



NEW ZEALAND TABLE TENNIS

VETERANS CLUB

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Sadly we say goodbye to John. For those who didn't know he passed away on Sunday 27th May 2001.

Remembering the Life

of



John Lelliott

1928 - 2001

OBITUARY

John joined the Empire Table Tennis Club in 1974 and didn't waste time getting involved. Two years later he was on the New Zealand Table Tennis Executive and spent 11 years there. He managed the New Zealand teams at the 1985 World and Commonwealth championships and organised three national championships.

At Veterans level in 1989 he set up this National Veterans Newsletter Club and organised annual trips across the Tasman to take part in Australian Veteran championships and Masters Games. He played A Grade for Empire for 25 years but would proudly boast he had played A Grade for double that. His single-mindedness in his play meant he would never give away a point even at club level. His medal tally at competitions here and in Australia was in the hundreds of gold, silver and bronze.

For Hutt Valley Table Tennis his contribution was immense. He held the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairman and Secretary. He was also a Life Member of the Association. He also played very successfully as a Veteran and won a large number of New Zealand titles and three Australian titles. However, perhaps his most memorable achievement was reaching the quarter final of the 1998 World Veteran Over 70 Mens Singles, when he was narrowly beaten by the eventual winner.

John set up the HVTTA development trust, assisting local players representing New Zealand with funding for overseas trips. He spent many hours promoting table tennis amongst school aged players and organising competitions for them. A Hutt News reporter said John would be one of the hardest working sports administrators he has encountered.

An arthritis sufferer for many years following a cartilage injury he was a firm advocate of 'move it or lose it' but two years ago ill-health finally forced him from full involvement in the game which had been his total focus for so long.

John died on 27 May. He is survived by his children Janice (Guatemala), Michael (Christchurch) and Gillian (Cairns), his former wife Kathleen and 5 grandchildren.

2001 AUSTRALIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – PERTH 20-27 OCTOBER

Intent to enter this tournament is required by 15 July so I really need to know now if anyone is interested. The regular visitors – Val Beaver, Lynley Barker, Janice Stead and myself are definitely going and our accomodation is booked. It is a most enjoyable tournament with plenty of table tennis and socialising. PLEASE, if anyone is interested in going, contact me a.s.a.p.

2001 NEW ZEALAND VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our big Tournament of the year was held in the Canterbury Stadium 13-16 April. The Tournament proper was preceded by the first Official Veterans Test Match between Australia and New Zealand which was comprehensively won by Australia who fielded a very strong team. The highlight for New Zealand was the play of our former International Malcolm Darroch who beat the top Over 40 Australian man Wayne Heginbotham in a fantastic match, and also beat David Beaumont.

New Zealand was represented by: Men – Malcolm Darroch, Peter De Boer, Stephen Craw, Robert Dunn, Alan Alabaster and Chip Eade. Women – Lesley Gardner, Christine Cunningham, Valerie Beaver, Anne McLean, Annice Robottom and Valda Smith.

Australia was represented by: Men – Wayne Heginbotham, David Beaumont, Mick Wright, Michael Ede, Case De Bondt and Tony Herbert. Women – Kay Crowell, Alice Abbas, Lorraine Baker, Betty Bird, Carol Hughes and Beryl Davies.

Thanks to Ric Hyden for all his work in making the match such a success. The Tournament itself was very well run and all credit must go to the Canterbury Association headed by Trevor Flint and Nanette White.

RESULTS WERE:

TEAMS:

<u>OVER 40 MENS A</u>	Canterbury 1	M Darroch, P De Boer
Runner-up	New South Wales	W Heginbotham, D Beaumont
<u>OVER 40 MENS B</u>	Canterbury 5	M Hay, M Warren, C Tipper
Runner-up	Canterbury 4	T Young, T Gardner
<u>OVER 40 WOMEN</u>	South Australia	A Abbas, L Baker, K Crowell
Runner-up	North Harbour	V Beaver, J Murray
<u>OVER 50 MENS A</u>	New South Wales	K Cole, K Sands
Runner-up	Victoria	M Wright, M Ede, H Frohlich
<u>OVER 50 MENS B</u>	Canterbury 2	D Kalin, L Freeman
Runner-up	Manawatu	P Bargh, J Jarmin
<u>OVER 50 WOMEN A</u>	North Harbour 2	V Beaver, J Murray
Runner-up	Canterbury 1	L Barker, R McKechnie
<u>OVER 50 WOMEN B</u>	Southland	P Swale, B Adamson
Runner-up	Composite 2	M Connolly, J Jones
<u>OVER 60 MENS A</u>	Composite 1	C Eade, A Herbert
Runner-up	Victoria	C de Bondt, G Nesbitt
<u>OVER 60 MENS B</u>	Canterbury 2	B Halpin, K Armstrong
Runner-up	Composite 2	A Biddington, R Lake
<u>OVER 60 WOMEN</u>	South Australia	B Bird, J Stephens
Runner-up	New South Wales	B Davies, C Hughes
<u>OVER 65 MEN</u>	Victoria	C de Bondt, G Nesbitt
Runner-up	Composite 1	A Herbert, D Sherman
<u>OVER 65 WOMEN</u>	Manawatu	P McAllister, A Robottom
<u>OVER 70 MEN</u>	Canterbury 1	H Taylor, G Hart
Runner-up	Composite 2	M Allardyce, H McIlwraith
<u>OVER 70 WOMEN</u>	Composie	E Spooner, J Woodward

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

O40 Mens Singles
 O40 Womens Singles
 O40 Mens Doubles
 O40 Womens Doubles
 O40 Mixed Doubles
 O50 Mens Singles
 O50 Womens Singles
 O50 Mens Doubles
 O50 Womens Doubles
 O50 Mixed Doubles
 O60 Mens Singles
 O60 Womens Singles
 O60 Mens Doubles
 O60 Womens Doubles
 O60 Mixed Doubles
 O65 Mens Singles
 O65 Womens Singles
 O65 Mens Doubles
 O65 Womens Doubles
 O65 Mixed Doubles

GOLD

W Heginbotham
 K Crowell
 W Heginbotham/D Beaumont
 A Abbas/L Baker
 W Heginbotham/A Abbas
 D Beaumont
 L Baker
 M Ede/M Wright
 L Baker/B Bird
 H Frohlich/B Bird
 C de Bondt
 B Bird
 A Herbert/E Herman
 B Bird/J Stephens
 K Sands/B Davies
 A Herbert
 M McGregor
 A Herbert/E Moore
 E Spooner/J Woodward
 E Moore/J Prisk

SILVER

M Wright
 A Abbas
 K Cole/H Frohlich
 K Crowell/V Scarr
 J Fogarty/K Crowell
 M Wright
 B Bird
 D Beaumont/K Cole
 R McKechnie/J Murray
 M Ede/A Roberts
 A Alabaster
 C Hughes
 A Alabaster/C Tipper
 M McGregor/K Thompson
 G Nesbitt/A Robottom
 C de Bondt
 J Woodward
 C de Bondt/G Nesbitt
 P McAllister/A Robottom
 A Herbert/J Woodward

O70 Mens Singles	M Allardyce	P Bargh
O70 Womens Singles	J Woodward	E Spooner
O70 Mens Doubles	M Allardyce/P Bargh	R Hart/H Taylor
O70 Womens Doubles	E Spooner/J Woodward	J Ingpen/P McAllister
O70 Mixed Doubles	D Galvin/J Woodward	J Craig/E Spooner
O75 Mens Singles	H Taylor	B Joker
O75 Womens Singles	N Brant	A Stevenson
O75 Mixed Doubles	H Taylor/A Stevenson	B Joker/N Brant

WORLD SENIOR GAMES – ST GEORGE, UTAH USA – 8-20 OCTOBER 2001

Should anyone be interested in attending this Tournament I have some info. I don't know when the closing date for entries is, but the web site for the event is www.seniorgames.net and their email address is hwsg@infowest.com

2001 NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – 28 SEPTEMBER/6 OCTOBER

Auckland is hosting this tournament at their Gillies Ave Stadium. Team events are from 28 September/1 October, Over 55 events 2 October, over 45 on 3rd October and over 35 on 4th October. Entries close on Thursday 23 August.

VETERAN RATINGS AS AT 30 JUNE 2001

<u>OVER 40 MEN</u>	<u>OVER 40 WOMEN</u>	<u>OVER 50 MEN</u>	<u>OVER 50 WOMEN</u>
1. M Darroch	V Beaver	R Lassen	V Beaver
2. M Burrowes	Y Fogarty	D Pattinson	Y Fogarty
3. R Lassen	L Gardner	A Alabaster	A Roberts
4. P de Boer	A Roberts	C Eade	C Cunningham
5. D Pattinson	C Cunningham	N H Lee	A McLean
6. W Stewart	U Kusche	P Low	J Murray
7. A Alabaster	A McLean	A Tomlinson	R McKechnie
8. C Eade	J Murray	B Kendall	L Barker
9. N H Lee	R McKechnie	C Tipper	N Garrett
10 P Low	L Barker	S Craw	V Scarr

OVER 60 MEN

1. A Alabaster
2. C Eade
3. N H Lee
4. A Tomlinson
5. B Kendall
6. C Tipper
7. B Penberthy
8. E Millard
9. D Glass
- 10 B Hurr

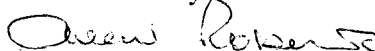
OVER 60 WOMEN

1. M McGregor
2. P McArthur
3. J Coleman
4. G Halford
5. A Robottom
6. V Smith
7. E Spooner
8. K Thompson
9. P Keene
- 10 B Dye

My trip to Osaka, Japan to umpire at the World Champs was a real experience for me. Two weeks with the top Officials, Umpires and Players from around the world. Umpiring some of the top players was a real thrill. It was unfortunate that I was the only NZ umpire there which meant I was usually partnered with a Japanese and communication was often difficult, nevertheless I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. I am sure I learned a lot from watching the more experienced umpires.

Well that's it from me

Yours sincerely



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NEWSLETTER NO. 53

23 SEPTEMBER 2001

Hello again members. Another season nearly completed.

Below is the New Zealand Veteran team which played in the Test Match v Australia in Christchurch at Easter, with Ken Cole the Australian Captain and Manager just having to get in on the act!!



Back row from left:- Alan Alabaster, Averil Roberts (Manager), Roberts Dunn, Michael Warren, Peter De Boer, Christine Cunningham, Valerie Beaver, Valda Smith

Front row from left:- Steve Crow, Chip Eade, Malcolm Darroch, Anne McLean, Lesley Gardner, Annice Robottom

If anyone changes address could they please inform me as recently I have received a few undeliverable newsletters back. As well as the members not receiving their copy, it adds to the expense when I resend them.

Yours sincerely

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TO THE NZ LOTTERY
GRANTS BOARD FOR
ITS SUPPORT



Another busy season is nearly over with only the National Championships in Auckland to go. Hopefully I will catch up with a lot of you there. Not a lot coming up for us in the near future but the popular New Zealand Masters Games will next year be held in Dunedin from 2-10 February.

Despite my repeated requests, no-one has sent me any material for this newsletter. Surely SOMEONE must have an article or a story. I have produced this newsletter for almost 2 years now but with all the other commitments I have, am finding it a struggle to fit it into my busy schedule. If anyone is interested in taking on the job, please contact me. Don't be shy! By comments expressed by members it is a popular publication.

2001 AUSTRALIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – PERTH

New Zealand will have a very small representation at this tournament. Just the 4 regular women participants will be travelling (so long as Air New Zealand is!). After a number of hiccups I think all our travel plans are in place with three of us having had to be transferred to Qantas for our travel within Australia. Barring any further major upheavals we should be OK.

2002 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES – DUNEDIN – 2-10 FEBRUARY

ACC is again the major sponsor of the 2002 Games which will be known as the ACC SportSmart New Zealand Masters Games. Obviously they found the sponsorship of the Wanganui Games this year worthwhile. Dates for the table tennis competitions are:- 2 – 5 February with 2nd being the Social competition, 3rd - Individual over 35 and over 55 events, 4th – Individual over 45 and over 65 events and 5th – team events in all age groups, each team comprising 2 people. Players are restricted to one age group for the teams. The table tennis venue will be Edgar Sports Centre. For the individual events participants may enter 1 singles, 1 double and 1 mixed double per day and the draws will NOT be seeded. Contacts should you need any further information or entry forms are:-

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2002 NEW ZEALAND VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

These championships will be held at Easter but I have not received any information about this tournament yet, other than it will be hosted by the Auckland Association at their Stadium in Gillies Avenue. I will give you more details in the next newsletter.

2001 NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

This Tournament was very well hosted by Manawatu Association. Once again Shona, Andrew and their band of merry helpers did a great job keeping things up to time. Well done also to Robyn and her canteen staff. Results of the Veteran events were:-

OVER 35

Mens Singles
Womens Singles
Mens Doubles
Womens Doubles
Mixed Doubles

GOLD

M Darroch
H Low
B Wynks/R Winkley
H Low/L Gardner
B Wynks/A Roberts

SILVER

R Winkley
S Westenra
M Darroch/D Samson
A Roberts/S Westenra
D Samson/L Gardner

OVER 40

Mens Singles
Womens Singles
Mens Doubles
Womens Doubles
Mixed Doubles

W Weinstock
V Beaver
P Low/B Wynks
V Beaver/A Roberts
B Wynks/A Roberts

P Low
L Gardner
C & I Talbot
C Cunningham/L Gardner
P Low/J Murray

OVER 50

Mens Singles
Womens Singles
Mens Doubles
Womens Doubles
Mixed Doubles

GOLD

P Low
V Beaver
D Scott/W Weinstock
V Beaver/J Murray
W Weinstock/S Shirriffs

SILVER

R Lassen
C Cunningham
R Lassen/B Penberthy
S Shirriffs/L Wynks
P Low/J Murray

OVER 60

Mens Singles
Womens Singles
Mens Doubles
Womens Doubles
Mixed Doubles

C Eade
G Halford
J Jarmin/E Millard
G Halford/A Robottom
B Penberthy/A Robottom

A Roberts (Albie)
N Milich
P Bargh/A Roberts
B Meads/N Milich
J Jarmin/G Halford

2002 AUSTRALIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – WORLD MASTERS GAMES

2002 is going to be a huge year for Victorian Table Tennis as it is their turn to host the Australian Veteran Champs which is going to be immediately followed by the World Masters Games which includes Table Tennis. As far as I am aware, both will be played at MSAC in Melbourne which is their main Stadium and situated in the Albert Park area. Once again I have no further information but will be receiving a 'pack' at this years Championships in Perth. Will advise details in the next newsletter.

11TH WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2002

I know a number of our members are hoping to attend these championships. The huge and very popular tournament will next year be held in Lucerne, Switzerland from 24-29 June 2002. I have been sent some information packs with Registration forms. Last day for Registration is May 15 2002. The packs contain information about accommodation, transport and tours. If anyone is interested contact me and I will see that you receive one.

VETERAN RATINGS AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER 2001

OVER 40 MEN

1. M Darroch
2. M Burrowes
3. P de Boer
4. D Pattinson
5. R Lassen
6. W Weinstock
7. P Low
8. A Alabaster
9. G Rau
10. W Stewart

OVER 40 WOMEN

V Beaver
Y Fogarty
U Kusche
H Codlin
A Roberts
J Murray
L Gardner
L Barker
C Cunningham
R McKecknie

OVER 50 MEN

D Pattinson
R Lassen
W Weinstock
P Low
A Alabaster
C Eade
N H Lee
B Kendall
S Craw
B McConnochie

OVER 50 WOMEN

V Beaver
Y Fogarty
A Roberts
J Murray
L Barker
C Cunningham
R McKecknie
A McLean
S Shirriffs
L Wynks

OVER 60 MEN

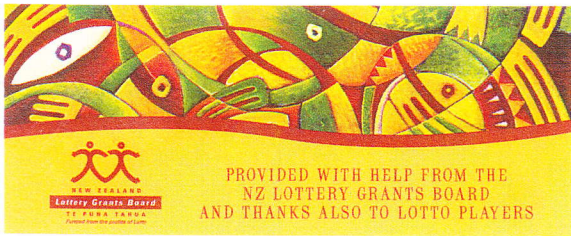
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2. C Eade
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4. B Kendall
5. A Roberts
6. C Tipper
7. B Hurr
8. B Penberthy
9. E Millard
10. A Allardyce

OVER 60 WOMEN

M McGregor
P McArthur
G Halford
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A Robottom
E Spooner
K Thompson
P Keene
N Milich
I Kent

A little story:

There was a 60 year old woman who had never had any children and she really wanted to be a mum so she had a wee boy by artificial insemination. When she got home all her friends came around to see him. She gave them all tea and coffee and then they asked to see the baby. In a minute she said and gave them another tea and coffee. They finished that and asked again to see the baby. In a minute she said. The friends said they had to go and asked why they could not see the baby now. Well she said, you are going to have to wait until he cries because I cannot remember where I put him.



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NEWSLETTER NO. 54

10 DECEMBER 2001

Hello members. With another year almost gone and a very fast one I may add, I am still looking for someone who is prepared to take over this newsletter. With my commitments to the National Selection Panel and Umpires Committee, I am having less and less spare time. It has been suggested to me that I incorporate this into the Table Tennis Info Magazine which is produced from the National Office. This is an option I guess but I know some members like the exclusively Veteran publication. Some feedback would be nice!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a very merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Hopefully I will catch up with a lot of you in Auckland at Easter.

Below are the New Zealand players who participated in the 2001 Australian Veteran Championships in Perth, Western Australia from 20-27 October.



We only had an O50 Womens team there this year. We finished 3rd behind two teams from South Australia. The South Australian women are very strong and featured in most age group individual finals as well as the teams. A Report from Janice Stead the team Manager is inside.

Yours sincerely

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2002 WORLD MASTERS GAMES

From 5-13 October 2002, Melbourne will host the World Masters Games, the largest participation multi-sport festival on earth and Melbourne is shaping up to be the biggest one ever. You qualify as a world master if you are aged 30 and over (35 for table tennis), love your sport whatever level you play, would like to compete with 20,000 people from the four corners of the globe and are willing to have fun and give it a go. You can enter as an individual, a team or part of a club and you don't have to have been to a Masters Games before. You will be competing against people the same age and general level of ability for gold, silver and bronze medals, but the real reward is just being part of it. 70% of the Games activities are within 4kms of the city center. You are guaranteed a minimum number of games when competing. The Opening Ceremony will be staged at the MCG where you will march with thousands of participants from around the world. Those who attended the Games in Brisbane in 1994 will remember it as being a wonderful event.

Melbourne in spring is a beautiful city and the Games special events and social program will give you ample opportunity to experience this. The motto will be play hard, party hard. Melbourne has vibrant night life, great shopping, lush parklands, fine restaurants, galleries and museums, street cafes, historic architecture and clean byside beaches. Just a few hours from Melbourne you will find spectacular coastline, rugged mountains, unique wildlife, untouched wilderness and wineries.

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This Tournament will be hosted by Auckland at their Stadium in Gillies Ave from 29 March – 1 April. At present negotiations are taking place as to whether or not a Test Match against Australia will be held on Thursday night 28 March. At the recent Australian Veteran Champs, their Veteran committee voted for the Test to only be staged on the odd numbered years when the World Veterans are not played. The reason being the top Australians would rather attend the World Tournament and would not be available for the Test Match. I will be negotiating with Ken Cole on this issue.

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A Roberts/S Westenra
K Barry/H Low

SILVER

Geoffrey Rau
Hillary Low
K Barry/G Rau
H Low/L Simpson
B McConnochie/S Westenra

OVER 45

Mens Singles
Womens Singles
Mens Doubles
Womens Doubles
Mixed Doubles

Lindsay Ward
Valerie Beaver
P Low/G Rau
C Cunningham/L Gardner
G Rau/V Beaver

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G Rau/V Beaver

Patrick Low
Lesley Gardner
B McConnochie/L Ward
V Beaver/A Roberts
S Craw/P Bennyworth

OVER 55

Mens Singles
Womens Singles
Mens Doubles
Womens Doubles
Mixed Doubles

GOLD

William Weinstock
Christine Cunningham
M T Lee/ N H Lee
C Cunningham/P McArthur
W Weinstock/P Bennyworth

SILVER

John Te Pania
Margaret McGregor
C Eade/W Weinstock
N Milich/D Te Pania
C Eade/M McGregor

2001 AUSTRALIAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following is a Report on this tournament from Janice Stead, our team Manager:-

My Report on the 18th Australian Veterans Table Tennis Tournament which was this year conducted by the Western Australian Association from 20-27 October at Kingsway International Sports Stadium, Madeley, which is about 10kms north of Perth city.

It was disappointing that only one team went from New Zealand but I am pleased to say they acquitted themselves very well and were once again well looked after by the Australians.

Team event

In the over 50 Women New Zealand was seeded 2nd, and was represented by Val Beaver, Lynley Barker and Averil Roberts with Janice Stead playing in a couple of doubles. We finished 3rd to South Australia A and South Australia B winning 4 of the 6 matches. It was a pity that we had to play Victoria in the 1pm match which we won 6/5 and then go straight into the 5pm match against South Australia B which we lost 4/7. Normally there is a complete session between games and the team looked a little flat after their hard match against Victoria. Val won 14 of the 18 matches played, Averil 12 from 18 and Lynley 10 from 18.

Individual events

Over 40

Val and Averil made the quarter finals in the womens doubles

Over 50

Val made the quarter finals of the womens singles

Lynley made the last 16 in the womens singles

Val and Averil made the semi-finals in the womens doubles

Val and Paul Pinkewich made the quarter finals of the mixed doubles

As the results indicate, the NZ players all performed well and it was pleasing to see that all 3 over 50 women made the Order of Merit announced at the completion of the tournament. Val 5th, Averil 9th and Lynley 10th.

2002 AUSTRALIAN VETERAN CHMPIONSHIPS

It has been decided to change the dates of this tournament to have it following after the World Masters Games instead of preceeding them. Obviously that will suit any New Zealanders who wish to compete in our National Championships in Invercargill, then the Masters Games or Australian Veterans or both. The dates are 13-20 October

11TH WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2002

I have not received any more information about this tournament since the last newsletter, but do still have some packs here should anyone be interested.

2002 SOUTH PACIFIC MASTERS GAMES

This event is to held in Hamilton from 26 January – 3 February. This is the 2nd South Pacific Games and around 5000 participants from 50 sports will be competing. The table tennis competitions will be held from 26/28 January at the table tennis stadium in Edgecumbe Street. Age groups O35, O45 and O55. There are social and mixed teams events plus individual events. Contact is Pauline Bennyworth phone (07) 823 6760. I am enclosing an information pamphlet with most of these newsletters. I am sure that it will be a most enjoyable event similar to the ever popular Wanganui and Dunedin Games.

FINAL VETERANS RATINGS LISTS FOR THE YEAR 2001

OVER 40 MEN

1. Malcolm Darroch
2. Maurice Burrowes
3. Lindsay Ward
- 4= Geoff Rau
- 4= Kevin Barry
6. Peter de Boer
7. Pat Low
8. William Weinstock
9. James Morris
10. Bob Lassen

OVER 40 WOMEN

- Valerie Beaver
- Lesley Gardner
- Ulricke Kusche
- Averil Roberts
5. Christine Cunningham
- Jill Murray
- Lynley Barker
- Raina McKechnie
- Helen Codlin
- Sue Shirriffs

OVER 50 MEN

- Pat Low
- William Weinstock
- Bob Lassen
- Alan Alabaster
- Chip Eade
- Barrie Kendall
- Nam Hang Lee
- John Te Pania
- Albert Roberts
- = Dennis Kalin
- = Chris Williams

OVER 50 WOMEN

- Valerie Beaver
- Averil Roberts
- Christine Cunningham
- Jill Murray
- Lynley Barker
- Raina McKechnie
- Sue Shirriffs
- Pauline Bennyworth
- Ngairie Garrett
- Margaret McGregor

OVER 60 MEN

1. Alan Alabaster
2. Chip Eade
3. Barrie Kendall
4. Nam Hang Lee
5. Albert Roberts
6. Colin Tipper
7. Bob Hurr
8. Man Tin Lee
9. Bruce Penberthy
10. Merv Allardyce

OVER 60 WOMEN

- Margaret McGregor
- Pat McArthur
- Annic Robottom
- Gladys Halford
- = Elsie Spooner
- = Kath Thompson

**OUR SINCERE THANKS TO
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FOR ALL THOSE BORN PRIOR TO 1950

We are survivors: Consider the changes we have witnessed: We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, laser beams and ballpoint pens; before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes driers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothing and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first, and then lived together. How quaint can you be? We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before daycare centres, group therapy, and nursing homes. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing earrings. For us time sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums; a "chip" meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1950 "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term "making out" referred to how you did in an exam or interview. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mown, coke was a cold drink and pot was a thing you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but surely before the "sex change". We made do with what we had, and were the last generation that was so dumb as to think that you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder that we are so confused and that there is such a generation gap. BUT we survived! What better reason to celebrate. CHEERS!



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