



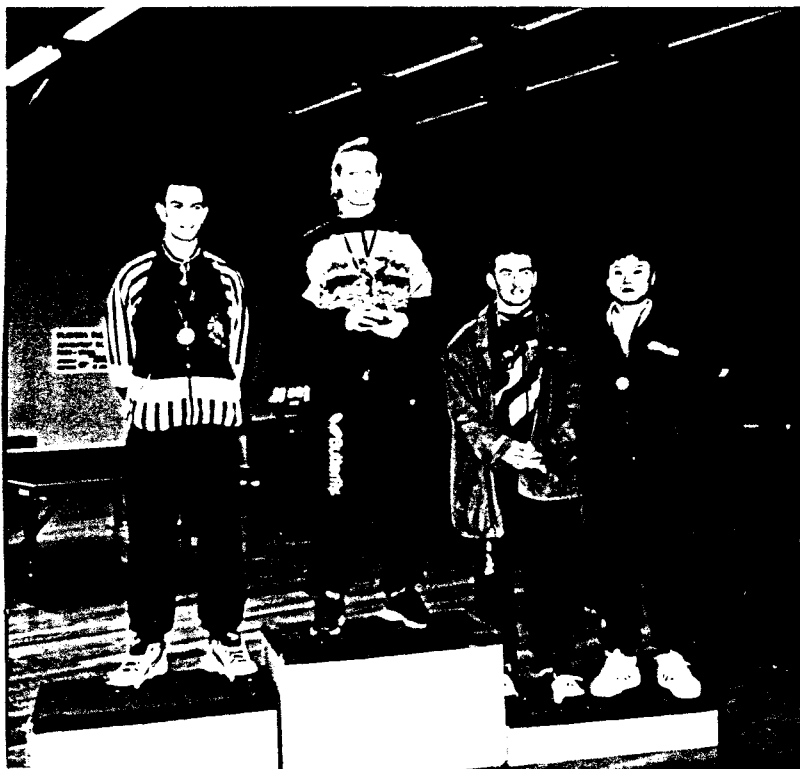
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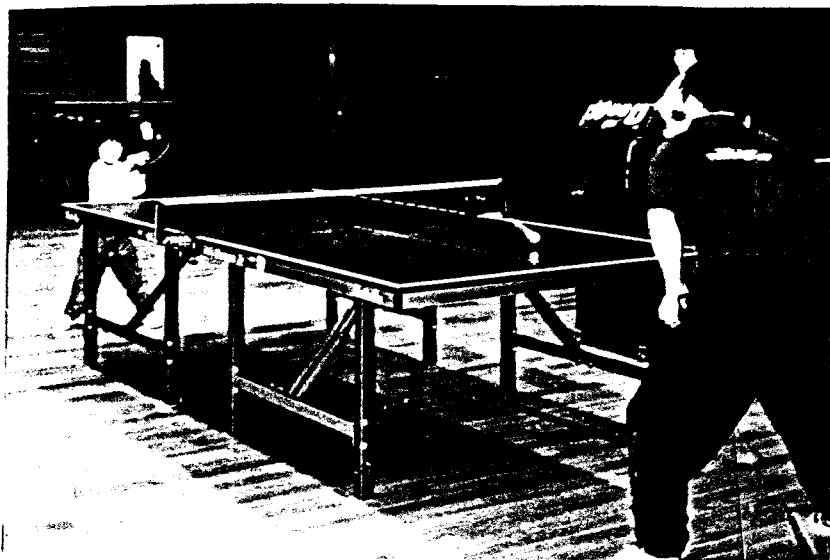
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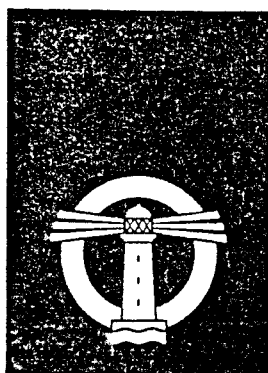
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Medal Winners at the National Championships  
Mens Open Singles:  
Hagen Bower - SILVER  
Shane Laugesen - GOLD  
Aaron Winborn - BRONZE  
Binquan Hu - BRONZE  
The star of the Tournament was Shane Laugesen with an unexpected win in the Mens Singles, he also won the Mens Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Under 21 Mens Single and Doubles a total of 5 Gold Medals.  
In the absence of her sister, Li Chun Li, Karen Li was unbeaten winning 6 Gold in the Open and Under 21 Events.



Several times Binquan Hu (the Nelson Coach) was seen practising with his 6 year old daughter, the rallies were long and fascinating to watch and she often had to move her bat above her head. She clearly has the natural talent to one day become the New Zealand Champion. Show this to your Grand Children and it will encourage them to play Table Tennis.



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## MEMBERSHIP

Numbers are still going up and we are in a good position financially as a Grant of \$300 has been received from the Lottery Aged Committee. Lists will be distributed soon to some of our Members in different Areas for collection of Subs.

### 1996 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

At present I have the following members listed as going to Adelaide for the Australian Veterans from 3rd to 9th November: Over 40 Women - Lynley Barker, Val Beaver, Jill Edwards, Averil Roberts. Over 40 Men - Kevin Fogarty. Over 50 Women - Pat McArthur, Val Scarr, Janice Stead; Over 50 Men - Chip Eade, Bob Lassen, Eddie Millard; Over 60 Men - John Lelliott. The Men may have to be changed to different Age Groups if we don't get any others added to the list so if anybody else has decided to go please let me know immediately as the South Australian Association wants to know how many Teams we are going to send. Quantas has recently advertised Special Fares of \$699 return to Adelaide from Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. There may be some left so if you are interested get in quick.

### 1997 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

I have just received news from Australia that the 1997 Veterans are being held in Darwin from 23rd to 30th August

### 1997 1st ASIAN VETERANS

This new Tournament will be held in Melbourne from 30th November to 6th December, 1997. I've had no luck with my suggestion that they add Over 65's and Over 75's so the format will be as shown in the last Newsletter. I've still got a number of Bulletins so if any of you are interested in going to this Tournament please let me know and I'll send you one.

### 1997 NEW ZEALAND VETERANS

As you are aware our major Tournament for 1997 will be held in Invercargill. The following is Wally Wilson's suggestion on how you can get there:

IT'S A LONG WAY TO INVERCARGILL  
IT'S A LONG WAY BY TRAIN  
IT'S QUICKER BUT MUCH DEARER  
IF WE GO BY AIRWAYS PLANE  
BUT SOMEHOW WE'LL GET TO SOUTHLAND  
PERHAPS WE'LL GO BY SEA  
IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY TO INVERCARGILL  
FOR OUR ENZED VETERANS T/T

### 1997 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

The New Zealand Masters Games will be held in Wanganui from Monday 3rd February to Sunday 9th February more details should be available for the next Newsletter. If you Register before November 1st you pay \$20 plus the Entry Fee and go in a draw to win an Air New Zealand Link Mystery Escape Weekend for Two. Registrations after the 1st November will be \$25. If you want a Registration Form contact your nearest National Mutual Office or Phone (06)345-4555 or write to P.O.Box 500, Wanganui. If you can't get one let me know and I'll get you one.

### WORLD VETERANS

The 1998 World Veterans will be held in Manchester, England from 22nd to 27th June the 1st Bulletin should be out soon and I'll try and get copies for distribution to those interested. New Zealand's bid to run the World Veterans in the year 2000 was not successful and I'm told it will be held in Canada that year.

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held in Wanganui on Queens Birthday Weekend. Entries were well down on last year in the Veterans Events. Aaron Winborn won the Mens Singles and Karen(Li J)Li won the Womens Singles beating our Veteran Val Beaver in the Final. Val had previously beaten the 2nd and 3rd Seeds, Sarah Finch and Tracey Epps, and deserves a special award for the performance of the year. Another highlight of the Tournament was a Barry Wynks match when the Umpire, after the first point, called love one, Barry's response was "of course I do her names Linda".

RESULTS:

<u>OVER 35's</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
Mens Singles	G.Rau	T.Murphy
Womens Singles	J.Edwards	V.Beaver
Mens Doubles	T.Curtis/B.Wynks	K.Barry/G.Rau
<u>Over 40's</u>		
Mens Singles	D.Pattinson	G.Rau
Womens Singles	V.Beaver	P.McArthur
Mens Doubles	R.Lassen/D.Pattinson	W.Weinstock/R.Yeates
Womens Doubles	V.Beaver/C.Cunningham	J.Edwards/P.McArthur
Mixed Doubles	B.Wynks/S.Shirriffs	T.Curtis/L.Wynks
<u>Over 50's</u>		
Mens Singles	R.Lassen	W.Weinstock
Womens Singles	V.Scarr	P.McArthur
Mens Doubles	J.Lelliott/L.Mummery	W.Weinstock/R.Yeates
Womens Doubles	C.Cunningham/P.McArthur	P.Bennyworth/O.Burnett
Mixed Doubles	R.Lassen/C.Cunningham	R.Dunn/P.Bennyworth
<u>Over 60's</u>		
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	N.Tizard
Womens Singles	A.Robottom	E.Spooner
Womens Doubles	A.Robottom/E.Spooner	I.Cleland/D.Papworth
Mixed Doubles	J.Lelliott/A.Robottom	N.Tizard/I.Cleland

The events not included were not played due to a lack of entries.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jill Edwards was the Veterans Star Player with frequent visits to the Presentation Platform to receive 3 Gold and 2 Silver Medals. See the front page for open results.

RESULTS:

<u>Over 35's</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
Mens Singles	D.Jackson	R.Lassen
Womens Singles	V.Beaver	J.Edwards
Mens Doubles	D.Jackson/P.Low	R.Lassen/D.Pattinson
Womens Doubles	J.Edwards/P.McArthur	P.Bennyworth/P.Shadbolt
Mixed Doubles	D.Jackson/V.Beaver	P.De Boer/J.Edwards
<u>Over 45's</u>		
Mens Singles	W.Weinstock	A.Tomlinson
Womens Singles	J.Edwards	P.Shadbolt
Mens Doubles	A.Tomlinson/W.Weinstock	R.Lassen/D.Pattinson
Womens Doubles	J.Edwards/P.McArthur	C.Cunningham/K.Findlay
Mixed Doubles	D.Pattinson/P.Shadbolt	P.Low/V.Beaver
<u>Over 55's</u>		
Mens Singles	A.Tomlinson	N.H.Lee
Womens Singles	B.Jackson	A.Robottom
Mens Doubles	J.Lelliott/W.Otene	M.Lee/N.H.Lee
Womens Doubles	M.McGregor/G.Plowright	B.Dye/B.Jackson
Mixed Doubles	C.Eade/G.Plowright	R.Gregory/M.McGregor

NEW ZEALAND RATING LISTS AS AT 19 JULY, 1996

<u>OVER 40's</u>		<u>OVER 50's</u>	
<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
1. J. Morris	V. Beaver	A. Tomlinson	C. Cunningham
2. A. Tomlinson	P. Shadbolt	R. Lassen	P. McArthur
3. M. Burrowes	C. Cunningham	W. Weinstock	V. Scarr
4. D. Pattinson	P. McArthur	C. Eade	A. Robottom
5. R. Lassen	A. Roberts	J. Lelliott	G. Plowright
6. T. Murphy	L. Wynks	N. H. Lee	J. Coleman
7. G. Rau	J. Edwards	B. Connolly	P. Keene
8. P. Low	L. Barker	R. Dunn	P. Bennyworth
9. W. Weinstock	K. Findlay	P. Root	M. McGregor
10. B. Wynks	V. Scarr	C. Tipper	N. Garrett
11. K. Fogarty	A. Robottom	R. Garrett	E. Craig
12. C. Eade	G. Plowright	F. Wall	D. Te Pania
13. J. Lelliott	J. Coleman	M. T. Lee	M. Green
14. N. H. Lee	S. Shirriffs	C. Williams	J. Stead
15. T. Curtis	P. Keene	A. Alabaster	E. Spooner
16. R. Lee	P. Bennyworth	B. Penberthy	P. Hoete
17. R. Winkley	M. McGregor	J. Te Pania	B. Halse
18. B. Connolly	N. Garrett	W. Otene	B. Knowles
19. R. Dunn	E. Craig	D. Kalin	K. Thompson
20. J. Kusche	D. Te Pania	R. Galloway	G. Stapleton

MASTERS AND VETERANS SPORT

The Hillary Commission is spending a lot of time and money in promoting Veterans Sport. It appears that 14 Associations replied to a leaflet they sent out asking for details of the numbers and events in 1994/95 and 1995/96. They have just sent me the final figures which show the number of events were up from 201 to 216 and the number of participants from 948 to 1087. This is good news and those of you who are involved with your local Association should try and increase the number of Veterans Events. Some Associations only have Over 40's when there should be added Over 50's, Over 60's and Over 65's or Over 70's.

Yours Sincerely,

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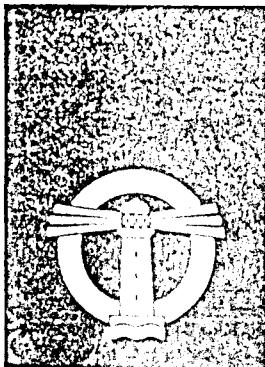
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FOR SEVERAL YEARS MANAWATU HAVE BEEN PLAYING WAITEMATA IN A VETERANS CONTEST AT TAUPO. EDDIE MILLARD IS HOLDING THE SHIELD FOR MANAWATU AFTER A BIG WIN 45-27. DESPITE THEIR LOSS THE WAITEMATA VETERANS AS YOU CAN SEE ARE STILL SMILING.

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SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held in Dunedin on 9th and 10th August, the number of entries was very low and the Tournament was finished late on Saturday with no play on the Sunday. Most people thought the low numbers were due to the National Championships being played too early a month before the South Islands. There were very few entries in the Over 35's and Over 60's and as a result 6 events could not be held. For the third time in the last four years there were no Medals presented.

RESULTS:

<u>OVER 60's</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>
Mens Singles	J.Lelliott	C.Adamson
<u>OVER 50's</u>		
Mens Singles	A.Alabaster	J.Lelliott
Womens Singles	N.Garrett	B.Adamson
Mens Doubles	R.Garrett/J.Lelliott	A.Alabaster/C.Tipper
Mixed Doubles	R.& N.Garrett	A.Alabaster/B.Adamson
<u>OVER 40's</u>		
Mens Singles	K.Fogarty	A.Alabaster
Womens Singles	L.Barker	N.Garrett
Mens Doubles	A.Alabaster/C.Tipper	J.& K.Fogarty
Womens Doubles	N.Garrett/P.Swale	R.Drabich/S.Moore
Mixed Doubles	A.Alabaster/L.Barker	J.& Y.Fogarty
<u>OVER 35's</u>		
Mens Singles	K.Fogarty	S.Cairns
Womens Singles	L.Barker	S.Moore
Mens Doubles	P.De Boer/C.Tipper	R.Garrett/M.Wong

1996 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

This Tournament is not far away commencing on 3rd November in Adelaide. Since the last Newsletter there have been a few changes and the New Zealand Teams are now as follows:

- Over 40 Women - Lynley Barker, Val Beaver, Jill Murray, Averil Roberts
- Over 40 Men - John Fogarty, Kevin Fogarty, Bob Lassen
- Over 50 Women - Ngaire Garrett, Val Scarr, Janice Stead
- Over 50 Men - Chip Eade, John Lelliott, Eddie Millard

Ngaire Garrett has replaced Pat McArthur, John Fogarty has been added to the list and Jill Edwards has gone back to her maiden name and is now Jill Murray.

Best Wishes to all those going and while we don't expect them to win any Teams Events as the Aussies are very strong they could still bring back some Kangaroo Medals from the Individual Events.

1997 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

It's Wanganui's turn to host this popular Tournament and the timetable is as follows:

- Monday 3rd February - Social Players Competition
- Tuesday 4th February - Social 2 Player Teams Event
- Wednesday 5th Feb. - Over 55 2 Player Teams
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- Friday 7th Feb. - Over 35 3 Player Teams
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### 1997 NEW ZEALAND VETERANS

As you are all aware our major Tournament for 1997 will be held in Invercargill from Good Friday 28 March to Easter Monday 31st March. The Venue will be the James Hargest High School, Layard Street. The normal timetable is expected to apply with the Teams Events on Friday and Saturday and the Individual Events on Sunday and Monday with Finals on Monday Afternoon and the Social and Presentations on Monday Evening. Most of you will have already received Newsletter No.1 from Ngaire Garrett with accommodation details. If you need any more information contact Ngaire write to her at Awarua Plains, No.11 RD, Invercargill and she'll be pleased to help you.

FLY BUYS - It is suggested that those of you who want a free flight or accommodation join Fly Buys immediately. Providing you shop with participating Fly Buys Companies you could be flying free sooner than you think when buying Groceries, petrol, liquor, home appliances etc., you can also get points by joining Telecom Talking Points at no cost just ring 0800 842-657. If you can't get an entry form at a local shop, Shell, BNZ or any other participating Company Write to Fly Buys, Freepost 71219, P.O.Box 39-181, Wellington Mail Centre or ring them on 0800 359-2897.

A crafty way of getting enough points before Easter would be to get a second family card give it to your doubles partner and then share the cost of one flight. This new system could get us a lot more entries than expected at Invercargill.

### 1997 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

As you are aware the 1997 Australian Veterans is in Darwin from 23rd to 30th August. I hope to get more information for you on the trip to Adelaide and have full details in the next Newsletter.

### 1997 1st ASIAN VETERANS

I've had a few people interested in this new Tournament which is to be held in Melbourne from 30th November to 6th December, 1997. I've still got a lot of Bulletins left so if anybody else is interested please let me know and I'll send you one.

### 1998 WORLD VETERANS

The 1998 World Veterans will be held in Manchester, England from 22nd to 27th June. I haven't yet received the 1st Bulletin but when I get copies I'll distribute them to those interested, quite a few have indicated that they are considering going. Anybody else interested please let me know and I'll add you to the list.

### TABLE TENNIS NEW ZEALAND

Under their new name Table Tennis New Zealand have recently sent Newsletters to Associations for distribution to Clubs and Players and in future will be sending them direct to Clubs. The next issue is due out in Mid-November, after the next Board Meeting, and I have been asked by the Editor to submit any items I think necessary. If any of you are interested in any particular information being included please let me know. It is understood that there will be 4 Newsletters each year. An advertisement for the position of Executive Director has been in one of our local papers. You will be pleased to know that the first two lines read as follows: "Table Tennis New Zealand aims to provide an environment that promotes and supports active and lifelong participation in Table Tennis at all levels." This can only indicate that Veterans are wanted and will be supported for ever.

NEW ZEALAND RATING LISTS AT 8 OCTOBER, 1996

<u>OVER 40's</u>		<u>OVER 50's</u>	
<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
1. J.Morris	Y.Fogarty	A.Tomlinson	C.Cunningham
2. L.Ward	V.Beaver	R.Lassen	P.McArthur
3. D.Pattinson	P.Shadbolt	W.Weinstock	K.Findlay
4. A.Tomlinson	C.Cunningham	W.Evans	V.Scarr
5. R.Lassen	P.McArthur	C.Eade	A.Robottom
6. G.Rau	J.Murray	J.Lelliott	G.Plwright
7. T.Murphy	L.Barker	N.H.Lee	P.Bennyworth
8. P.Low	L.Wynks	B.Connolly	J.Coleman
9. W.Weinstock	A.Roberts	R.Dunn	E.Craig
10. K.Fogarty	K.Findlay	R.Garrett	P.Keene
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19. R.Winkley	N.Garrett	B.Penberthy	B.Knowles
20. J.Kusche	M.McGregor	W.Otene	B.Halse

MANAWATU VETERANS

Manawatu (Personawatu) have a very active Veterans Club. Apart from their annual match with Waitemata they run a Tournament for Veterans which entices a large number of Social Players who don't normally play in other Tournaments, as they can play, depending on form, from Sections One to Ten.

SINGLES WINNERS: Section One - John Williams; Section Two - Val Scarr; Section Three - Betty Thompson; Section Four - Howard Press; Section Five - Mary Tolley; Section Six - Ron Thornton; Section Seven - Guy Barano; Section Eight - C.de Bore; Section Nine -Allan Sutton; Section Ten - Hellen Bartlett.

DOUBLES WINNERS: Section One - John Williams & Anice Robottom; Section Two - Betty Thompson & Heather Vial; Section Three - Alice Stevenson & Ron Thornton; Section Four - Guy Barano & Stan Robinson; Section Five - Audrey Dicker & M.Brown

A Shootout was held in the lunch break with Eddie Millard beating Jim Jarmin 3-1 in the Final.

Recently a Group of 16 Manawatu Veterans had a 10 day trip to Surfers Paradise. They played some Table Tennis against local Clubs but spent most of the time relaxing after a busy season.

Yours Sincerely,

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**BACK ROW(I-r):**  
EDDIE MILLARD

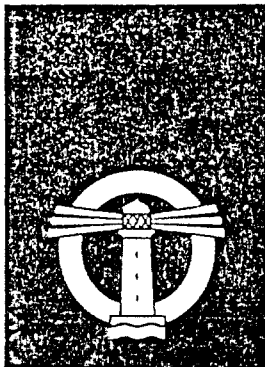
**THIRD ROW(I-r):**  
KEVIN FOGARTY  
JOHN FOGARTY  
CHIP EADE

**ABSENT**  
ROBERT LASSEN  
(CAPTAIN)



**SECOND ROW**  
JOHN LELLIOTT  
(CAPTAIN)  
VAL BEAVER  
(CAPTAIN)  
JILL MURRAY  
NGAIRE GARRETT

**FRONT ROW**  
VAL SCARR  
AVERIL ROBERTS  
LYNLEY BARKER  
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### 1996 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Australian Veterans Championships were held in Adelaide from 3rd to 9th November with New Zealand represented by four teams. The Over 40 Womens Team did well finishing third and as a result were presented with Bronze Medals. Val Beaver played well to win 15 out of 18 matches. The Over 50 Mens Team nearly caused an upset taking the Champions, New South Wales, close only losing 5-6, one more win would have deprived New South Wales of the title, John Lelliott won his 3 singles and Chip Eade won 2.

OVER 40 MEN - Won 3 Lost 6 Finished 7th out of 10 Teams.

Bob Lassen	Won 19	Lost 5	79.17%
Kevin Fogarty	Won 12	Lost 15	44.44%
John Fogarty	Won 0	Lost 27	0.00%

OVER 40 WOMEN - Won 4 Lost 2 Finished 3rd out of 7 Teams.

Val Beaver	Won 15	Lost 3	83.33%
Averil Roberts	Won 7	Lost 5	58.33%
Jill Edwards	Won 8	Lost 7	53.33%
Lynley Barker	Won 4	Lost 5	44.44%

OVER 50 MEN - Won 3 Lost 5 Finished 6th out of 9 Teams.

John Lelliott	Won 13	Lost 11	54.17%
Chip Eade	Won 12	Lost 12	50.00%
Eddie Millard	Won 6	Lost 18	25.00%

OVER 50 WOMEN - Won 3 Lost 5 Finished 5th out of 9 Teams.

Janice Stead	Won 8	Lost 16	33.33%
Val Scarr	Won 8	Lost 16	33.33%
Ngairé Garrett	Won 8	Lost 16	33.33%

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:

Val Beaver kept up her good form winning a Bronze Medal in the Over 40 Womens Singles and a Gold Medal in the Over 40 Mixed Doubles with Paul Pinkewich. Jill Murray played well to win her Round Robin Group with a win over 7th seed Cynthia Langley. John Lelliott won a Silver Medal in the Over 60 Mens Doubles.

### MERIT LISTS:

In the Merit Lists in which you have to play in the Age Group Teams to be considered Val Beaver finished 3rd and Jill Murray 9th in the Over 40 Women and Bob Lassen was 10th in the Over 40 Men.

### SOCIAL SIDE:

There were a few visits to the Casino where they had some cheap meals and a variety of gambling Units. On the Finals Day there was a Social Evening where most of the players attended and got together in a good friendly atmosphere. At the Social Evening John Fogarty refused to have sugar in his Coffee, he claimed he was sweet enough. However, his older brother Kevin took plenty of sugar but wasn't allowed any sauce as everybody agreed that he was saucy enough.

### 1997 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES

The \$20 Registration Fee closed on 1 November and will be \$25 until the Official Closing Date of 10 January which is only 4 weeks away. Late entries will be taken but after 10 January the Registration Fee will be \$50 so don't forget to post your entry off soon if you haven't yet sent it. If you can't get a Form you can ring them on 0800 696278377 or I can send you one.

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#### 1997 NEW ZEALAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just a reminder that our Major Veterans Tournament of the Year is only 3½ months away. The venue will be the James Hargest High School, Layard Street, Invercargill. The dates are Good Friday 28th March to Easter Monday 31st March. Quite a few players from Australia have shown an interest in coming and it looks as if we will have a good Tournament once again. Anybody who is interested in staying at the brand new Homestead Villa Motels should book with Ngaire Garrett before 25th January if possible, her address is Awarua Plains, No.11 RD, Invercargill, Phone (03)218-8245. Ngaire is already distributing the Entry Forms and if anybody doesn't get one and want's to enter either contact Ngaire or me as soon as possible. Merv.Allardyce on behalf of Table Tennis New Zealand has arranged a special discount off Air Fares with Ansett, if you quote MC11281 when you make a booking you can get a 30% discount off the normal economy fare. However, you should try and get a Super Thrifty or Thrifty Fare first, there are also discounts for Over 60's. You should also remind your Associations that they need to enter Teams and they have only got just over 2 months to organise entries. There will be Over 75 Individual Events so please contact any older players and let them know as this might encourage a few more of them to enter.

#### 1997 AUSTRALIAN VETERANS

Since the last Newsletter the dates have changed for the 1997 Australian Veterans and it will now be held in Darwin from Saturday 30 August to Saturday 6 September. Although this is late Winter early Spring the climate will be similar to the height of our Summer but the Stadium has Airconditioning. This will be a great opportunity to get away from the cold and enjoy a holiday in a place that none of us have ever seen. Anybody interested in going to Darwin please let me know and I will send you Newsletter No.1 from the Northern Territory Table Tennis Association.

#### 1997 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

The Australian Masters Games will be held in Canberra from 24 October to 1 November. Table Tennis will only be played over 2 days on 25th and 26th October with Teams on the first day and individual events on the second day, If you play other sports you will have the opportunity to compete for instance Tennis will be from 27th to 31st October. I have some Newsletters and if anybody is interested please let me know.

#### 1997 1st ASIAN VETERANS

The 1st Asian Veterans Championships will be held in Melbourne from Sunday 30th November to Saturday 6th December. It is very similar to the World Veterans format except that they have added Mixed Doubles and each player may only enter one singles, one doubles and one mixed doubles. The events are Over 40,50,60,70 and 80 with the required date for these age groups 31st December, 1997 so if you are 59 and turn sixty by 31st December you are eligible. I still have a number of Bulletins for this Tournament so please contact me if you are interested.

1998 WORLD VETERANS

I have already received Bulletin N.1 from the English Table Tennis Association and all those who have given me their names and are interested in going will get a copy. As you are aware the 1998 World Veterans will be held in Manchester, England from 22nd to 27th June, 1998. Any others interested please let me know and I'll keep you up to date when I receive more Bulletins.

1997 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates have changed and the South Island Championships will now be held in Nelson over Queens Birthday Week-End May 31 to June 2.

1997 North Island Championships

North Harbour will host the Seniors and Juniors and Waitemata the Veterans. They will be running Teams Events on Thursday 10 July with Individual Events from Friday 11 to Monday 14 July. When I get details of the programme I will put them in a Newsletter as they are using an extra day to the normal timetable. In a paper made available at the Australian Veterans it stated that the Veterans Events would include Over 65's and Over 70's Age Groups, I have checked to see if this has been approved by TTNZ but have not yet received any confirmation, normally at the North Islands the Veterans are Over 40's, 50's and 60's and a few Veterans have asked me to get this matter clarified.

NEW ZEALAND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following most Senior Players feeling that July was too early for the National Championships the dates have been put back to August 3rd to 9th with them being held in Timaru. Some of you may have to manage Junior Teams to the Nationals and these are also to be held at Timaru from 28th September to 4th October.

MEMBERSHIP

Numbers are still going up but there are still 31 who haven't paid so anybody who is going to the Masters Games or the Veterans at Easter who hasn't paid I'll collect your subs then, those who are not going you can give your subs for 1996 and 1997 to somebody from your area who is going.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and successful 1997.

Yours Sincerely,

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