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# HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB EXECUTIVE 2004-2005



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# WELCOME TO OUR 2005 YEAR BOOK!

## DO YOU KNOW WE ARE NEARLY 50 YEARS OLD?

It's official... this Hamilton Workingmen's Club is nearly 50 years old!

Therefore we make no apologies for being somewhat nostalgic in this edition as we reflect on how this present club was started and who were the driving forces in the formation.

We are pleased to advise some of our foundation members from 1955 are still involved, but unfortunately in the last couple of years we have lost several of those who were there when the original Harwood House was purchased and revamped.

It has been decided to stage the golden jubilee celebrations around the time of the Charity Week which has been scheduled for October 10-16. Keep watch over the next few months for more details.

We remind you our last charity week was a huge success as we raised \$30,000 so the Order of St John could purchase much-needed defibrillators for Hamilton and the Waikato district. It takes a big effort from the charity team to get everything organised so if you think you can assist this year by donating goods and/or services please let our main office staff know when the notices go up with the official dates etc. The support we have received in the past from the business community has been outstanding and we naturally hope this continues.

New members, who have not experienced a charity week, will enjoy becoming involved in the various activities. The continuous raffles boost the funds considerably while the auctions put the icing on the cake as members and visitors

bid enthusiastically, and with good humour, for the bargains on offer.

It was good to learn members contributed \$742.25 in the hastily arranged Tsunami Appeal.

There was also outstanding support for the 'Relay for Life' with sponsorship for the Waikato Cancer Society from our club and Bruce Tronell, Jimmy and Betty Dick being among those heavily involved.

Our club continues to thrive with our membership growth being the envy of many of our sister organisations. Accordingly, the sub-sections have generally reported more numbers attending their activities. However, all are keen to welcome new members. Just ask at the front office for a sub-section contact and make yourself known.

The building programme has been in full swing with the new frontage and increased lounge space attracting favourable comments. The dance / indoor bowling floor has been upgraded while the extra snooker-billiard table will be a just reward for followers of those noble sports and will enable us to again host national championship events.

Once again overseas visitors interviewed were full of praise for the way they were accepted by our members. They had money to spend and so our prices found favour with them. They said they found the good-natured banter between our various groups fascinating and

while some of the terminology was completely foreign to them, they soon got to realise what was intended.

Remember our club hierarchy never rest on their laurels and are constantly looking at our future with members' comforts uppermost in their minds. With such a large membership, our facilities, from time to time, come under tremendous pressure and we ask you to be patient if you find yourself in a testing situation. From time to time hiccups do occur and when discovered are soon corrected.

We remind you communication is the key and if you do have a concern please inform the duty manager immediately so the appropriate action can be taken.

The club's annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday morning, May 22, with the voting (if required) for the new executive following soon after. Watch for details and the nominations for executive positions.

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# CLUB COUPLE OF THE YEAR...



## WORKING WITH THE INTERESTS OF THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS AT HEART

Sally and Bert Barford are the club's 'couple of the year' for 2005!

They have been prominent, enthusiastic and hardworking executive members of the very successful seniors' (now 'Sixty Plus') section for many years and so have fully deserved any plaudits that have come their way.

Bert has been a club member for 30 plus years while Sally joined as soon as women became eligible for membership in the early 1990s.

He has been chairman of the seniors' section since 2002 while Sally has been section secretary for nine years.

Before becoming a member Sally had already attended club functions with Bert and they had enjoyed many evenings socialising and dancing the night away! She had also tried her hand at indoor bowls.

Sally joined the seniors' section and was soon elected to the committee. "With the increasing number of women joining the section, the then-committee had decided a lady member should represent their views and I was the one chosen. It was a great honour to be the first female allowed on the committee."

The following year, due to club stalwart Frank Haines standing down after long service as secretary-treasurer, the positions became vacant. It was decided to split the roles and Sally was elected secretary, a position she holds today - nine years later!

Bert joined the seniors' section in 1992 and in 1997 was elected on to the committee. Four years later, in 2001, Bert became vice chairman

and a year later was elected chairman, a position he still holds. The previous chairman, Don McKnight, had moved to Mt Maunganui and so became unavailable.

Bert took over organisation of the bus trips when Syd Allott retired. He spends many hours planning the excursions. He and Sally tour in their car to check out future venues, the suitability of places, price of club meals etc and decide on destinations they have not been to before.

He seeks travel quotes and with the help of his bus committee - Clair Banton, seniors' treasurer, and Dawn King, seniors' vice chairperson, makes the trip decision. Clair looks after the money side of things while Dawn helps supervise the event. They plan for seven or eight bus ventures each year. Numbers of participants range from 40 to 61.

The first overnight stay was to Whitianga and Coromandel in mid-November with 40 people on board. Bert explained: "Everybody seemed to enjoy their two days away with lots of good company, gorgeous scenery and fine food. All are now awaiting the next big trip away."

Last February a three-hour cruise and lunch on the Waipa Delta paddle steamer proved most worthwhile.

Sally had helped Frank Haines and Jim Tweedie run the Wednesday afternoon indoor bowls before she took over the reins herself in 1994 and she's still in the chair!

The bowler numbers have gradually increased and now, on average, approximately 70 players attend.

"The most we've ever had was 84 of our own players plus a number of visitors. It took some organising. I hope all of those eligible to play never all turn up on one afternoon!" Sally said with a smile.

"It's not the end of the world if that planned magnificent play doesn't quite come off. There is lots of laughter, a constant buzz of conversation and the occasional scream of anguish."

She's quick to praise Dawn King who ably assists on the day.

"These afternoons would not be possible without the help of all the committee. Clair purchases the meat for the raffles; Dawn buys the bowls prizes; Bert brings the in-house raffle prizes; Allan Stewart puts out the bowls and mats; and the rest of the committee, John King, Doug Hapi, Winston Scott, Fred Paetai and John and Dawn Reid help in any way they can. Our non-committee members ably lend a hand selling meat raffle tickets.

"We run a Christmas bowls tournament the week before the 'big day' and then take a three-week break. Doug Hapi also organises a Christmas snooker tournament for the section. I can tell you the tins of biscuits, Christmas cakes and puddings and other festive goodies are hotly competed for!"

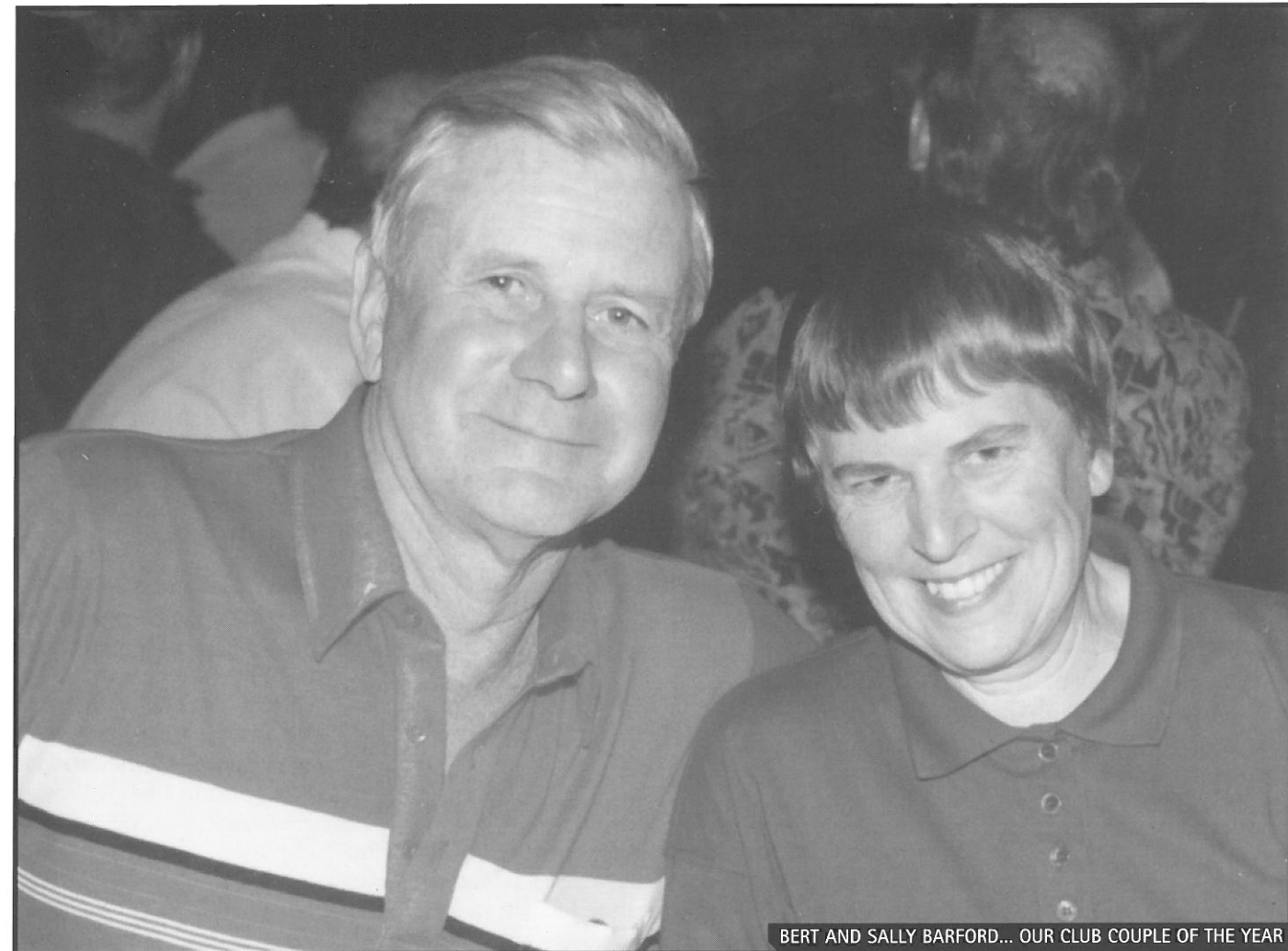
Sally also finds time to organise home and away social indoor bowl visits with other clubs.

The seniors hold two luncheons each year. Both the mid-year and Christmas functions attract between 150-170 members and Sally maintained some splendid singing talent and skills on the dance floor were often discovered!

At present the 'Sixty Plus' section has 365 members. Because of the ages of its members, Sally has been kept busy sending get well cards. She also phones to check on progress after sickness or operations. Unfortunately, posting sympathy cards to families has also become a regular happening.

Bert Barford, born in 1931 to farming parents in Matamata, worked in Auckland before he returned to farm in Matamata. He farmed at Te Poi and later at Taupiri where he was on a larger property. He soon became involved in the Taupiri scene and was chairman of a newly-formed Progressive Association. With the help of the county council, the association got projects, such as the kerbing and channeling of open drains in the township and better street lighting, started. Other projects followed. Bert agreed, after being asked by the county council, to form a civil defence post for Taupiri District.

Then, right out of the blue, the Public Works decided to survey for a future motorway right through the centre of his farm. That led to Bert's decision to sell up and move into Hamilton, where he became a



BERT AND SALLY BARFORD... OUR CLUB COUPLE OF THE YEAR

real estate salesman. Almost immediately he linked up with the Workingmen's Club in Harwood Street.

Bert's favourite colour is red. Meat dishes are his favourite food. Tea, coffee and rum and coke (not necessarily in that order!) are drinks he enjoys. Sport, good films and nature programmes are TV shows he looks forward to watching.

Sally likes dry white wine and joins Bert in his choice of TV programmes. She loves to watch tennis and is often out of bed at 3am to watch her favourites play 'live' in the US Open or at Wimbledon. She also admits to being a Coronation Street addict!

A keen member of the cards section, she really enjoys her Thursdays playing 500 and/or euchre. She looks forward to the one-day euchre tournaments held at various clubs during the year.

Sally was born in England

in a small village in Buckinghamshire. At the age of 17 she trained to become a nurse at a large London hospital. She worked there until she got married and she and her first husband, Frank, immigrated to New Zealand. They settled in New Plymouth and both worked until the family arrived. They then moved to Hamilton where the marriage broke up.

Sally had to go back to work and after a few years she became a supervisor at a local supermarket. After bringing up her family and being on her own for more than 12 years, she met Bert at a dance. Their friendship flourished and they were married two years later.

After a few years they decided to travel. Their 'itchy feet' took them to Australia where they stayed for two years. They travelled around the whole country in a car and a small caravan. Following that experience, they stored the car

and caravan at Coolangatta and returned each winter for two months holiday. They found Australia a great place for clubs and social life and they made many friends.

To be able to continue that lifestyle, Bert took on repairs and maintenance of properties and also worked part time for 11 years for a security firm.

After 40 years experience of taking caravans around New Zealand and Australia, Bert decided it was time to stop, so he sold both his caravans.

"It had been a great lifestyle, fishing, happy hours, seeing new sights and making many friends. It was a cheap way of seeing both countries!" he said.

Between them they have six children and nine grandchildren. Because some of the family live in Australia and England, contact has not been as frequent as they would like.

Sally sums up their situation. "That's what makes club life so important to us. It's great being involved with so many people who basically have the same interests as us."

### SPECIAL MEMORY OF ORIGINAL CLUB HOME

One of our long serving members can remember the original Harwood House, owned by Jock Merchant. "He and his wife ran it as a home for single men. I think there was about 20-25 chaps there in my day. It was mayhem in the early morning with everyone trying to use the toilet and shower facilities at once. It was a breakfast only arrangement and he keep a close watch on proceedings to ensure we didn't have a second helping!"



# HAMILTON WORKINGMEN'S CLUB

## HONOURS BOARD



**LIFE MEMBERS:** Bob Lovell, Claude Mangan, Ron Clarke, Arthur Grant, Wally Hayes, Jim Taylor, Frank Haines, Wally Orr, Syd Allott, Trevor Smith, Barry Taylor, Eric Whiting, Ray Rouse, Les Woodhouse, Colin Sullivan. **Hon life member** – Jack Nicholls

**PATRONS:** Harold Innes, Arthur Grant, Frank Haines.

**CHAIRMAN:** 1955-58 'Mick' Langlands.

**PRESIDENTS:** 1958-1960 'Mick' Langlands; 1960-1973 Arthur Grant; 1973-1980 Trevor Smith; 1980-1985 Wally Orr; 1985-1989 Syd Allott; 1989-1990 Eric Whiting; 1990-1994 Bob Turner; 1995-1996 Colin Sullivan; 1996-2005 Brian Simpson.

### IN THE BEGINNING...

With our present constituted club nearing its 50th birthday, it is logical we should look back at the history of the workingmen's club movement in Hamilton.

It was said the original constituted Hamilton Workingmen's Club was incorporated in May, 1927. However, a detailed research of early Waikato Times files revealed a Hamilton Workingmen's Club was formed in the 1870s as the pioneers of the borough battled hard to establish themselves. Members met to share knowledge, usually through books and special manuscripts sent out from Britain. They discussed new innovations, adapted overseas ideas and plans to suit the local conditions, sought professional business assistance from fellow members as well as enjoying the new friendships club life offered.

The club usually met at Gwynne's Hamilton Hotel in Victoria St. Town councillors soon realised the value of such an organisation and supported its aims and objects.

The arrival of the railway at Frankton in 1877 saw a population boost and the tradesmen of the area were in demand as never before. The club purchased various items of 'gear' which was exchanged between members as houses

and factories were built and tools upgraded. Instruction books were kept in the club's cupboard at the hotel and had to be read on the premises. The volume of literature attracted visitors from other Waikato towns. The library grew at speed, but unfortunately all early club documents, manuals, books etc were lost in the 1898 Hamilton Hotel fire.

While several attempts were made to reform the club in the early 1900s and early 1920s, the next constituted body to carry the name was 'born' in late 1926. Solicitors were instructed to apply for incorporated society status. Stated objects were to afford for its members approved social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvement and rational recreation. Other aims were to encourage and foster friendship amongst men by providing for them a reading room, billiard table, library, a commercial room where basic professional advice would be given at no charge, and also to provide such amusement and means of recreation as members from time to time decided by vote.

A half yearly meeting was held in June with the AGM in December. Entrance fee was five shillings. Annual subscription was 10 shillings or five shillings per six months or two shillings and sixpence per quarter. Special quarter nights were the nearest Friday to December 15, March 7, June 11 and September 5. The

committee was empowered to strike a levy among members at any time for expenditure approved at a general meeting. Fortnightly gatherings for members were held at the Toorak Chambers in Victoria Street. They started promptly at 8pm and ended sharply at 11pm. Only under special circumstances was an extension of time favoured.

The committee kept a close watch on those attending. They had the legal right to evict unwanted 'visitors'. No gambling, bad language, drunkenness or other misconduct was permitted. No visitor could 'use' the club more than three times in one calendar year.

A 1931 membership card lists the following officers – **President**, F J Farrell; **vice president**, R Blackie; **past presidents**, W McKenzie, S V Tyler, E H Quill; **management committee**, F Dunckley, L Ettershank, E Hamblyn, H McLaughlan, B Peace, R Roberts, F H Thomas, C E Wright; **hon auditors**, E H Quill, F H Thomas; **hon conductor and accompanist**, A E Savage; **programme committee**, R Blackie, B Peace, E H Quill, G Hepplestone, C Joll, W Hayes; **hon treasurer**, A S Stayte; **hon secretary**, W Hayes.

Membership dwindled during the years of the depression and club eventually went into recess.

A couple of post-war moves to reform a club were said to have failed because the basic 'red-

tape' requirements were not carried out to the satisfaction of the stolid authorities

However, in the mid-1950s a flicker of interest in forming a newly constituted workingmen's club soon grew into a flood of enthusiasm. Fortunately those at the helm were aware of the need to avoid the pitfalls of over-enthusiasm.

One of the club's life members, Ray Rouse, remembered the initial spark had been ignited at a gathering at Bob Langlands' house in Ulster St in early 1955.

"We used to gather there with our flagons after our regular social haunts had closed at 6pm. The idea caught on quickly. Most other areas had their own workingmen's clubs so it seemed logical to us that Hamilton should follow suit as it was felt that a civic, social, recreational, cultural, sporting and congenial amenity was lacking in the community."

Professional advice was sought. It became obvious the necessary ingredient in the mixture of ideas was for the dreamers, visionaries and idealists to combine fully with the materialists to form a balanced team to convert the idea into an established fact.

After many hours of thought and consideration, a committee of men considered to be of the right philosophy, substance and calibre were asked to meet on the evening of February 22, 1955, at the private residence

of Ron Diamond, 33 Dalethorpe Avenue, Fairfield.

Mr Diamond was a highly respected metal worker in the city. The committee comprised Messrs Diamond, business owner Leslie Joseph Becker, carpenter Lawrence Shanaghan, railway employee James B McArthur, electrical wholesaler J G Harrop, builder R L (Bob) Lovell and insurance agent Duncan Stuart 'Mick' Langlands. Apologies were received from clothier Thomas Courtenay and factory foreman Evan Philip (Phil) Exelby. Mr Harold Innes, Waikato Breweries chief executive, also attended. Meeting minutes record Mr Innes gave sound business advice and made helpful suggestions on ways and means of initially financing the operation. He explained the locker system and listed its good and bad points. Mr Diamond was appointed acting chairman and Mr Langlands acting secretary. They were given power to confer with Mr Innes and take action accordingly on potential property purchase. Mr Harrop, who represented potential members from Horotiu and Ngaruawahia, said he anticipated his group would provide approx 500 pounds in debentures. Committee members then levied themselves one pound each to cover the sundry expenses. Constitutional matters were discussed. Rules of various organisations were studied. It was felt the three basic ideals should be – A: To

do all things in the opinion of the executive and members to promote fellowship, culture and social well being and to afford members every facility possible to foster goodwill and promote friendship between all men and other such clubs. B: The club shall consist of life, honorary and floor members who shall be men of good repute and of a minimum age or over as shall be determined by the Government or licensing authority of the day. C: The club shall at all times be conducted on the basis that all members shall be treated as equals.

Next meeting was on June 21, 1955, at the home of insurance agent 'Mick' Langlands, 6 Claude St, Claudelands. Financial strategy re the purchase of a property and the move to become incorporated were the major topics. The meeting heard Mr Innes had advised the purchase price of the property they had in mind would be 8000 pounds. Alterations to make the building suitable for club purposes (billiard room, lounge, card room, extra toilets) would be between 1200 and 1500 pounds and fittings would be in the vicinity of 500 pounds making 10,000 pounds the figure to be the target of the inaugural committee. It was decided prospective members should take out a five pound debenture and a motion to arrange a general public meeting at some suitable venue was passed. The minute book recorded Messrs Langlands (chairman), Bob Lovell, Leslie

Becker, motor mechanic Edward B Purcell, Lawrence Shanaghan, Phil Exelby and Richard Andrew (Dick) Casey who was listed as a builder / labourer, were present at that meeting. Apologies were received from Ron Diamond, James B McArthur, who had been transferred to the South Island by the railways, Thomas Courtenay, J G Harrop, who was said to be promoting the proposed club at a Ngaruawahia meeting, and Harold Innes.

The Waikato Times was informed of the committee's intentions and reported on Saturday, July 2, under the heading 'Proposal to Form Workingmen's Club in City' – "The establishment of a Workingmen's Club in Hamilton is being organised and a special committee which has done a great deal of work is now in a position to call a public meeting to launch a new club. The initial difficulty of securing suitable premises has been overcome and at the meeting, if the enthusiasm is sufficient, a proposal to buy a

well-situated guest house in the vicinity of Victoria St will be put to the meeting."

The committee didn't waste time as a couple of days later a prominent front page advertisement in the Waikato Times under the heading 'Hamilton and District Workingmen's Club Inc' advised readers – "Another civic amenity to be formed. Notice to all supporters and intending members. Inaugural meeting to establish your club has been arranged by a provisional committee. Your personal attendance necessary to secure success in your own venture. Note and reserve the date – Centreway Rooms, Garden Place, Wednesday, July 6, 8pm – D Langlands convenor."

The public meeting was a huge success as the proposal to establish a club to be known as the Hamilton and Districts Workingmen's Club and incorporate the same was received enthusiastically by the more than 300 who attended. Many apologies were received.

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After informal discussions, timber worker Mr Henry M Mills successfully moved and Mr J G Harrop seconded the resolution that the club be formed and that the provisional committee set up at a previous meeting act as the executive meanwhile. The meeting also agreed unanimously with a further motion, moved by locomotive foreman Mr Charles Burney and seconded by Mr C McCallum, that an entrance fee of one pound be imposed and that the annual subscription be set at one pound 10 shillings. An appeal was made to those present to finance the project by five pound debentures.

The Waikato Times of Thursday, July 7, reported - "Workingmen's Club Formed in Hamilton - A packed hall, after hearing addresses by Messrs D Langlands, building inspector Edward A Waters and Harold Innes, of Hamilton, and G McKearnon, president of the Huntly Workingmen's Club, decided unanimously to form a Hamilton and District Workingmen's Club and the organising committee under the chairmanship of Mr

Langlands was instructed to proceed with the purchase of a property and formally incorporate the club. The meeting was told an option had been obtained on a boarding house in Harwood Street and if sufficient support was forthcoming it would be purchased and the club formed. Over 1000 pounds was contributed on the spot."

It was obvious to all and sundry the support indicated the need for such an amenity. The committee decided to move quickly. The inaugural meeting of the committee on July 29 at 'Mick' Langlands' Claude St home confirmed him as inaugural chairman and Harold Richard Capstick, who was listed as a civil servant, as secretary. Committee members were Messrs Bob Lovell, Leslie Becker, Charles Burney, Dick Casey, Lawrence Shanaghan, E Williams and Edward 'Ossie' Purcell. Trustees elected for debentures etc were Messrs Purcell and Capstick. Accounts of 15 pounds, 11s 4d were passed for payment.

The chairman was granted 25 pounds to meet any further expenses.

Bob Lovell was appointed vice chairman and 'Ossie' Purcell treasurer at the committee meeting on Tuesday, August 23.

A further general meeting was held at the Centreway Tearooms on September 6, 1955, and 230 members had the opportunity to debate the offer of purchase of a building situated at 4 Harwood Street, Hamilton. Chairman 'Mick' Langlands ensured all applications for speaking time were granted. Mr Harold Innes conveyed greetings and support from the Auckland Workingmen's Club. He explained the locker system in more detail. Hamilton solicitor, Mr Arthur Ward, who had been acting for the club, gave the legal definition of the proposed purchase. Messrs Vorbank and Reid successful moved a vote of confidence in the chair.

A third meeting, with 77 present, was held at the same venue on September 28 to confirm more details. Mr Edward Waters supported the committee's actions by letter while Messrs Farrington and Burney moved a further vote of confidence in the chair. Messrs Ward and Burney were given permission to draw up set of rules. They decided to check if discussions on religion and politics within the club premises could be outlawed. Those on high ruled no, but suggested it become one of the 'unwritten' agreements between club members. New members were advised of the arrangement.

Ray Rouse, who was also involved in the rule making process, said they spent hours debating various issues. "We had to be so particular with the wording."

Professional advice indicated it was necessary to make it mandatory to invest the minimum debenture of five pounds together with cash subscriptions and a nomination fee with the application for membership thereby spreading the finance as much as possible over the whole of the membership with the view of finally owing the debt to the club members themselves.

On Wednesday, October 26, printer Richard W (Dick) Healey, plasterer Anthony Harold H Radford and plumber Henry Thomas Tarry were suggested as probable trustees for the debenture holders.

On November 10, 1955, Harwood Private House was purchased at an approximate cost of 10,000 pounds. The cost included alterations etc needed to make the building into a club with a locker system. The owners, Mr and Mrs Merchant, held a first mortgage of 3000 pounds for two years at five per cent interest. The Bank of New Zealand held the second mortgage for the balance under an overdraft arrangement guaranteed by Mr Harold Innes through Innes Industries.

A sale of unwanted chattels was done free of charge by auctioneer Clem Bradley.

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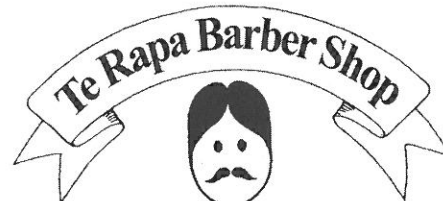
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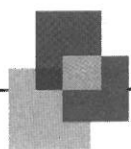
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THEY GUIDED THE CLUB'S FORTUNES...  
1959-60: BACK ROW (from left) ARTY HEALEY, DES DEED, ROY MCKINNON, SONNY DAVIES, RAY FULLJAMES, DICK HEALEY, JIM HEYES, ARTHUR PARKES, DICK BRODERICK.  
FRONT ROW - JACK NICHOLLS (secretary), CLAUDE MANGAN (treasurer), ARTHUR GRANT (president), SANDY GORDON, DOUG VINCENT (vice president), 'PEACHY' LANE.





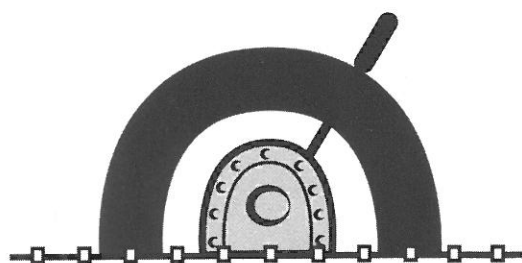
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Interim official meetings confirmed appointments of sponsors, solicitors, bankers, auditors, accountants, trustees for debenture holders, plus registration of an Incorporated Society, debentures, trust deeds etc etc. Permission was given to purchase 14 tables and 84 chairs.

A general meeting in the new premises on Tuesday, November 15, attracted 130 members.

Chairman 'Mick' Langlands announced the appointment of Dick Healey, Henry Tarry and leading fireman George Russell as trustees.

Hamilton Printing Works were authorised to produce members cards and clearance was given to buy a cooling unit from Wright Stephenson and Co Ltd. It was reported a suitable refrigerator and heater were also being considered while Tom Haman's quote of three pounds for the cleaning contract had been accepted.

To maintain interest and for psychological reasons, further special meetings during alterations were held in the club premises. The response and comments encouraged the committee.

Sporting sections soon formed included darts, snooker, fishing, golf, indoor and outdoor bowls and claybird shooting. Cards, dominos and board games were also popular. A Sunday cricket team was also mooted.

The bulk of the alteration work was done by members. On March 13, 1956, the first of the club lockers were allocated in alphabetical order and numbered with the official register copied and placed in the care of the club chairman, club's bank manager and solicitor.

The first annual meeting was held on Tuesday, April 24. Field instructor William J Crowther, builder Leslie Preston Gray and Don McCullum joined the executive of 'Mick' Langlands, Bob and Claude Lovell),

Lawrence Shanaghan, 'Ossie' Purcell, electrician Glen Keyte and Harold Capstick while Messrs George Clow, Tom Haman, Vollemaere, Keyte, George Russell, Wright and Woodhams made up the newly formed house committee. Mr Gray agreed to complete alterations to the premises before official opening and to install the indoor bowling platform purchased from the Waikato club.

The volunteer roster system used to monitor the entrance and lockers started well, but ran into difficulties as overall security was not tight and some members complained their supplies had been tampered with. The house committee decided there was a need for a club steward. On May 7 Les Dunford was appointed at 14 pounds per week to look after the interests of the membership of 400. A regular, sometimes daily, stock take of locker items almost dried up the complaints.

A never - to - be - forgotten highlight came on Saturday, June 9, 1956, the day Waikato beat the Springboks just down the road at Rugby Park. One of founder members of the club, Tommy Haman, and his mate, George Clow, were rostered on as a temporary barmen for the day.

Tommy recalled that really amazing day in a special interview years later - "We started at 8am and thought we were in trouble when the local police arrived just before 9am and caught us having a few before our official opening time. We thought we would all be booked as they had been pretty strict. However, they told our social committee, who were there 'officially' to prepare for sales later in the day, it would be a good idea to open up about 9am if we wanted to stop a riot. They said there were thousands gathering in Victoria St for the Mooloo parade and the two hotels just couldn't handle the crowd. We obviously obeyed



PROUD CLUB MEMBERS OUTSIDE THE HARWOOD STREET CLUB PREMISES IN THE EARLY 1960s. HOW MANY CAN YOU RECOGNISE?

their instructions and early sales were brisk. Soon the place was full. Members arriving for a 'quiet' beer were staggered to find Harwood Street virtually closed off by the police. All car parks had been taken. The word had spread quickly and by 11am there must have been a couple of hundred thirsty rugby patrons, members and non-members, milling around outside. Permission was sought to allow patrons to take supplies out into the car park, but not out on to the street. We were told to wait until the police chiefs decided. When the Mooloo parade finished we were told the queue outside the club stretched around the corner into London Street. To add to the mayhem, the disappointed thousands who had been turned away from Rugby Park as the ground was already full, had by then headed back to town. When they saw the original queue they started another from the Rostrevor Street end. The police, well outnumbered by the fans, warned us of possible trouble, but thankfully the crowd seemed content to wait their turn. Mooloo cut-outs and red, yellow and black colours were all over the place. At the start some of our committee tried to limit the numbers entering the club. They gave up when they eventually received permission to use the car park as a 'temporary' drinking area. That certainly eased the squeeze inside. Luckily, the

crowd was good-humoured. Some tried to be smart and wandered out on to the street, but generally they respected our rules. The club's phone line ran hot as more members were called in to help with security. Thankfully many responded. Amazingly, especially to us stuck inside behind the bar, trucks of all shapes and sizes continued to deliver supplies of extra bottled beer from various sources. Even though the beer was warm, each vehicle was greeted with a loud cheer and the sacks were soon emptied.

Just after midday the police visited again and told us we were doing well. By then, some of the crowd had left to go elsewhere to listen to the match broadcast. However, things only really quietened when the game started on the radio. We put most of the money in the club safe, but made sure we had plenty of change. We could hear the cheers from Rugby Park. When Waikato led at halftime all our thoughts turned to a possible home victory. More supplies were needed. Again, seemingly from out of nowhere, they arrived. Willing hands carried in the sacks and cardboard boxes. Someone, I don't know who, suggested we set up another bar close to the main door. Good idea, we all said. A draw for the cash just appeared from somewhere and we prepared for the rush. Just as well we did because when word came through Waikato had won the place just went

mad. The sudden surge of happy drinkers soon filled the club and the car park. We went flat out. The celebrations went on and on. I remember someone gave me a cold pie, my first food for hours. It tasted like Mum's best roast! Pre-laid plans for a quiet 'members only' evening went out the window as the crowd kept asking for more. Around 10 o'clock we were given the official signal to close up. The police cleared out the Harwood Street area and just

before midnight we 'temporary barmen' found ourselves all alone. Then came the our biggest bonus of the whole 18 hours of activity when a couple of sugar sacks of long-necked bottles suddenly appeared on our hastily made bar and someone, again I don't know, or care, called out: 'Thanks, boys, help yourselves. It's on the club!'

I remember some of the committee guys had great fun as they attempted to count all

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the money. Only a few of the notes were clean and many of the coins had to be put into boiling water to get rid of the food, mud etc. They then had to decide what they were going to do with all the cash! It was really too much of a risk to leave it on the premises so it was decided to put it in different bags for four or five people to take home in taxis. However, because of the big crowd still in town the taxis were flat out and it seemed a long time before they arrived.

When we eventually left the club people seemed to be lying

everywhere. The nearby church foyer in London Street was full of happy souls trying to keep out of the cold. Shop doorways were also popular. There was one guy lying on the railway track, which in those days went across Victoria Street. We carried him a short way and left him in a Ward Street doorway. There was only a small crowd at the Commercial Hotel where the Springboks were staying while when we reached the Hamilton Hotel the Waikato team party in the lounge was about to end. We joined in a couple of songs

around the piano, managed to get one drink, then decided to head to our lodgings.

When we got back to Harwood Street on the Sunday morning the clean-up was already in full swing. Guys were sweeping the car park and road. Others were mopping the club floor. Everyone was happy. The money had been returned all intact, recounted and our bank manager had been contacted to send one of his staff to collect the takings. He must have had other calls to make because he didn't arrive until midday. The match was obviously the main talking point. The 'empties' filled truck after truck. We helped take some down to the Waikato Breweries yard. Fortunately, as some of our club members worked at the breweries, we were 'invited' in to sample one of the new brews. It became another long day!

The following week 'Mick' Langlands praised all those who had answered the call on that famous Saturday. He said it was a great test of club loyalty. However, the police, who had been very supportive as we all tried to handle the huge rugby crowd, soon reverted to the strict licensing rules and so we had to be very careful again how we operated our bar and sales."

What a great memory for Tommy and the others who shared his experience.

When the Mooloo-madness died away, the club executive

was delighted to inform members that the Rt Hon Walter Nash had accepted an invitation to officially open the non-chartered locker system on July 23, 1956.

Founder member and first chairman, 'Mick' Langlands, told the gathering - "The very atmosphere and environment of a workingmen's club is basically a philosophy and a movement and that it will always be operated on personal sacrifice. Unity is strength, loyalty and continued support, honesty and sound administration, and with sound management it will overcome all obstacles."

Club patron Harold Innes donated most of the refreshments at the celebration to welcome the lockers. Other official guests included Police Inspector Les Holt, Superintendent Sutherland, Sergeants Edwards and Duncan; Mayor Rod Braithwaite; Messrs Salmond (Bank of New Zealand), Messrs Norris and Ward (solicitors); Phil West (Waikato Times); and the presidents and executive members of the Auckland, Otorohanga and Huntly Workingmen's Clubs

In spite of increased security, early times under the locker system were trying. On some days the warm beer from lockers could be swapped for colder items, but that was not always possible as the cold supplies often ran out. Members weathered the storm



THESE HISTORIC PICTURES SHOW JUST HOW IT WAS AT HARWOOD STREET AS THE CLUB TOOK POSSESSION OF HARWOOD PRIVATE HOUSE AND THEN STARTED TO MAKE ALTERATIONS AS MEMBERSHIP GREW



of a price squeeze on non-chartered clubs while surprise police raids were frequent and really tested the mood of the executive members who were on roster duty at the time. Meetings were held with the police chiefs who stressed they had only acted on complaints and did not aim to put the club out of business. Disputes between members over the lockers and gambling debts saw two expelled and a number of suspensions handed out.

The August committee meeting, which involved two newcomers, Messrs Harry Warner, a motorbike mechanic, and Jim Speedy, decided to apply to the Licensing Control Commission for a club charter. It also appointed H Tams club steward, with Bill Hess on standby, and approved the use of a room by the Waikato Boxing Trainers' Association for meetings.

Mr J Shand was appointed club secretary and Mr Gray house manager in October.

At the same meeting it was decided to install closing time warning bells. The executive heard Messrs Alwyn John McCabe, James Robertson McKinnon, Graham Pickup, R Anderson, Ray Rouse, Godfrey Russell and others had raised 150 pounds for the children's Christmas party. Friday night quick raffles also boosted the fund.

In January, 1957, business manager Alexander H 'Sandy' Gordon, painter Jack Mitchell, carpenter Leslie Jepson and

fitter Cecil Cornes were added to the committee as replacements for Messrs Warner, Speedy and Gray. Mr Warner became a club steward along with Mr Hess. The executive heard an offer of one hundred and ten pounds was accepted by the Waikato club for 100 unused lockers, bowling accessories and bowls.

One of those called in to work on knocking the lockers back into a usable shape was a young cabinet maker, Colin

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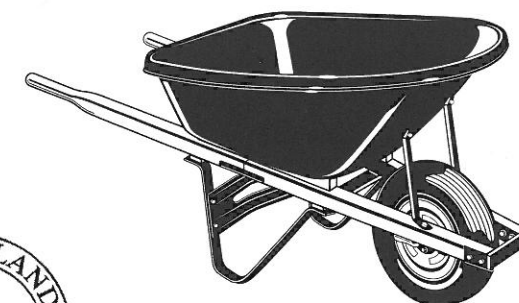
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Russell, son of George, who later himself became a club stalwart. Colin is still a regular attendee at the club.

Messrs William Arthur Grant, then a factory foreman who later a co-owned a diesel mechanical business, and George Clow joined the executive in May while a building committee of Messrs Bob Lovell, Leslie Jepson, Wallace, Bowden and Albert Littlejohn was formed. A social committee was authorised to function with special emphasis on ladies' nights programmes. A new house committee elected included Messrs Tom Haman, A James, painter Percy Lockhart, Roy McKinnon, K I Wright, salesman Malcolm Hassell, Alwyn John McCabe, G W Woodhams and Michael Claude Mangan, a company representative. To ease the load of executive members, a 10am to 6pm Saturday roster was set up. Those who did the initial hourly door shifts were - Messrs Wright and McKinnon; Clow and Haman; James and Hassell; Purcell and

Mangan; Cornes and Jepson; Bob and 'Mick' Langlands; Grant and Gordon; Lockhart and McCabe.

Average accounts passed for payment at monthly meetings were between 500 and 600 pounds. Firms dealt with included Horotiu Poultry Farm, C L Innes and Co, Hamilton Printing Works, State Fire Insurance, Griffin and Sons, Waikato Wines and Spirits, J C Hutton, Burgess Fraser, Vorback and Nicholl and Lovell Bros. Two phones, cost of toll calls and line rental saw an average of four pounds paid monthly to the P and T Department while monthly rates paid to Hamilton City Council were just over 11 pounds.

The executive which met in July, 1957, included Messrs 'Mick' Langlands (president), Arthur Grant (vice president), 'Ossie' Purcell (treasurer), Alexander Gordon, Bob Langlands, Glen Keyte, George Clow, Leslie Jepson, Cecil Cornes, Jack Mitchell while Alwyn John McCabe was appointed in

September. Their immediate concerns were a sudden rise in gambling activities; the number of members taking liquor off the premises; the swapping of liquor from locker to locker without the knowledge of the owners; and parking and boundary issues with neighbour, the New Zealand Dairy Co. The gambling and liquor problems saw several members requested by registered letters to appear before the executive. Those who refused, or failed to respond, were automatically expelled. Problems over use of the telephone and radio saw both relocated at the bar service area so the steward on duty was able to monitor the situation.

Messrs Mangan and shop proprietor Harry Houghton were the main organisers of a club ball with costs being taken out of the Christmas social fund. Riverlea Entertainers provided music.

Clever financial manipulation managed building additions,

such as \$4000 for a storeroom / billiard room and also \$8000 for an expanded servery and all fittings. Two billiard tables and equipment were ordered from Barton and McGill while the buying of a cooling system was approved.

With membership expanding rapidly it was decided in December, 1957, to have a ballot for intending members. The annual sub was confirmed at one pound ten shillings with the nomination fee two pounds ten shillings.

A proposed rise in price of bottled beer made national headlines and the main breweries were criticised by MP's in parliament. When the dust settled the cost of DB Draught, DB Green, Waitemata Sparkling, Waikato Draught, Waikato XXXX, Waikato Lager was set at 1s9d. A special Coronation brew was 1s3d. DB Lager sold at 12s3d a dozen, while a sack of Waikato Draught ranged from 10s6d to 12s3d. Some 'in the know' were only charged 10s.

The general accounts, passed for payment at the January, 1958, meeting topped one thousand pounds for the first time. Claude Mangan and Percy Lockhart were new committeemen; Bob Lovell was nominated, later elected, to be a life member; while the secretary's honorarium was set at 26 pounds. It was noted a large number of transfers approved were from railway people moving to Frankton Junction from West Coast, Wellington and Huntly clubs.

More disputes between some members re the locker system and gambling saw the NZ Workingmen's Club in Wellington asked for official rulings to assist the club solicitor prepare the various cases against those who infringed. The results all went the club's way and three members were expelled.

President 'Mick' Langlands was given approval to travel to Wellington to put case to licensing body for club charter. After inspection it was ruled some extra facilities had to be provided before charter would be finally approved.

Building plans were soon approved, materials bought and work started.

Loyalties were tested as the alteration work meant dust, water and noise became part of the daily routine. However, the solid core of members were not deterred as they debated, joked and laughed about the issues of the day. No doubt there were many harsh words,

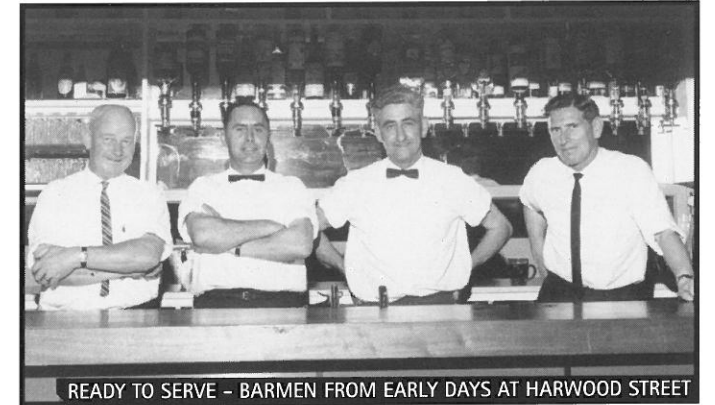
many tears and a hell of a lot of hard work as the progress required was slowly achieved.

'Mick' Langlands, who was granted an annual entertainment allowance of 25 pounds, and vice president, Arthur Grant, represented club at national conference at Gisborne where they discovered other new clubs were going through the same growing pains.

'Sonny' Davies took over as secretary in place of AJ McCabe in April and mechanic Walter A Beaver, plumber James Taylor and Roy McKinnon went on to the committee. Claude Mangan was praised for the successful social and dance. No disputes, no raids made for a great night.

A special Sunday executive meeting decided the club would operate under the locker system up to 6pm on function nights. Special licence rules re purchase of alcohol took over when club reopened at 7.30pm.

The new member list, unfortunately the only one printed in the official minute book, for September, 1958, included - R J C Brown, William S Lee, N Broadbent, I C E Lovelock, R H George, Brian J Brodrick, J E Lyon, R W ('Chook') Tarry, Sammy Peters, F G Peacocke, J H Calder, Tony B Marchioni, Gordon D Walker, M James, hairdresser C Patrick Osborne, locomotive driver Raymond J Fulljames, hairdresser / sporting goods salesperson Albert V Giles, W



F Webb and Waikato Times printer / bookbinder W Pat Stewart.

With the extra facilities approved, the charter was obtained on March 13, 1959.

The move was so popular that a special ballot to accept 75 new members had to be held in May, 1959.

Members were stunned when they learnt of the resignation of president 'Mick' Langlands. After a long discussion the committee accepted his decision with regret. Mr Langlands said he had achieved what he had set out to do and did not think he, and other committee members, deserved the constant criticism received from some members. He said had they been supportive and helped when asked the building alterations would have been finished much quicker. However, he said he had no regrets and left the club in a very sound position. He suggested the time had arrived for a professional accountant to be involved in organising the club's finances and advocated a club manager be appointed. Arthur Grant took over as club president while a month later Jack Nicholls was named secretary-accountant and 'Sonny' Davies became club manager. Jim Oliver joined the executive.

Further improvements were made as finance became available and 'a completely changed' premises were officially opened by Rt Hon Walter Nash on December 4, 1964.

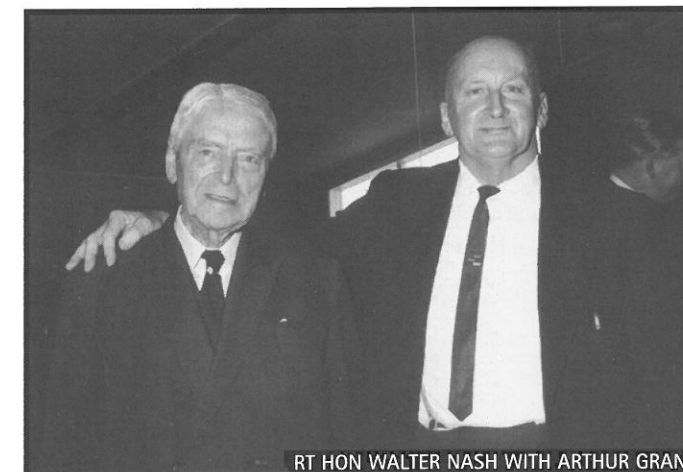
Other major building extension programmes were undertaken over the next decade with stage one being completed in 1976. Stage two, which included a new main entrance for the then 1500 members, a new upper floor area, new bars and recreation areas, was started almost immediately.

During the early 1990s there was a constant need to upgrade facilities. New stringent health and safety regulations made for many changes. Maintenance became a huge issue.

A special general meeting was called for January 22, 1995, to explain details of a building which had become available at 20 King Street, Frankton. Approximately 365 members attended. There were many queries, but few objections.

In March, 1996, the new refurbished building on the King Street site, with floor space of 20,000 sq ft, was completed. The Harwood Street premises were 'farewelled' on March 28 and the 'march' to the new club was made the following day and covered by local media. Tom Fisher, then vice president of New Zealand Chartered Clubs, performed the official opening on March 30.

And so the club has progressed from a membership of approx 900 at Harwood Street to more than 5000. Operation of such a huge organisation has become 'big business' with people of professional ability in charge.



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# SUB - SECTION REPORT



## SNOOKER PROGRESS RELIES ON TEAM WORK, NOT 'POT' LUCK...

The snooker section has set its sights on getting better every year.

And chairman Bryan Gordon was delighted to report to the section's annual meeting that they were right on target and looking forward to staging the national over 60's billiards singles and snooker pairs in July.

"I am pleased to report another very successful year. Our membership is still increasing and a number of the new members are experienced players who are helping the section build on our already strong core of good players."

Bryan said the section's financial position was very

secure in spite of the fact there was considerable extra expenditure for – A: Another two tournaments. B: Additional prizes and trophies. C: The visit of the English billiards team, 'The Loose Cannons'. D: Presentation of club waistcoats to A and B grade winners.

He said the visit of 'The Loose Cannons' – Bill Andress, Paul Dunning and Peter Shelley – had to be rated as a highlight of the year. "All who saw and met these players could not help but be impressed. I am pleased to report they were equally impressed with our club and its facilities and they

will be returning to us again this year. As part of their visit we played an England v New Zealand match. The three top New Zealand players involved also lavished praise on our facilities. They even expressed the view that they would like to see the NZ Open played here. With our eighth table this can be worked on by your committee." The NZ team members were Wayne Carey, Grant Heywood and Garry Oliver.

Other points he made included – Subscriptions: The new system of collecting sub-section subscriptions as part of the main club subscription billing system worked well.

Raffles: Another good year on the raffle bar as a result of more hard work by a dedicated few. It is of continuing concern that a large proportion of members are prepared to take from the section, but are not prepared to assist.

A full programme of all club tournaments with increased fields in all events were staged. Fourteen teams – 28 players – entered the handicap pairs. Two new events introduced were – A: The club night invitation for the 14 most regular players at club nights. B: The handicap billiards tournament.

"More tournaments will be provided as the opportunity arises and I would like to see at least two more billiards events in the coming year," Bryan commented.

Club night participation was up and on many occasions a doubles format was used as there were too many players for singles.

"Club nights are our principal 'window' to the outside world. People with an interest in our sport are most likely to have their first contact with the section at a club night. Bruce Harper and his team showed great dedication in running the nights so successfully."

The club was again represented with two teams at both the Napier Over 50s and Cosmopolitan Club Over 60s. Approval was given for five players to attend a new tournament in Tokoroa, but unfortunately the event was cancelled.

The section has more snooker referees with the return of Mark Gsodam from Wellington and Ron Hunt who was successful in re-sitting his examination after his status lapse following his extended stay in Australia. The transfer in of Paul Wilson from the Cosmopolitan Club and the joining of Bryan Villers has also boosted the ranks and provided a much needed spur to get billiards underway again. The first handicap billiards tournament was staged and a snooker player, Mark Gsodam, took the major honours.

Bryan said the approval of an eighth table by the club's executive will make a huge difference to playing conditions and will allow the sub-section to start to attract external tournaments where eight tables are a pre requisite.

A second placing to the Commerce Club in the interclub after a very close final was a much more realistic result than the disappointing third equal of the previous year.

"Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Keith Hay Homes Ltd the interclub team looked very smart in their uniform shirts and there were many approving comments regarding their appearance. I appreciate the efforts of Rick Daji and Dave Rosser in getting this competition back on a substantial footing."

Bryan praised the efforts of Glen Shalders who produced a section newsletter. All members have been asked to provide material for inclusion and the referees plan to provide a regular feature on various aspects of the rules.

One disappointing note of the year was the number of times Waikato billiards and snooker tournaments were cancelled. "We need these tournaments if our promising players are to gain experience at the level up from club play. As clearly the largest club in the greater Waikato area, I believe we have a role to play in promoting those events which have an impact on our own organisation. I suggest we explore ways of developing a relationship with W B & S to ensure that their full compliment of tournaments are realised in future. Any suggestions as to how this could be achieved would be helpful," Bryan said.

Winners of 2004 trophies presented at February 20 prizegiving –

John Franklin Memorial:  
K Kahui, 1; J Williams, 2.

Handicap singles:  
M Bulbeck, 1; A Tonge, 2.

The S.K.O.T.:  
A Tonge and J Booth, 1;  
P Phillips & D Winitana, 2.

Highest break: A Tonge, 117.

Billiards handicap:  
M Gsodam, 1; P Phillips, 2.

Most improved player:  
D Will.

Club night invitation:  
K Kahui, 1; J Booth, 2.

Handicap pairs:  
G Shalders and B Harper, 1;  
B Gordon and R Boyles, 2.

Over 50s singles:  
J Booth, 1; K Kahui, 2.

Open pairs:  
S Thomas and B McLuskie, 1; A Tonge and R Jones, 2.

C grade championship:  
R Ngaia, 1; A McLachlan, 2.

B grade championship:  
K Kahui, 1; R O'Rourke, 2.

A grade championship:  
S Thomas, 1; R Daji, 2.

Billiards and snooker committee for 2005 –  
Chairman: Bryan Gordon.  
Secretary-treasurer:  
Ron Boyles.

Club captain: Bruce Harper.  
Committee: Rick Daji, Mark Jenkins, Steve Thomas, Brendan Hayward, Liam Cornelius, Mark Gsodam.  
Assistant club captain –  
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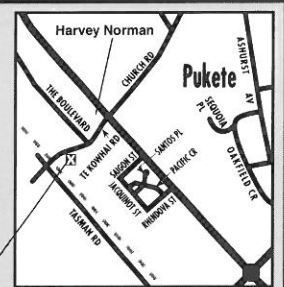
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# SUB - SECTION REPORT



## ALL GO FOR 'SIXTY PLUS'!

The 'Special Correspondent' of the 'Sixty Plus' sub-section reports another successful year.

"No doubt with 2005 being the 50th anniversary of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club, a good number of the older members, particularly our remaining foundation members, will reflect on those early years and the many good memories since the club's establishment up to the present time.

From the seniors' point of view it is not exactly clear when their sub-section was formed. However, we do know that Frank Haines, who is the club's patron, was one of the section's major fund raisers for

many years. Two other seniors stalwarts were Syd Allott and Gordon Corbett who also held the top executive positions at various stages.

During 2004 the name of the sub-section was renamed 'Sixty Plus'.

The sub-section continues to grow with the present membership now topping 360, the biggest within the club.

The main activity is undoubtedly the weekly Wednesday afternoon indoor bowls roll-up which attracts between 60 and 80 players. It

is of interest to note that the bowls are so popular that there is only a break of two weeks over Christmas and New Year.

Regular bus trips are also a major feature and occur every six weeks. Preparing interesting and varied trips is very time consuming. The section is very fortunate to have the experience of Bert and Sally Barford who very ably carry out this task.

Bus trips over the last 12 months included -

- Matamata, including Tirau and Karapiro Dam.
- Point Chevalier RSA for bowls.
- Kiwifruit Country, including Te Puke Citizens Club, Te Poi Country Club and Woollen Factory.
- Robinson's Sports Museum and Gardens and Piako Ostrich Farm.
- Two-day trip, which included an overnight stay at Whitianga, on to Coromandel the next day and a visit to the Driving Creek Railway and Potteries.
- Mystery trip to Hamilton Gardens then on to the Waipa Delta for lunch and a trip on the Waikato River.
- Brown's Bay (Bays Club) for lunch then down Beach Road through Milford, Takapuna and Devonport, including the naval base.

The Go Bus Transport Ltd has provided outstanding sponsorship to the 'Sixty Plus' section which has been much appreciated.

The mid-year and Christmas luncheons were again highly

successful and well attended. The music provided was very enjoyable.

During 2004 two of our more senior members, Rose Evans and Mavis Astrella, celebrated their 90th birthdays. They both regularly play indoor bowls and Rose is also a regular member of the cards sub-section. What a great age!

The mid-year and Christmas drawn handicap pairs snooker tournaments again attracted good entries.

Those of you who are on the verge of reaching that magic age of 60 are more than welcome to join when that special birthday comes around. All you have to do is see one of our committee members or make your intention known to those in the front office.

In fact, those who have already reached that mark and have not yet linked up with our very energetic section, led by Bert Barford and his team, are urged to make their move now so they can share the enjoyment provided from tomorrow."

The committee was - Chairperson, Bert Barford; vice chairperson, Dawn King; secretary, Sally Barford; treasurer, Clare Barton; executive, Allen Stewart, Winston Scott, John King, Fred Paetae, Doug Hapi, Dawn Reid, John Reid.

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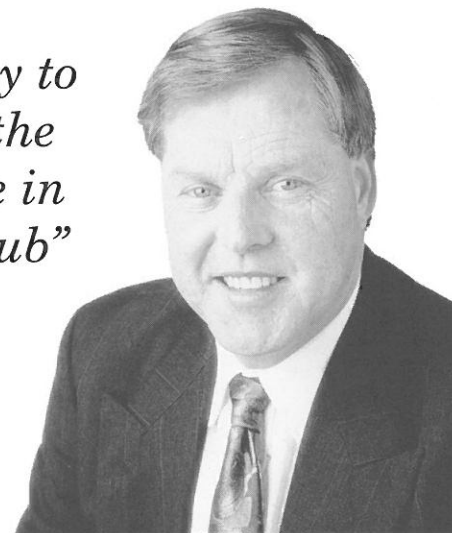
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# SUB - SECTION REPORT



## GOLFERS RIGHT ON COURSE

The golf section had a very successful season.

This culminated in a most enjoyable 'Bring a Friend' day where section members invited golfers or non-golfers alike to play a round at Te Awamutu.

The season started off at Morrinsville where, on a course more suitable for an army exercise, the Workingmen's team defeated the 'Cossie' club in our annual challenge.

Over the next seven months games were played throughout the Waikato-Bay of Plenty region, with bus trips to five of the out-of-town venues. As with all groups and bus trips, there were the hearty few who demanded the back seats, and without exception, they always made the trips that much more entertaining.

Members have been urged to take advantage of going 'on tour' as these most worthy days were only lightly supported last season. Make sure you check the golf noticeboard for venues, dates, times etc.

The team for the North island chartered clubs' tournament, staged at Mt Maunganui, was Malcolm Nash, Barry Robinson and Henry Dunn. Malcolm Nash had the best

combined nett score and the team's top 20 placing was very creditable.

On the way to the tournament, 19 members endeavoured to tame the course at Katikati, Pacifica. It was reasonably obvious from the first tee that having one or three receptacles of amber fluid certainly did not enhance a players ability to perform with credit. In actual fact, most of those who had ideas of attaining 'Tiger Woods' status very quickly came back to earth, or water, as the case may be.

Trophy winners for the 2004 season were -

Breweries Salver, best five of six nett rounds: P Morgan.

Rouse Cup, best five of six gross rounds: O Sigley.

Oliver Cup, best five of six stableford: B Robinson.

Nett Trophy, best four of six nett: H Dunn.

Keith Hart Memorial Trophy, combined nett North Island tournament: M Nash.

Turner Tray, ladies stableford four rounds: L Dunn.

Fellowship Cup: G Harris, G Walker.

Bib-Stein Shield, best four of five nett rounds: L Cornelius.

Santa Cup, most improved handicapper: B Finlayson.

Officers for 2005 season - President, Peter Lee; secretary, Darryl Cameron; treasurer, Owen Sigley; club captain, Phil Morgan; committee, Tim Hema, Peter Walker, Rod Bowie, Don McKnight, Stu McCallum.

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## NET PRACTICES ENSURE OUR CRICKETERS ON RIGHT TRACK

Our club's cricket scribe has described their season as 'grand' as they managed to bowl over most of their opposition.

As he recovered from the rigours of the sub-section's annual dinner he was able to relate the most improved player award was won by Tony Westbrooke. Other trophies went to: Andy Clear (bowling); Brian Irving (fielding); Kevin 'Doggie' Woolston (batting); Greg Corban (sportsman of year).

Elected officers were Richard Clark (president), Peter Ward (secretary), Craig Morrison (treasurer), Scott Ryan (captain), Craig Ryan (vice captain) with Terry Ryan the cricket section representative on the main club committee.

An invitation from the Rotorua CT Club to play them in Rotorua was duly accepted.

The players, fresh and eager to go after some serious net practices in the club, left on Go Bus at 12 noon. When they reached Tirau a road block meant they had to detour via Okoroire Hotel. "Oh, darn. What a shame!" was the call, but the team showed real spirit and decided to make the most of the unplanned visit.

After they had cleaned the locals out at darts and helped profits, the team carried on to

Rotorua. They stayed at the Four Canoes Motel. The next morning the bus driver was told in no uncertain words that it was not 'PC' to park his vehicle in front of the gates of a marae.

The weather was uncertain as the game against Rotorua started. By over five the rain came in, but the Year Book correspondent on tour with the team, reported with considerable pride that our conscientious lads braved the conditions and notched up their first victory of the season.

The Wednesday night businesshouse matches went well with our team winning two thirds of their games. They ended up in the top four, a notable effort. Well done, guys! It just proved once again what can be achieved through serious net practice.

The annual chartered clubs' tournament was held in Tauranga where our team was opposed by the Tauranga Citizens Club, Waipa Club, Glenview Club and Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club.

After their original bus struck back end trouble, the team

ended up with a mini bus with a trailer with 14 cricketers in a 13 seater!

To prove his knowledge of history and other worldly habits, one member decided to tell all who cared to listen as they made their way to Tauranga that the Waikato River used to flow along the Hinuera flats. Our correspondent reported there was no interest in that revelation and would like to point out to Tony that the river now runs out to the ocean at Port Waikato.

The bus just made it to the top of the Kaimais so a stop was made to give it a rest.

The team stayed at the Bureta Park Motor Inn and found it a great place to spend a couple of days. The cricket

was not flash as the team lost two games and had the bye in the third. However, all was not doom and gloom and our correspondent reported the team would like to thank the local police, the Tauranga nightlife and the Tauranga Citizens Club for providing the ingredients for staging a good tournament.

To top off a fine season the team played its annual game against Otahuhu. Hamilton batted first and scored 255 for three wickets (we repeat, 255 for three wickets!) in 30 overs with two players making 50. Otahuhu only managed 195 all out. The Hamilton player of the day was Greg Corban who scored 50, took three catches and two wickets to finish his season off in style.

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# CLUB PERSONALITY



## COLIN'S LAUGH WON THE HEARTS OF MANY

Many clubs have 'characters' who were well known throughout the country.

Colin Albert Cameron (1929-2004) certainly was one of Hamilton Workingmen's latest versions.

Many visitors over the recent period, especially those from other chartered clubs at the annual conference, were taken aback when made aware of Colin's death in late November last year. They had obviously looked forward to renewing his acquaintance as they had always enjoyed his company and genuine friendship.

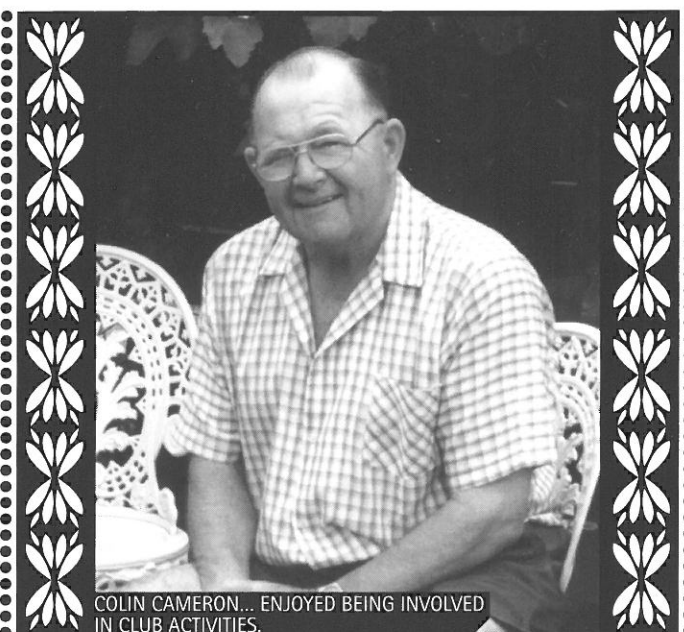
Known to all and sundry as 'Kookaburra', because of his infectious laugh, Colin became involved with our club virtually from its inception in the 1950s and for the next half century he played several notable roles in its progress, a family tradition now being currently continued on by one of his sons, David, who has served on several club executives.

Colin attended one or two of the formation meetings in the Centreway Tearooms in 1955, liked what he heard, agreed with the aims of the new organisation, and was among the first groups to sign up.

"The club was good to me then and later for my family. I was able to relax. It enabled me to meet many people in all walks of life. It helped me in business as well as in leisure and social activities."

certainly had their moments!" he laughed without any further explanation.

He didn't mind being called 'Kookaburra' because "many of my mates were called far worse."



COLIN CAMERON... ENJOYED BEING INVOLVED IN CLUB ACTIVITIES.

Colin's natural good humour and 'that' laugh meant he was never far from any action.

He remembered with affection the early social evenings staged at the Workingmen's Club in Harwood Street. "They

Colin always looked forward to his regular club visits - especially his snooker and card battles. He rated the club's first charity day at Harwood Street as his favourite club memory. He was thrilled how club members responded and how the community, especially the invited sportspeople, got in behind the project.

While Colin's family rightly came first, second and third in his list of priorities, he found time to establish a business; for club work; to take an interest in all sports; to become very active in the Hamilton Rugby Referees; to go fishing; to prepare his garden; and to follow the horses.

His skills in the world of mowers became legendary as

word of his deeds spread.

He became the 'unofficial mayor' of Hood Street in Hamilton. He would stand outside his shop and greet people of all standings in the community. He spoke kindly to the early morning street cleaners and later would tease the 'legal eagles' as they walked to the court. No one escaped.

It was said, with some conviction, that it was the late Neil Menzies, a well-known policeman and rugby referee, who nicknamed Colin 'Kookaburra'.

His style of calling people after their various trades caused great amusement. Guys who worked for the newspaper were always called 'Waikato Times', then there was 'Truck Driver', 'TAB', 'Hammer & Nails', 'Sparky', 'Courier' and so on...

Suzanne Prentice was Colin's favourite singer and her rendition of 'One Day At a Time' his favourite song. He had a special liking for roast lamb and fish while DB and a couple of gins went down well with him. His favourite TV shows were Coronation Street, The Bill, Blue Heelers, Trackside and all sport.

William Roache, who plays Ken Barlow in Coronation Street, was his favourite actor.

However, when it came to the nomination of his favourite lady, there was only one contender, his wife of many years, Shirley.



# REMEMBER 50 YEARS AGO...1955?

While the founders of the Hamilton Workingmen's Club were going about the business of establishing our organisation in 1955, the city itself was booming.

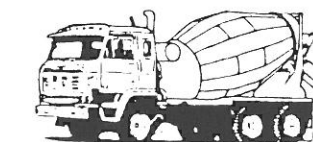
The spark that had ignited the fire in the bellies of Hamilton's business and sporting leaders

was undoubtedly Waikato's Ranfurly Shield rugby triumph against North Auckland in 1951 and the team's subsequent reign with the coveted trophy. As challenge after challenge was overturned, the confidence of the local business and sporting talent lifted. The

emergence of Mooloo had put Hamilton in the spotlight. Against all previous trends, Hamilton really started to market itself to all and sundry and the response was very encouraging, especially north of the Bombay Hills and in the Bay of Plenty.

Aware of the success of the promotions, Hamilton industry and main street businesses upgraded their plants and premises. Record purchases of new electronic office equipment were made. More were somehow able to arrange previously denied access to

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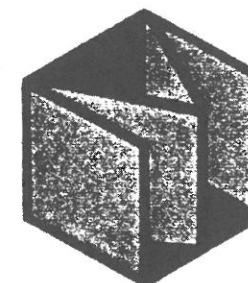
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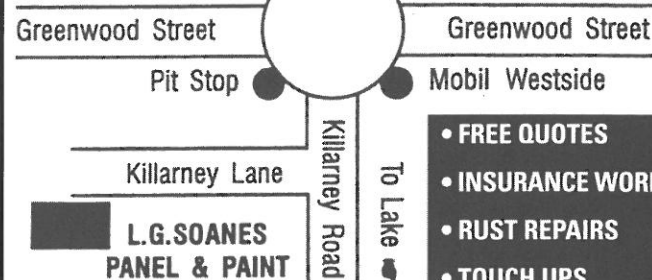
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overseas funds and so many new vehicles of all shapes and sizes were visible on city streets. The motor firms were delighted.

Hamilton's population headed at pace toward 40,000. Five storey buildings changed the look of Garden Place. Victoria Street shops had a facelift with much more lighting. Some councillors started to realise there was potential outside of the 'Golden Mile'. Mayor Rod Braithwaite was kept busy opening one venture after another. Plans to lower the railway, which interrupted main street traffic, were mooted by councillor J R Baird. Other councillors around at that stage included H E Annett, D C Blomfield, H E Calcott, D Cunningham, A J Denz, H H Fow, A R Griffiths, D E Menzies, H A Milne, N Pomeroy, A Robinson, E G Scrimshaw, A L Tompkins, B E Woodhams and F M Yendell. Many of the above attended the farewell of chief postmaster, Mr R J W Black. Newspaper reports said Mr Black was presented 'with a well-filled wallet'.

Hamilton businessmen Messrs B Pomeroy and R Masefield flew from Whenuapai with a New Zealand party of car firm executives to London where they were guests of British Motor Corporation.

The separation of the high schools was completed with the girls staying on the old site and the boys moving across the river. St Peter Chanel school opened in Te Rapa while the Melville school underwent extensions to cope with an increased roll. The new Beerescourt Post Office began to service the fast expanding north end of the city. More shops in the suburbs started to open over weekends. However, vandalism in new areas continued to be a problem. Regular weekend 'organised' raids on state housing building sites meant some tradesmen kept guard on the property. Average value of new house permits rose by 12 per cent from \$2776 to \$3112. A new power board depot was situated in Claudelands.

Experiments and research at the Department of

Agriculture's farm at Ruakura gathered momentum and began to attract international attention. Rukuhia started to spread its wings as an airport.

The need for more sporting areas and accommodation for visitors appeared regularly on the meeting agendas. A new picnic area at the lake proved so popular that an upgrade of all lake side facilities was promised. Many families also took advantage of the upgraded White Star Motors bus service to Tauranga and Mt Maunganui. Some invested in 'Mount' property and were told they were throwing their money away.

W J Hickey became mine host at the Frankton Hotel. Main street hotels were the Hamilton and Commercial with the Riverina and Royal servicing Hamilton East.

Some television sets became available, but as programmes were very limited the picture theatres remained the most popular entertainment venues for families. Even in the middle of winter, the classic 'Ma and Pa Kettle at Waikiki' film drew full houses at The Vogue. John Wayne and Robert Stack starred in the award winning 'The High and the Mighty' at the Regent and Rory Colhoun featured in 'Four Guns to the Border' at the Embassy. 'Athena - the Nature Girl' saw the Civic packed out night after night. Likewise the State enchanted the youngsters with 'Gorilla at Large'.

The Hamilton Civic Choir, with feature artists Dorothy Hopkins, Joan Spragg, John D Tizard and Len Kerr, performed successfully at the Embassy Theatre. Conductor was Joseph T Battersby.

The Starlight Ballroom had huge success with its professional floor show which highlighted ballroom dancers, Jack and Valmai Guthrie. The Friday night 'Shoppers' dance and the Latin American show on Tuesdays also attracted big crowds.

Fortnightly Hamilton Caledonian Society socials at the Masconic Hall also catered for growing audiences while the sixth annual Yugoslav Ball at the Riverlea in early July was soon booked out with tickets being available from Lewis Eady, Golden Grill Café, Hauraki Fisheries, Oceanic Café, Blue Parrott Café, Central Fish Supply and Claudelands Restaurant. Proceeds from the ball went to the Hamilton Founders Memorial Hall fund.

The slogan for the Founders Hall campaign was 'A Heart for Hamilton'. The plans for the building at Boyes Park were announced by the Founders' association members Mrs I Stuart, Mrs Clive Henry, Messrs F W Hawken and H H Innes.

A small function marked the 50th anniversary of the opening of Hamilton's first town hall at the southern end of the main street. It was estimated 450 attended the 1905 ceremony when the town's population was approximately 3000. It was sold in 1931 with the council staff being shifted to Alma Street. The site has later housed the Civic Theatre and the Hamilton Senior Citizens' Centre.

Devoted rugby fan, Hamilton's National Government MP Hilda Ross, was amazed more Waikato players had not made the All Blacks. She later made her comments public. Alan Hayes made the NZ Colts' tour to Australia and Ceylon while Ron Hemi was named as one of the NZ Almanack's 'Five Players of the Year'.

Top referee Alan Griffiths, later of Buses Ltd fame, retired after 23 seasons with the whistle. He had one test and 25 first-class games. Old Boys won the Stag Trophy. Hamilton players to play for Waikato included Bryce Cowley, Don McKenzie, John Mauger, Gary Witters (Old Boys); Hemi, Gaine Carrington, Ponty Reid, Rex Pickering (Frankton); Jim Shergold, Jim Roberts, Don Grant, Peter Nicol (Technical

Old Boys); H D Tibble, Ron McCurdy (City). Dick Everest was Waikato selector.

W Hawkins and M Borich (Hamilton) won the NZ bowling pairs title at Wellington while the women's centre elected Mrs W McGill as president, Mrs C K Wilcock secretary and Mrs J K Clarke treasurer. Immediate past president was Mrs A W Wheeler.

Prominent in Waikato indoor bowls were J and Mrs Liddall, V Burton and J Palmer from the Central club.

Hamilton's Eric Petrie, who died last year, toured Pakistan and India with the NZ cricket side. Other leading cricketers in the area included Jim Everest, Doug Gray, Tom Puna, David Hoskin, Allen Lissette and Peter Smith. The bid by the Northern Districts association to be admitted into the Plunket Shield competition was beaten by one vote 20-19. However, better news was just around the corner.

Waikato's Joy Crotty ran 11.2s when she won the national women's 100 yards title and 25.4 for the 220 yards. Mary Donaghy jumped 5ft2in to win the women's high jump.

Auckland's Morrie Rae won the national 100 yards sprint in 9.5s and the 200 in 21.4s. Murray Halberg won the mile in 4m06.4s and Arthur Lydiard the marathon in 2hr41m29s.

Putaruru's G Christie won the Tauwhare Cup harrier event. Other prominent harriers included L Teague, L Fitzgerald, N Walker, P Tasker, C Grace, J Young, R Brown, B Morrison, R P Luckie, K Ross, K Percy, B Wilkinson, E K Frew, E Garvey, J Drysdale, K Fitzgerald, A Galloway, S Foster, G Wilson, B O'Connor, J Lennan, L Johnstone.

Alan Twohill (West Coast) was the national billiard champion.

Hamilton's cycling brothers Richie and Warren Johnston continued their reign at the top of their sport. The

Australians gave high praise to another Hamilton cyclist, Neil Geraghty, for his tour victories.

Hamilton Motor Cycle Club secretary, C T Clarkin, reported huge interest with the section trial days being extremely popular. "It's a sport for the future," he predicted.

Australian champion golfer Peter Thomson shot 72 at Lochiel when he and Hamilton professional, Frank Buckler, beat local amateur stars, Tim Woon and Bob Glading, one up before a gallery of 350. Woon and Glading won the national amateur foursomes and with John Harker, Mal Thompson, G L Taylor and Alan Bullick made up the Waikato Freyberg Rosebowl side at Russley. Derek Bullick was the Waikato champion of champions, the Hamilton club won the handicap pennant and Waihi the inaugural Prebble Cup competition. Country beat Town 18-6 in the annual clash. Ken Lee-Martin took over as Waikato golf chairman.

C Brownlee (Hamilton) was the artistic sport gymnastic champion

The Taupiri team of H Wilson, G Browne, J McCurdy and R Walker won the Savile Cup polo.

Horses who won major races at Te Rapa during the year included Heir Apparent (Grenville Hughes), Japonica (Hughes), Rangitau (Noel Crombie), Noon (Jock Harris), Pictavia Boy (R D Samson), Syntax (Hughes), Bright Morn (Ian Medcalfe), Deceptive (Bill Aitken) and Coleridge (Norm Holland).

Tesla (Jock Harris) won the Auckland Cup; Poetical (Cleve Mackie) the NZ Cup; Otara (Les Coles) the Great Northern Guineas; Syntax (Norm Holland) the NZ Derby; Treasure Ring (Vern Simpson) the NZ Grand National Steeplechase; Toparoa the Melbourne Cup; Rising Fast the Caulfield Cup.

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## EVERY CLUB HAS TO HAVE SPECIAL CHARACTERS

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He loved his homeland. He was devoted to the Welsh flag. When his countrymen were involved in rugby internationals, especially against the All Blacks, Tommy would bring his cherished national flag into the club and proudly sing his country's anthem as many times as he was allowed.

He was not afraid to put his money where his mouth was and so suffered heavily when his Welsh heroes suffered a slump in form and wins were few and far between.

Tommy couldn't believe his eyes in 1988 when some members of the touring Welsh national team visited our Harwood Street club on the eve of their clash with Waikato.

He was emotionally overcome when he met Jonathan Davies, one of his special heroes. When Davies presented him with an official tour badge and then signed his match programme, Tommy wept unashamedly. When he recovered he told all and sundry: "This will be the closest I'll ever get to heaven!" They spoke for some time about their 'special people back home' and promised each other they would keep in touch. To Davies' credit, he did just that and Tommy was a proud recipient of several letters and

other 'goodies' from the world class five-eighth who later went on to also hit the heights in rugby league.

Tommy was devastated when news of the Aberfan disaster broke. He was born and went to school there and the sight of the giant mud slide destroying his town was just too much and everyone understood his reasons for taking 'time out' for a couple of weeks.

As a founder member, Tommy was involved in the old Harwood House right from the inception of our club. He applied for and was awarded the cleaning contract. He helped to attract many of the new members with his involvement in various sporting organisations. Boxing was his 'thing'. He encouraged youngsters to learn the basics. He purchased gloves etc out of his own pocket. He rented a room in Harwood House once a week to enable his fellow boxing enthusiasts to gather.

While Tommy had several business interests, it was his devotion to Wales and to boxing that made him such a well-known character.

Tommy was asked in the early 1980's to provide a pen-portrait of himself. Here was his response - "I was proudly born in Aberfan, Glamorgan, South Wales. Everytime I see 'How Green was My Valley' I cry and I cry. There was utter poverty. I lived in it. The war comes, evacuees pour into Wales to get away from the Blitz. My dad takes us to London. He becomes a leader in a rescue squad. His job is to dig out bodies, dead and alive,

from bombed buildings. He's good at it. As a boy, I don't like England. I'm Welsh, so I run away. Go back to Wales. My mates, like my Kiwi friends later, cover for me. I sleep on the hills. I eat their school lunches. But eventually come the police. I am shipped back to London. Dad is waiting at Paddington Station. Thump to the ear-hole. Then he said 'home you come, boyo!'. Later I try again. This time I'm a galley boy on a Dutch ship 'SS Blommersdisk' Holland-America line. We sail in convoy for New York. I stand on top of the Empire State Building, long way from the coal pit at 16 years old. To follow over the next three years is Egypt, Aden, East Africa, Zanzibar, Canada, Germany, Holland, France, Poland, Finland, Norway, Russia etc etc. You name it, I've been there. Eventually I come to New Zealand. Now this is it. I've found what I've been looking for! Lots of things happen, but I meet this Onehunga girl. I'm in love and I marry her. We discover Hamilton. I contribute three children. All good kids. All get U.E. etc. I'm very proud. This is the way I want it. New Zealand is good. Workingmen's

Club friends help me get established. Sportwise, I boxed. Then I trained and then became an official. I founded the Waikato Boxing Association after Hamilton association went into liquidation. Enjoyed publishing magazine with Dick Healey. Best sportsfriend a man could wish for? The late Claude Mangan."

Note: Tommy would have enjoyed the resurgence of Welsh rugby and would have been right now 'stirring the pot' with predictions of a clean sweep for the British and Irish Lions against the All Blacks.

He loved to hear All Black fans tell of their experience of listening to the singing of a fired up Welsh crowd in the Cardiff stadiums. He would encourage them to again relate stories about the various Welsh characters they met, drank with, and then later into the night, sang with.

When the Lions' supporters hit town, don't be surprised if we are visited by a group of Welshmen.

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# MORE PINTS MEANS MORE POINTS

Memo to our darts players: How would your skills be after downing 25 pints of lager during a daily competition?

Well, according to former world champion Andy Fordham, one of the new television faces of English sport, he used to get better pint by pint. "I got calmer drink by drink, my eyesight improved, I scored more points and each competition ended up being a great experience."

The 42-year-old Andy really lifted darts into the limelight with his appearances on Celebrity Fit Club on UK television earlier this year. When he signed up for the high rating TV programme, Andy weighed 30 stone, drank 25 pints of lager each competition day and got out of breath walking down the street. He struggled at the start with his fitness schedule, but after a couple of shows he had lost two stone and cut his daily pints back to 20.

However, after studying new Andy's daily routine along with 20 other leading exponents of throwing the arrows, Sport England came out of the shadows and ruled darts would be given official recognition as a sport.

Sport England said it was satisfied that darts required the 'physical and mental skills' to qualify as a legitimate

sporting activity. As far as the British Government was concerned, the announcement meant that darts authorities would now be able to take advantage of tax incentives for sports.

More important for darts players, however, was that it gave them the recognition they long believed they deserved, as well as possibilities of greater sponsorship with the supporting companies now able to claim tax incentives.

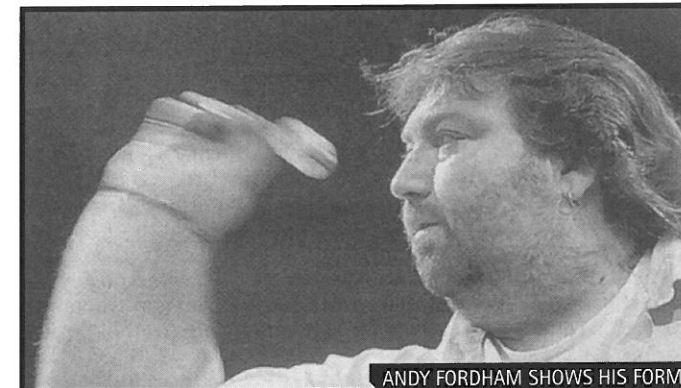
"Ninety-five per cent of the public who knew anything about darts already considered it a legitimate sport," said Matt Porter, of the Professional Darts Corporation. "At long last the powers-that-be have sat down and discussed it and agreed with what we have been claiming for years."

### DARTS THROW UP EXCITING CONTESTS

The darts sub-section has remained strong with the drawn pairs Friday night competition, with Don Evans, Stu Campbell and Flo Fauch at the helm of the organisation, a notable weekly highlight during the season.

Many of the regular matches became exciting affairs with the final result in doubt until the final throws.

Results supplied were -



ANDY FORDHAM SHOWS HIS FORM

**Club championship singles** - Women: L George, 1; S Bridges, 2. Men: A Freeman, 1; B McLuskie, 2.

**Club championship pairs** - Women: V Tyler and L George, 1; M Hencke and R Winter, 2. Men: B McLuskie and S Daji, 1; J Dunne and G Earney, 2.

**John Lyon Memorial:** A Freeman and L Watson, 1.

**Inter-club challenges:** Papakura RSA 23 HWMC 15; HWMC 22 Ngaruawahia RSA 10.

D Tyler, V Tyler and A Telford finished runner-up in the Thames Valley-Bay of Plenty-Waikato Area Darts Association mixed threes.

A Telford and V Tyler finished runner-up in the Waikato Darts Association mixed pairs.

D and V Tyler were runner-up in the Hamilton Darts Association's Tynan mixed pairs.

**Other Hamilton competition results** - Club fours, first division winners: B McLuskie, J Hughes, D Tyler, R Wynd. Second division winners: S Campbell, D Evans, B Henckel, C Wells.

**Divisional championships** - First division: J Dunne, runner-up. Third division: A Terry, first.

**Singles championships** - Men: J Dunne, runner-up. Women: L George, first. Women's pairs: L George and S George (Dinsdale), first.

**Edith Kilgour Memorial:** D Tyler and M Henckel, first.

**Scores of 180** - B McLuskie, A Freeman, L George, A Telford, D Tyler, M Smith, J Dunne, R Wynd, A Terry, J Hughes, G Earney.

**Start of 170** - B McLuskie.

J Dunne also scored a 180 in Clubs NZ Darts Association nationals competition.

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Why his timing was all to hell  
We arrived well before the first  
Plenty of time to quench our thirst  
All eyes then on the birdcage  
Where number six was all the rage  
That info was right on the mark  
He was well in front from the start

By race three with many ales to drink  
We had little chance to really think  
But many still headed tote-wise to bet  
And returned to say money was easy to get  
Ham and salad were there to eat  
And like the favourite hard to beat  
By race five and all that food  
Our party was in festive mood  
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# FRANKTON JUNCTION



## OUTDOOR BOWLERS ENTITLED TO BE PLEASED WITH SEASON

Winning Waikato centre titles; having players selected for Waikato representative teams; a 10 per cent membership increase; plus having the privilege of performing on the best greens in the Waikato meant Frankton Junction Bowling Club members had a splendid season.

FJBC president Perry Meinung was naturally upbeat when reviewing his club's performance. "Our overall standard is on the improve as it has to be if we want to compete with the other leading clubs around. We've always had one or two top performers, but now we have a wider group of players who look to have the ability and potential to reach the level needed.

"Our own club championships are becoming more competitive which should help our players when they go into centre competitions."

The victory of Phil Morgan (skip), Tony Fletcher (two) and Brian Fletcher (lead) in the Waikato centre's champion of champions triples at Cambridge was a major boost

and said to be the club's first men's senior centre title since 1981. "To beat Leamington and then Frankton Railway was a magnificent effort. Then Phil, Tony and Brian, with Jim Brady as lead, went on to make the semifinals of the champion of champions fours."

Perry was also full of praise of Jan George who won the final of the Waikato junior women's singles.

He considered Brian Cathro's selection in the Waikato premier men's team as being well deserved. "Brian had a great season. As well as doing well for Waikato, he beat a tough competitor in Phil Morgan to win our championship singles and then combined with his father, Albie, to take out the championship pairs and other titles."

Alan Bowler and Jack Sowerby were involved with the Waikato academy teams while Dawn Reid, Dawn Rose, John Steer and Paul Bradding played for the Waikato junior selections. "As well, we had a number of our juniors very close to making the teams so that bodes well for our future."

Once again Jocelyn Wallace was dominant in the women's championship with three titles and one runner-up position. Jocelyn won the singles, triples and fours.

Championship events results were - **Men's singles:** Brian Cathro 1; Phil Morgan 2. **Men's pairs:** Brian Cathro (skip), Albie Cathro, 1; Roger Brouwer (skip), Graham Body, 2. **Men's triples:** Phil Morgan (skip), Tony Fletcher, Brian Fletcher, 1; Dennis Crean (skip), Dave Winitana, Robbie Ngaia, 2. **Men's fours:** Phil Morgan (skip), Tony Fletcher, Brian Fletcher, Jim Brady, 1; Graham Body (skip), Dave Wallace, Brian Osmond, Eddie Chappell, 2.

**Women's singles:** Jocelyn Wallace, 1; Joyce Ward, 2. **Women's pairs:** Jan Peters (skip), Diane Clemett, 1; Jocelyn Wallace (skip), Chrissy Colgan, 2. **Women's triples:** Jocelyn Wallace (skip), Toni Hislop, Chrissy Colgan, 1; Fay Fletcher (skip), Lyn Hewitt, Shirley Dempsey, 2. **Women's fours:** Jocelyn Wallace (skip), Toni Hislop, Maureen McGehan, Chrissy Colgan, 1; Joyce Ward (skip), Ginette Pore, Marlene Conn, Dawn Rose, 2.

**Women's junior singles:** Jan George, 1; Dawn Reid, 2. **Women's junior pairs:** Dawn Reid, Dawn Rose, 1; Joyce Blair, Joyce Wairere, 2.

**Men's junior singles:** John Steer, 1; Winston Hooper, 2.



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Men's junior pairs: John Steer, John Rose, 1; Eddie Chappell, Paul Bradding, 2.

Mixed pairs: Neville Herbert and Joyce Ward, 1; David and Jocelyn Wallace, 2. Mixed triples: Brian Cathro, Albie Cathro, Toni Hislop, 1; Phil Morgan, David Wallace, Jocelyn Wallace, 2. Mixed fours: Albie Cathro, Brian Cathro, Chrissy Colgan, Shirley Dempsey, 1; Max Llewelyn, Staff Smith, Val Meredith, Dawn Reid, 2.

The season started on a real high when Frankton Junction won the Hamilton Combined Clubs' women's top five tournament for the first time in their history. The Junction Gold team won at the Hamilton Cosmopolitan greens from Hamilton City Blue with Hillcrest third and Cosmopolitan fourth. With 10 points for a win and five for a draw in each of the pairs and triple clashes, Junction Gold finished with 85 points, five clear of Hamilton. The Frankton Junction Gold pair of Noeline Hancock and Sylvia Hall went through unbeaten.

Others who performed with credit were Jocelyn Wallace, Marlene Osmond, Val Meredith and Toni Hislop.

The Frankton Junction men's team finished second overall, five behind Hillcrest.

More than 100 attended the opening day and were welcomed by the Scottish Pipe Band, whose star drummer was club member, Marge Cagney. First jack was rolled by Ned Vujevich, one of the older members and a former champion of champions winner. Life member, Syd Millar, sent up the first bowl.

Frankton Junction readily agreed to hold a fundraising tournament to assist the New Zealand blind bowling team to attend this year's world event in Johannesburg. "Our members responded to make it a tremendous day," said president Perry.

John and Dawn Reid won the five years and under Hamilton Combined Clubs' twilight pairs A division which finished at Hillcrest. Paul Bradding and

Eddie Chappell were runners-up. George and Mabel Meenie were runners-up in the B division.

2004-05 club officials were - Life members: Gordon Corbett, Syd Millar. Patron: Chas Graydon. President: Perry Meinung. Past president: Syd Millar. Vice presidents: Jack Sowerby, Brian Johns. Secretary: Edna Herbert. Treasurer: Toni Hislop. Greenkeeper: Kevin Boothby. Match committee: Colin MacKenzie (chairperson), Neville Herbert, Sylvia Hall, Alistair McLachlan, Jocelyn Wallace. Committee: Stan Alker, Paul Bradding, Cliff Frangos, Neville Herbert, Jan Peters, Joyce Wairere. Grading and selection: Jan Peters, Max Llewelyn, Sylvia Hall, Dennis Crean. Junior selector: Jack Sowerby. Club captain: Jack Sowerby. Club coaches: Jan Peters, Roger Brouwer, Trevor Harris. Umpires: May Chittick, Neil Congdon, Edna Herbert, Max Llewelyn, Colin MacKenzie, Perry Meinung, Jack Sowerby. Measuring umpire: Neville Herbert. Tournament committee: Perry Meinung, Brian Johns, Jack Sowerby, Cliff Frangos, Toni Hislop. Tournament secretary: Diane Clemett. Centre delegates: Jan Peters, Max Llewelyn, Perry Meinung, Neville Herbert, Bruce McLachlan. Regional advisory member of Zone Two to Bowls NZ: Max Llewelyn.

Other points from president Meinung -

• "Kevin Boothby's skill and dedication in preparing and

maintaining our greens is a tremendous asset to all our bowlers and has played a huge role in the overall development of our play. Without exception, all our visitors have remarked about the outstanding quality of the greens."

• Bowlers should appreciate this draw play. Bowling club member, artist and cartoonist, Alan Hawkey, has completed a painting of the bowling club house which will be a permanent reminder for generations to come.

• The excellent work of Dianne Clemett and Maureen Crosland in maintaining the gardens has to be recognised.

• The outstanding support of our sponsors headed by the Mad Butcher, who sponsored three tournaments, certainly played an important role in the success of the season. Other major sponsors were John Walker Printers, Rogerson Bloodstock, Phil Gallagher, Forest Lake Gardens Retirement Village, Seddon Park Funeral Home, Patterson European Cars and the Frankton TAB.

• The club's business house competitions were again hotly contested with many new bowlers showing their skills. Hamilton Old Boys Rugby played superbly to win the pre-Christmas section from Garsides and highly skilled Mooloo Men while the classy Alton Marine four of Allan Solly, Bruce Heapey, Renne Wheeler and Andrew Wallace scooped the pool after Christmas with JR's Mob second.

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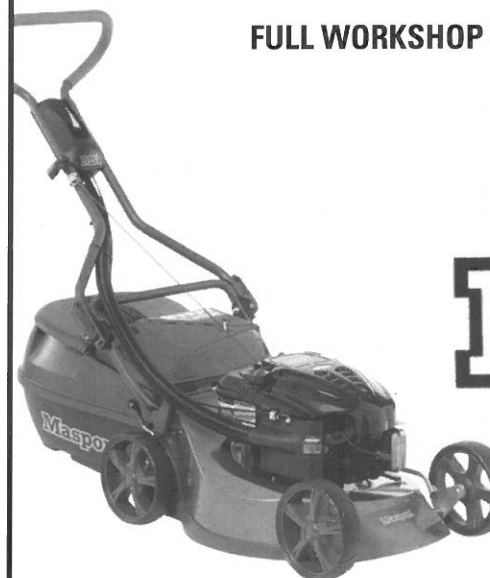
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## WE WILL HOST 2007 MEN'S NATIONAL

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club outdoor bowling sub-section had another busy season with their open optional tournaments again proving popular.

Eleven teams went to Hastings for the men's chartered clubs nationals with the on green highlight being the efforts of Phil Morgan (skip), Brian Fletcher, Colin McKenzie and Max Llewelyn who qualified for the main championship and then went on to finish runner-up in the Jack Dempsey Plate event.

The off green feature came at the meeting of delegates when Hamilton was awarded the 2007 nationals after a close vote with Petone. Our Workingmen's Club president, Brian Simpson, presented Hamilton's case with skill and plenty of basic facts. Already initial plans for the 2007 tournament have started. The

2006 tournament will be at Ashburton.

Noeline Hancock's team of Lyn Hewitt, Diane Clemett and Mona Kearvell qualified at the ladies chartered clubs nationals at Pukekohe and eventually finished third equal in the plate event, a notable effort. Their next nationals are at Levin.

Officers elected at May 1 annual meeting were – **Chairperson:** Bruce McLachlan. **Vice chairperson:** Hugh Doak. **Treasurer:** Brian Johns. **Executive:** Ray Finlay, Jim Hill, Mike Cagney, Colleen Congdon, Maureen McGehan, Noeleen Hancock, Shirley Dempsey, David Baird.

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## FISHING TRIPS CATCHING ON

Fishing has always been a favourite leisure time passion for our club members.

The current sub-section has been active in arranging special trips to various destinations and the word is that they have been well supported.

Their annual competition over the weekend of March 12-13 saw Janine Cross, Mike Smedtz and Tim Moreland share the honours in the average weight snapper contest.

Sunday's results were – Overall snapper (sponsored by Dave Bryant Contracting): Ben Greene 5.70kg, 1; Dave Bryant 4.24kg, 2; Ben Greene 3.54kg, 3. Overall kingfish: None. Overall kahawai: Adele Crook 1.84, 1; Kathy Flaherty 1.70kg, 2; Don Shaw, 1.62kg, 3. Overall trevelly: Adele Crook 0.66kg, 1; Gary Shaw 0.48kg, 2. Most meritorious fish: Mike Smedtz. Woman's biggest snapper: Glenys Gibson 2.32kg.

**John Franklin Memorial Trophy:** Mike Smedtz



"I guess all that's left for me is to go into politics!"



## MORE SUCCESSES FOR INDOOR BOWLS

Our strong indoor bowling sub - section achieved good results in the 2004 season

The Central Area championship triples was won by D Scott (skip), J Pearce and D Reynolds. The singles winner was G Sirbu. These players also beat their Auckland counterparts at the inter-area championships.

The Clubs New Zealand championship in Pukekohe for the ladies and Timaru for the men saw D Scott runner-up in the singles and W Blair's team runner-up in the fours respectively.

Results for 2004 –

**Championship singles:** Winner, K O'Neill; runner-up, B Ritchie.

**Championship pairs:** Winners, W Pearce, G McCormick; runners-up, J Blair, C Hill.

**Championship triples:** Winners, P Stacey, D Reynolds, T Fabling; runners-up, B Ritchie, J Ward, G McCormick. **Championship fours:** Winners, D Zinsli, W Pearce, G McCormick (three man team); runners-up, F Hancock, J Pearce, B Johns, D Coombes.

**Sammy Peters Memorial fours:** Winners, D Scott, A Elgie, D Coombes, K Safe; runners-up, W Blair, G McCormick, E Watson, F Paetai.

**Bain Pairs:** Winners, M Chandler, R Finlay; runners-up, D Zinsli, G McCormick.

**Handicap singles:** Winner, C Hill; runner-up, G McCormick.

**Murray Steele Memorial triples:** Winners, A Elgie, E Watson, D Hunt; runners-up, W Pearce, J Ryan, B Jowers.

**Club singles:** Winner, C Hill; runner-up, W Pearce.

Ron Johnson won the sub-section's Points Trophy which



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was calculated on attendance and wins over the middle six months of the season.

Our indoor bowlers look well placed to continue their successes this year and we wish them well in their endeavours.

The indoor bowling highlight for our club in 2006 should be the hosting of the Clubs New Zealand North Island championships over Easter.

### OVERHEARD IN THE CLUB

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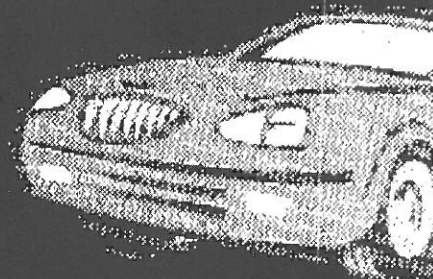
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## 'JONO' RIGHT ON COURSE!

Planning to cruise around the world in the next year or so?

One of our staff members, Jonathan Donald, is and will get paid for it if he succeeds in landing a job on a cruise ship!

Yes, that's right, Jonathan, or 'Jono' as he is known to many of the members, is nearing the end of his four-year apprenticeship in hospitality management which our club invited him to take and aims to combine his OE with the challenge of cruise ship work.

When his cruising days are over, 'Jono' intends to return to Hamilton and open his own establishment - a café, bar or brasserie. However, the pleasures of ship life might well mean his plans change. We'll have to wait and see.

Topics covered in his apprenticeship include staff and time management; workplace calculations;

performance management; food, health and safety issues; legal aspects of the recent alcohol and smoking regulations; function organisation; and general supervision of staff and guests.

'Jono's' chance came through the 'Employment Agency at the Club' which is co-ordinated by Noelene Falconer. She suggested to our Workingmen's club manager, Richard Shrubsall, that a staff member may be interested in taking one of employment related services and 'Jono' jumped at the opportunity when it was offered.

The employment related services for HWMC members and families include - • Staff recruitment • Vacancy listings • CV preparation • Job hunting advice • Apprenticeships • General employment related assistance.

## 8-BALL ALL GO ON SUNDAYS

It's great to see the 8-ball sub-section in action again.

After a recess of approximately 18 months, a group of interested members banded together to resurrect the sub-section.

It appeared that people enjoyed a game of 8-ball on a Sunday afternoon, so that was the day they selected to hold their 'club day'. The national chartered club 8-ball rules were adopted as their standard and most of the section have had fun learning about 'free-balls', 'combos' and so on.

On Sundays at 2pm a 'round robin' tournament is staged with an entry fee of \$3 per player. The top eight players then go into a playoff for meat pack prizes. The support has been relatively steady and once the section is out of its 'probationary' the hope is that players will once again be

competing at North Island and national tournaments.

The section fundraising has been coming along well. Members were given the privilege by management and executive to run raffles on Sunday afternoon and these have been well supported by the club members.

In October, 14 members of the sub-section travelled to the Onehunga Workingmen's Club to play singles and doubles. Onehunga held the upper hand that day, but when they came south for the return challenge in March, Hamilton regained the trophy by the narrow margin of one frame.



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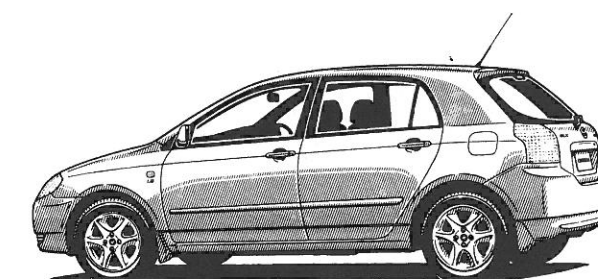
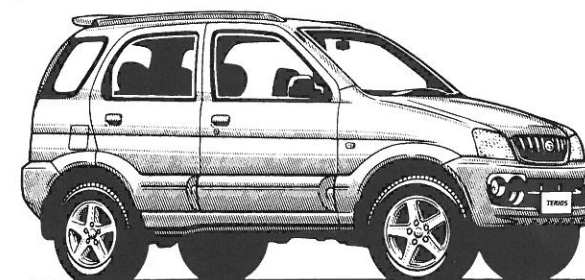
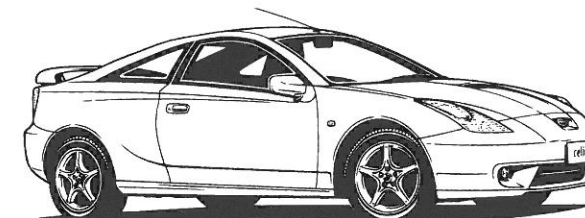
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Chairman Warren Pearce explains - "Our section is not here just to play '500' and euchre, but any other games (within reason, no doubt!) that the members may wish.

"Our section has had a good previous 12 months club-wise and although we have lost one or two along the way, new players have taken their places.

"At our recent AGM it was decided that we start 'cribbage' on Monday afternoons. Those interested should check our advertisement in this year book."



Warren said section members had done well competitively with a number of top finishes at card tournaments throughout the North Island with Jean Scott providing a highlight with her runner-up placing at the Clubs NZ cribbage championship.

"Members who wish to view information and tournament posters should look regularly at our noticeboard at the northern-most area of our club. Our committee members are always available to help. We look forward to having another successful 12 months."

Cards and table games committee members for 2005-06 are - Chairman: Warren Pearce; vice chairman, Ernie Morris; secretary-treasurer, Georgina Morris; club captain, Doug Hapi; publicity, Betty Weller; committee, John Musto, Pennie Judson, Joyce Blair, Jean Scott, Bob Lord.

## MYSTERY TRIP GIVES CARD PLAYERS A VERY FINE DEAL

The card section was early, but the bus driver had fears There was so much trouble, with the syncho-electronic gears We stopped in Commerce Street and Norton Road twice The driver got on her phone, to seek some advice We turned right to Wha Street, came to a halt Even the auto-electrician didn't fix the fault A 'garage sale' was handy, to the ladies delight Joyce offered twenty cents for wallpaper, and the Arab turned white The replacement bus arrived, and, what do you know? First bus was called 'Easy Rider', the second called "Go" At 10am we start our journey to where? No one could tell Drove up Tuhikamea Road, gave a toot to Jack Bell Each estimating kilometres, to our first point of call Bob Lloyd was the one, who guessed nearest of all Otorohanga Club, for a wine, beer or cup of tea Some played on the pokies, some to the T.A.B. Back on the bus heading south, but where? Turned towards Waitomo Caves, but we didn't go there Drove down this narrow road, most of us never knew To Roselands Restaurant for a lunch barbeque An enjoyable meal, beautiful view and surrounds Well kept lawns, flower garden and grounds Woodlyn Park was next, for the 'Kiwi Culture Show' Volunteering for the crosscut saw, Doug and Murray gave it a go Interesting, as well as entertaining, for all you can bet With the dummy axe, the explosion, how many pants became wet? That pig, donkey, dog and sheep, the bullock he rode on Some ladies in the front thought it was time we were gone Back to the Otorohanga Club, where most could be seen Pushing the buttons on a Pokie machine A pleasant stroll in the Kiwi House and a walk-through aviary Warren made this trip for us, a super mystery!

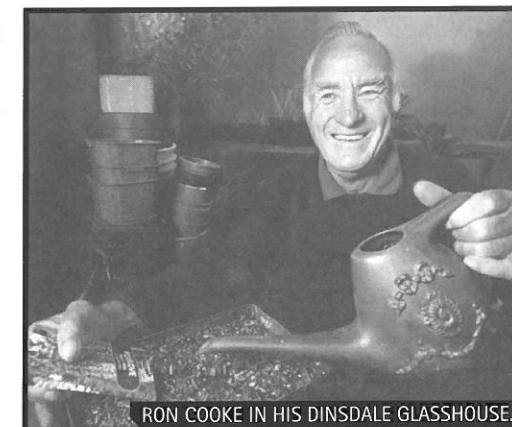
## RON'S GARDEN JUST THE BEST

Congratulations to long time member Ron Cooke for being named Hamilton's Gardener of the Year.

Ron told the Waikato Times he had hoped for a highly commended award for his vegetables, but was thrilled when told of his overall success.

Judges were impressed with his "incredible productivity" and the simple, but eye-catching design of his Dinsdale garden.

The Waikato Times reported - "His garden, a tapestry of colour, thumbed its nose at nature's wintry onslaught with a profusion of old-fashioned, country garden favourites like roses, marigolds, lobelia and carnations. In the vegetable patch, tomatoes, beans, peas, potatoes, beet root, lettuce and herbs raised from seed jostled for space."



RON COOKE IN HIS DINSDALE GLASSHOUSE.

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- Annual tournament with Waikato and Bay of Plenty Chartered Clubs
- Social matches - home and away

#### New Members Welcome

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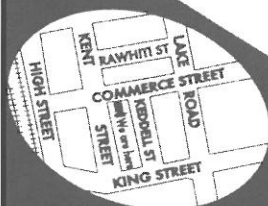
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If you enjoy meeting people in a friendly atmosphere  
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## HWMC Card & Table Games Section

### Enjoy playing cards?

- Monday: Crib 1pm - 3.30pm
- Thursday: Euchre 10am - noon
- Progressive 500 1pm - 3.30pm
- Other table games - Enquiries Welcome
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Please contact Warren Pearce, Georgina Morris or Doug Hapi  
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### Outdoor Bowls Section

Contacts - B McLachlan (president)  
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OR AT THE MAIN OFFICE AT THE CLUB

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### New Members Welcome

Please contact Ron Boyles, Bryan Gordon, Bruce Harper  
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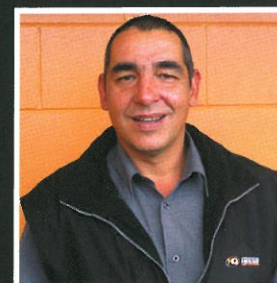
ONE OF THE CLUB'S MELBOURNE CUP DAY HIGHLIGHTS WAS THE APPEARANCE OF THE 'LADIES IN RED!' AND THEY WERE DESERVED WINNERS OF A NUMBER OF SPECIAL PRIZES AWARDED. WE WONDER WHAT THEY HAVE PLANNED FOR THE BIG DAY NEXT NOVEMBER!



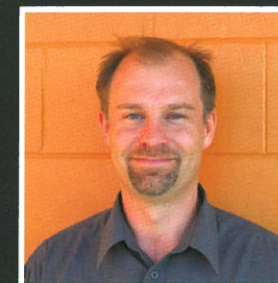
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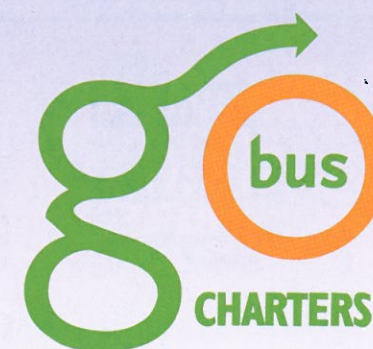
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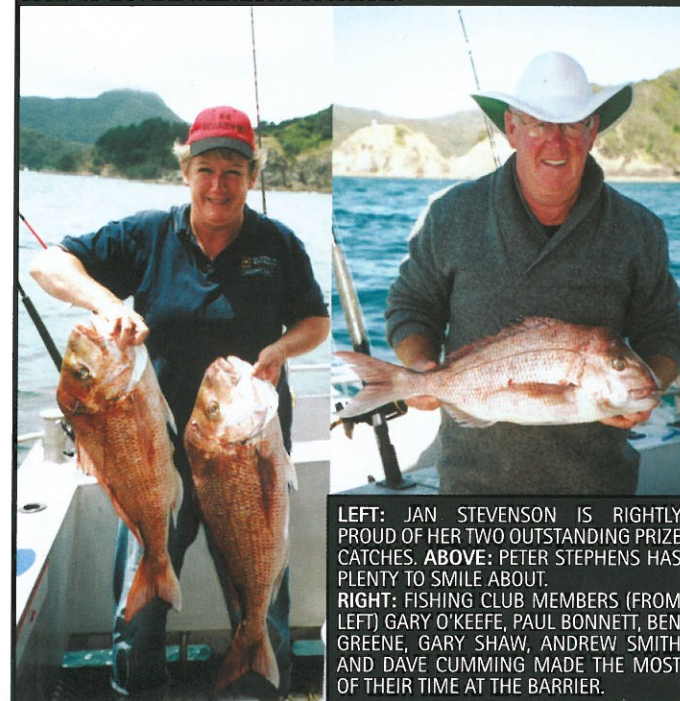
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LEFT: JAN STEVENSON IS RIGHTLY PROUD OF HER TWO OUTSTANDING PRIZE CATCHES. ABOVE: PETER STEPHENS HAS PLENTY TO SMILE ABOUT. RIGHT: FISHING CLUB MEMBERS (FROM LEFT) GARY O'KEEFE, PAUL BONNETT, BEN GREENE, GARY SHAW, ANDREW SMITH AND DAVE CUMMING MADE THE MOST OF THEIR TIME AT THE BARRIER.



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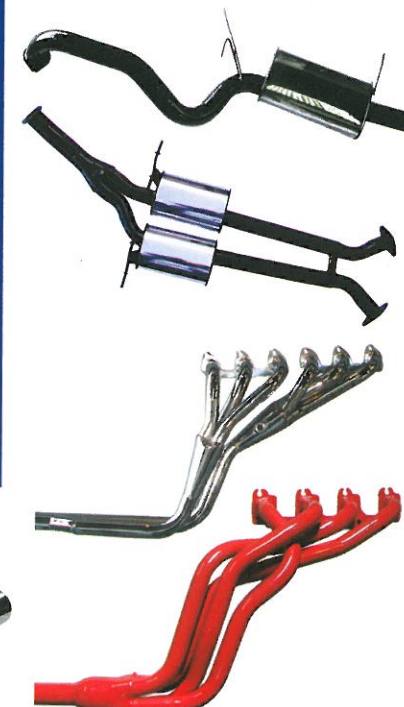
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Proudly I would stand, after running my best

With my medals dangling on my chest

But alas! I haven't the energy of an ant

Run twenty metres and I cough and pant

So I'll stick to walking, that's what I'll do

And carry on dreaming – cos I'm seventy two!

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## continued from REMEMBER 50 YEARS AGO page 23

The NZ Trotting Cup went to Our Roger; Auckland Cup to Prince Polka; NZ Derby Stakes to False Step; NZ Free-for-All to Tactician. Wes Butt was top trainer with 48 wins; Maurice Holmes top driver with 52 wins. Leading stake earner was Johnny Globe with 10,105 pounds. Leading sire was U Scott 62,597 pounds.

Good crowds continued to watch the greyhounds at Muir Park while skaters made good use of the Gaiety Rink in Garden Place.

Weightlifting received a boost when the national championships were staged in Hamilton.

Guiding the up and coming wrestling talent were referee and judges H Fitzpatrick, A Webb, S K Lye, V C Harris with announcer K Tippet. Professional wrestlers Lucky Suminovich and the Great Zorro performed to full houses at the Embassy Theatre.

Waikato badminton representatives were R Proctor, A Stephens, Miss N Stephens (Hamilton), W Rushton (Huntly), Mrs J Grant, R Cann (West End), Mrs P Lewis and Mrs J King (Mangakino).

W Brinkworth (Hamilton) was the clays single rise gun club champion;

Waikato soccer won the interprovincial Brown Shield. Senior representatives included T Attwood, J Woodinham, D Snapes, J Verkley, D McNeil, A Wilson, F Clout, J Clarke, K Poelman, F Poelman, A Leong, P Murray, C Agnew, J Rogers, J Clarke.

Rugby league clubs active were Taniwharau, Forest Lake, Ngaruawahia, Albions, United, Huntly South, Glen Afton and Turangawaewae. Forest Lake squad members included S Salisbury, K Montgomery, B Forkert, T Wallace, H Chapman,

D Schuler, J Worth, S Grbich, O Moore, R Fulton, I Liddell, B Doyle.

Champion swimmers Marion Roe won national 100m freestyle and Jack Doms was 100m and 200m breaststroke titleholder. Waikato won the freestyle relay. Hamilton Swimming Club secretary, J A Oliver, reported increased numbers.

Men's hockey teams in the Hamilton competition were United, Kaipaki, Old Boys, Tainui, Arawa, Railway, High School, Technical, Hamilton East and Hillcrest. The representative squad included R McOnie, J Harrington, G Eastwood, J Eastwood, A Bones, K McCattue, B Hughes, G Bell, A Mitchell, K Le Compte, D Hanham, M Boswell, T Puna.

The Hamilton Rowing Club elected J Flynn a life member. Club president was A M Bisley with E Tasker and J Hill the club captains.

Saturday night dances remained all the rage with other new venues vying for custom with the Starlight Ballroom, Frankton Town Hall and the YMCA. The Civic, Regent, Embassy, State and Vogue picture theatres constantly drew full houses with the Saturday afternoon matinees popular.

The Waikato Aero Club became busier while organised bus excursions to Tauranga and Mt Maunganui, Waitomo Caves and Raglan were well patronised. Railway enthusiasts had regular Sunday trips.

Members in need of fresh oysters and/or fish and chips headed for the Golden Grill in Ward Street, opposite the Winter Show buildings, now the sites of the central shopping malls. Olsen's Cafeteria in Garden Place, Oceanic Fish Shop in Victoria St, the Tasty Grill in Ward St and Murray's Milk Bar by the railway crossing were other popular central eating houses. In Frankton the Commerce St based Blue Parrot Café and

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Members' wives may remember shopping at Caro's Bargain Store, H & J Court, Milne & Choyce, Pollock & Milne, R Forlong & Son, Reid's Furniture, Barton & Ross, Whitcombe & Tombs, Paul's Book Arcade, Curtain Textiles, Claude Belgrave, Hughes & Jenkins, Alexis of London, Pascoe Jewellers, McKenzies, Woolworths, Wiseman's Sports, Boots Chemist, Henderson Shoes, Bata Shoes, Empire Frocks, Glory Box, S R Hawken Menswear, D G Bullick's, Laurie Jenkins, Hugh Wrights, Bennett & Bain and Fabric House. Some of these firms remain today.

Other speciality firms mentioned in 1955 advertising brochures included Wiseman's, Hamilton Sports Depot and W Cann & Co for sporting goods; Hamilton Wine Co in London St; J C Huttons in Massey St for Swan brand bacon, ham and small goods; Garden Place Butchery; Century Butchery (W A Bryant) in Victoria St opposite Ward St; S T Nolan motortrimmers, Hood St; SOS Radio; Electric Construction Co in Collingwood St; Hamilton Hardware in Victoria St; Turnbull & Jones for electrical accessories; John Chambers & Sons and Waikato Refrigeration for home freezers; G E Clark & Son 'the home garden specialists' in Ward St; Henderson Nurseries for flowers; for Hamilton

Dry Cleaners on the corner of Killarney Rd and Ellis St; Waikato Rubber Supplies for latex foam cushions; KCC in London St for farm machinery, motors, welding and lathe work; ADVANZ Tyre Hi-Capping Co Ltd for retreads; Carrick Nisbet in Hood St for Exide batteries; Hamilton Canvas; Hamilton Panel Works in Ward St (where Californian sun visors were all the rage); Monteith & Parker for brakes, panel beating and salvage services; E Woodward Carriers; Crockett & Watts carriers; Maoriland Timber in Kent St, Frankton; T S Henry, joiner; Hamilton Hardware; D McL Wallace; Don Edmond Motors for Chrysler, Plymouth, Hillman cars and Fargo and Commer trucks; Armstrong Motors, Waikato Motors, Ebbett Motors; Croad Motors in Hood St for petrol, oil and repairs; Firth Concrete; Dalgety & Co; Newton King; NZ Loan and Mercantile; C G Bradley Auctioneers; Turners & Fows; Lugton & Mill; Hamilton Radio & Electrical in Ward St; Columbus Radio; Valentines; W Dalbeth furniture maker; Union Steam Ship Co for travel; eyes were tested by Balfour, Irvine & Webster; photographs taken by Candid Camera and Christopher Bede; books and stationery were purchased from Thomson and Ward; printing was in the hands of the Hamilton Printing Works in Collingwood St; while prominent real estate agents Matthews & Lockyer, Geo Boyes & Co and Ivan Capel & Co.

## MUSIC SOME PEOPLE WOULD DIE TO HEAR

Here's a piece some members who have just returned from an extensive European overseas tour have been dying to tell their friends. On their tour bus was a group of funeral directors who visited the local parlours in most cities visited.

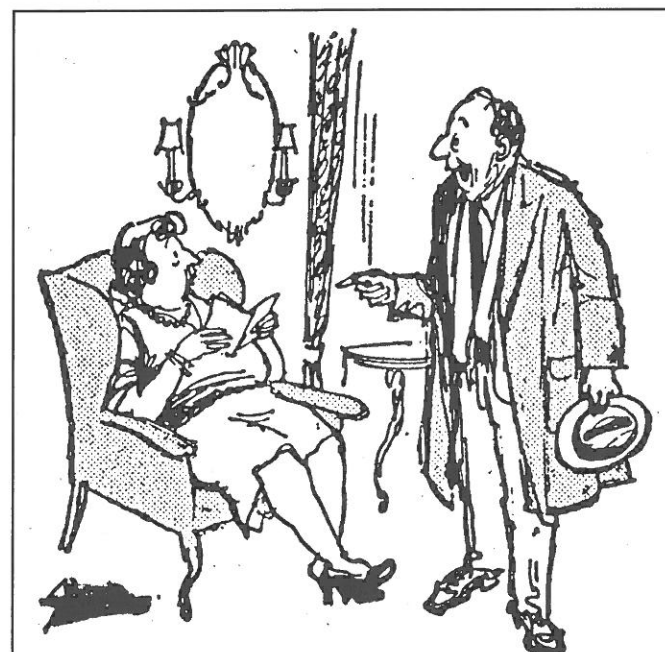
They discovered the French like to say farewell to the world with 'Ava Maria'; the Spanish and Italians choose Mozart's 'Requiem'; the British go for Robbie Williams' 'Angels', which was recently declared the best song of the last 25 years at the Brit Awards, with Frank Sinatra's 'My Way' second and Monty Python's 'Always Look on the Bright Side of Life' third. Their survey showed the Germans also had a sense of humour about dying, but had a penchant for heavy rock. They voted for AC/DC's 'Highway to Hell', Led Zeppelin's 'Stairway to Heaven', Queen's 'The Show Must Go On' and 'Nothing Else Matters' by Metallica.

At the end of tour party they asked the Kiwis what was the

most favoured song played at funerals in New Zealand. Our people thought their choice would lie between 'How Great Thou Art', 'My Way', 'Born Free', 'I Want To Be Free', 'See You Later, Alligator', 'So Long It's Been Good to Know You', 'Lace Covered Windows' and 'Bye, Bye, Love'. What do you think?

The debate created so much interest that we decided to ask the experts and so we went to Sharryn at Seddon Park Funeral Home in Hamilton and she kindly supplied us with the following information -

Top five (traditional): 'How Great Thou Art' - 'Amazing Grace' - 'Abide With Me' - '23rd Psalm The Lord's My Shepherd' - 'Morning Has Broken'. Top five (non-traditional): 'Time To Say Goodbye' by Sarah Brightman - 'Wind Beneath My Wings' by Bette Midler - 'Tears In Heaven' by Eric Clapton - 'Candle In The Wind' by Elton John - 'We'll Meet Again' - Vera Lynn.



**"You'll never guess the job I've found—eighteen smackers a week, staff canteen, pension fund—you start Monday . . ."**

## WAIKATO NPC RUGBY PROGRAMME

Friday, August 12: v Taranaki, Waikato Stadium, 7.35pm

Sunday, August 21: v Southland, Invercargill, 2.35pm.

Saturday, August 27: v Northland, Whangarei, 2.35pm

Friday, September 2: v Wellington, Waikato Stadium, 7.35pm.

Saturday, September 10: v Auckland, Eden Park, 7.35pm.

Saturday, September 17: v Canterbury, Christchurch, 7.35pm (RS)

Sunday, September 25: v North Harbour, Albany, 2.35pm.

Saturday, October 1: v Bay of Plenty, Waikato Stadium, 5.30pm.

Saturday, October 8: v Otago, Waikato Stadium, 2.35pm.

Semifinals - October 14 and 15.

Final: October 22.

## AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS ON THEIR ASHES TOUR TO ENGLAND

Nat West ODI series -	July 10: v England, Lord's.
June 18: v Bangladesh, Cardiff.	July 12: v England, The Oval.
June 19: v England, Bristol.	NPower Ashes Test series -
June 23: v England, Durham.	July 21-25 Lord's first test.
June 25: v Bangladesh, Old Trafford.	August 4-8 Edgbaston, 2nd test
June 28: v England, Edgbaston.	August 11-15 Old Trafford 3rd test.
June 30: v Bangladesh, Canterbury.	August 25-29 Trent Bridge 4th test
July 2: v Series final, Lord's.	September 8-12 The Oval 5th test.
NatWest ODI challenge -	
July 7: v England, Headingly.	

## CLUB COMMUNITY WORK PRAISED

Hamilton West MP Martin Gallagher has praised the work our club does for the community.

"I congratulate you all on the fine facilities, events and social interaction that members and their families enjoy within the Hamilton Workingmen's Club environments, as you celebrate your 50th Jubilee Year."

"The club has come a long way and has a solid history. I know

the club has a very strong focus on families and that is to be commended and I personally value being a member."

"I look forward to sharing the celebration with you later in the year. I am sure the club will continue to be a vibrant facility for all the people who use it."

## Hamilton Boys' High School & Hamilton Girls' High School

**50th JUBILEE REUNION  
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## OVERHEARD IN THE CLUB

A blonde (not a club member) was feeling so depressed that she decided to end her life by throwing herself into the Wellington Harbour.

She went down to the docks and was about to leap into the frigid water when a handsome young sailor saw her teetering on the edge of the pier crying.

He took pity on her and said: "Listen, you've got a lot to live for. I'm off to Europe in the morning and if you like I can stow you away on my ship. I'll take good care of you and bring you food every day."

Moving closer, he slipped his arm around her shoulder and added with a wink. "I'll make you happy and you can make me happy!"

The blonde nodded 'yes' through her tears. After all, what did she have to lose?

That night the sailor took her aboard and hid her in a lifeboat, along with blankets and food. From then on, every night he brought her sandwiches, water, wine and fruit and they would make passionate love until dawn.

Three weeks later, during routine inspection, she was discovered by the Captain. "What the hell are you doing here?" the Captain said angrily.

"I have an arrangement with one of your sailors," she explained. "I get free food and a trip to Europe. Meanwhile he's taking advantage of me (wink, wink) so to speak."

"He sure as hell is, lady," the Captain said. "This is the Picton ferry!"

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with only two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says: "I'm from the Workingmen's Club in Hamilton and I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today."

The bartender says: "Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink."

The lady thanks him and gives a reminder she just has two drops of water.

As the woman finishes her drink, another woman to her right said: "I overheard your conversation. Happy birthday, I would like to buy you a drink as well."

Our lady from Hamilton says: "Thank you. I'll have another Scotch with just two drops of water."

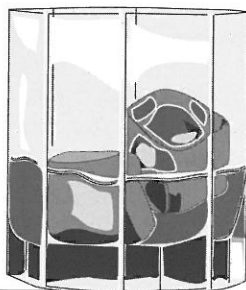
A man waiting in line says to the bartender: "Give that lady a drink on me, too!"

"Remember, just two drops of water," says our lady.

After she had downed her sixth Scotch the bartender says: "Madam, I'm dying of curiosity. Why only two drops of water with your Scotch?"

Our lady from Hamilton replied: "Well, young man, when you are my age, you've learned how to hold your Scotch. However, holding your water is a whole other issue!"

Can you relate to that?



## MEMBERS SHOW THEIR HEART IS IN RIGHT PLACE

Those members who proved they had plenty of heart by being involved in last charity week which raised \$30,000 should pat themselves on the back because the defibrillators they helped to purchase are now in place around Hamilton.

Sudden cardiac arrest kills people. It can strike anyone, regardless of age and occupation, weight or level of fitness – and most victims don't survive an attack. If a person near you goes into sudden cardiac arrest, dialling 111 and performing CPR may not be enough to ensure their survival. Every minute that ticks by reduced their chance of living.

"The most effect treatment is to apply as short, powerful electric shock to the patient's heart using a defibrillator, thus allowing the heart to regain its natural rhythm," said William Hughes, health services manager for St John Midland region.

He said the Hamilton Workingmen's Club and Lions clubs members were integral part of the fundraising project.

Location of defibrillators in Hamilton city –

Frankton: Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

Hamilton West: Hamilton Zoo, Brymer Rd, Rotokauri..

Hamilton South: Glenview Shopping Centre, New World Supermarket, Ohaupo Rd. – Gallagher Aquatic Centre, Collins Rd, Glenview. – ISIS Fertility Clinic, Elizabeth Rothwell Building, Waikato Hospital.

Hamilton East: Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club, Claudelands Rd. – University Recreation Centre, Gate 1, University of Waikato. – AgResearch, East St, Ruakura.

Central City: Hamilton City Council, Garden Place. – Law Mooney Williamson, Grantham St – Centre Place Mall, Victoria St – SkyCity Riverside Casino, Victoria St – Hamilton Fire Station, 189 Anglesea St – St John RHQ, Seddon Rd.

Chartwell: Chartwell Fire Station.

Te Rapa-Beerescourt: Pukete Fire Station. – Waterworld Te Rapa, Garnett Ave, Te Rapa. – Beerescourt Bowling Club, 68 Maeroa Rd, Beerescourt. – Vercoe Clinic, 39 Vercoe Rd, Beerescourt.

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