994 WORLD VETERANS

Bulletin No.4 has not yet arrived so I couldn't wait any longer to get this Newsletter out. However, I do have quite a lot of extra information for you some of which needs urgent attention.

ENTRIES

They close on 10 February, 1994 and any late entries accepted will be charged an extra \$20 Aust. They will not accept personal cheques unless you have an Australian Bank Account. So it is essential when you Register to go to your Bank and get them to have a cheque made out in Australian Dollars.

ACCOMMODATION

Those who have booked accommodation through me will have it confirmed separately with the amount of the deposit to send to me which I have already paid on your behalf. The only space left at present is for one male in a 2 bedroom unit with 3 others. Anybody wanting to fill that gap let me know as soon as possible. If anybody else needs accommodation let me know soon as I may be able to get extra units at the Royal Gardens Motel which is only 100 metres from the Stadium.

COASTERS

Ray Johnstone has taken the initiative to arrange production of a very good Coaster which is ideal for passing on to people you play from other countries. A separate page is attached with details and a order form. I strongly recommend you place orders straight away to ensure that Ray gets enough orders to make it viable.

SHIRTS

A large number of Shirts have been ordered and the total cost including the Monogram is \$18. Further orders can be accepted but make up your minds if you want any and let me know as soon as possible. The Firm putting the Monogram on the Shirts can't do it until some time in the New Year.

TRACKSUITS

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to find another manufacturer for the tracksuits. This has involved a lot of extra work for Isabel Cleland and Averil Roberts but they have finally found a local Firm who are only too happy to take on our business. There has been a slight increase in cost from \$100 to \$105(Incl GST)but your needs for size will be much better. We do, however, need your cooperation in getting orders finalised at the earliest possible date.

We need:

FULL NAME

SIZE - S-M-L-XL

PLUS - WAIST cms; Hip CMS; Inside Leg CMS.

We have been assured that the elasticised waist band on the jacket and all cuffs will be eased and the lining is to be interlock which will not Fluff.

Please do your part and let us have your orders, with details as above, no later than December 31st.

THE SOONER WE RECEIVE THE ABOVE INFORMATION THE SOONER WE CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER. PLEASE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING OF COURSE THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT AN ORDER.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO Alf Harding who had his 80th Jubilee on 30th November; Isabel Cleland who is 70 on Sunday 12 December; and Ron Menchi who celebrates his 60th Jubilee on 2 January

END OF THE YEAR - Best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours Sincerely,

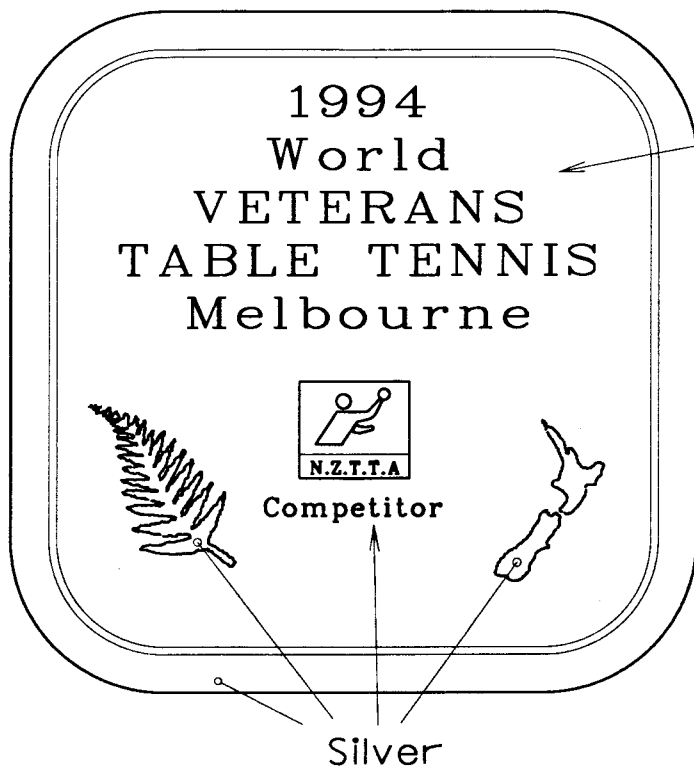
*John Lelliott*

John Lelliott, 95 Witako Street, Lower Hutt. (04)567-2123

# World Veterans Table Tennis Melbourne

These attractive coasters embossed in Silver and Gold are available to N.Z. VETS travelling to Australia in April 94. They are an appropriate, inexpensive, quality souvenir for this historic occasion. Plus an ideal gift to offer to your competitors from the many other countries. There is a minimum quantity required for the production run thus it would be appreciated if orders or an indication of future orders could be received as soon as possible.

Six Full Foil Stamped coasters per set.



Gold Print  
Black Background

Size 90 x 90

Please Supply

Set (6) Coasters @ \$15.00 each.....	\$
plus postage - \$1.00.....	\$

Please find enclosed my cheque for \$ --

ORDER FORM

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To

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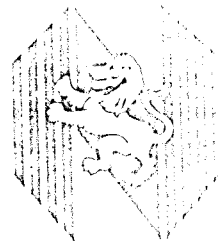


THELMA MAY AND ISABEL CLELAND AT THE PRESENTATION EVENING AT PALMERSTON NORTH, EASTER 1992.

This photograph is in memory of Thelma who I regret to advise passed away on Sunday 20 February after a long and painful illness. Thelma will be sadly missed after about 50 years of playing and administrative work in Table Tennis. Fuller details on another page. If any of you wish to contact Thelma's family it is suggested you contact her daughter Sandra Moore at Selwyn Road, Broadfield, RD5, Christchurch.

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### MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

Welcome to 1994. We have already had a few new members at the Masters Games and no doubt we'll get a few more at Easter. I'm pleased to advise that National Insurance (now a member of the long time Tower Group) has renewed its sponsorship and have donated \$200 towards the Newsletter costs. Application has been made for a renewal of the Grant from the Lottery Aged Committee but it will be a few months before we know whether it will be approved.

We had a carry over of \$160.76 from 1993 so the Subscription will remain at \$3.00 for 1994.

### TRAVEL TO TOURNAMENTS

Air New Zealand and Ansett have made special fares available on some flights from 19 February to 30 June with bookings having to be made by 6 March. The New Zealand Veterans and the South Island Championships are in this time slot so if you wan't to go to either of them get in quick.

The Air New Zealand Specials to or from Palmerston North (one way) are - Auckland \$69, Wellington \$49, Blenheim \$69, Nelson \$69, Christchurch \$89, Dunedin \$119, Invercargill \$139.

To or from Invercargill - Auckland \$159, Hamilton \$189, Rotorua \$159, New Plymouth \$190, Napier \$186, Palmerston North \$139, Wellington \$129, Christchurch \$79.

Ansett have advertised Air Fares at 69% discount but no details. The N.Z. Veterans will commence on Good Friday morning 1 April with the Teams Events on Friday and Saturday and the Individual Events on Sunday and Monday with a Social and Presentations in the Evening.

The South Island Championships are expected to start about 6.00 p.m. on Friday 17 June and finish about 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 19th.

### NEW ZEALAND VETERANS

As you are all aware the 1994 New Zealand Veterans will be held in Palmerston North from 1-4 April. Entries close on Wednesday 2 March for both Teams and Individual Events so make sure your entry is postmarked no later than 2 March. If you didn't get an Entry Form one will be available from your Association. If you have any problems with accommodation contact Mike McAvinue on (06) 357.8990.

### 1994 WORLD VETERANS

The World Veterans will be held in Melbourne from 22-27 April. Entries have already closed but late entries will be accepted up to 13 April but you'll have to pay a penalty fee of \$20Aust. Accommodation - A number who had booked accommodation through me have had to withdraw so there is some spare accommodation available, if anybody is still seeking accommodation please contact me as soon as possible so that I can finalise details with the Motel Manager.

Tracksuits - are at present being made and we hope to have them available by Easter. It is too late to take any further orders.

Shirts - A large number have been ordered, some were distributed at the Masters Games and the others will be taken to Palmerston North at Easter. Those who won't be there will have them delivered through somebody from their Association or posted to you.

Coasters - Ray Johnstone still hasn't got enough orders so if you wan't them contact him straight away.

Duty Free Shops - In Australia you can get some good bargains at the Duty Free Shops - 185 Swanston Street; 245 Collins Street; 43 Queen Street; 53 Queen Street; 393 Clayton Road (Suburb).

THELMA MAY QSM

Thelma May who was Canterbury's leading woman Table Tennis player for many years passed away in Christchurch on 20 February after a long and painful illness at the age of 64. She started playing in Christchurch in 1947 and through her playing career represented Canterbury over 300 times which may well be a New Zealand record. Thelma won the NZ Womens Doubles title in 1964 with Val Braumann and was a dominant force in the South Island for many years winning a large number of titles. When she became a Veteran she continued her winning way with many titles at Provincial and National levels. She had a number of successful trips to the Australian Veterans from when they commenced in 1984 and has won many Medals at the New Zealand Veterans from its commencement in 1987. In 1958, 1964 and 1972 she was in the Canterbury Team that won the Teagle Shield and in 1967 she beat the National Womens Champion, Dawn Wade, in a Teagle Shield match as a result of which she was named "Canterbury Player of the Year". Thelma also worked hard in Table Tennis Administration. She served for 22 years on the Canterbury Association Executive Committee and in 1973 was made a Life Member. In 1976 she was elected the first woman Vice-President of the New Zealand Association. She also held the position of South Island Selector in the late 1970's and was on the National Selectors Panel. She was still a Canterbury Selector and a Committee Member at the time of her death. In 1977 she went to the Commonwealth Championships in Guernsey and in the same year played in the World Championships in England. In 1981 she went to Germany as Coach of the New Zealand Deaf Team and has assisted in a number of New Zealand Deaf Tournaments. In 1987 Thelma was awarded the Queens Service Medal for services to Table Tennis which was well deserved for her years of voluntary work. Thelma will be sadly missed, especially by our Veterans, but her daughter Sandra, while not up to her Mum's standard, is determined to continue in our favourite sport.

1994 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

This Annual Event was held in Dunedin from 11-13 February and once again there was a good attendance up 17% from 1992. There was a good friendly atmosphere but it was a bit too hot on the Friday with a temperature of 34 Degrees in the Stadium. The Over 35 Teams was a battle between the Otago Bees (Ben, Barrie and Barry) and the Otago F's (Fogarty Family) with the Bees stinging the Fogarty's in the Final.

Teams Results:

Over 35's

GOLD - R.Hurr, B.Kendall, B.Ellis (Dunedin)  
SILVER - Y.Fogarty, K.Fogarty, J.Fogarty (Dunedin)  
BRONZE - J.King, B.Gibson, A.Rapley (Invercargill)

Over 45's

GOLD - J.Penberthy, B.Penberthy (Auckland/Taupo)  
SILVER - N.Garrett, R.Garrett (Invercargill)  
BRONZE - P.Swale, B.Adamsen (Invercargill)

Over 55's

GOLD - J.Lelliott, C.Neutze (Hutt/Invercargill)  
SILVER - S.Stout, B.Neumann (Nelson)  
BRONZE - W.Dickson, R.Ramsey (Dunedin)

<u>Individual Events:</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
<u>Over 35's</u>			
Mens Singles	M.Burrowes	K.Fogarty	B.Ellis
Womens Singles	Y.Fogarty	L.Barker	N.Garrett
Mens Doubles	M.Burrowes/B.Ellis	B.Hurr/ B.Kendall	A.Rapley/ R.Garrett
Womens Doubles	L.Barker/J.King	P.Swale/ N.Garrett	N.Chin/N.Todd
Mixed Doubles	K. & Y.Fogarty	N.Todd/B.Kendall	L.Barker/J.Fogarty
<u>Over 45's</u>			
Mens Singles	R.Garrett	J.Lelliott	B.Hurr
Womens Singles	L.Barker	N.Todd	N.Garrett
Mens Doubles	B.Kendall/B.Hurr	S.Craw/G.Haszard	J. & B.Penberthy
Womens Doubles	N.Garrett/L.Barker	N.Smart/J.Calder	D.Campbell/ R.Kennedy
Mixed Doubles	N. & R.Garrett	L.Barker/ B.Penberthy	J.Calder/R.Payne
<u>Over 55's</u>			
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	B.McFarlane	W.Dickson
Womens Singles	J.Kennedy	E.Kearns	R.Thompson
Mens Doubles	J.Lelliott/C.Neutze	H.Taylor/ B.McFarlane	C.Bergmans/ C.Adamson
Womens Doubles	J.Kennedy/N.Griffiths	D.Papworth/ B.Adamson	E.Kearns/ L.Sneddon
Mixed Doubles	C.Neutze/R.Thompson	E.Kearns/ B.McFarlane	J. & J.Kennedy
<u>Over 65's</u>			
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	H.Taylor	B.Neumann
Womens Singles	E.Kearns	T.King	

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

You will be pleased to know that our campaign for bringing back the Over 45 and Over 55 Events at the National Championships was successful with a Remit being passed by a good majority at the Annual General Meeting.

1994 REGIONAL RATING TOURNAMENTS - OVER 40's

- Region One - Waitemata June 25/26; Northland August 13.
- Region Two - Not yet decided
- Region Three - Manawatu July 30/31; North Taranaki August 6/7.
- Region Four - Wairarapa May 28, Hutt Valley June 6.
- Region Five - Marlborough May 7/8, Nelson June 25/26.
- Region Six - Otago July 1/3, South Cant. July 16/17.

NEW RULES

Don't forget that the new rule on Volleying came in on 1st January, from now on if the ball comes over the net and past the end of the table and strikes your bat you no longer lose the point.

The ITTF has once again changed its mind on the Glueing of Bats and deferred the banning of legal glues until August 1995. At the next National Council Meeting this matter will be discussed and it is likely that the rule won't apply to New Zealand until January, 1996.

Trialling of up to 11 instead of up to 21 and the service having to be in front of the body has been strongly opposed by a number of Associations and players and will be discussed at the National Council Meeting on 20 March, it is possible that the previous decision may be over ruled and trials will not take place at the Norths, Souths and Nationals.

Yours Sincerely,

*John Lelliott*

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1994 WORLD VETERANS TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Most of the New Zealand participants in the World Veterans got together for the above photograph in front of the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne. It was taken early in the morning and about 13 didn't turn up in time but it was still a big group.

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MEMBERSHIP:

With 8 new members already this year we are now up to No.162 and with those who have passed away and some withdrawn the mailing list is now up to 146. With the support from National Insurance (a donation of \$200) and further good news just arrived that the Lottery Grants Board Committee of the Aged have once again approved a grant of \$300. With this support the Annual Subscription can be kept down to \$3. I'm sure you will all appreciate the support of these two organisations.

1994 NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This major annual tournament was hosted by the Manawatu Veterans at Palmerston North over Easter 1-4 April. Once again there was a very friendly atmosphere and it was enjoyed by all those taking part. The Presentation Evening was full of fun with Bruce Currie's special awards and other entertainment giving all of us a good laugh. Margurette Green's song was well above the expected standard.

TEAMS RESULTS:

The number of Teams entered was up from 40 last year to 67 with 11 Composite Teams and 2 from New South Wales. There were 14 Over 60 and 8 Over 65 Mens Teams but no Womens Teams in these Age Groups. How can we encourage more Womens Entries in the older Age Groups, if any of you have the answer I would be pleased to receive it.

Over 40 Men A - Manawatu - B.Wynks, T.Curtis  
" B - Composite - B.Jones, R.Clement  
Over 40 Womens A - North Harbour - C.Cunningham, K.Findlay  
" B - Waikato - J.Coleman, P.Bennyworth  
Over 50 Mens A - Waitemata - C.Eade, W.Otene  
" B - Manawatu - R.Galloway, J.Williams  
Over 50 Women - Auckland - B.Jackson, M.Green  
Over 60 Mens A - Auckland - D.Wong, H.Dye  
" B - Hawkes Bay - R.Johnstone, R.Wells  
" C - Waitemata - W.Wilson, L.Dove  
Over 65 Mens A - Hutt Valley - J.Lelliott, J.Delahunty  
" B - Auckland - T.Sandberg, J.Coad.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

<u>OVER 40</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
Mens Singles	B.Wynks	C.Eade
Womens Singles	C.Cunningham	V.Beaver
Mens Doubles	T.Curtis/B.Wynks	K.Fogarty/W.Weinstock
Womens Doubles	C.Cunningham/K.Findlay	V.Beaver/A.Roberts
Mixed Doubles	B.Wynks/A.Roberts	G.Adam/M.McGregor
<u>OVER 50</u>		
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	C.Eade
Womens Singles	B.Jackson	J.Coleman
Mens Doubles	R.Gwynn/R.Yeates	C.Eade/R.Gregory
Womens Doubles	B.Jackson/M.McGregor	J.Coleman/P.McArthur
Mixed Doubles	C.Eade/P.McArthur	J.Lelliott/A.Robottom
<u>OVER 60</u>		
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	J.Gardiner
Womens Singles	I.Cleland	S.Ross
Mens Doubles	H.Dye/D.Wong	R.Gregory/J.Lelliott
Mixed Doubles	J.Lelliott/E.Spooner	R.Menchi/I.Cleland
<u>OVER 65</u>		
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	R.Gregory
Mens Doubles	J.Lelliott/R.Gregory	J.Gardiner/C.Roden
Mixed Doubles	J.Lelliott/E.Spooner	C.Roden/I.Cleland
<u>OVER 70</u>		
Mens Singles	C.Roden	T.Sandberg
Womens Singles	E.Spooner	I.Cleland
Mens Doubles	B.Hughes/C.Roden	R.Rowland/T.Sandberg
Mixed Doubles	C.Roden/I.Cleland	R.Rowland/A.Stevenson

MERIT LISTS as announced at the Presentation Dinner

<u>OVER 40 MEN</u>	<u>OVER 40 WOMEN</u>	<u>OVER 50 MEN</u>
1. B.Wynks(man)	C.Cunningham(NH)	J.Lelliott(HV)
2. T.Curtis(Man)	V.Beaver(CT)	C.Eade(Wait)
3. C.Eade(Wait)	K.Findlay(NH)	R.Yeates(NT)
4. W.Weinstock(NT)	A.Roberts(HV)	B.Penberthy(AK)
5. P.Bennett(Wait)	P.McArthur	M.Borlase(HV)
6. A.Connolly(HV)	J.Edwards(NH)	J.Cunningham(NH)
7. K.Fogarty(OT)	L.Wynks(Man)	W.Otene(Wait)
8. M.Dobson(NSW)	L.Barker(Can)	D.Wong(AK)
9. K.Hinz(NT)	J.Coleman(WK)	D.Thorner(HV)
10. S.Craw(Can)	J.Stead(Can)	R.Gwynn(Man)
<u>OVER 50 WOMEN</u>	<u>OVER 60 MEN</u>	<u>OVER 65 MEN</u>
1. B.Jackson(AK)	J.Lelliott(HV)	J.Lelliott(HV)
2. M.Green(AK)	J.Gardiner(NSW)	R.Gregory(Wait)
3. M.McGregor(Wait)	D.Wong(AK)	J.Gardiner(NSW)
4. J.Coleman(WK)	J.Craig(NSW)	J.Elliott(NT)
5. G.Plowright(Wait)	H.Dye(AK)	C.Roden(NSW)
6. -	R.Gregory(Wait)	T.Sandberg(AK)
7. -	W.Otene(Wait)	-
8. -	W.Burns(AK)	<u>OVER 70 MEN</u>
9. -	M.Allardyce(HV)	1.C.Roden(NSW)
10. -	R.Wells(HB)	2.T.Sandberg(AK)
		3.L.Wells(Nel)

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

The South Island Championships will be held in Invercargill from 17-19 June and entries have already closed.

The North Island Championships will be held in Lower Hutt from 8-10 July. All Associations have been sent Entry Forms and details of accommodation. Entries close on 15 June so if you want to enter contact your Association for a Entry Form or if you have a problem getting one contact me.

The National Championships will be held in Christchurch from 20-27 August with Seniors and Juniors combined. There will be Over 35 Over 45 and Over 55 Individual Events but no Over 40 Teams.

OVER 40 RATING TOURNAMENTS

Region One - Waitemata June 25-26; Northland August 13,  
Region Two - Counties May 22; Waikato July 2,  
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Region Six - Otago July 1-3; South Canterbury July 16-17.

1994 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

To be held at Perth from October 2-8. At present it is likely that we will have enough people attending to have New Zealand Over 40 Womens and Over 50 Mens Teams. We are looking into discounted Air Fares so if there are any more of you interested I would be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible. Also let me know if you want accommodation booked no later than 16 June.

1995 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS AND VETERANS

The 1995 Australian Masters Games are being held in Melbourne in early October. I have suggested to the Australian Table Tennis Association that they hold the Veterans in Melbourne straight after the Masters Games to give us a chance to play in both. This is possible if they decide to defer the proposal to hold the Veterans in Darwin from 1995 to 1996.

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL VETERANS TOURNAMENT

All Veteran Table Tennis players in the World are invited to take part in this International Tournament in Beijing from November 5-10 1994. They need to know who intends to participate by 5 Sept. The events will be Mens and Womens Teams and Singles. Age Groups 40-50 and 50-60. Anybody interested let me know and I will send you a copy of the information Bulletin.

1994 WORLD VETERANS

About 60 players from New Zealand played in the 1994 World Veterans held in Melbourne from 22-27 April. With over 1800 Entries from 50 Countries it was the biggest ever Tournament and was played on 66 Tables with quite a few extra tables for practise. All our players enjoyed the opportunity to meet and play people from all round the World and to see ex World Champions still going strong as Veterans. With so many entries it was not possible for the Officials to have any idea of the standard of most players so the round robin groups varied from very strong to very weak so it wasn't always the best players who made the main draw. The number of entries in the Age Groups varied considerably with the Over 50 Men at 436 well above the others. 0.40 Men 280; 0.40 Women 136; 0.50 Men 436; 0.50 Women 296; 0.60 Men 324; 0.60 Women 140; 0.70 Men 132; 0.70 Women 56; 0.80 Men 21; 0.80 Women 9; Total 1830.

The following 25 New Zealand players made the main draw from the Singles Groups: Over 40 Men B.Connolly,R.Lee,K.Fogarty,P.Bennett, J.Morris. Over 40 Women Y.Fogarty,V.Beaver,V.Scarr. Over 50 Men R.Dunn,J.Williams. Over 50 Women J.Stead,K.Thompson,M.McAvinue, N.Garrett,P.Bennyworth. Over 60 Men A.Tomlinson,J.Lelliott,J.Coad, B.Stephens,R.Johnstone,W.Joker. Over 60 Women B.Jackson. Over 70 Women I.Cleland,A.Stevenson. Over 80 Men A.Harding.

A number went on to win knock out matches with the best performance by Yvonne Fogarty who made the last 8 in the Over 40 Women in a very strong field and lost to K.Harada from Japan. Isabel Cleland made the last 8 in the Over 70 Women and Barbara Jackson the last 16 in the Over 60 Women (she doesn't turn 60 until September).

In the Consolation events William Weinstock did well to finish runner up in the Over 40 Men and Merle Harding got a lovely small Trophy for winning the Over 80 Women with Kath Grinstead the runner-up. Alf Harding did well to win a Bronze Medal in the Over 80 Doubles with W.Henry(Aust). They lost in the semi-final to S.Wynack(Aust) & V.Noberg(Den) 17-21 21-16 21-12.

The outstanding player in the Tournament was clearly G.L.Liang the Chinese ex World Champion who won the Over 40 Mens Singles and Doubles. Another famous name,D.Surbek, currently ranked in the top 100 in the World(above Peter Jackson) didn't do as well not even making the Over 40 Quarter Finals.

I still haven't received the result sheets from Australia so I can only give you the Singles Finals results which I recorded.  
Over 40 Mens Singles - G.L.Liang(CH) Bt P.Raidl(Aut) 21-8 21-13  
" Women - J.Trapp(Ger) Bt M.Kneip-Stumpe(Ger) 21-19 21-19  
Over 50 Men - R.H.Yang(Ch) Bt K.Rauch(Ger) 21-16 21-19  
" Women- S.Fedorova(Rus) Bt J.Williams(Ned) 21-19 21-17  
Over 60 Men - L.Heremans(Bel) Bt C.L.Tsui(HKG) 21-5 21-18  
" Women- E.Santifaller(Ita) Bt I.Kaneko(Jap) 21-15 21-11  
Over 70 Men - V.C.Mai(Aust) Bt T.Kono(Jap) 21-8 16-21 21-16  
" Women- K.Tasaka(Jap) Bt K.Matsuda(Jap) 21-9 21-9  
Over 80 Men - I.Larsson(Swe) Bt S,Wynack(Aust) 20-22 21-7 21-14  
" Women- Y.Uchida(Jap) Bt D.DeLow(Aust) 21-13 21-10

50TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

On Thursday Evening 23 June at the Woburn Room, Angus Inn, Lower Hutt there will be a Special Evening held to celebrate John Lelliott reaching 50 Years A Grade Table Tennis. All Newsletter Members are invited to attend but I would like to know who will be coming by 16 June. There will be presentations of International Awards by the Mayor of Lower Hutt. The time will be 7.00 to 10.30 P.M. I know most of you are to far away to attend but those within a reasonable distance will be more than welcome.

Yours Sincerely,

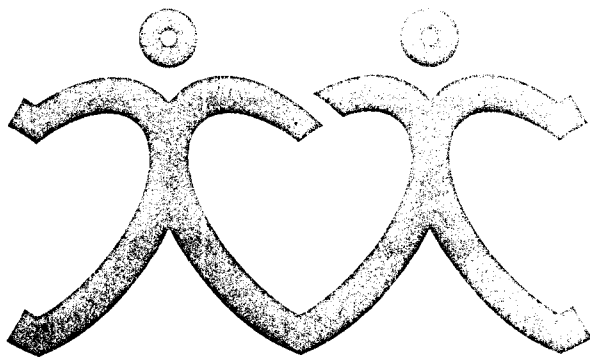
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