



HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB INC.

2003 YEAR BOOK

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2002-2003 HMWC Executive



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TICKING OVER NICELY!



Welcome to the 2003 Hamilton Workingmen's Club year book.

Once again we are pleased to report a successful 12 months. Some areas of the club have been upgraded with the new entertainment stage, increased facilities for darts and enlarged car park being notable advancements. Also in the pipeline as we go to press are plans for a kitchen upgrade.

The various sub-sections have conducted their full range of activities with aplomb with many members heavily involved in one or more of their leisure time pursuits. However, all sub-sections will welcome more support. If you are interested check the various advertisements on Pages 22 and 23.

Two sub-sections, cards and snooker, have made a real resurgence. Both these foundation sports of the chartered clubs' movement have been somewhat overshadowed in recent years, but now with energetic committees guiding the way they are attracting more interest.

The seniors are always active with their regular trips and weekly indoor bowls. One of their 2003 highlights has been the triple celebration of the 90th birthdays of three of their members. The companionship and good fun the seniors provide should encourage more into their ranks. As they so rightly say. 'Don't sit back and wait to be asked, get yourself involved!'

The indoor and outdoor bowlers continue to bring sporting successes our way with many triumphs in and outside of the club's environment. The new businesshouse outdoor bowls experiment has paid dividends and will be continued. The golfers also spread their wings with visits to many outside courses, including the South Island, while our energetic cricketers enjoyed their weekly ventures into the local competition and their inter-club fixtures. Our darts players maintain their high competition rankings while their well-organised tournaments always prove popular with members and visitors alike. Reports from the fishing and gun club sections indicate their exercises are going well, but like all the others they will welcome expressions of interest re their activities from members.

DONT FORGET OUR CLUB AGM- SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

We sincerely thank all our subsection sponsors for their backing and we urge members to support our Yearbook advertisers.

The daily demands of club life continues to place our facilities under constant pressure. From time to time hiccups occur, but overall we do well. However, communication remains the key. If you have a concern please advise the duty manager so the appropriate action, if required, can be taken.

The wide variety of artists and general response to our entertainment calendar shows we are 'in tune' with members' requests. When we do strike a rare 'bum' note it gets recorded and immediately removed from our invitation list. Remember to check the club noticeboards re the upcoming entertainment and to ask for a calendar at the front office. Bar, dining room and bus hours are also published in the calendar.

Ads in 'This Week' community newspaper and on our in-house TV will also keep you up-to-date. Our radio programme on AM 1206 from 7.15 on Saturday mornings contains club information as well as giving you the latest sport and racing tips.

'Live' TV coverage of the Super 12 and NPC rugby and NRL matches has ensured the sporting fraternity are well catered for within the club. Racing followers appreciate

the improvements in their special area and add their congratulations to the TAB 'team' for their deserved national award for service and presentation.

By the way, don't forget the club's website. Tell your neighbours and your relations and friends from outside of Hamilton they can find out all about us at - www.hwmc.co.nz

In the meantime, enjoy what your club has to offer. We are ticking over well.

Good reading!

Winston Hooper
- HWMC Year Book Editor.

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DB drinkers in the club can look forward to some exciting upcoming promotions.

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"Yes, we have some promotions planned for later in the year, especially around the time of the Rugby World Cup."

Dennis has been very impressed by what he has seen of our club. "It is certainly one of our better outlets. We get a lot of support from your club members."

"The professionalism exhibited by management and staff and its objectives of putting the interests of its members first puts the club high on the ranking list. The focus on members is certainly evident. The repartee between members and staff is excellent and obviously enjoyed by both parties. Your facilities are excellent and really do cater for the needs of those who use the club."

"The staff training scheme and other behind the scenes operations give the club a solid foundation from which to operate and it has paid dividends,"

Dennis said.

So the message is clear for the ever growing band of DB drinkers - keep an eye on the promotions board and sharpen up on your Rugby World Cup knowledge so others in your school will really mean it when they say 'he deserves his DB!'

MYSTERY TRIPS POPULAR

Mystery bus trips organised by Colin Sarjeant, Lion Breweries and the seniors' section of the club have proved very popular.

Colin's efforts drew loud praise from all those who ventured with him here, there and everywhere. Along with popular bus driver, Gordon Walker, Colin was able to produce plenty of good harmony and entertainment coupled with ample food and beverage. It was obvious when his 'happy campers' returned after their day's outing everyone had enjoyed themselves. Colin's trips are usually on Mother's Day and in the first week of December (see pictures of trip to Waihi Beach - Page 31).

Lion Breweries and the club ran a weekly competition for places on their mystery bus trip. They chose the day of the Waikato - Northland NPC and the winners and guests gathered at the club before they chugged their way to the Pirongia Hotel and then to the Clubhouse Bar at the Cambridge Raceway. A short stay at Lion's Hamilton headquarters topped off the tour and then Waikato's huge win became the icing on the cake.

The seniors have some marvellous tours and have more in the pipeline. All these ventures are very reasonably priced and you are really missing out if you don't take advantage of what is on offer.

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ON THE BUSES...

Funny things happen 'On the Buses' - remember the TV show starring Reg Varney? Well, our bus drivers, who by the way do a sterling job, do have some amusing, and some not so amusing, tales to tell about their passengers. Because of libel laws etc etc we cannot go into too much detail in print, but suffice to say it's amazing how a stay in the comfortable atmosphere in the club can sometimes completely change a person! Members are reminded that the bus drivers are providing an outstanding service and deserve cordial treatment at all times. Look after them and they'll look after you!

Members should be very grateful for the outstanding 'hospital visit' service provided by Tony and May Marchioni, Fred and Hannah Subritzky, Wally and Joyce Blair. These volunteers work on a roster basis throughout the year and visit members the club has been officially advised are in hospital. "We had approx 67 patients during the last year. They seem to be appreciate our visits and also the fruit baskets or flowers sent to them by the club," Tony said. "Because of the Privacy Act, we have to wait for an official clearance from the family before we make a visit. When advising our front office about members in hospital we ask their families and / or friends to please leave their contact numbers so we can get that official okay." Tony said some follow up visits were also made to confirm to the members concerned their welfare was important to the club.



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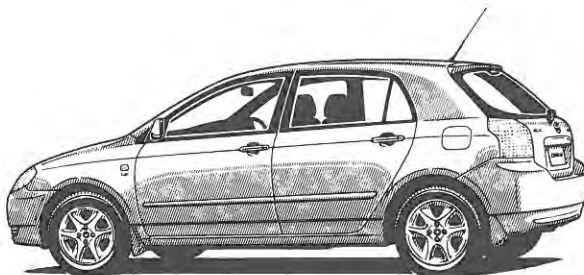
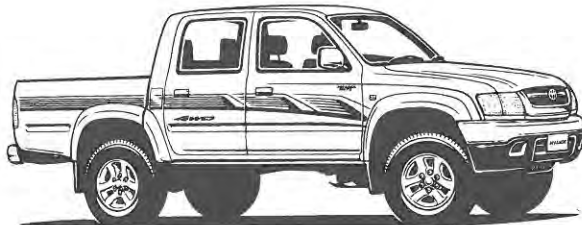
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BOWLING RESULTS

Bowls - Officers elected at the 2002 AGM of the Frankton Junction were -

Patron: Charlie Graydon.

President: Perry Meinung.

Past president: Syd Millar.

Senior vice president: Jack Sowerby.

Junior vice president: Brian Johns.

Secretary: Pam Fleming.

Treasurer: Gary Meyrick.

Committee: Stan Alker, Graham Body, Diane Clemett, Rose Harris, Edna Herbert, Jan Peters.

Match committee - Max Llewelyn (chairperson), Wally Gudsell, Sylvia Hall, Alistair McLachlan, Jan Peters. Club selectors: Sylvia Hall, Denny Barlow, Dennis Crean, Dave Hall. Centre delegates: Perry Meinung, Max Llewelyn, Jan Peters. Club coaches: Jan Peters (co-ordinator), Dave and Sylvia Hall.

Results of the closing day tournament of 2002 were - Dennis Crean, Jimmy Reid, Colleen Congdon, Mona Kearvell, 1; Mick Hewitt, Murray Long, Brian Osmond, Ola Sullivan, 2; Neil Congdon, Frank Greenslade, Sylvia Hall, Keith Wallace, 3; Dorothy Columbus. Stan Alker, Ginette Pore, Diane Clemett, 4.

Opening day of the 2002-03 season on Saturday, September 14, attracted 88 players. Invited guests were Brian McNae, representing the Waikato Umpires, and Brian Simpson, Hamilton Workingmen's president. The jack was delivered by Noel Crombie and the first bowl by Ned Vujevich, two of the club's longest playing members. Winners of the Noel Pennell Plate were Stafford Smith, Barry Humphries, Darcy Worthington and Colin Lusby. Congratulations went to Neil Congdon who has been appointed to the board of the New Zealand Umpires' Association.

The M J Alker Stag Trophy played on September 15 was won by Tony McNeil, Jim Reid and Dawn Reid. The OTB on September 22 went to Jan Peters, Marlene Osmond and Dawn Reid.

Sylvia and Dave Hall took out the club pairs on September 28 while the open optional triples the next weekend was clinched by Robin Sowerby, Jack Sowerby and Glenda Norris-Palmer. October winners included - 2 x 4 x 2 pairs: Thelma and Tony McNeil, 1; Jack Sowerby, Alistair McLachlan, 2. Men's junior singles: John Mills, 1; Brian Osmond, 2. Women's championship singles: Glenda Norris-Palmer, 1; Sylvia Hall, 2. Women's pairs: Eunice Hunt, Mona Kearvell, 1; Jan Peters, Rose Harris, 2.

November winners included - OTB triples: Neville Herbert, Ken Steggalls, Elizabeth Watson, 1; Jim Reid, Jack Sowerby, Dawn Rose, 2.

Tyre Pro open optional triples: Hopa Bell's team (Frankton Railway), 1; Fred Clayton's team, 2; A McLachlan's team and Perry Meinung's team, equal 3.

December winners - Optional fours: Peter Stephen's team, 1; Fay Fletcher's team, 2; Staff Smith's team and Dave Baird's team, equal 3.

Frankton Junction won the B division of the Hamilton Combined Clubs pennant optional fours midweek competition.

Players involved in the junior inter-club twilight pairs included - Alley Terry, Ginette Pore, Elizabeth Watson, Joyce Blair, Glenda Norris-Palmer, Dawn Reid, John Mills, John Reid, Chrissy

Colgan, Joe Reweti, Ken Steggalls, Wally Blair.

President's and Patrons Day in February drew 43 players with prizes sponsored Glenview New World. The President's Cup was won by Brian Osmond (skip), Jim Reid, Arthur Rogerson. Second was Frank Greene (skip), Maureen Corsland, Colleen Congdon, Marlene Conn with Neil Congdon (skip), Doug Hapi and Brian Johns third and George Mather (skip), George Grindlay and Barry Humphries fourth.

The men's triples saw Perry Meinung (skip), Gary Cooper and Tony McNeil pip Max Llewelyn (skip), Jimmy Brady and Eddie Knox. Sylvia Hall collected the Grandma singles title from Shirley Dempsey while the women's handicap pairs went to Rose Harris (skip) and Jan George from Jocelyn Wallace (skip) and Chrissy Colgan. The women's drawn pairs went to Marlene Conn and Lynn Hewitt.

The mixed fours championship winners were Neville Herbert (skip), Colin McKenzie, Joyce Ward and Floss Morrell with the runner-up being Tony McNeil (skip), John Reid, Thelma McNeil and Dawn Reid.

The junior pairs in early March saw Glenda Norris-Palmer and Dawn Reid take out the women's title from Chrissy Colgan and Jan George and John Mills and John Reid head off Michael Heather and Michael Cagney in the men's competition. Triples

Mixed pairs: Dave and Sylvia Hall 1.

Club mixed triples: Phil Morgan (s), Dennis Crean, Shirley Dempsey won from Ed Knox (s), Keith Stark, Joyce Blair.

Club mixed pairs: Dave and Sylvia Hall won from Neville Herbert and Joyce Ward. Dave and Sylvia then went on to score a mighty victory in the Waikato champion of champions event, their first centre title and just reward for their dedication to the game.

Coromandel fours: Brian Osmond, Marlene Osmond, Tony McNeil and Thelma McNeil were runners-up in the second division. Rogerson Plumbing three-day tournament drew teams from Ohope, Hamilton City, Hillsboro Auckland, Cambridge, Hillcrest, Ngaruawahia and Frankton Junction.

The main event went to J Thomas (s), G Dwane, A Gerrand, C Thomas (City) with Dennis Crean (s), Tony Fletcher, Fred Claydon, Hec MacDonald runners-up. Ray Finlay's Hillcrest team of K Margan, J Hill and Chrissy Colgan won the plate. Third equal were Murray Long, Allan Solly, Bruce Heapey and Bruce McLachlan. Runner-up in the consolation were Ed Knox,

Peter Stephens, John Mills and John Reid.

First year singles - Women: Dawn Rose 1; Raewyn Falconer 2. Men: Winston Hooper 1; Michael Cagney 2.

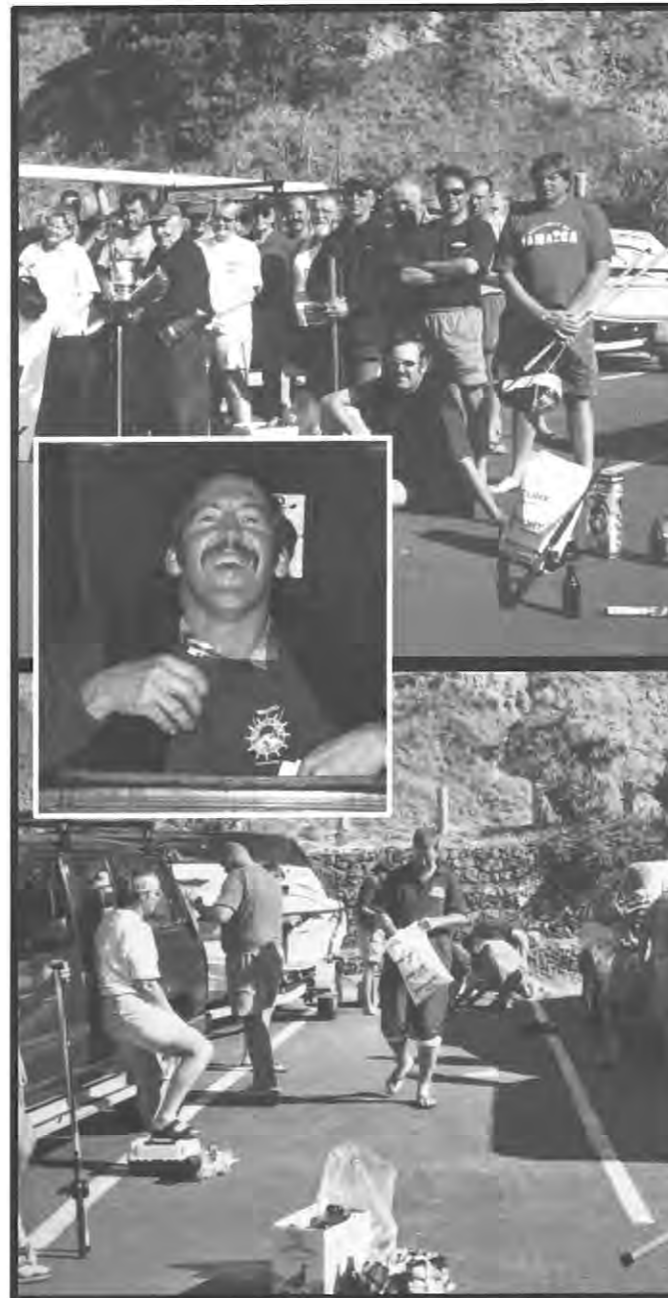
Keith Phillips Cup: Frank Greene, Diane Clemett 1; Perry Meinung, Jimmy Dick 2.

Good Friday optional pairs: Kevin Boothby, Bruce Heapey. Easter Saturday

optional triples: Brian Burton (Hamilton City). Easter Sunday optional pairs: Mick & Lyn Hewitt.

Easter Monday optional triples: Neville Herbert, Joyce Ward, Flos Morell.

Closing day: Fours skipped by Robin Sowerby, Mick Hewitt, Perry Meinung and Dave Hall equal first.



'Captain' catches big one

John Kubiak won the John Franklin Memorial Cup for the 'most meritorious catch' at the fishing section's annual contest. John, a popular character in the section and affectionately known as 'Captain Pugwash', is seen proudly holding the cup in the picture at left.

Merv Peden, who supplied the photographs on this page, said the section members had an enjoyable weekend on and off the water.

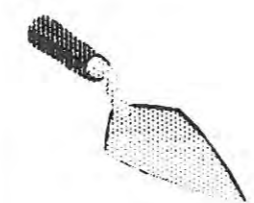
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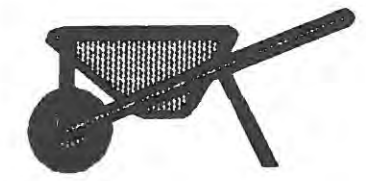
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OVERHEARD IN THE CLUB

If no news is good news, then my present communication must be considered particularly satisfactory because there is absolutely no news stirring in my neck of the woods.

Nostalgia is like sex. Every generation thinks it is discovering it for the first time.

To prove his love for her, Jim drove the fastest car, caught the biggest fish, swam the deepest river, crossed the widest desert and climbed the highest mountain. She divorced him. He was never home!

'The most I can do for my friends is simply to be their friend.'

Snob to golf pro. "Of course I know all about golf, but I'm no Andre Agassi!"

Chap passes on. Family gathered for reading of will. "To my wife I leave my house and money. To my children I leave my cars and horses. To my know-all brother-in-law who kept telling me health is wealth, I leave my second-hand sunlamp!"

The morning after the Chiefs' first match at the stadium, a keen supporter appeared in court. The arresting constable told the judge - "The accused was on his hands and knees in the middle of the Commerce Street at midnight." The Magistrate said: "Surely that doesn't mean to say he was drunk?" The policeman replied: "No, Your Honour, but he was trying to roll up the white line!"

The early morning golfer at Ngaruawahia looked terrible. He had bags underbleary eyes, grey face and his hands were shaking. "What happened to you?" asked Don. "I had a double-date last night and the other fellow didn't turn up!" was Cliff's reply.

Jock was on his way home to Scotland. Being lonely, he asked an attractive African lass on the plane if she spoke English. "Only a little bit," she replied. "How much?" Jock asked. "Twenty dollars!" was her smart answer.

Ad in Irish giveaway paper - "The annual cricket match will be held on Sunday. If wet, it'll be held tomorrow!"

Woman indoor bowler telling her friends about her accident - "I was driving down the road with my husband at the wheel.."

TV interviewer to top pro golfer - "Do you realise you earn more money than our Prime Minister?" "Well, I should think so," said the golfer. "I play a damn sight better than she does!"

Staff member sought treatment because he could hardly talk because of a sore throat. "Is the doctor in?" he whispered to the nurse. "No", she whispered back. "Come on in!"

The man who seldom finds himself in hot water is the man with a wife, several daughters and only one bathroom!

An exhaustive search of Hamilton police records shows that no woman has ever shot her husband while he was doing the dishes.

Teacher asked primer one class the meaning of the word batchelor. Little Mary stood up and said "a very happy man". Teacher was stunned. "Who told you that?" Mary replied: "Please miss, my dad helps me with my homework!"

Young married member looked tired and worn out. "My marriage is killing me. I tried flowers, sweets, jewellery, lavish dinners, new car and they all worked!"

Usher at the church - "Friend of the bride?" "No way," came the reply, "I'm the mother of the groom!"

All you get with five cents these days is heads or tails.

Member walked in with both ears bandaged. "I had a few last night and picked up the iron instead of the phone!" What about the other ear? "It rang again!"

Teacher asked Frankton railway kids what they thought about worker ants who dragged wood 50 times their own weight. "Obviously they haven't got a union!" came the quick reply.

The nuclear scientist who swallowed uranium got atomic ache.

Young David joined big city firm. Mother told him about loose women, girls of the night, old married women with a yearning for young love and men who enjoy young country boys. Back came telegram - "Having great time. Had lucky break. Luckily I found all those people you told me about in my first week!"

Of course you need a husband, can't blame everything on the Government!

Bob told his doctor. "I'm in love with my horse!" The stunned medical man told him not to worry. "Many of us love our cats and dogs. What sort of horse is it?" Bob was outraged. "Female, of course! Do you think I'm queer!"

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SPECIAL celebrations were in order for three of our senior members, Frank Haines (above), Olga Bravo (right) and Scott Elliott (far right) who reached the magical age of 90. They were presented with a birthday cake and the club was proud to entertain them, their families and friends to afternoon tea. Our president, Brian Simpson, congratulated the happy trio on behalf of the club. Other photographs on this page show more senior members enjoying what our club has to offer.



MYSTERY TRIPPERS, CRICKETERS ENJOY THEIR OUTINGS



CLUB members always enjoy their mystery bus trips and the visit to Waihi Beach was no exception as the pictures show.

Another group who enjoy their outings are our cricketers.

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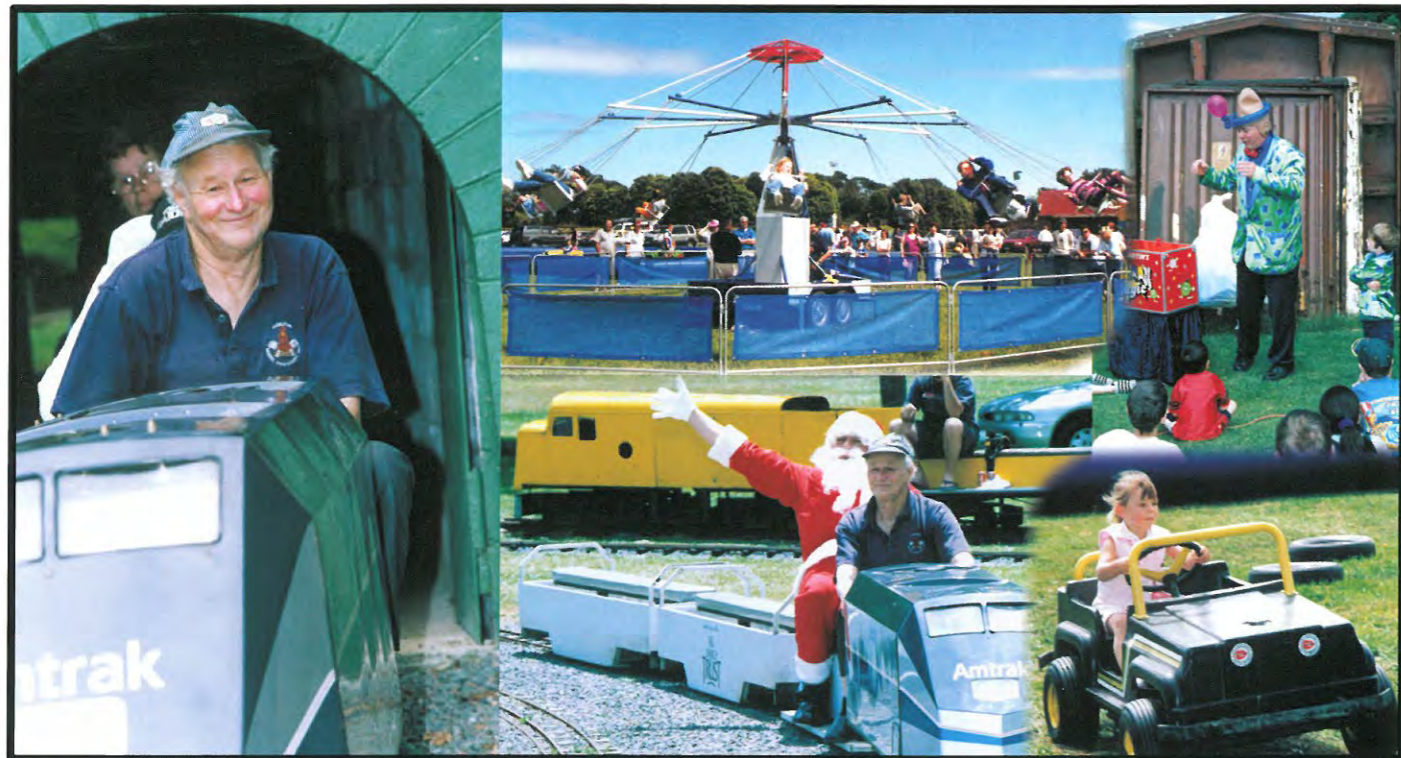
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OUR 'SENIORS' YOUNG AT HEART

If you are over 60 years of age you really should be a member of the club's energetic Seniors sub-section! That's the message and invitation from Dawn King, vice chairperson of the 'Seniors'.

Dawn says - "All members who are 60 years plus are encouraged to join our section and a sub of \$2 per year enables them to participate in all activities. Indoor bowls are played on Wednesday afternoons and at present we have up to 85 bowlers in action per session. Our bus trips are organised approximately every six weeks and are very popular because of varied and interesting destinations. Lunch is always arranged at a club in the area visited."

The seniors have a lot of fun and good humour on their trips. They have a couple of real characters in their midst and they ensure the day progresses happily.

Mid-year and Christmas lunches are other highlights of the year with the dancing to the 'good old tunes' an added pleasure. Snooker tournaments are held twice a year.

"Three of our members became the wonderful age of 90 years in the last few months. They were presented with a birthday cake and afternoon tea. Family, friends and fellow members joined Olga Bravo, Scott Elliott and Frank Haines in these celebrations.

"Any member wishing to become part of our friendly section should contact one of our senior committee members listed below or in our Yearbook advertisement. The front office staff will also be able to point you in the right direction.

Committee - Chairperson, Bert Barford; vice chairperson, Dawn King; secretary, Sally Barford; treasurer, Winston Scott; executive, Allan Stewart, Colleen Gerbich, Fred Paetai, Wally Gudsell, Jack Bell, Doug Hapi, Reikye Clarke.

Going on trips has always been exciting for all age groups. It is certainly a great way to see the surrounding countryside and attractions. We are very fortunate within our membership to have discovered a poet, whose talent, skill and prose is such that perhaps he or she does not know it! All who read the pieces below simply said they just have to be published! So here they are .

TRIP INTO WONDERLAND

They gave us a new time to depart
That meant we had to be up at sparrow's fart
Saturday forecast was for wind and rain
That Jim Hickey is a bloody pain
All on the bus and off on tour
Where were we going? What was in store?
Heading to Auckland, we approached Sky City
Passed that by, gamblers thought what a pity
Great! On the ferry bound for Waiheke
No one seasick, but a couple felt a bit dickie
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Another bus waiting at the dock
The ferry to catch back was at 3 o'clock
Some beautiful bays, houses so grand
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Stopped at a brewery that made a good brew
Each of us tried just a sample or two
Then to the RSA to have some lunch
Their fish and chips, a very tasty munch
Oneroa, where we had our next stop
Everyone headed off to the lotto shop
Catching the ferry back again to the other side
The Cossie Club Mangere was our next ride
At 6pm we sat down to dine
Eating and watching Waikato play was just fine
Thanks to those who organised it we must all must say
Such a great trip and a wonderful day.

"OLD BUGGER"

When I was young I'd walk down the street
See old men dressing in black, a-shuffling their feet
Thought to myself when I get to their age
Will I be like them, that bent over stage?

Well, I reached seventy, should I somehow
Like them, be called an 'Old Bigger' now?

They stop in the village, from their Sunday walk
Congregate together, for a reminiscing talk
I'd think poor 'Old Buggers' what kind of life
Working from dawn to dusk then home to the wife

Well, I've reached seventy, should I somehow
Like them, be called an 'Old Bigger' now?

Weather beaten faces, all crinkled with lines
From years of working in field or down mines
I wondered will I be like that when I'm fifty nine
Or will be spritely and feeling fine?

Well, I've reached seventy, should I somehow
Like them, be called an 'old Bigger' now?

At the Church graveyard, putting faces to names
They spent their life working, didn't play any games
Reading names, as I stand at each grave side
I just cannot believe, how young that they died

Well now I've reached seventy and had a good life
You can call me 'Old Bigger', so does my wife!

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- Christmas tournament
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Please contact Trevor Stephenson Ph 07 849 7151
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HWMC Snooker Section

- In-house tournaments each Tuesday evening
- Regular home and away tournaments
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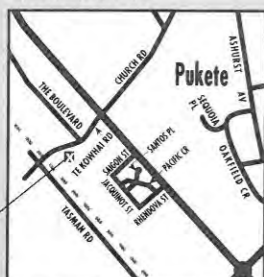
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ENTERTAINMENT ALWAYS THE AIM OF CRICKETERS

The cricket section had another busy season.

The Wednesday night businesshouse competition once again provided plenty of action with many good victories being achieved. From time to time all players had their turn in the limelight. The pre-match 'practices' proved popular and the weekly match organisation went down well with all concerned.

The inter-club tournament staged by the Waipa Workingmen's Club at Te Awamutu resulted in two excellent wins. Our team really enjoyed the occasion and appreciated the efforts of the hosts.

A planned trip to Wanganui unfortunately had to be bypassed. However, to make up for the disappointment the whole squad, along with a couple of former 'stars' as special guests, went along to cheer for the Black Caps against India at Westpac Park. The match was a disappointment, but the entertainment value provided by many of the spectators made up for the early finish.

Late in the season the cricketers hosted the Otahuhu Workingmen's Club and came away with a decisive victory. The Otahuhu contingent enjoyed their visit. One of their side liked us so much he tried to stay behind and so went into hiding until the bus left. However, he eventually he was found and a quick phone call saw him collected and taken home in the early hours of the morning by a very relieved family member.

President Richard Clarke and secretary Peter Ward made some tough off field decisions with aplomb while on the field Craig Ryan was an efficient captain.

The annual prizegiving was marked by quality speeches made by president Richard and captain Craig.

Trophies awarded went to;

- Most improved overall:* Greg Corban.
- Best batting:* Craig Ryan.
- Best bowler:* Bill Dixon.
- Best fielder:* Richard Clarke.
- Sportsman of the Year:* Dave Winitana.

KEEN ON CRICKET?

If so, keep watch on the club's noticeboard because the guys and gals at Northern Districts cricket, their headquarters are just up the road from our club, may soon be coming up with a scheme which would ensure you not only went to the cricket, but got paid to do some work there at the same time! Northern Districts and Noelene Falconer, our club's Employment Agency chief, are working on the proposal. When something is finalised the notices will go up inviting you to bowl along over to see Noelene (her office is right by the entrance off Commerce Street).

CARDS COMING UP TRUMPS!



The resurgence of cards has been the standout feature of many recent leisure time surveys.

So it should not really be a surprise to learn that cards are right back in favour in our club with old favourites such as Euchre and Five Hundred attracting good numbers. Therefore the club section has become more and more prominent in recent times and the build up in numbers has been a just reward for Warren Pearce and his team.

Warren prepared the following report for the Year Book -

"Well, it's that time of the year again when we take time to reflect on the past 12 months. It has been most enjoyable for the card section members in many ways. Competitive-wise we have had success in both NZCC competitions and open tournaments. At the NZCC national Euchre championship, with 480 entries, Warren Pearce was runner-up in the plate section. He finished third out of 280 entries in the NZCC North Island Euchre singles championships.

In open tournaments, where the average entry is around 100-140 players, Doug Hapi finished second at Tauranga; M Denton won at Ngaruawahia; and H Sexton took the major honours at the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club. Quite a number of our members finished in the top five in the open tournaments, an excellent result for our club. It is pleasing to report all of our members have been great ambassadors for our club at these events.

"The Thursday club days have been most enjoyable now that we all appear to know the house rules that we play under. Our numbers are still showing a slight increase. In spite of losing

some through illness, the membership of approximately 48 is encouraging.

"New members to our section are most welcome. If you have a free Thursday morning (Euchre) or afternoon (Five Hundred) or both, we would love to see you. Check out our club section advertisement.

"Finally, I would like to make mention of our committee. They have been doing a great job and are most approachable for any information pertaining to the card section."

Note: The card section is staging a euchre tournament on Sunday, June 8.

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SNOOKER REPORT RIGHT ON CUE!.....

Bryan Gordon's report to the snooker sub-section annual meeting was right on cue!

Now the new chairman of the sub-section, he didn't pull any punches and he gave praise where praise was due. He stressed the need for all members to become involved in the raffle weeks, not just the same old faces. "I cannot stress to you too strongly that the raffle bar is our sole means of raising funds and that the funds are spent for the benefit of all our members."

Bryan applauded Erica Baxter's sterling efforts as raffle convenor. "Her work alone is, unquestionably, the major reason for our strong financial situation."

Other items from the annual report included -

* The listed membership of the section continued to increase. It seemed initiatives put in place during the year found favour.

* Club nights have been well supported and there was sufficient demand to start much earlier in the year than usual.

* Club tournaments were also well supported, especially the Christmas Ham event where it became necessary to limit entries.

* Teams were sent to the North Island Masters at Napier and Over 60s at the Cosmopolitan Club in Hamilton. Jim Booth and Joe Reweti were runner-up for the second year in a row at Napier.

* The section has two qualified referees, Barry Clinch and

Bryan Gordon. Both were successful in examinations last year.

* The continuing outstanding work of secretary-treasurer Roy Boyles deservedly received special mention..

* The efforts of Barry Clinch and Bruce Harper in running the club nights and the section tournaments were seen as a major factor in the overall success of the section.

Bryan Gordon said the untimely death of 'Chick' Boden, the convenor of inter-club snooker in Hamilton for many years, came as a big blow and he will be sadly missed.

Officers elected at the annual meeting - Chairman, Bryan Gordon; secretary-treasurer, Ron Boyles; club captain, Barry Clinch; assistant club captain, Bruce Harper; raffle convenor, Erica Baxter; committee, Mark Jenkins, Steve Thomas, Rick Daji, Paul Phillips.

Tournament winners were -

C Grade: G Adcroft 1, J Reweti 2.

John Franklin Memorial: L Bidois 1, G Adcroft 2.

B grade: M Jenkins 1, G Adcroft 2.

Handicap singles: J Booth 1, B Harper 2.

Over 50s: B Clinch 1, J Booth 2.

A grade: S Thomas 1, J Booth 2.

Open pairs: S Thomas and B McLuskie 1, J Booth and S Smith 2.

Handicap pairs: G Adcroft and L Bidois 1, A Tonge and P Hall 2.

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EXTENSIONS APPRECIATED BY DARTS

The extensions to the darts area in the club have been appreciated by all players and administrators and it has certainly made the Hamilton Workingmen's one of the best venues in the Waikato.

With the growing number of ladies now playing darts, the sub-section introduced club championships for ladies singles and pairs. Ladies singles

winner Mary-Anne Henckel was also awarded the most improved player of the year award.

Top men's exponents John Dodunski and Brian McLuskie were again very prominent. Brian pipped John to collect the HWMC singles after a titanic match, while John was dominant at Hamilton and Waikato association levels. At the national tournament they did extremely well to make the last eight.

After a break of four years the Inter-Club Challenge Shield between Ngaruawahia RSA and the Workingmen's Club was resurrected with HWMC now the holder.

Annual challenges were also held against Papakura RSA, Whakatane RSA, Tauranga Citizens Club and Rotorua Citizens Club.

The introduction of the mixed inter-club drawn pairs between the indoor bowls and darts proved successful and it is now intended to stage the event twice a year.

Hamilton Workingmen's club championships results -

Ladies pairs: F Faunch, A Terry 1; G Walters, P Kearns 2.

Men's pairs: B McLuskie, J Dodunski 1; R McDonald, M Williams 2.

Ladies singles: M Henckel 1; A Terry 2.

Men's singles: B McLuskie 1; J Dodunski 2.

John Lyon drawn pairs: B McLuskie, D Tyler 1.

Most improved player: M Henckel.

Personality of the year: T Jones.

Hamilton Darts Association results -

Tynan mixed pairs: J Dodunski, T Wilson (Cossie) 1.

Divisional championships -

First division winner: J Dodunski.

Overall winner: J Dodunski.

Singles championship winner: J Dodunski.

Pairs championship: J Dodunski, B McLuskie 1; R Wynd, H Telford (Ohaupo) 2.

The Hamilton Workingmen's team of B McLuskie, J Dodunski, I Watson, G Earney and A Freeman were winners of the first division league aggregate trophy, runners-up in the first division of the league competition and with the addition of R Wynd to the team they were also runners-up in the first division Firth Cup.

Waikato Darts Association -

Mixed pairs: J Dodunski, T Wilson (Cossie) 1.

Edith Kilgour Memorial mixed pairs: V Tyler (HWMC), M Walters (Frankton Hotel) 1.

Pairs championships: J Dodunski, R Furnage (Cossie) 1.

Singles championship winner: J Dodunski.

Hamilton City Darts -

Pairs championship: J Dodunski, B Quintal (Cossie) 1.

Singles championship winner: J Dodunski.

NZ Chartered Clubs' Darts Association, Thames Valley-Bay of Plenty-Waikato area -

Singles championships: J Dodunski 1; I Watson 2.

INDOOR BOWLERS FLOOR RIVALS!

Indoor bowlers at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club in 2002 showed yet again their great competitive strength.

The club's ladies team did really well in the chartered clubs' tournament at Hastings. The triples team of Dianne Scott, Joyce Ward and Dorothy Coombes won the final which gave Dianne her second title while the other two ladies started off their collection in style.

Dianne came close to adding to her tally when she and lead, Dorothy Coombes, were third equal in the pairs event. Hamilton's Joyce Ward and Clare Hill filled the other third equal spot.

The men almost made a clean sweep of the titles at the chartered clubs' North island championships. The triples title went to Malcolm Chandler, Kelly O'Neill and Clare Hill. Bill Ritchie slotted into that formidable combination to help them take the fours championship title at well.

The club also did well in the Central Area championship events.

Triples - Winner: M Chandler, K O'Neill, C Hill.

Third equal: W Pearce, J Pearce, B McCormick.

Pairs - Runner-up: M Chandler, B Ritchie.

Fours - Winner: P Stacey, D Scott, K Gibson, D Reynolds.

Third equal: M Chandler, J Pearce, W Pearce, K Steggalls.

The men's nationals were held in Christchurch and Kelly O'Neill had the best result being third equal in the singles.

On the local scene Tony Fabling pulled out all stops and won the Hamilton Indoor Bowls title.

The club championship events were reasonably well attended and the various prizes were spread around.

Championship singles - Winner: Bruce Jamieson.

Runner-up: Tony Fabling.

Championship pairs - Winners: Brian Johns, Doug Hapi.

Runners-up: Bruce Jamieson, Kathy Gibson.

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Championship triples - Winners: Greg Williams, Clare Hill, Dorothy Coombes.

Runners-up: Alan Solly, John Steer, May Le Quesne.

Championship fours - Winners: Peter Stacey, June Pearce, Noel Sturm, Alley Terry.

Runners-up: Alan Solly, Bronwyn McCormick, Tony Fabling, Garth McCormick.

Club singles - Winner: Kelly O'Neill. Runner-up: Brian Johns.

Sammy Peters fours - Winners: Dick Zinsli, Noel Carter, Joan Ryan, Ron Johnson.

Runners-up: Dianne Scott, Joyce Ward, Jan George, Ernie Morris.

Handicap singles - Winner: Bob Finlayson. Runner-up: Garth McCormick.

Murray Steele triples - Winners: Malcolm Chandler, John Steer, Margaret Pye.

Runners-up: Jean Jolley, Arthur Elgie, Dorothy Coombes.

Bain Pairs - Winners: Kelly O'Neill, Clare Hill.

Runners-up: Eric Larsen, Bronwyn McCormick.

A points trophy allocated on wins and attendance over most of the season was won by Jack Bell.

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"Frankie Elliott, who was on the Waikato centre, was one who helped us greatly. If we struck a problem we'd be on the phone to Frankie and she would come up with the answer. We gradually increased our knowledge and with Joy and Claire at the helm we started to make an impact.

"We built up our funds by making and selling lunches during the men's tournaments and I really have been involved in the catering side since. I took on the treasurer's role and assisted with the prize givings, engraving of trophies and so on.

"Jenny Chapman succeeded Joy Bell as our president and then Edna Herbert was in the chair until we amalgamated with the men."

Diane was one who soon showed skill on the green. The junior singles championship came her way in 1990-1991 and then she struck a purple patch with four successive wins in the senior singles from 1991-92 to 1994-95. She also collected the junior singles in 1992-93. Later wins have been - Championship singles 1998-99; pairs 1995-96, 1998-99; triples 1995-96, 1996-97, 2001-02; fours 1996-97, 2001-02. Since 1997 Diane and Maureen Crosland have done the gardening around the greens, ("It's another task I enjoy doing") so it came as no surprise when she let it be known that green was her favourite colour.

When not involved with bowling affairs, Diane said she loved to relax at home and watch Coronation Street. It certainly helped, she whispered with a smile, if she had one of her favoured Bacardi by her side as the 'Coro' story unfolded and took yet another unexpected twist.

BUSINESSHOUSE PLAY REAL FUN!

The Thursday evening businesshouse bowls experiment has paid handsome dividends for Frankton Junction.

Played from November through to late February, the event drew 20 teams and many first-time bowlers. The combined efforts of organisers Perry Meinung, Diane Clemett, Pam Fleming, Doug Hapi and Tony McNeil ensured a good spirit prevailed and many entertaining evenings were held.

When Winston Sorenson discovered there was no trophy for the eventual winning four, he decided to make one in his spare time and donate it to the bowling fraternity, a fine gesture.

Initial winners were the Garside four (Graeme Garside, Roz Garside, Freddie Claydon, Dave Winitana) with the Seafood Bazaar combination, SPCA and JR's Mob next.

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DON'S DEEDS DELIGHT DARTS



Don Evans gets embarrassed when his ability as a darts administrator is praised.

"It's not only me! We've got a great team and everyone plays their part," he stressed when his worth to the club and his subsection as its secretary was mentioned to new members.

There is no doubt darts is making the most of its new facilities and Don is usually right in the thick of the action.

However, he continually insists others such as Stu Campbell and John Dodunski deserve to be admired for their input. "The effort, time and commitment Stu puts into our section makes it very successful. John is always available to help out and coach other players." Don listed Robbie Furrage, another top Waikato darts player, and star rugby league halfback, Stacey Jones, as his favourite sportspersons. "Robbie, like John Dodunski, is always willing to coach and advise others. Stacey is a fine sportsman who leads by example and gives 100 per cent to the game and his team."

Don, a member of the club for 15 years, joined for the darts and social enjoyment. His previous clubs were Tauranga Citizens, Napier Cosmopolitan and Taradale RSA. He has represented the club at North Island and national tournaments as well as area championships.

"I get great pleasure out of playing darts, socialising, meeting interesting people and making new friendships.

"The sight of Brian McLuskie lying on the floor waiting patiently for my opposition and me trying our utmost to finish on double one is my favourite personal darts memory."

Outside of club activities, Don said he made the most of quality time spent with his children and grandchildren. Rugby league, rugby and most other sports also gained some of his attention.

Other favourites for Don include -

Foods: Chicken, ice cream.

Drinks: Beer, red wine, Milo.

Colours: Blue, red, pink.

TV shows: TV One News, Special Victims Unit, CSI.

Films: Sound of Music, South Pacific.

Actress: Doris Day.

Actors: John Wayne, Clint Eastwood.

Singers: Barbra Streisand 'People'; Willie Nelson 'Always on My Mind'; Doris Day 'Sentimental Journey'.

Don makes special mention of the club hierarchy. "I find the club is very well run by the management, committee and staff. Their combined deeds make the club a most enjoyable place to come to."

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REX BOWLS ALONG...cont

Rex said his team, which included Andrew Berryman, became known all over the Waikato as the 'Colts'. "In one memorable tournament we did battle against five Games gold medallists plus 11 of Waikato's gold star holders and managed to beat them all. That was a great feeling."

He has been in Hamilton Workingmen's Club teams which have qualified at the annual national tournaments, but the major titles have eluded him. "We came close a couple of times, but it was not to be." Rex has been heavily involved in Frankton Junction executive matters and has represented the club at Waikato centre meetings. His work on the greens over many years has been invaluable and he has continued to assist when asked by master greenkeeper, Kevin Boothby.

"I really enjoy working in the interests of the club. I can still assist by arranging some tournament sponsorship. I like helping out the new bowlers and try to encourage them by including them in my teams. That's why the businesshouse nights we run are so important. Several have joined up because they liked the scene and atmosphere created by the businesshouse competition. The social side of the bowling club is a vital component in keeping members happy. We have a lot of fun. There's nothing better than a group swapping stories about their bowling experiences or having a sing-song.



"I used to organise talent quests within the club. I can remember 'La Paloma' being sung in many different languages one night, including Maori, Welsh, Italian as well as English. Andy Berryman's version in Maori took the prize much to the annoyance of the Welshman who got very upset because he really thought he should have won."

When relaxing at the bowling club, Rex always enjoys his small jugs of Harwoods. He looks forward to watching racing and sport on the television while any song by Frank Sinatra or Dean Martin is fine by him.

"I love my music. Years ago, when we lived up Tower Hill, we often taped items for 1XH, the radio station of that time. Sometimes we would go to around 3am and be told by the police to be quiet as the neighbours had complained about the noise levels. But it was all in good fun. I got involved with Savoy Enterprises and somehow we got Howard Morrison over from Rotorua to sing for three pounds. That was before Howard hit the big time. Another we gave work to was Gerry Merito."

A story about Rex Clemett and Frankton Junction bowling just would not be complete without mention of his wife, Diane, who also works tirelessly in the interests of the club. Diane, an extremely competent bowler in her own right, deserves the thanks of bowlers for allowing Rex to spend so much of his leisure time at his beloved 'Junction'.

Diane tends to play down her contribution to the Frankton Junction Bowling Club. As she helped butter the bread for the regular Thursday twilight businesshouse tournament barbeque, she preferred, in typical fashion, to heap praise on others who helped make the organisation tick over. However, after time she admitted she did spend a 'fair amount' of time on club business.

Diane was one of a determined group who revived the women's section of the bowling club after it had been in recess from 1982 to 1989. "The women's section had started in 1950-51, but interest had dropped off in the early 1980s. Claire Phillips was our driving force. She provided the initial enthusiasm and became secretary. Joy Bell was elected our president and we went from there. We started with about 10 or 12. Most of us were first year bowlers.

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REX BOWLS ALONG...cont

* Championship triples in 1998-99 with Jeff Foy and Fred Subritsky. (Note: Rex's team was runner-up in the triples for the next two seasons.)

* Championship fours 1998-99 with Stan Alker, D Hagerty and Fred Subritsky

* Championship fours in 1999-2000 with Jeff Foy, Colin Gray and Fred Subritsky.

(Note: Rex's team was runner-up in fours for the next two seasons).

They still talk about the amazing six hour plus game Rex's team was involved in with 1962 Empire Games gold medallist, Bob McDonald (Onehunga). "It was over 25 ends at Whitiara during a Waikato Easter tournament. We, Syd, Millar, Andy Berryman and Alf ('Bonzo') Bridges and myself, started the match against Bob's team at 8.30am and at 2.20pm, because so many heads had been killed, we still had eight ends to go.



DIANE CLEMETT - Preparing for yet another presentation.

We had a 45 minute break and then got into it again. Bob's team won on the last end when his number three picked up the jack with his bowl and they both came to rest in the ditch together. There was no way we could beat a 'toucher' like that so after about six hours the skips didn't even bother to finish off the final end. Bob was so delighted with his win that the party went on even longer than the game!"

As a youngster, Rex built up an impressive record as an amateur rider. "I loved being around horses. I have many happy memories of the A and P Show circuit. My sister and myself did well and collected several major prizes. My father encouraged me to ride on the track and sometimes we were up as early as 4am doing pacework with 'special' horses for the Te Rapa trainers. I became really attached to a couple of horses, especially Even Stevens, trained by Archie McGregor, who went on to have an outstanding career.

"Although I rode work, I never became a jockey. My mother talked me out of that!"

Rex also enjoyed playing polo. "I can remember playing for a Hamilton team at Swarbrick Park. Geoff Howlett, New

'Twinkletoes' really special



REX BOWLS ALONG...cont

Zealand's captain at the time, was involved in that game." Another highlight was when champion Australian player J Sinclair-Hill made an offer of 500 pounds for the pony I was riding. At the time the average price was around 100 pounds. "By the way, we didn't sell!"

While bowls eventually became his major sport, Rex enjoyed rugby and tennis, as well as the polo, in his earlier days. "I got involved with Technical Old Boys (now Fraser-Tech) rugby and I suppose that's why blue and white are my favourite colours."

Rex joined the Frankton Junction Bowling Club in 1959. He soon came under the influence of star bowlers Phil Exelby and Jack Morris, both of whom had international experience. "They, Jack Townsend, Russell Henderson and Syd Millar taught me a lot about the game. It was a real privilege to be asked to play in their teams. Phil Exelby and Jack Morris dominated most Waikato tournaments in their time. Jack Townsend was a left hander and his skill constantly amazed me. I played at three for both Jacks and the experience gained was invaluable. However, Russell Henderson was an unbelievable player when he was on song. I must rate him as the best I've seen. It was disappointing he didn't go further in the game. The others were so consistent. That was what got them through.

"Andrew Berryman was another who had talent to burn. He was a marvellous all-round sportsman and went on to represent New Zealand at rugby league. He was also a great character and we had a lot of fun together. It was a tragedy he was taken so young."

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Mention the name Andy Berryman and longstanding members of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club instantly remember his imposing presence and the natural sporting talent he possessed.

His death, aged 53, in late February, 1984, came as a big blow to Frankton Junction bowlers, Waikato rugby league and Waikato sport in general.

Called 'Twinkletoes' by his many rugby league admirers, Andy (seen above with his NZ blazers and in a newspaper line drawing) also showed natural talent when it came to snooker and bowls. He was also great value when the cues and bowls were put away for the day and 'Workers' members relaxed around the piano to harmonise the favourites of the day.

Andy's ready smile belied the mean streak he displayed on the rugby league field. He showed no mercy and often cut his opposition to pieces, none more so than a luckless Bay of Plenty rep side who had no answers as he scored seven tries in his 55 minute stay on the field! He burst on to the national scene when he made the NZ Maori league side only a few months after his 17th birthday. His form was such that in 1951, when playing for Taniwharau, he was an obvious choice for the Kiwi side to United Kingdom and France. He was soon captain of NZ Maori and led his proud side to a tough, bitter, sometimes it was real ugly, 30-28 victory over France. He then led the NZ Maori to Australia and played 14 of the 16 matches. In 1953 he scored an amazing 70 tries and landed 84 goals in 35 matches for 378 points.

For the next decade he continued to captain, select and coach numerous club teams as well as Hamilton, South Auckland, Waikato and North Island senior, under 19 and schoolboy combinations. Just before his death he coached the 1983 NZ Maori side on its unbeaten tour of the United Kingdom. Because of his maturity and leadership ability he became a delegate to South Auckland delegate when only 17! Eventually he became the South Auckland delegate to the NZ Rugby League. He was a NZ Maori selector for 14 years. After being president of Waikato Maori Rugby League Board he was elected a life member of Waikato Maori Rugby League. Other life memberships he received were from the Frankton Albions RFC and the Hamilton Rugby League.

An amazing character whose photograph, signed drawing and career details are proudly displayed in the Frankton Junction bowling clubrooms.

LEGEND HAD STYLE...cont



A man of slight build, Ron showed time and time again he had great stamina. He was a strong advocate of the chartered club movement. He worked hard in the interests of the Hamilton Cosmopolitan bowls sub-section and in recent years I know he took particular interest in the

amalgamation of the Frankton Junction Bowling Club with the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

"That move was very timely. It's the way of the future. Although I'm a great believer in the traditions of the game, I know bowls has to move forward and make its mark in places where people like to gather. We need new faces in the game. The Workingmen's club is a classic example. With its excellent greens and location, Junction has great potential.

In 1986 Ron was awarded an MBE for his services to bowls and in 1988 was Waikato Sports Administrator of the Year.

Although he was quietly spoken, Ron was forthright in debates on bowls. He knew the rules and the way the sport should progress and with carefully chosen words would always put up sound arguments. His wry sense of humour often came to the fore when players and games of the past were discussed. To those who didn't know him well, he sometimes appeared very serious, perhaps too serious. However, he had his set routine. If distracted, he would go through it again. "Of course I'm serious when I'm on the green. You must always play to win. I can't smile when I'm delivering a bowl. The only time I smile is when I'm on the jack!"

Records prove 'Mr Bowls' certainly smiled a lot during his lifetime.

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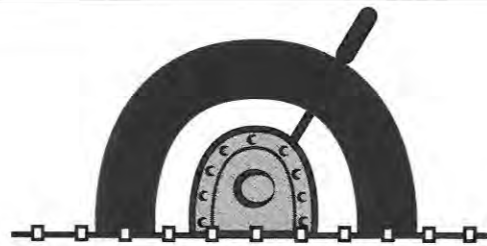
'Chick' was real friend to all clubs.

The sudden death of Trevor 'Chick' Boden in February robbed the NZ Chartered Club movement of one its most loyal servants.

'Chick' was a good friend to many Hamilton Workingmen's Club members and that was reflected by the numbers who attended his funeral.

He served the Cosmopolitan Club extremely well over 30 years and fully deserved his life membership reward. When he became area delegate he ensured the clubs in his care were well served. His enthusiasm was infectious and his endeavours on behalf of the organisations he represented were tireless. 'Chick' enjoyed nothing better than swapping yarns over a quiet beer or two. He had a 'soft' spot for Wairarapa rugby, was keen to ensure snooker remained a front line chartered club sport and always remained positive when the relative merits of the All Blacks and the Black Caps were being debated.

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs Boden and family.



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REX BOWLS ALONG WITH HIS 'MAGIC' MEMORIES



REX CLEMETT who has made his mark in bowling administration and on the greens at Frankton Junction.

Not many people can say they have been the back half of 'Mooloo'. But Rex Clemett can!

Not many can say they are a life member of the Frankton Junction Bowling Club. But Rex Clemett can!

Not many can say they drank in clubs 'legally' when they were only 16 or 17. But Rex Clemett can!

No doubt there are many more 'Rex-isms', but for the sake of this brief history of one of the pillars of the Frankton Junction Club our 'lips are sealed' on further disclosures.

Rex has had an eventful, busy life. He is a real livewire character, one of those people every organisation needs to make it successful.

He leaves you in no doubt about his passion for Waikato rugby. In the balmy Ranfurly Shield days of the early 1950s he found himself really caught up in the 'shield fever'. "They were magic days. The whole district was behind the team. The emergence of 'Mooloo' was the icing on the cake. The parades were fantastic. My mates and I just wanted to get into the action. 'Mooloo' needed 'four legs' to get around to show herself off so Andy McWhannell and myself decided to provide her with the necessary mobility. He became the front half and I tucked in behind him. Somehow we managed to carry some liquid refreshments with us to keep our 'motors' going. We flew 'Mooloo' to Christchurch in 1954 when Waikato drew 6-all with Canterbury. While we were disappointed we didn't lift the shield, the reception we received will stay with me forever. They had never seen anything like it in the south before and the roar we got when we did our pre-match antics really set up the day. They certainly made sure we really enjoyed ourselves.

"We came to know the players really well and shared many

special moments with them."

Employed by Bob Lovell as a builder, Rex got a taste of life earlier than most 16 or 17 year-olds.

"We went on jobs to Te Kuiti and Te Awamutu and somehow they managed to get me into the private drinking establishments. I can remember one club sub being 10 shillings."

Rex has been involved with the bowling club for more than 40 years. He's collected several championships since his debut in 1959 with the first coming with old friend, Syd Millar, in the pairs in 1966. He's built up a fine record in open tournaments around the Auckland province and still more than holds his own with the fine young crop of participants emerging from the flourishing Junction organisation which can boast of having two of the best greens in the Waikato.

Rex was elected a life member of Frankton Junction in 1998, one of six who have been so honoured by their fellow club members. The others have been Jack Adams, Colin Goosman, Pat Stewart, Gordon Corbett and Syd Millar.

Highlights of his Junction career have included -

- * Championship pairs in 1986-87 with Brian Earby.
- * Championship fours in 1986-87 with Syd Millar, Dave Baird and Ray Cammock.
- * Victory in the Ponsonby (Auckland) club's 100 years invitation fours with Syd Millar, Brian Curtis and Frank Olney in 1993.

* Championship pairs in 1994-95 with Gary Cooper.

* Championship triples in 1997-98 with Jeff Foy and Fred Subritsky.

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ALBIE'S AN ACE...cont

the major talking points of the season. More competitive play obviously assisted him. Barry has been a longstanding member of the golf section with many memorable achievements to his credit. His style of play has always been entertaining.

His shot making and club selection ability caught most opponents off-guard when they competed against him for the first time. While his scoring record has been up and down, his realistic even-natured attitude to the game has never changed. After his successful season it was rumoured between the various 'schools' at the club leaners he had resisted all offers from various agents to leave the amateur ranks. He had no comment on that, but did say his aim was to consolidate his form and he also wanted to ensure he never lost the enjoyment factor that game provided. Golf section officers elected at the annual meeting were - Chairman, Trevor Stephenson; vice chairman, Owen Sigley; secretary, Peter Lee; treasurer, Albie Albrey; club captain, Tony Bernard; vice captain, Don McKnight; handicapper, Wimpy Potts; committee, Derek Freeman, Craig Duffy, Phil Morgan, Rod Bowie, Steve Williamson.

Check the golf noticenboard re upcoming tournaments etc.
Note: Sam Snead, who Albie correctly rated as a legend, died at Hot Springs, Virginia, at the age of 89. He, Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson dominated the game from the late 1930s through to the eras of Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. Snead won both the US Masters and the USPGA three times. He won the British Open in 1946. Overall he won more than 140 tournaments, including 84 on the PGA tour. His record would have been greater if his career had not been interrupted by the Second World War.

Born May 12, 1912, he devoted his energies to golf after a back injury ended his football ambitions. He was discharged from the navy in 1944 with the same back problem, but it never seemed to worry his much-admired smooth golf swing. He started golf with nine unmatched clubs, shot 61 to win the West Virginia title in 1936 and just went on from there. Some 25 years later he shot 59 to break his record on the same Virginia course, a round he described as 'the highlight of my career'. When Snead first had his picture taken as a tournament winner it was published in a New York paper. "How could they get my picture in New York? I ain't ever been there!" he asked his admirers with his winning smile.

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LEGEND HAD STYLE ALL OF HIS OWN!

by Winston Hooper

When I first saw 'Mr Bowls' Ron Buchan in action he was immaculately dressed in a splendid striped jacket, tie, white hat, shirt, trousers and shoes. After he sent his bowl on its way he took off his badge adorned white hat to politely acknowledge the presence of the wife of the Frankton Junction club president. Moments later he waved the hat in the air when his delighted team had let him know his final shot had clinched yet another championship title.

When interviewed later he said the reasons for his splendid dress were simple. He had worn the jacket to keep out a cold wind which whipped across the Frankton Junction green. He had worn the tie because he had earlier officiated at the chartered club tournament opening ceremony where he had reminded his fellow players a high dress standard was very important.

"No, the tie and jacket don't hinder me. Heavens, after all my time in the game I should be used to them now!"

he quipped. "Players need to feel proud of their appearance when they step on to a green. It helps their confidence. When they look good, they bowl good."

Ron should have known.

He played the game for nearly 80 years. Yes, that's right. nearly 80 years! That's why he was known as 'Mr Bowls'. And a master of the green he was! When he died in his 96th year in February of this year different figures were banded about when it came to decide just how many titles he had won since his first triumph in 1925 when he took out the Morrinsville junior singles. Some said it must have been more than a hundred. The more conservative reckoned around 90.

Well, for a start his close colleagues told me he had won 70 club titles at Tui Park (Te Aroha), Hamilton City and Hamilton Cosmopolitan alone. Add to that his countless successes at open, centre and national tournaments and more than 100 must be the call.

As a schoolteacher Ron moved around the country. They said he had belonged to nine clubs at one stage or another. Because of his successes, Ron became a legend on the greens. He was the first to win back to back national men's singles championships (1964 at Dunedin and 1965 at Auckland). His Tui Park four, he played with F Murray, W Wearne and A Callaghan, won the national title in 1957 at Auckland. He was a member of the New Zealand team to the first world championships in Sydney in 1966 and with Norman Lash, Gordon Jolly and Bill O'Neill, he won the fours crown. He was justifiably very proud of that gold winning feat. In the pairs Ron, and partner Phil Skoglund, just missed the semifinals.

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ALBIE'S AN ACE!

GOLF IS MY GAME



Every successful sporting body just has to have a guy like Albie Albrey.

Fellow members of the very active golf sub-section will quickly tell you there's not much he doesn't know about the game. Always happy to assist in any way he can, Albie's enthusiastic about what he does, he enjoys the company, he abides by the rules and is a pretty

handy competitor to have on your side.

Golf has played a leading role in Albie's life. His CV in the sport is pretty impressive. While his handicap is now out into double figures, he has been down as low as five and all golfers realise that takes a bit of doing.

He has been very active on the veterans' tournament scene, on and off the course, and his record of commitment to the sport is highly commendable. He has been an authority on the rules of the game and likes to ensure the game is played properly. "What's the point of having rules if they are not adhered to," he says with conviction. Hard to argue against that!

Albie has been a member of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club for 36 years. He transferred from the Manunui club, near Taumarunui, when posted to Hamilton with the Ministry of Works.

He has been a member of the golf sub-section committee for 28 years, was chairman for seven years and for the last three years has been treasurer.

His skill shown in the club's qualifying tournaments has seen him represent HWMC five times at the North Island championships. "We have not been able to take out the top prize yet, but have come close a couple of times. My best effort was with Wimpy Potts and Trevor Stephenson at Petone where we came fifth."

Albie really enjoys the social interaction the club provides. He looks forward to the annual trips to the North Island event with the court sessions being a special highlight. "We have had some really great times over the years and the fellowship has been tremendous with magic memories which always draw more comments and laughter each time they resurface in conversations."

On a personal note Albie can boast two holes-in-one, at Lochiel and Waihi, with a four under par gross 68 at Lochiel his a major course.

Another round he cherished was a six under 62 at Mercury Bay. His two veterans' intermediate championship victories also bring back special memories.

Bob Charles and Michael Long are the New Zealand golfers he has admired over the years. "Both are excellent players. It will be hard for someone to match Bob's outstanding record, on and off the course. He has been a wonderful ambassador and has contributed much to New Zealand golf during his long reign at the top. Michael has also appealed because of his attitude to the game. I am hoping he will eventually have the successes he deserves."

Sammy Snead and Bernhard Langer are overseas golfers he has highly respected over many years. "Snead is a legend, while Langer has been one of the most consistent players for years."

All Black greats Colin Meads and Wilson Whineray are other favourite sportspersons in Albie's notebook. "They not only made outstanding contributions during their playing days, but also continue to do so right to this day. Their commitment to the game is simply outstanding."

When he's not involved in golf, Albie turns to snooker and



ALBIE ALBREY receives the Santa Cup from HWMC president Brian Simpson at the Christmas golf function held at the picturesque Horsham Downs Golf Club.

ALBIE'S AN ACE...cont

fishing for his sporting relaxation.

Chinese is his favourite food, while beer and whisky also go down well with him.

The Waikato colours, red, gold and black rate highly in his book while the sports and Discovery TV channels keep him well satisfied when he is not on the golf course.

Films very much enjoyed have been Lord of the Rings and Those Wonderful Men and Their Flying Machines.

Albie again looked after the statistics for the golf section and announced the following winners of the annual trophies for the 2002 season at the Christmas tournament which was played in ideal conditions at Horsham Downs.- Waikato Breweries Salver: Barry Robinson. Oliver Cup: Robbie Ngaia. Nett trophy: Peter Lee. Santa Cup: Albie Albrey. Gibson-Koberstein Shield: Steve Pearce. Fellowship Cups: Barry Robinson and Henry Dunn. Turner Tray (ladies): Jude Fenton. Keith Hart Memorial Cup: Stu McCallum. Team to North Island chartered clubs' tournament at Napier: Barry Robinson, Stu McCallum, Robbie Ngaia.

Christmas tournament placings at Horsham Downs were - Don McKnight, Jim Boyd, Rob Ngaia, Doc Fenton, Dave Smith 1; Albie Albrey, Jude Fenton, Ross Crook, Tony Bernard, Jim Leathart 2; Craig Duff, Dave Cameron, Malcolm Nash, Steve Pearce 3; Henry Hay, Glenn Aubrey, Peter Finnerty, Stu McCallum, Kevin Rolfe 4; Owen Sigley, Richard Shrubbsall, Peter Walker, Trevor Stephenson 5; Phil Morgan, Marge Cagney, Andy Clare, Kevin Butler, Eric Sigley 6; Henry Dunn, Lou Dunn, Richard Wymer, Bob Finlayson 7; Peter Lee, Brian Simpson, Rod Bowie, Wimpy Potts, Karen Sigley 8; Joe Whiting, John King, John Gras, Ruth Thomas 9; Steve Williamson, Joan Potts, Dave Bond, Barry Robinson, Gary Meyrick 10.

The turnaround in form of 'Big Barry' Robinson was one of

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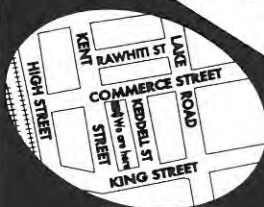


SAM SNEAD a golf legend and one of the few to shoot 59 - no wonder he rates highly with Albie!

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North Island champs!

Congratulations to Malcolm Chandler (skip), Kelly O'Neill (three), Dick Zinzli (two) and Claire Hill (lead) for winning the fours crown at the North Island chartered clubs' indoor bowls championships at the Hastings Hibernian club over Easter.

Our indoor bowlers continue to perform with great credit in tournaments in and outside the club and look forward to another rewarding season.

* See Page 17 for more indoor bowling details.

'CORO' IS STREETS AHEAD!

A survey of approx 100 members confirmed Coronation Street as by far the most popular television programme in their eyes. Coronation Street was named as first choice by 75 per cent. The Vicar of Dibley, Who Wants to be a Millionaire and Sky Super 12 rugby vied for second.

The Sky Sport channels were the most popular with the Living Channel, 'E', Prime and Discovery Channel next ahead of TV One and TV3.

Judy Bailey was the preferred newsreader with Kay Gregory best allrounder.

The top 10 programmes were -

Coronation Street 1;	Vicar of Dibley 2;
Who Wants to be a Millionaire 3;	Super 12 Rugby 4;
Trackside 5;	The Sopranos 6;
Bad Girls 7;	Home and Away 8;
Criminal Scene Investigation 9;	Blue Heelers,
Seinfeld, Sex and the City and Father Ted equal 10.	

Others to gain votes

included The Bill, Celebrity Homes, Antiques Roadshow, Auction Squad, Late Show with David Letterman, Shortland Street, The Office, Water Rats, Oprah Winfrey Show, Changing Rooms.

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Nice One, Dave!

Did you know regular club attender Dave Maisey coached the New Zealand Special Olympic soccer team to the bronze medal at the Australian National Games?

Dave, a retired 75 year-old Hamiltonian better known perhaps for his voluntary work in keeping Gower Park fields in top condition, said it was a daunting task leading an overseas tour for the first time.

With just one other official to help the cause, Dave worked long hours looking after the team in a 'full on' programme.

"But it was a great experience and I got a lot of pleasure out of it," he told Waikato Time sportswriter, Bruce Holloway. "It was a not a top New Zealand by any means, but the lads did very well."

While New Zealand's results included wins against Queensland 3-1, Tasmania 1-0 and Victoria 2-1, the team became most renowned for its daily haka which attracted plenty of spectator focus.

Dave was so concerned that the New Zealand basketball team had not won anything that on the final day he went and bought them mementos of the Sydney experience. "It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice," he said.

Snooker champ in club

Snooker champion Eddie Charlton will be at the club on Tuesday, June 3, from 6pm to 9pm.

Eddie will demonstrate his skills against some of our best players in competition and will conclude with a display of trick and fancy shots. He has been at the top of the snooker profession through four decades and has been world open, Australian match play and Australasian champion. He has won the Australian professional championship a remarkable 22 times in 24 years. He has also been inducted into the Australian Sports Hall of Fame.



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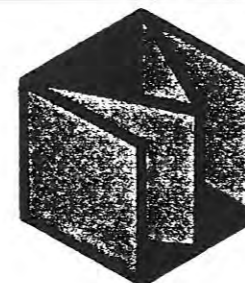
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