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Those re-jigged lyrics of the legendary number one hit "Welcome To My World, Won't You Come On In!" perfectly sum up what the Hamilton Workingmen's Club offers all its members.

Let's fully digest the quoted verse above;

- **Welcome to our world**, is self explanatory and surely meaningful as you make your way through the impressive newly revamped main entrance and carpark.
- **Built with you in mind**, aptly describes the wide range of class facilities available. As time goes by, upgrading of various areas in the main complex will continue while the outdoor bowling Pavilion, and the TAB are rated among the best in the country.
- **Knock and our door will open**, spells out clearly how to join and make your pledge to agree to and honour all of our club's regulations.
- **Seek and you will find**, correctly suggests if you use your initiative you will soon discover how easy it is to make new friends within the club especially if you become involved in some of the leisure time activities you really enjoy.
- **Ask and you'll be given**, details of upcoming events happening and the contact names of all the sub-sections operating in the club. The entertainment schedule, bar and bus operating hours are also readily available from reception.
- Hopefully you will cherish the chance to enjoy this club of mine, along with your family and friends, old and new. That's really what it is all about.

Being recognised by the Waikato business fraternity as being the winner of the hospitality, entertainment and tourism award sections was a just reward for our club's approach. The resulting publicity drew attention to how our club operated and how it continually made a valued contribution to the community as a whole.



BRIAN SIMPSON - PRESIDENT



HEATHER TRUE - SECRETARY



GARY MEYRICK - TREASURER

The value of being surrounded by a pro-active top management and trained staff was acknowledged by our manager since 1996, Richard Shrubsall, who was also rightly delighted at being awarded the Waikato business leader of the year title. The judging panel of 12, described him as 'an outstanding leader passionate about his organisation's successes'. They also noted Richard's friendly and co-operative style, growth strategy focus on customer service and staff training.

Richard said 'a great team doesn't happen by accident. As a

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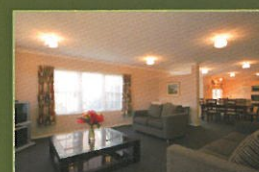
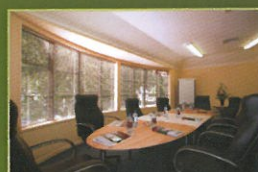
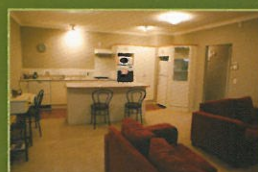
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leader you have to be really clear about what you expect from your staff and ensure they are trained to deliver what you want.'

* See profile on Richard - pages 5 and 6.

Our year book editorial mentioned last year the expertise etc of our experienced pro-active top management of Richard and president Brian Simpson, secretary Heather True and treasurer, Gary Meyrick, and obviously the respected judges and others in high places agreed. Many of our sister organisations have envied the commonsense approach, business and development skills our leaders have displayed in the present testing economic environment.

It's exciting to note over the last 12 months or so many of our members have tripped around the world. Two even spent time in Iraq!

It is with sadness we record the passing of many loyal members, including long term patron, Frank Haines. He was an outstanding contributor over many years. We remember Frank on pages 3 and 4.

Congratulations to those who excelled in their chosen business or sport activities over the last year. Hopefully you will inspire others to do the same.

Remember all sub-sections need continued support so they can carry out their varied programmes. Most, if not all, say they are honoured to represent our club and to participate in the right competitive spirit.

Business, sporting and racing personalities continue to be regular visitors as they enjoy our environment and meeting our members.

We remind members goodwill, tolerance and common sense remain the necessary ingredients for all successful clubs. Over time we will all face situations which test loyalties, friendships and constitutions. There are several ways to react, but remember we stress you should go through the proper club procedures so the matter can be handled by the right people at the appropriate time.

Our membership numbers mean our facilities, from time to time, come under tremendous pressure and we again ask you to be patient if you find yourself in a testing situation. Communication is the key so if a problem does arise please advise the duty bar manager.

Always remember the language and dress codes that apply and the rules re visitors. Please check if you have a memory lapse. The returning of glasses and dining utensils is much appreciated by the staff.

A special welcome to all new members. Our club boasts a splendid history. Some of our senior members proudly tell us they have now been involved with the club for more than half a century.

This annual publication covers various items of interest with the all-important finance report and AGM details. Please support our advertisers.

All our executives, management and staff aim to make your visits worthwhile. Please assist them in their endeavours.

Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

Now enjoy our club and all it offers.

WINSTON HOOPER

Yearbook Editor

THOUGHTS FROM THE FRONT LINE

Recent snippets from our Kiwis in Iraq:

We have to be on our guard at all times in and around Camp Victory. Several times we have had to hit the dirt as heavy mortars and shrapnel whistle above our heads as we exercise outdoors.

The dust is terrible. Even in our operations room, with all doors and windows firmly sealed, the dust somehow sneaks in and before long we can't see from one end of the room to the other. Even when we wear respirators we cough and choke our way through the day. We have to constantly clean our weapons, radios, cell phones, computers and bedding. The one place dust-free was our refrigerator where we store our fresh food. We just wonder what all this dust does to our lungs and, more so, the lungs of the local people who have to live in these conditions every day.

The average Iraqi male would be lucky to reach 60 while only a few women reach 70. Most Iraqi males carry weapons as they have many conflicts with their tribal adversaries or close neighbours.

Car bombings, group beheadings and other types of murder have become part of every day life. Only a few have licences so driving skills are deplorable. Most roads are pockmarked with craters from bombings. No warrants of fitness can be seen, most tyres are bald, only a few cars have doors, accidents occur with frightening regularity.

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PATRON FRANK ALWAYS ANSWERED CLUB'S CALL

The silver-haired gentleman watched intently as our club's over 60s went through the trials and tribulations of indoor bowls.

He quietly applauded the better shots, grimaced at those not so good, and smiled appreciably when his presence was acknowledged by some of the more senior members.

Frank Haines would have loved to be out there showing his skills on the mat that Wednesday afternoon, but because he was in his mid-90s and had continuing health problems he joked he just felt very fortunate one of his sons had bought him into the club.

Only a handful were aware Frank Haines was our highly respected club patron and only one, possibly two, of those present knew that he was one of the founders of indoor bowls in the Waikato district.

It was a sad occasion for club members when Frank passed away late last year.

He had always made it abundantly clear he was extremely proud to be the Hamilton Workingmen's Club patron. He was the third to have been elected to that high honour. Others had been Harold Innes and Arthur Grant, two men he greatly admired.

There wasn't much Frank did not know about our club because he had been involved from the mid-1950s. He said he had firmly supported the formation of the club when it was first mooted in 1955 because he felt Hamilton badly needed an organisation with the ideals of a workingmen's club.

Another important reason why he vocally backed the suggestion was because a number of his friends were keen to become involved.

Frank remembered two previous attempts to run a club had been thwarted, one by the depression and the other by the advent of the Second World War.

Because of an emergency situation at his place of employment, Diamond Glass Company, which required him to work through the night of the club's foundation meeting, Frank, and his workmate at that time, Allen McCallum, sent in their apologies with Les Becker. When the inaugural meeting called for names of those who wanted to join, Les ensured Frank and Allen were on the list.

Frank visited the fledgling club when time and family commitments allowed and remembered the many dramas surrounding the upgrading of the Harwood St house and the continuous battles over opening hours and who qualified for membership and who didn't.

Early Hamilton held many splendid memories for Frank. He vividly remembered the times in the mid-1920s when he left Frankton school at 3.30pm and walked up Tuhikarama Rd to help Mr Culley milk by hand his 50 cows. He then walked through the nearby swamp land to be home by 6.30pm.

In those days a lot of sport was played on Hinemoa Park (where the Hamilton Squash and Tennis Centre is now located). He played for Hamilton Technical Old Boys fourth grade rugby team when he left school and progressed through the grades. "Training involved early morning and evening runs when weather permitted. We biked to Rugby Park for training on the night allotted to our club. When it was wet we worked out in the

training shed with sawdust on the floor."

Being a member of the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Brigade, Frank had use of the station gymnasium and tried his hand at wrestling. He found that experience very helpful when it came to battling rival front-rowers who liked to show their boxing prowess in the rugby scrums. "It was great fun and we all looked forward to the action!"

FRANK HAINES

While at the fire station Frank had his first experience of indoor bowls. "The guys needed something competitive to keep their minds alert and indoor bowls fitted the bill. Mr Harold Caro, from the bargain store, got us bowls and a suitable mat. We played three or four times a week and so became fairly good. Challenges came from various groups and the social side was excellent. I also really enjoyed outdoor bowls."

In 1948 Frank won the inaugural Waikato Indoor Bowling Centre's championship singles. Four years later he was runner-up in the national pairs at New Plymouth and the following season he took the pairs title with W Wearne at Hastings. They were also

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FRANK HAINES, EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE ELECTED CLUB'S PATRON.

runner-up in 1955 at Christchurch. The Invercargill nationals in 1957 confirmed Frank's high standing when he won the rinks and was third in the championship singles.

"I won five Waikato indoor bowls certificates, but owing to some of the centre records being lost I am not recorded as a gold star holder."

Frank's prowess on the indoor bowling mat saw him asked to rule on a matter which arose at the end of a game at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club in 1958.

"The club's only mat at that time was on a raised platform in the snooker room. I made my decision only to find out later that a considerable amount of money had changed hands on the result. Because betting on the club premises was prohibited, all hell broke loose.

The executive came under severe pressure from various legal authorities to take action. I was persuaded to organise the indoor bowls section on a proper basis and come up with a new set of regulations. We were given our own floor space for new mats. Because many of our members also belonged to the Hamilton Technical Old Boys Rugby Club we were able to borrow their mats. The Clarkin Rd indoor bowlers also helped with equipment. We were able to put down 12 mats between the snooker tables and surrounding areas which meant we could accommodate 24 teams of four players. Members became very enthusiastic so all teams were soon full.

Annual tournaments at Christmas and Easter were always very popular. One of our keenest bowlers was club president, Arthur Grant, who always encouraged participation in all sports by as many members as possible."



FRANK HAINES, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF WAIKATO INDOOR BOWLS.

"The Bain Memorial Shield singles became the main tournament and was eagerly sought after. Frank Bramwell cleaned and polished the shield and Rans Hawkins updated the signwriting. The Bain Shield later became a pairs tournament."

Frank chaired the indoor bowls section from 1958 to 1990. He was also asked to help restore the dwindling finances of the club's outdoor bowls section and, as treasurer, instituted a weekly lucky number draw which boosted funds significantly thanks to the efforts of many willing helpers who sold tickets to friends and family.

Snooker also sought Frank's help. "One of early prestigious events we held was for an impressive silver cup donated by our inaugural club president, Mick Langlands. We always attracted the top Waikato players. However, like a number of trophies in all sports it was relegated to virtual obscurity. It was eventually rediscovered, restored and presented for senior members, senior snooker pairs."

After being encouraged by president Arthur Grant, Frank answered the call when the Hamilton Workingmen's Club executive voted in 1981 to form a senior members' section. He was elected chairman at the 19 February meeting. Other original office holders were L Fahy (vice chairman); Jim Beaton (secretary-treasurer); Frank Bramwell, J Clarke, L Moore, N Kirby, T Ryan.

"Jim Beaton, our original secretary, who was also heavily involved with the Hamilton Caledonian Society, suffered ill-health and unfortunately had to stand down. I took over his role and held that position until I retired in 1997. By then the section had grown to 220 members and had a very healthy bank balance of more than \$9000."

Frank's chicken raffles became legendary as he spent hours in the selling booth. They not only proved great value for those who were lucky enough to win, but also for the section's finances.

"Regular monthly bus trips to various clubs became a real feature and I was always pleased to learn of that section's continuing achievements."

When he was not at the club or doing odd jobs for family and friends, Frank relaxed in his garden. He enjoyed all home cooking, while a cool glass of Waikato or a rum (only at home in the winter!) went down well.

His favourite colours were yellow or green, while listening to any old time song kept him 'very contented indeed'.

COVER STORY

MANAGER WINS WAIKATO AWARD

WORKING HARD TO KEEP US ON TOP

His office computer bleeps out regular e-mail alerts; he's put a hold on all non-urgent calls after the phone has rung repeatedly; he has almost won his daily paper war; it's 4.20pm, just 10 minutes before he is scheduled to meet an important visitor.

It's just another 'normal' day for the Hamilton Workingmen's Club's Waikato Business award-winning Leader of the Year, Richard James Shrubsall, JP.

Yes, Richard, the Putaruru-born proud father of two teenage sons, said he is naturally proud to have won the coveted award. The reaction of others in top business has firstly surprised and then excited him. Suddenly he is in demand. Business leaders want to hear his views on various matters.

Those at the award dinner heard the learned judges say they recognised he was passionate about his club's success. They rated him an outstanding quiet achiever and leader whose co-operative style, friendly approach, growth strategy, focus on quality customer service and staff training had really impressed them.

Richard became our club manager in 1996, five months after the move from Harwood Street to the present Commerce Street / King Street site.



RICHARD SHRUBSALL - WAIKATO BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

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The shift, inspired by the foresight of two of the younger executives of that time, Colin Sullivan and Brian Simpson, started the fresh new era which has exceeded all expectations.

Richard remembered: "We all agreed our first objective was to guide the club out of the past and into the future. The average age in 1996 was mid-60s, female membership stood at three per cent, staff totalled 15, an open door policy existed with a small portion of unsavoury clientele. The main trading account was \$56,000 overdrawn, creditors stood at \$276,000 with a combined annual turnover of approximately \$6 million.

Twelve years later the average age has dropped to early 50s, female membership now stands at 34 per cent, staff members total 32 full time and up to 50 part time, the open door policy no longer exists. Yearly turnover is now in excess of \$35 million and the year ended March, 2008, showed tangible assets of \$8.7 million."

Richard said the turnaround was the result of a clear understanding between the governance arm of the club and its management.

"This understanding is essential in providing clarity in a clear and precise manner, not only to the board, but to every level of the staff and membership of this organisation."

Richard has overseen the establishment of staff training programmes and an employment agency at the club. The employment agency, run by Noeline Falconer, co-ordinates apprenticeships in hospitality, automotive, plumbing/gasfitting, furniture making, aluminium joinery and baking. Ask at reception for more details. The success of both enterprises gives him great satisfaction, not to mention the entire organisation.

His introduction to the hospitality industry really came by



RICHARD CALLING THE SHOTS.

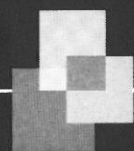
accident. He took on and successfully completed a hotel and motel operations correspondence course while he recovered in Waikato Hospital after a serious engineering workplace leg injury. That five month endurance study had immediate benefit as he soon signed up with Lion Breweries. He then completed a management training course while working at Tauranga's Greerton Hotel, Hamilton's Commercial Hotel, The Masonic Hotel in Napier and The Lake at Taupo. He then was secretary/manager of the Te Puke club for four years before he headed to the Bay of Islands to be general manager of the Swordfish Club. After five years there he made his move to the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

"I have always given 100 per cent to my employers. For a business to succeed there is no replacement for sheer hard and committed work. Not only as an individual do you succeed, but also the business flourishes and so does the team as a whole."

Richard's favourite hobby is fishing, fishing and fishing, usually just off the coast close to his seaside hideaway. His also enjoys his DIY projects, with help from some mates. Keeping tabs on the Waikato, Chiefs and All Black rugby performances is another major interest.

It's almost 4.45pm. The club is busy. His office phone goes yet again. Father and a hungry, fast growing son debate what's for dinner and then he hears his important visitor has arrived.

His walk through the club to the front door is interrupted several times by members seeking his advice. But his important visitor understands the delay. That's obviously par for the course for those who win prestigious business awards.



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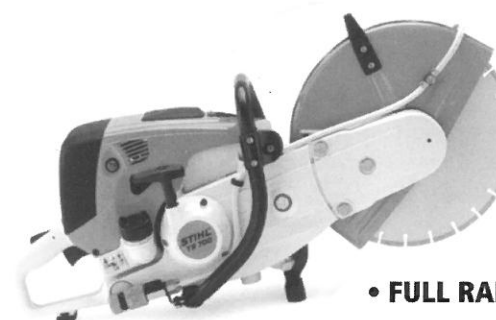


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FRANKTON'S FORGOTTEN HOTEL FIRE

Story By Club Member
JOHN LOVERIDGE

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The history of Hamilton records major losses by fire were frequent during the settlement's early years.

The greatest was the fire of 1898 that destroyed the Hamilton Hotel as well as 14 other business premises on both sides of Victoria Street.

Frankton's share of destructive fires within recent memory include the 1963 blaze that destroyed the NZ Dairy Company's dried milk factory in Pukeko Street (observed by we excited children of the railway settlement) and, of course, the tragic Empire Hotel fire of 1995.

But how many of our senior members can recall New Year's Day 1946 when Lafferty's Grand Hotel at No 8 Colombo Street (telephone 2327), a very short walk from the Frankton Junction Railway Station where Williams Salvage (Murray Gallagher and his team) is now, went up in smoke in little more than an hour?

Probably Frankton's most imposing building in its day, this two-story private hotel exuded grandeur with its wooden lace trim, ornate verandahs and distinctive rooftop neon light signage.

It was also extensive with wide frontage, staff quarters out the back and even an orchard that extended over Massey Street and partway down to Greenwood Street.

Built about 1907 of native timbers, it was originally named the Commercial Hotel until purchased by Charles Lafferty in 1917. He promptly changed its name and installed neon lights, the first in Hamilton, just a few years after the introduction of municipal electricity to Hamilton on 23 April, 1913.

Like most prominent men of his time, Charles Lafferty - grandfather of club member and self-styled long-toothed panelbeater, Brian Lafferty was active in public affairs being a long standing member of the first Frankton Town Board and following amalgamation, the Hamilton Borough Council.

A true maverick who agitated hard for Frankton, he died in office at the age of 77 in 1944.

After the death of his first wife, Annie, in 1915, he married a Miss Rose MacEnally, who owned the Junction Private Hotel (telephone 1238) just around the corner close to the railway footbridge in Massey Street.

Now that the owners of the Grand and Junction House Private Hotel, as it was formally known, were tied legally, Charles often advertised them as 'The Most Extensive Hotel Establishment in the Waikato', and certainly the old railway station hoarding that was attached to the south signal box (see photograph over page) suggests they were jointly promoted.

When Charles died, management of the Grand passed to one of his several daughters, Mary, and her husband Bill Smith, while Rose continued to run the Junction until her own death in 1949.

Another of Charles' daughters, Mrs C Irwin, took over the Junction until she was bought out by the Railways Department in 1953 which, after renovations, turned the old hotel, by now essentially a boarding house, into a staff hostel. The old Junction did not survive the 1960's.

And so to the events of 1 January, 1946. It was another hot day during one of Hamilton's driest summers on record.

About 11.15am the crew of a railway locomotive were said to have been the first to sense something was amiss. They noticed tongues of flame from an upstairs window, but as they had no access to a fire alarm they blew the whistle of their engine furiously to attract attention.

It seemed possible the Lafferty children themselves, who lived next door to the Grand Hotel, were the first to alert authorities by operating one of those 'Break Glass, Push Button' fire alarms, commonly seen on power poles back then.

By the time of the arrival of the fire brigades the hotel was well ablaze, not least to the fact that most windows were wide open. Everyone was evacuated safely, probably helped by the fact that although the hotel had accommodation for 50, due to the festive holiday period there were only 22 people in the building at the time.

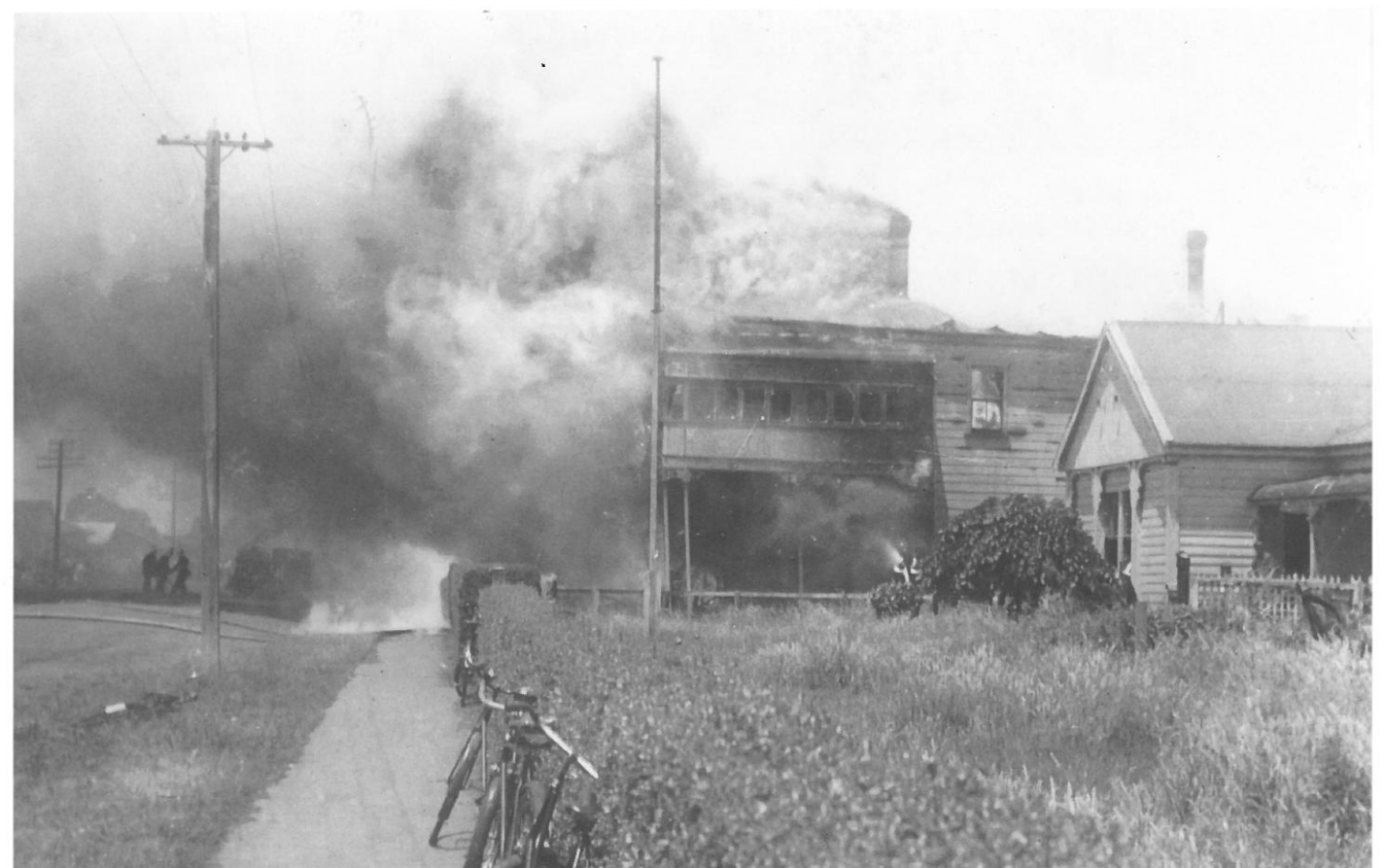
The fire brigade began by training five streams of water on to the blaze, but they then had to direct one of their hoses on to themselves as some protection against the fierce heat. Even one of their appliances had to be moved for the same reason.

A person driving into town from Raglan told of seeing smoke from the top of the deviation.

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A rumour spread amongst the large crowd who had gathered that two young girls were still inside, but that turned out to be false. Although no lives were lost, scarcely any personal belongings were saved.

Despite the brigade's best efforts, most reports said the hotel was reduced to a pile of ashes within an hour.

However, the firemen were able to save adjoining buildings that had also been set alight, including a block of flats where entry had to be gained through the windows.

In the days after the fire, people were seen sifting through the rubble as the hotel's cash box had not been recovered. It was rumoured to have been stored within one of the chimneys in the private quarters.

One true anecdote came from a bystander at the fire who told Colleen Lafferty-Hannah years later that one of the hotel guests, a keen punter of the horses who had just stepped off the train after he had returned from the New Year's Day meeting at Auckland, stood before the rubble with tears streaming down his face. He had left all of his considerable previous winnings in his room!

The cause of the fire was initially put down to a housemaid who had left an iron on in the ironing room, but it was later established the outbreak had begun in an upstairs bedroom.

The British Traders Insurance Company eventually paid out 4800 pounds comprised of 3000 pounds for the building and 1800 pounds for the contents.

In the quaint style of newspaper reports back then, the Waikato Times of 10 January, 1946, said "a gown shop in Hamilton offered to completely fit out any servicewoman guest of the hotel. It happened that one was a recent bride who had lost many valued possessions and as a result she was completely equipped free of charge."

The paper said "another instance of goodwill in practical form was the prompt offer of a homeowner to hand over the key of his home to any family suffering from the fire, possession to be given for several weeks while the owner betook himself on his annual holiday to the seaside."

The Waikato Times carried not a single photograph of the fire and those reproduced for our article are believed to be the only visual records of the Grand's fiery death.

Looking at the heavy industrial landscape that is Colombo Street today, it is hard to believe such a 'gracious old lady' as the Grand once ruled there.

Having lost its residential character as far back as the 1970s, the only reminder from the past in the street today is the one-time Junction Service Station, a 1930 art deco brick and plaster triangular premises now preserved as a heritage building.

Just a few metres across and up the street where once stood the Grand, the old service station would surely tell you, if it but had the power of speech, far more than I about that day as it had a grandstand seat at Frankton's forgotten hotel fire.

Footnote: John Loveridge, who diligently researched and wrote the story, and the club's year book editor, sincerely thank Brian Lafferty for his recollections (he was there!) and for his enthusiastic overall assistance. We are indebted to Colleen Lafferty-Hannah for her enlightening Lafferty family history lessons.

John's good friend, Trev Terry, whose exclusive historic photographs from the day of the 1946 fire and his other contributions to the article, also warrants special mention. His work on behalf of our city deserves to be recognised.



LOCAL RESIDENTS GATHER TO WATCH AS THE FIRE TAKES CONTROL. - J A T TERRY COLLECTION.



LAFFERTY'S ADVERTISING HOARDING ON THE SOUTH SIGNAL BOX AT FRANKTON JUNCTION RAILWAY YARDS. - J A T TERRY COLLECTION.



VIEW FROM THE COMMERCE STREET CROSSING OF LAFFERTY'S GRAND HOTEL. - J A T TERRY COLLECTION.

WORTH NOTING

* **The feat of Te Rapa horse trainer Kristine Stead**, well-known to several members of our club, who had a winning start to 2009 when her horse, Jacowils, produced a stunning upset victory in the \$200,000 Railway Stakes at Ellerslie, at odds of better than 100 to one. As the breeder- owner-trainer based at Te Kowhai, Kristine was \$150,000 better off thanks to the winner's cheque. Astute bets, including 19 per cent of the trifecta, also boosted the part-time hobby trainer's winnings. Jacowils paid \$105.80 to win and anchored a \$179,735 trifecta. A couple of our regular bettors collected big time.

* **Members tells us - A:** To remove stamps without damage to them or envelopes put them in your freezer. **B:** Use clear Vaseline two or three times to help remove furniture scratches then polish with soft cloth. **C:** To make a pleasant fragrance when vacuum cleaning keep a wad of cottonwool saturated with disinfectant, or with oil of lavender, in the dust bag of the cleaner. **D:** Use a soft gum rubber to help clean suede shoes. **E:** Non-smokers should try using lemon juice to remove cigarette smell from ashtrays. **F:** For fried tomatoes try dipping the cut end in flour before frying. It should mean the juice and seeds do not run out and the tomato has a nice, crisp surface. **G:** To brighten leather book covers try using a drop of olive oil on a flannel and then polish with a soft cloth. **H:** Try using a white pencil rubber to clean silver jewellery. **I:** Try rubbing a raw onion to clean a badly soiled picture frame then rinse, dry and polish. **J:** Lavender heads, if placed in the hems of net curtains, should give a delightful fragrance in the room when the breeze blows. **K:** Improve the flavour of leg or shoulder of lamb by making tiny slits in the flesh and filling with chopped mint before roasting. **L:** When cutting roses or other

plants with prickles try using spring-type pegs to hold back annoying branches. **M:** Try adding a half cup of lemonade or ginger ale to give fruit salad a lift. **N:** Try rubbing on toothpaste with a soft cloth to help clean discoloured and dirty ivory piano keys. **O:** A tactical wife is one who makes sure she spends so much on herself that her husband can't afford another woman.

* **Ron Henneker's 80th birthday** falling on August 8, 2008 - 08/08/08. The Waikato Times made it a front page story. No prizes for guessing Ron's lucky number!

* **Coronation Street**, maintains its place as the favourite TV show, according to a survey of our members. However, the popular soap has been strongly challenged by Who Wants to be a Millionaire. **Other top raters were** - CSI, Outrageous Fortunes, The Office, Fair Go, Target, Cold Case, David Letterman Show, TVI and TV3 news, Oprah Winfrey Show, Dr Phil, Sunrise, Top Gear, Go Girls, Deal or No Deal, Crowd Goes Wild, Good Morning and Breakfast, Border Patrol and the likes of 60 Minutes and 20/20. Repeats of Country Calendar, Off the Rails, Gone Fishin', Doc Martin, The Simpsons, Antiques Roadshow, Parkinson, Desperate Housewives, Changing Rooms and NZ's Got Talent also received nominations.

The rapid rise in popularity of the other channels such as UKTV, Living, C4, Food, Trackside. Sky Sport, History, Animal Planet, Documentary and National Geographic continued. Sky Australia News on Channel 90 was also praised. Those to fall away from previous surveys included Bad Girls, Father Ted, Vicar of Dibley, Blue Healers, Home and Away and Water Rats.

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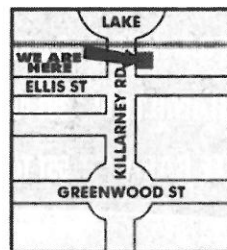
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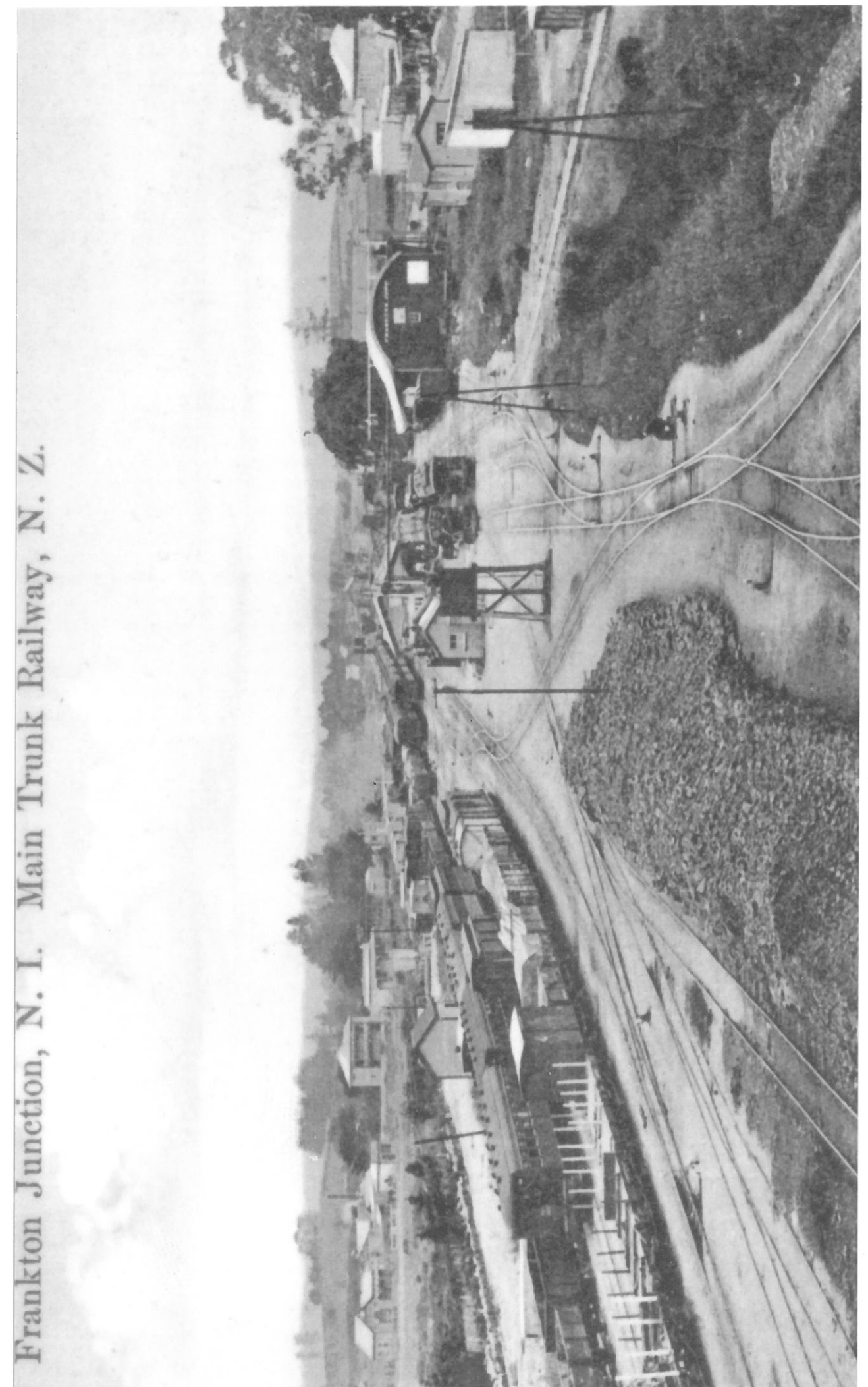
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FROM A POSTCARD IN THE J A T TERRY COLLECTION, THIS MAY, 1909, SCENE (100 YEARS AGO) RECORDS FRANKTON'S STATION AND RAIL YARDS LOOKING NORTH. THE DOUBLE-STORY BUILDING IN THE LEFT BACKGROUND IS BELIEVED TO BE THE JUNCTION HOTEL WITH THE GRAND HOTEL JUST OUT OF THE PICTURE TO THE LEFT.

PLENTY PLAY CARDS RIGHT

CARDS SECTION

Our card players have come up trumps with plenty of tournament successes.

The sub-section's publicity person reports .-

We have started to play championships within the club and new cups have been donated. The Don Evans Cup for cribbage championship singles was won by Georgina Morris. The Jack Bell Cup for the 500 open pairs championship was won by Jack Bell and Kevin Ward. The Beryl Thornton Memorial winners were Shirley Dooley and Merv Taylor.

Noeleen Donaldson won the North Island 500 which our club hosted for the second year. Three of our players were third equal. After a playoff the final results were: Noeleen Donaldson 1; Betty Tripe (Weymouth) 2; Lorraine Walker 3; Minnie Denton 4; Shirley Dove 5.

The club's annual euchre tournament held in October was won by Noeleen Donaldson with Georgina Morris second and Matt Sullivan third. The event helpers were praised for their assistance as without them these tournaments would not be run smoothly.

During the year our members played in tournaments at Manurewa, Papakura, Wanganui, Hastings, Weymouth, Waiuku, New Plymouth, Tauranga, Taupo and Hamilton Cosmopolitan clubs. Joyce Ward and Pennie Judson were very successful at these venues.

We have had many players with the 'perfect scores' in our crib

and euchre section. Congratulations to George Williams, Bob Lord, Trevor Borman, Brian Wood and Kay Lord. High praise also for Clair Banton who had two 'perfect scores' in crib.

Our crib section has been playing for four years and in that time our numbers have doubled. If you would like a relaxing Monday afternoon playing crib, why not come along and join us?

On St Patrick's Day section members travelled to the Sky Casino in Auckland. Many were dressed in green to mark the special day. Some returned with beaming smiles while others were not so lucky.

A nostalgic trip on the Waipa Delta was also very worthwhile. The lovely evening's entertainment was spiced up by a couple of likely lads.

Our card days are: Cribbage, 1pm Monday. Euchre, 10am Thursday; 500, 1pm Thursday.

For information on events for card members please refer to the notice board at the music stage of the club or our web page www.hwmc.co.nz

Alternatively those interested can approach a committee member or ask at the main office for a sub-section contact.

Executive members are: Chairperson: Warren Pearce. Vice chairperson: Pennie Judson. Secretary-treasurer: Bob Lord. Club captain: Ernie Morris. Publicity: Kay Lord. Committee: Elizabeth Karl, Calir Banton, Brian Wood, Jean Scott, Don Evans.

COMPUTER TROUBLE

I was having trouble with my computer so I called over Richard, the 11 year-old from next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control.

Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

"What was wrong?" I asked.

He said it was an ID ten T error.

"What's that?" I asked. "I may have to fix it again."

He told me to write it down so I could figure it out for myself. I did - ID-IO-T.

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CARDS CHAMP



Noeleen Donaldson (above) joined our club in 2004. Her departed husband, Laurie Donaldson, had been a member for 20 years.

Her previous clubs were Hamilton RSA and Cosmopolitan Club.

Noeleen said she received much pleasure out of playing cards with special highlights being her victories in the HWMC euchre tournament championship in 2008 and this year's Clubs NZ North Island 500 championship.

Dancing and gardening were two other leisure time pursuits Noeleen said she really enjoyed while squash star Susan Devoy remained her favourite sportsperson.

Other favourites are:

Food: Salads. **Drinks:** Red wine. **Holiday spots:** Mt Maunganui.

Colours: Mauve and pink. **TV show:** Coronation Street.

Actress: Meryl Streep - Mamma Mia. **Singer:** John Rowles.

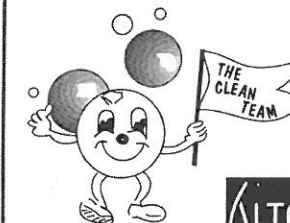
Noeleen said she was proud to belong to the club and particularly liked meeting up with new members.



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60+ ENJOYING TRIPPING AROUND

60+ SECTION

Once again the 60 Plus sub-section had another successful year. In charge of operations were - Chairman, Trevor Moore; secretary, Dawn King; treasurer, Clair Banton; committee, Winston Scott, Allan Stewart, Fred Paetai, Jean Moore, Colleen Gerbich, Kay Lord, Don Evans and Stan Stoneham.

Bus trips were again extremely popular. The trip to Waiheke Island had members queuing from 7.30am on the day of sale. A total of 75 names were registered so it was decided to do two trips with 50 on the first and 25 on the second. With all members having a gold card, the cost of the trip on the Sealink vehicular ferry saved the section \$1950 for the two days.

The two-day bus trip to Warkworth was also most enjoyable. The owners of the Walton Park Motel made everyone welcome. We all enjoyed being together in the evening in the motel function room with the bar facilities and toasted sandwiches going down well.

On the Monday we took the boat to Kawau Island and found the mail run very interesting. Lunch was served on board. Several small inlets were visited while the boat dropped off or collected mail. An hour was spent at Mansion House.

Other trips included: Hell's Gate in Rotorua; Sky City in Auckland; Huntly Workingmen's Club to enjoy being entertained by the Taradale Concert Club; shopping jaunts to Mt Maunganui and Tauranga; Waihi Lily Gardens; two visits to Mt Maunganui to play bowls; an unexpected refreshment stop at Waikino in the Karangahake Gorge and two trips because of numbers keen to go to Waiheke Island.

Trips cost \$30 per member which covers bus, morning tea, visit to a place of interest and lunch at the local club.

The sub-section expresses its thanks to Craig Worth of Go Bus Company for his continued sponsorship and the staff of Go Bus for their help during the year.

Thanks also to all helpers during the meat raffle weeks. It was very much appreciated that they gave up their time to assist in that very rewarding exercise. Proceeds from the raffle weeks help subsidise the bus trips and the two dinners held each year.

Please remember to watch our notice board as it is the only way we notify members of upcoming events and other relevant information.



MEET THE MEMBERS

Doreen Couchman (above) joined the club in the late 1990s and soon linked up with the 60 Plus sub-section.

She said she retained happy memories of the hours of fun and dancing she and late husband, Colin, enjoyed at the Workingmen's Club, when it was situated in Harwood St.

Doreen, who has impaired vision, says she really appreciates the help and guidance she receives from fellow club members. She gains much pleasure from playing indoor bowls and looks forward to dining and socialising at our club. Outdoor bowls had been another favourite leisure time activity and her ability was rewarded when she toured South Africa as a member of the NZ blind bowling squad.

She listed her special sportspersons as being former All Black captain Buck Shelford, and current NZ cricket captain Daniel Vettori.

Three people Doreen would most like to meet would be Stephen Fleming, Mark Inglis and Peter Snell.

Other favourites:

Food: Roast dinners, especially when pumpkin is on the menu.

Drinks: Rum and Coke. **Holiday spots:** Akaroa. **Colour:** Blue.

TV shows: British comedies. **Film:** One Flew Over the Cuckoo Nest.

Actor: Spencer Tracy. **Actress:** Katherine Hepburn. **Song:** Lara's Theme, Cottage By the Lea. **Singer:** Don Estelle. **Band:** Guy Lambardo.



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BOWLS RANK HIGH WITH PHILLIP



Reigning Waikato champion singles outdoor bowler Phillip Bennett will never forget the reception he received from his fellow Frankton Junction members after he had won that prestigious title.

"Walking back into the FJBC after winning the centre title and having the two greens basically

stop play to stand and applaud me is my best club memory. I'll never forget their reaction."

Phillip started his bowls in the 1993-1994 season at the Kahutia club in Gisborne. He played there until he shifted to Hamilton in 2001.

During his time at Kahutia he won nine junior and one senior championships. He played for Kahutia in the junior interclub and seldom lost a game. He also represented Gisborne East Coast as a junior / academy player.

When he moved to Hamilton he initially started playing at Hamilton City where he won another two championships. In 2004 / 2005 season he transferred to Frankton Junction. In his first year he won the men's and mixed triples and also managed to win the player of the year award. Since then he has won the club singles and been in a couple of finals.

He represented Bowls Waikato in the academy ranks, usually as skip of the fours and then moved into the senior side. He has been in an out of the Waikato open side and now wants a permanent spot in the side.

In the winter of 2006 Phillip joined the Professional Bowls Association and has climbed in the rankings to number 10 in New Zealand. In his second year in the PBA, he managed to win

a trip to England to compete in the World Indoor Singles. Unfortunately he lost his first game to a Welsh international. Last year he was runner up in the PBA Welsh International Qualifying event, but when Phil Skogland pulled out he was fortunate enough to receive the opportunity to travel overseas again, this time

to Wales. He again lost his first game, but did manage to push the newly crowned World Indoor Singles Champion to a tie breaker and probably should have won the game.

"It was during this trip that I followed my heritage. I am from the Rhonda

Valley not far from Swansea. I found our family on Mum's side actually had a very rich rugby background. Although I have never played the game, I have a great uncle named John Gwilliam. I discovered he is the only Welsh captain to lead his side to two grand slams in 1950 and 1952. He was inducted into the Welsh Rugby Hall of Fame in 2005. His record as a player and the fact that he is a relative is why I named him as one of the three people, along with Tiger Woods and Warren Gatland, I would most like to meet. I found his story most interesting and inspirational. He alone has helped me realise my dream. I cannot tell you what that is at this stage, but those closest to me know.

(Note: While Tiger Woods and Warren Gatland should be well known to readers, we searched the internet for more information on John Gwilliam. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, told us he was born in Pontypridd in 1923. He played club rugby at number eight for Cambridge University, Gloucester, London Welsh, Llanelli, Wasps and Edinburgh Wanderers, and international rugby for Wales. He won 23 caps for Wales, including notable victories over Australia in 1947 and the All Blacks in 1953. After spending a year at Cambridge, he was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Tank Regiment and saw action in Europe. After the war, he returned to Cambridge, became a teacher and was soon well-known for his disciplinary standards and his religious views.)

Aspects of club life which gives Phillip most pleasure are enjoying the team spirit that exists in FJBC bowls, being able to catch up with friends and to share experiences and stories of the week.

He lists master NZ outdoor bowler, Syd Giddy, and golfer Tiger Woods as his favourite sports persons, past and present.

Other favourites of Phillip's are:

Foods: Thai, McDonalds, KFC, Sushi. **Drinks:** Export Gold, Jim Beam. **Holiday spots:** Nelson, England, Wales. **Colour:** Blue.

TV shows: House, Two and a Half Men, Bones. **Films:** Anything starring Julia Styles, Nicholas Cage or Cameron Diaz.

Songs: Hotel California, My Immortal. **Singers / bands:** Amy Lee Prom, Evanescence, U2, The Eagles, Counting Crows.



BURTON CUP WINNERS (FROM LEFT) DAVE BURGESS, GRAHAM FITZPATRICK, PHILLIP BENNETT AND ALLAN BOWLER, OF FRANKTON JUNCTION, HOLD THEIR TROPHY. PICTURE BY PAUL RICKARD



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FJBC RESULTS -

Men's championship fours: G.Body, D. Wallace, D. McMurphy, T.Fabing, 1; S.Smith, A. Hawkey, R.Mills, J. Pollack, 2.

Men's championship triples: G. Fitzpatrick, W. Pakinga, G. Edgar, 1; C Frangos, F. Claydon, M. Cagney, 2.

Men's championship pairs: G. Fitzpatrick, A. Cathro, 1; P. Bennett, D.Burgess, 2.

Men's championship singles: G. Fitzpatrick, 1; F. Claydon, 2.

Women's championship fours: M. Donnison, S. Broadbent, M. Pye, D. Rose, 1; N. Hancock, M. Bennenbroek, C. Congdon, G. Oldfield, 2.

Women's championship triples: J. Peters, S. Olsen, M. Pye, 1; J. Ward, S. Hall, W. Cunningham, 2.

Women's championship pairs: N. Hancock, M. Jamison, 1; J.Ward, S. Hall, 2.

Women's championship singles: V. Morell, 1; J. Wairere, 2.

Men's championship junior pairs: G. Cotter, M. Mosen, 1; T. Fabing, J. Fabing, 2.

Men's championship junior singles: G. Cotter, 1; A. Solly, 2.

Women's championship junior pairs: C. McMurphy, C. Lee, 1; A. Monrad, L.Cosgrove, 2.

Women's championship junior singles: B. Cotter, 1; C. Lee, 2.

Men's championship first year singles: T. Darley, 1.

Women's championship first year singles: J. Hopkins, 1; J. Marcum, 2.

Mixed fours championship: B. Osmond, D. McMurphy, M. Osmond, C. McMurphy, 1; A. Cathro, A. McLachlan, M. Mosen, C. Lee, 2.

Mixed triples championship: N. Herbert, N. Hancock, F. Hancock, 1; M. Llewellyn, J. Peters, J. Pollock, 2.

Mixed pairs championship: G. Fitzpatrick, S. Broadbent, 1; D. Burgess, M. Osmond, 2.

Club tournament results -

Stag Trophy: N.Hancock, D. Clemett, G.Russell, D.Cosgrove, 1; M.Long, M.Osmond, L.Wells, R.Barr, 2; M.Donnison, B.Bishop, L.Steggalls, B.Cotter, 3.

Howarth Cup: J Ward, M Jamison, 1; S Dempsey, B Cotter, 2.

Men's handicap pairs: G. Fitzpatrick, J. Pollock, 1; M. McLuskie, J. Dick, 2; M. Long, M. Mosen, 3.

Women's handicap pairs: S. Hall, W. Cunningham, 1; J. Wairere, C. Lee, 2; C. McMurphy, J. Bishop, 3.

Rex Clemett Classic two-day: D.McMurphy, B.Heaphy, A.Solly, D.Winitana, 1; N.Clarke, C.Johnson, C.Alley, H.McDonald, 2; H. Bell, G.Gregory, S.Crackett, M.Fleming, 3; G Fitzpatrick, A.Bowler, D.Burgess, T.Fabing, 4.

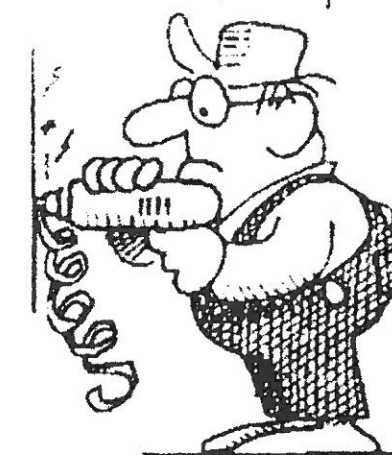
Easter Friday pairs: H.McDonald, B. Ritchie, 1; L.Fitzpatrick, C. Alley, 2; A.McLachlan, J. Dick, 3; G. Braithwaite, P.Graham, 4; B.Heaphy, J. Wairere, 5.

Easter Saturday fours: E.Hope, G.Hope, S.Paton, M.Paton

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Easter Sunday triples: D.Meinung, D.O.Brian, R. Whitaker, 1; D.Wallace, J.Wallace, J.Dick, 2; A.Bell's team, 3.

Easter Monday triples: R.Finlay, N. Clarke, J. Hill, 1; M.Bennenbroek, M.Donnison, M.Mills, 2; N. Rendle, D.Curry, J.Curry, 3; W.Van Der Beek, G.Knapp, R.Mills, 4.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS-

NZ Chartered Clubs nationals (Christchurch) -

Nigel Reid, Billy Bishop, Kevin Horrack and John Turley were beaten in the final by a team skipped by ex-NZ rep Maurice Symes.

Te Kuiti Mixed Classic: P. Meinung, P. Bennett, N. Hancock, J. Wairere, 1.

Kihikihi Mixed Classic: G. Fitzpatrick, K. Stampa (Hawera), W. Pakinga, S. Broadbent, 1.

Hamilton Combined Clubs, Women's Classic:

N. Hancock, M. Bennenbroek, M. Pye, M. Mills, 3.

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FJBC FOUR CELEBRATE

To cap off his season, Phillip Bennett, skipped his Frankton Junction four to victory in a dramatic GEC Centennial Burton Cup open tournament final at Gisborne. However, as the Poverty Bay sports legend, John Heikell, reported, it was only over the latter stages that Bennett ousted Paul Sorenson (Bowls Napier) 29-22, as fading light forced players to flick on lighters to illuminate the jack on the last end.

It was Bennett's second Burton title... he was a member of the successful Hamilton City side in 2002. But he said the latest win was sweeter.

"Skipping a side to victory in a centennial tournament was a dream," said Bennett, whose team-mates, Dave Burgess, Allan Bowler and Graham Fitzpatrick, were also in mighty form.

The Junction four dropped a six on the first end and were down 11-2 after seven. Bennett marshalled his forces and collected seven points over the next three ends to trail by two.

It took 16 ends before Bennett eased ahead and he never surrendered the lead. Precise drawing and meticulous accuracy meant there were masses of touches and runners, and drives were explosive.

"It was a brilliant final," Bennett said. "My side played together for the first time over Easter but we combined well and supported each other over the four days. We stayed composed. Twenty-five ends is a very long game and if you can stay in touch with

your opponents, you have every chance of working back into the game. No 3 Fitzpatrick's calling of the shots was superb."

Ray Finlay was re-elected president of the HWMC outdoor bowling section for 2009-2010. Others elected were - Vice president: Michael Cagney. Treasurer: Brian Johns. Secretary: Mary Mills. Committee: Grahame Cotter, Frank Hancock, Noeline Hancock, Jean Hill, Terry Hooper, Anne Monrad, Margaret Pye, Jack Sowerby.

ON A TRIP OF HIS OWN!

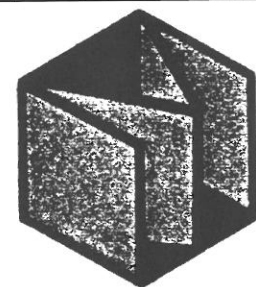
Our bus drivers always have amusing stories to tell about the antics of their passengers.

One we particularly like took place fairly late into the evening. The club member in question asked to be taken home and said in a loud voice: "I suppose I'll be the last off as usual!"

The bus was barely out of the club driveway when our member went into a deep sleep.

When the bus came to a halt outside his house 10 minutes or so later, the member woke up, looked round the bus and said: "There, I told you I'd be the last one off!"

The driver just smiled. He didn't have the heart to tell the member he'd once again been the only passenger!



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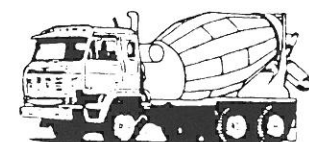


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GOLF TO HOST MAJOR TOURNEY

Hosting the popular North Island chartered clubs tournament at Ngaruawahia and Lochiel on November 6 and 7 will be a major assignment for our golf section this year.

The section last staged the tournament in 1993 and thankfully some of those involved way back then are still around to lend their experience if required to the present highly enterprising and efficient committee.

The tournament attracts teams from most North Island clubs while the special supporters' event is also usually well attended.

Golf section chairman, Peter Lee, said he was hopeful our club members not tied up with the organising would be able to help out in various ways on and off the course.

"It will be a big few days for the club. We are expecting capacity fields so our committee guys will be out at the courses for most of the day. The teams' event will be at Ngaruawahia with the supporters at Lochiel."

Peter and his team are on the look out for sponsorship. If you know of any business or individual who may be able to help please make contact with our front office or a member of the golf committee.

Ngahinapouri was the venue for the sub-section Christmas tournament. It was a perfect day, the course was in top order and the hot scoring showed how well most of the players responded to the conditions.

Cups for annual competitions were awarded with the spirited chairman performing the presentation ceremony with ample wit and aplomb.

Trophy winners were: Breweries Salver (five from six nett): Steve

Pearce. Rouse Cup (five from six gross): Mike Rhodes. Oliver Cup (five from six stableford): Peter Lee and Clive Wilcox. Nett Trophy (four from six nett): A Galbraith. Keith Hart Memorial (best nett North Island champs): Tim Hema. Fellowship Cups: I Te Moni, Rod Jackson. Santa Claus Cup (first and last round, plus two others): Tony Batters. Gibstein Shield (best four of five cards): M Parker. Turner Tray (best four rounds): M Robinson. Wimpy Potts Trophy (services to golf section): Trevor Stephenson.

Key officers for 2009: Chairman, Peter Lee; secretary, Darrell Cameron; treasurer, Owen Sigley; club captain, John King; vice captain, Gary Kite.

* The season started on a high note when our golfers beat a Tahuna team in the annual 'Clock' fixture. They'll explain!

HWMC Golf Club

- Opening Day (February)
- Monthly tournaments (including qualifying for National N.I. Chartered Club Championships)
- Christmas tournament
- Social trips
- North Island Chartered Clubs Championship (Qualified players and supporters)

New Members Welcome

Please contact Peter Lee Ph 07 855 8774

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR INDOOR BOWLERS

INDOOR BOWLS

The year for the indoor bowls started well with Kathy Gibson and Peter Stacey winning the Clubs New Zealand North Island pair championship.

The ladies representative team also had a good week in Tauranga with a third overall finish out of 48 participating clubs. In the singles we had one player eliminated in the last 32; in the pairs we had one team in the last 16 and one in the last eight; while in the triples and fours two teams were in the last eight. Although our club did not quite make the winners' list, it was felt they had done extremely well.

This year also saw Gary Townson get his name added to the list of our players who have achieved their Central Gold Star.

Club results:

Championship singles: Y Longman 1; K Steggalls 2.

Championship pairs: G Stringer, B Johns 1; D Zinsli, K Steggalls 2.

Championship triples: K Gibson, D Reynolds, G McCormick 1; D Zinsli, B Johns, D Hunt 2.

Championship fours: K Gibson, K Steggalls, J Rose, G McCormick 1. No runner up.

Club fours: P Stacey, J Rose, J Comer, K Lord 1; B Finlayson, J Pearce, G Morris (no fourth player) 2.

Handicap singles: C Hill 1; G McCormick 2.

Club pairs: A Solly, Y Longman 1.

Club singles: K O'Neill 1; Y Longman 2.

Bain Pairs: G Sirbu, J Rose 1; J Steer, D Reynolds 2.

Club triples: K O'Neill, J Rose, B Caldwell 1; L Crawford, K Steggalls, Y Longman 2.



TEAM MEMBERS WHO REPRESENTED HWMC AT THE 25TH CLUBS NZ LADIES NATIONAL INDOOR BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS AT TAURANGA. TOP ROW (FROM LEFT): CLARE HILL, ELIZABETH CURRAN, DONNA REYNOLDS, RELDA MIDDLETON. MIDDLE ROW: MARILIE BURT, JUNE PEARCE, AILEEN DODUNSKI, YVONNE LONGMAN. BOTTOM ROW: KATHY GIBSON, BRONWYM MCCORMICK.

Central Area successes:

Triples winners were G Sirbu, G Townson, B Currie. Gloria Hewitt Memorial fours winners were G Stringer, P Stacey, K Gibson, Y Longman. Hamilton champion of champion pairs winners were G Stringer and B Johns.

All in all, a good set of results for the section.

This month the Hamilton Workingmen's Club will host the Clubs New Zealand men's indoor bowls championships. Some really top games will be seen with all finals being held in our club. Check time schedules.

HWMC Indoor Bowls

- Club night every Wednesday open to all HWMC members - \$2 entry - names to committee by 6.50pm Championships on some Mondays & Tuesdays (winners represent HWMC in Waikato champion of champions).
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Brian Johns (treasurer)

OR AT THE MAIN OFFICE AT THE CLUB

REMEMBER THE BUTCHERS?

This full page photograph in last year's year book attracted much interest. Club member, Jim Murray, said the photograph had belonged to his father-in-law, Jack Kane, who spent many years as a butcher in Frankton. Many of our older members reported they had bought meat from Jack's shop. We then asked readers to help us identify some of the Hamilton butchers of that time, where the photograph was taken etc etc. The club phones started ringing as soon as the year book was circulated. We had answers ranging from Ngaruawahia to Frankton to Ward Street to Victoria Street. Those involved in the publication were continually asked if the question posed had been answered. Local historians became involved with well-known railwayman, golfer, musician and member, John Loveridge, leading the band of real enthusiasts. His initial thoughts re the venue being by the 'old' Regent (then known as the Strand) Theatre in Victoria Street, just north of Garden Place, proved correct. He also questioned the date (1943) the photo was supposed to have been taken. He suggested the early 1930's and again he was spot on.

An extensive search through phone books and newspapers of the early 1930s revealed W R Shattock certainly dominated the butchery scene.

Final confirmation and more exclusive details of the photograph came from the highly esteemed club member Hamilton businessman, Dick Wymer, well-known for his untiring service to our city. Dick, who married Marie, daughter of William Richards Shattock, kindly took time to ask Douglas Shattock, who was manager of the farming operations for 15 years and was only 12 years of age when the said photograph was taken, to pen the following details -

"The photo shows some members of W R Shattock snr's butchery staff together with their company vehicles. It was taken outside the newly-established main Shattock branch on a Sunday morning in 1934. The vehicles were parked back into the kerb on the eastern side of Victoria Street, Hamilton, just north of Garden Place. Previously the main branch had been on the corner of Palmerston and Pembroke Streets.

Pictured from left to right standing by the Victory Six Dodge, are owner W R Shattock snr, W R Shattock jnr and Jock Fisher. Ted Edwads, manager of the Victoria Street shop, and Edgar Bushell, stand between the two Harley Davidson motorbikes with side boxes for meat deliveries. Jack Kane and one other are between the second Harley Davidson and the Austin delivery van. I am not sure of the two between the Austin van and the first of three open cab delivery vans, but the shorter of the two



may well be Percy Tetzlaff, of rugby fame. The shorter of the two between the second and third open cab delivery is George Duff, who managed the Whitiara Shop for many years. I think the other could be Percy Bailey. Not very visible standing in front of the old Chevrolet and beside his pride and joy, the Bedford Beef wagon, is George Lilly, who, at that time, would drive the Bedford to be at Horotiu Affco Works at 5am to pick up the carcass meat to deliver to the respective shops after which he would change to the old Chevrolet to collect waste bones etc from the shops and then go to run the boiling down works. About the time the photograph was taken the total business comprised six shops in Hamilton, one in Ngaruawahia, a 97 acre daily farm two miles down Te Kowhai Road from the old Te Rapa school where a boiling down plant was established to process the waste bones etc from the seven shops with the Tallow, exported in 44 gallon drums to the ton, sold by auction in England.

Also around the same time the enterprise was converted into a limited liability company, Shattocks Limited. W R Shattock snr was chairman of directors. W R Shattock jnr his second in charge had to retire for health reasons.

The company later acquired just over 4.9 acres where the equestrian centre is on Pukete Road today. Also purchased were two sheep and cattle properties in the Naikie area of 592 and 720 acres respectively which were developed by a younger son, Douglas Shattock over a period of 15 years. They were later disposed of and the company wound up.

When the butchery side of the company was dissolved in 1953, Jack Kane accepted the offer to take over the Commerce Street branch complete with the clientele and plant which he successfully ran for many years."

Many thanks to Douglas, Dick and John for their contributions and to the many members who made contact with our office and the year book editors with their thoughts.

DARTS SCORE ON AND OFF BOARDS

DARTS SECTION

Our darts correspondent reckons his enterprising section has really struck a winning double.

While the players, skills were rewarded with important successes at national and provincial and local levels, away from the busy boards the members were also justifiably pleased with the success of social events which incorporated their families into the workings of the section.

The family day get-together's, the mid-year social, the race day at Te Rapa and the lamb on the spit barbeque at Sandra and Brian McLuskie's all added to the enjoyment of the season. It enabled wives, partners and children to also participate in the activities and have some fun.

Results:

Hamilton Workingmen's Club championships:

Men's singles: Graham Earney. **Men's pairs:** Shane Daji and Brian McLuskie. **Ladies singles:** Wendy Duncan. **Ladies pairs:** Wendy Duncan and Sheryl Woon.

John Lyons drawn pairs: Arthur Freeman and Shane Daji.



Divisional championships winner: John Dodunski.

Firth Cup premier winners: Hamilton Workingmen's No 2.

Premier division league and aggregate winner: Hamilton Workingmen's No 1 team of John Dodunski, Brian McLuskie, Ian Waton, Debbie Pakinga, Mihi George, Stu Campbell, Don Evans, Flo Faunch.

Players who scored 180's during the year: John Dodunski 25; Julian Hughes 6; Graham Earney 5; Ian Watson 5; Shane Daji 4; Brian McLuskie 4; Kathy Hobbs 3; Geoff Flower 2; Rob Cox 2; Karl Vinnicombe 2; Millie Flintoff 1; Des Tyler 1; Phil Hanks 1.

Thames Valley-Bay of Plenty-Waikato association championships: **Mixed pairs winners:** John Dodunski and Verena Tyler. **Men's singles runner-up:** Ian Watson.

NZ Chartered Clubs, championships: 2008 nationals ladies singles winner: Mihi George. **2009 North Island ladies pairs winners:** Mihi George and Debbie Pakinga.

To top off the great season, Hamilton Workingmen's won the prestigious best presented team award at the 2009 North Island championships.

Hamilton Darts Association:
Premier club winners
fours winners
were Hamilton Workingmen's No2 team of Julian Hughes, Graham Earney, Ron Wynd, Des Tyler. **Men's pairs runners-up:** Ron Wynd and Karl Vinnicombe. **Ladies pairs winners:** Mihi George and Lucy Dix. **Men's singles winner:** Shane Daji. **Runner-up:** John Dodunski. **Ladies singles winner:** Mihi George.

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INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS PRAISE TOURNAMENT

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER SECTION

The billiards and snooker section has once again enjoyed a very successful year.

The highlight was the international billiards tournament sponsored by Keith Hay Homes. The tournament attracted players from England, Australia and New Zealand and was considered by the players to be one of the best billiards events in Australasia.

Winner of the event was New Zealand champion, Garry Oliver (Christchurch), with Tina-Owen-Sevilton (England) runner-up. It was the first time the title had been won by a New Zealand player.

The section is confident this year's event will also draw a top field of overseas and New Zealand players.

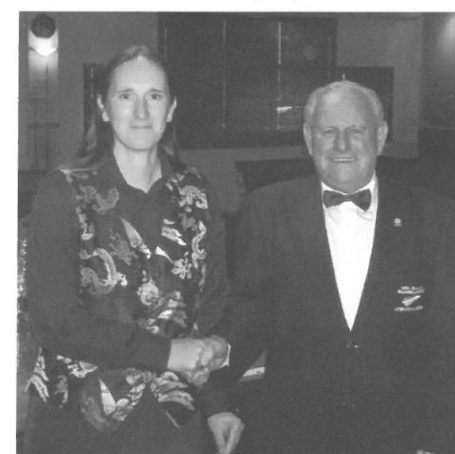
Another feature was the performance of the Hamilton Workingmen's A line up to win the Chic Boden Memorial snooker tournament held on inter-club basis between 12 Waikato teams. It was the second time in three seasons that the team had been successful in the event and emphasised the high standard of snooker players within the club.

As a result several HMMC players represented Waikato when it beat Bay of Plenty in an inter-provincial clash. During the match, club member Stephen Thomas compiled a magnificent break of 143, one of the highest recorded in the club for several years.

This year the section has a new president, Bruce Harper, who has taken over from Ron Hunt who stepped down after two years.

Snooker club nights are now held on Thursdays from 6.45pm. Club captain, Glen Shalders, has devised a new format on playing order which seems to be working particularly well.

Any members keen to play snooker should attend on Thursdays,



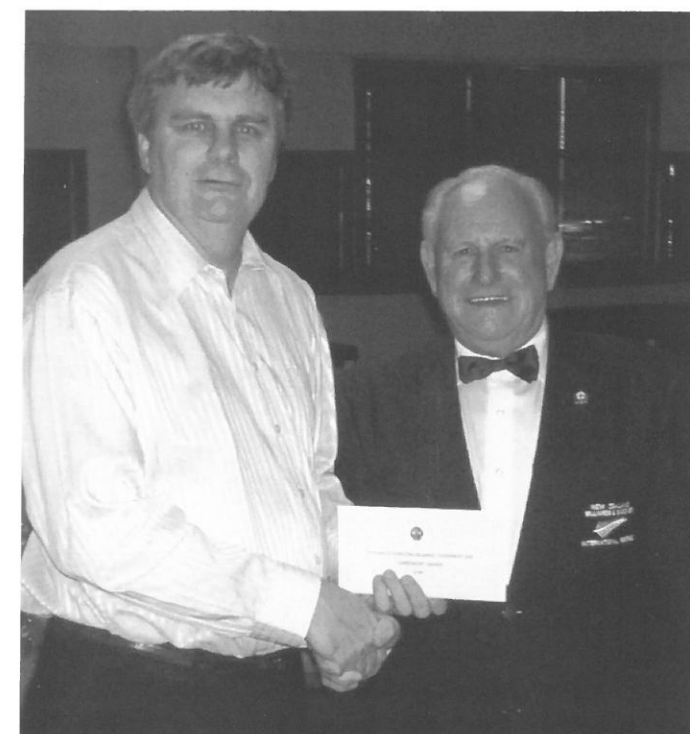
INTERNATIONAL RUNNER-UP TINA OWEN-SEVILTON (ENGLAND).

so why not ask how to become involved.

HMMC winners - A grade snooker: Ash Tonge. **B grade:** Geoff Dawson. **C grade:** Shane Daji. **Handicap pairs:** Winston Sorenson and Geoff Dawson. **Handicap billiards:** Bryan Villiers. **Open billiards:** Paul Wilson. **Over 50s snooker:** Ron Hunt. **John Franklin snooker:** Tony Tatler. **Highest break:** Stephen Thomas 143.

make themselves known and take the opportunity to show their skills on the table. A handicap system operates so all participants have an equal chance of taking home one of the excellent prizes.

A weekly 2pm Thursday tournament has also been planned



INTERNATIONAL 2008 BILLIARDS WINNER GARRY OLIVER (CHRISTCHURCH) WITH SECTION PRESIDENT RON HUNT.

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HIGH PRAISE FOR TRAINING SCHEME

Tracey Russell realised she needed a change of direction as she was tiring of her work as an administration manager.

"As I was already working through a Hotel-Motel Management Correspondence course and I had taken an interest in hospitality, I applied for a position of part-time barperson at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

I thought I would give it a go even though I had never poured a beer before. Early on I found the work so different as I had never really been directly involved with the public before. However, the members were understanding and I soon became accustomed to what was required. It was then I realised the hospitality industry had great potential.

A stint over at the Pavilion (bowling club) further broadened my experience. I was fortunate to be a quick learner and soon wanted to become more involved. I was then offered a fulltime position as a duty manager."

A morning tea conversation with club manager, Richard Shrubsall, about future job and training prospects, was the first step in her climb up the hospitality ladder.

"Richard provided all the staff training scheme details and I started studying with the aim of gaining national certification. It was a three year commitment."

That was reached last November when Tracey graduated with a National Certificate in Hospitality Operations. "It was a great sense of achievement."



TRACEY RECEIVES HER REWARD.

Naturally she became a strong advocate of the staff training schemes.

"Richard and Merv Peden (bar manager) have assisted me all the way through and I am very appreciative of their continued support. Other members of the staff have also offered constant encouragement and that also was a great help."

Tracey advised those interested in improving their lot to ask about the possibility of being a part of the staff training scheme. "You must want to do it. They will guide you, but your input must be positive."

Tracey's success means a whole new world, has opened up for her in the hospitality trade. Before she left the club in March to enjoy a long term planned non-working tour to Europe with her partner, she said she would study what was available on her return.

"I will maintain my club membership and will be keen to come back to check on what has been happening."

Peter Sporle (81)

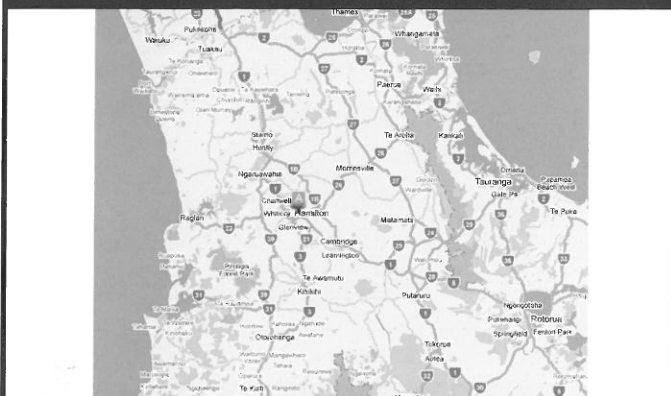
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LANCE-A-LOT OF ENTERTAINMENT

Lance West is definitely one of those characters every successful club needs.

Many of our members have known La-La, as he is affectionately known by all and sundry, for more than 30-40 years.

Life is never dull when he is around. His presence certainly enlivens all conversations. While he's had the opportunity to wine and dine with the best, he says, with utmost sincerity, he will always remember the many great times he has enjoyed over the years with his ever-expanding family, former workmates and his Workingmen's Club friends.

In some quarters he was regarded as a 'legend'. Reasons for that status were many and varied. He loved meeting and making people happy. His dry, devilish sense of humour lifted spirits while his infectious, ready smile soon relaxed those around him, as those Chinese market gardeners from Pukekohe to Ohakune he successfully dealt with for many years would readily testify. They really missed him when he decided to retire and tried very hard to get to him to return to the workforce.

As a youngster learning all about life in Hamilton, Lance always enjoyed his Saturday afternoons playing for Hamilton Old Boys' lower grade rugby teams or being involved in social cricket. He fondly remembers being in the thick of the action at the regular after-match functions where his under-rated ability on a well-worn guitar sparked off many memorable parties.

He said many of the friendships developed in those bygone, wonderful days were still strong.

Lance joined the Hamilton Workingmen's Club in 1973 after being proposed and seconded by Matt Sullivan and Andrew Oliver. He linked up with the snooker and indoor bowls sub-sections and that eventually led to weekly battles between several strong-willed and talented opponents.

The friendly atmosphere of the club instantly appealed to Lance.

"I will always cherish the times we had on the rugby trips to watch Waikato or the All Blacks. Also the banter between the guys and my good mate, Bill Weal, always proved good value. It's good to know it has been carried on."

Rugby, cricket and then golf were Lance's favourite sports outside of the club. "I joined the Marist club, became involved also in their squash activities, and the linked up with the Ngahinapouri Golf Club. Nowadays I watch sport and racing on television and I have started regular walking to stay in trim."

Lance listed the following as his favourite:

Past sportspeople: Bill Birtwistle, Colin Meads. **Present:** Tiger Woods.

Foods: Roast lamb, homemade chocolate cake, seafood.

Drinks: DB, of course! An occasional white wine also goes down well.

Holiday spots: Bowentown and/or Papamoa as it gives us the chance to be with two of our daughters and our grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Raglan is naturally a west coast

favourite.

Colours: Red, yellow, black.

TV shows /films: All sports, Who Wants to be a Millionaire, James Bond and all comedies.

Actor: Sean Connery. **Actress:** Helen Hunt.

Song / music: Your In My Heart, Titanic film theme.

Singers: Rod Stewart, Celene Dion.

The three people I would most like to meet would be Rachel Hunter, Tiger Woods and Merv Hughes.

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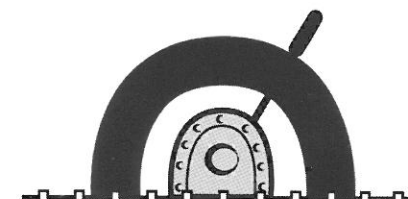
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STORIES IN UNIFORM

This one from Ernie: For a time during the war I was stationed in the War Office. A humble private I had the routine job of making out identification cards for the civilian employees. One night I had a date with a beautiful girl, but at the last minute I found myself without the funds to take her out in style in which she had been accustomed. All my mates were also short of cash so I reluctantly called her to break our date. "Honey," I said, "there's something big breaking tonight and I'll have to work late. You know it has to be something damned important for me to break our date." The next morning, newspapers headlines announced that D-Day had begun. After that I was treated to as a very important private - even by her father, a colonel!

Robert remembers; A young Navy enlistee had just returned home on leave after training. One evening at dinner, he used the word 'floor' instead of 'deck'. His father, who had been in the Navy during the Second World War, laughed and said: "That's the modern Navy for you! You kids don't even know how to talk Navy-style!" The boy's mother shook her head sympathetically. "Don't pay any attention to your father. He was in the Navy for three months before he found that a bulkhead wasn't a lieutenant!"

Gary comments; Before he retired from the Army, a friend of mine was allowed to see his efficiency rating that followed him through his career. He gleefully quotes this example of rank

influence. Lieutenant: "This officer lacks tact." Captain: "This officer has great confidence in his own opinions." Colonel: "This officer is intellectually honest."

OUR RAFFLES ARE JUST THE TICKET!

Visitors to our club just cannot believe how many raffles our sub-sections sell.

New sales records continue to be set as members, their guests and visitors queue up day after day at the special raffle trolley.

Sub-sections marvel at the constant response. Their enthusiastic workers do an outstanding job. The financial results make all their efforts well worthwhile, especially in the way of subsidies to attend national tournaments and the like.

Hopefully you consider you are pulling your weight in your sub-section.

Don't sit on the sidelines and just criticise those who are trying to help you. You will feel so much better if you do your share.

THEY ARE SAYING

The mark of a true executive is usually illegible. - **Leo J Farrell**
See everything, overlook a great deal, correct a little. - **Pope John XXIII**

Kids have it tough. Where they used to walk to school and keep warm by running part of the way, now they stand and shiver waiting for the bus. - **Claude Eames**

I am glad I paid little attention to good advice; had I abided by it I might have been saved from some of most valuable mistakes. - **Gene Fowler**

The nice thing about a gift of money for Christmas is that it's so easily exchanged. - **Arnold H Glasgow**

Two keys hang in an undertaker's office; one for the organ in the chapel; the other for the car in the garage. Two small signs above the keys read "Hymn" and "Hearse".

KEEN RIVALRY, LIMIT CATCHES, TOP TRIPS

FISHING SECTION



The fishing sub-section has a series of great trips and club members have filed the following -

Peter Rowley's report on the trip from Raglan on the Maverick: We left the wharf at 7am and sailed out to the 50 metre mark. Seas were calm. A slow start to the day, I was last in the water with my line yet the first to bring a snapper on board. The aim of the day was to beat Merv's 5.4 snapper caught on an earlier trip. As the day progressed Peter Gibson was concentrated on catching sharks and barracuda with a few good snapper in between, Helen had a ball and like everyone else brought in some good sized fish. Painter and Cobbles were their usual selves and had their first intake before 11am.

When Chris Gibson caught a 6kg snapper, the avalanche of texts started to flow back and forth with Merv. Imagine the tone of the humour! I sent one to inform him he dropped back to fourth place. The constant beeping of Chris, phone really tested our patience. About a half an hour before lifting anchor to head home I caught my first big snapper - 9.4kg. I think Chris had texted Merv even before it was on board. It was a proud moment!

What a top team of guys and girl to go out with and all took home a good feed of snapper, gurnard, kahawai and lemon fish. Chris got his usual for his cats. It was suggested we do more trips during the week.

Trip off Kawhia: We had 13 members, including myself, on the trip. We met at Kawhia at 7am and headed out to about the 50m mark. It was a bit rough and windy. Because of the weather forecast was worse, we were the only boat out on the west coast from Manukau down.

We all caught about 5 or 6 keepers, some throw backs, a few gurnard and kahawai as well as the odd shark.

Dave Cumming hooked a big beast, but that was the last he saw of his tackle. Others were also frustrated by tangled gear at different times, some it seemed more than others.

We weighed a couple of fish at Chris Gibson's on the way home. Merv caught the biggest snapper at 5.065kgs with Gary O'Keefe's 4.735kg

That lifted Merv into second place in the ongoing heaviest snapper competition with Andrew Smith (4.8kg) knocked back to third.

Sharon Munro was on board for her first west coast experience. She helped a lot with the burley and then hooked a big, big snapper. She got it to the surface to only lose it to what she claimed was a poor knot tied by Kenny! (Was that the \$500 blunder?)

Adele Crook writes - I was fortunate to go on the last two fishing trips to Raglan and Whangamata. The decision to go at Raglan was not made until 7am Saturday due to conditions of the bar at the harbour entrance. The skipper made the right decision to

go and we travelled for 2.5 hours to the 60m mark to avoid the sharks. What a great four hours of fishing! Everyone was able to go home with the limit of snapper plus some lemon fish and a few kahawai. It was another 2.5 hours to home. We had an exciting trip coming in over the bar. Life jackets on, big waves and one rather larger one over the back of the boat. It was a shame no photos were taken. I've always heard the bar could be dangerous if you didn't know what you were doing. This experience certainly proved this to me. I would not have wanted to be in anything smaller as it would have been a cold swim home. Thanks to Aaron and his expertise we got home safe and sound.

The trip to Whangamata was again another great day. We had a very short trip out to the fishing grounds and lines were in by 8am. Terakihi was the target. It took more time, but again we all came home with our limit. You had to be impressed by Jeff's (the skipper) ability to catch fish. He must have a secret touch as we used the same gear and bait. He would pull up two to three regularly and even when standing beside him I only caught one or two to his many. He obviously knew his stuff, had lots of advice and was a good skipper with a lovely boat. We also landed a couple of small kingfish, some gurnard, small snapper and a trevally.

The sub-section's annual small boat tournament was held in Coromandel. Many good sized fish were caught and it proved to be a very social event.

Coromandel results: Saturday average weight snapper: Kathy Flaherty.

Sunday overall snapper: Colin Ward 4.650kg 1; Peter Rowley 4.035kg 2; Barry Robb 3.890 3. **Overall kingfish (drawn):** Colin Bryant 1; Frank van Vroonhoven 2; Jayne Bentley 3. **Overall kahawai:** Paul Bonnett 2.625 1; Dave Carter 2.565kg 2; Dave Cummings 2.495 3. **Overall trevally:** Dave Cummings 1.815 1; Peter Rowley 0.865 2; Paul Sutherland 0.710kg 3. **Overall gurnard:** Don Rankin 0.370kg 1; Paul Bonnett 0.275 2; Brian Milne 0.265 3. **Most meritorious fish (drawn):** Chris Gibson.

The 12 month internal competition, where members compete with each other for the biggest snapper caught on a fishing charter organised by the club, finished on 31 March. **Results -** Peter Rowley 9.1kg (\$500 prize) 1; Chris Gibson 6.7kg (\$300) 2; Colin Ward 5.8kg (\$200) 3.

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SHOOTING SECTION

Our sub-section has continued to steadily grow in membership in the last year.

We have managed to have representation at 10 shoots and had five-person teams competing at two of these events during the year. While not managing to win any team competitions, our teams reached the finals each time they entered.

Individual members have taken top honours several times at these inter-club shoots, the best being at the Waikato Clay Target Grounds in January where one of our newer recruits Dean Everett took top honours by winning the North Island Single Rise Championship, following in the footsteps of Dave Muggeridge, another HWMC member who took out the title in 2008.

Two of our teams tied with Taupo in the Teacher's Cup Team's Event here, but only managed second and third placings. Full results elsewhere on the page.

Congratulations to members Peter Goodwin and Brant Woodward

BLUES LEGENDS FIRE UP NOEL

Noel Wilcock is an enthusiastic member of the clay target shooting and cricket sections.

He joined our club in 1980 and has great memories of trips away and friendships made within both sub-sections. He also enjoys the social consumption amongst friends around a leaner.

Cricketers Lance Cairns and Matthew Hayden have been sportspersons he has greatly admired over the years. Sports he particularly enjoys are shooting, cricket and fishing while blues music also rates highly with him.

Other favourites of Noel's are:

Food: Anything spicy. **Drink:** Beer, bourbon, rum. **Holiday spots:** Any beach. **Colours:** Blue or red.

TV shows / films: Gone Fishing, The Green Mile, JFK. **Actor:** Anthony Hopkins. **Actress:** Jane Seymour. **Songs:** Any blues number

Singers: Eric Clapton. Band: King Les and the Growling Dogs.

Noel said the three music guns he would like to meet were Blues legends Keb Mo, BB King and Jimmy Vaughan while to keep up standards he would like to see closer screening of potential members.

Note: The internet tells us Keb Mo said: "The blues is my history, my culture." His uncle gave Keb Mo his first guitar at an early age and his career blossomed from there. He also played the trumpet and French horn. Keb Mo, BB King and Jimmy Vaughan have all hit the top through their blues singing, guitar and song writing skills.



NOEL WILCOCK

who made the NZ D-T-L Macintosh Team, the representative team for Clay Target Shooters, at the National competitions held in Hamilton in March. At this event, Nick Picknell, grandson of members Ken and Troy Picknell, and son of Margaret (in the HWMC front office), made the NZ Junior Macintosh Team, being one of the top five junior shooters (under 21 years) at this same event.

Over half our members took part in Duck-Shooter's Day at Waikato Clay Target Club, with 12 members taking home prizes.

RESULTS: CLUBS NZ NORTH ISLAND SINGLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTED BY HWMC @ WGC 31 JANUARY.

EVENT ONE - KILWELL GAMEBORE TROPHY MATCH: Peter Goodwin (Hamilton WMC) 1; Brant Woodward (Hamilton WMC) 2; Peter Krippner (Te Awamutu RSA) 3; Stuart Austin (Taupo Cosmopolitan Club) 4; Peter Nola (Taupo Cosmopolitan Club) 5.

EVENT TWO: CLUBS NZ NI SINGLE RISE CHAMPIONSHIP & TROPHY: Dean Everett (Hamilton WMC) 1; Merv Pratt (HWMC) 2; Peter Goodwin (HWMC) 3; Brant Woodward (HWMC) 4; Dave Muggeridge (HWMC) 5; Gareth Rich (HWMC) 6; Graeme Madgwick (HWMC) 7; Graeme Allen (Taupo Cosmopolitan Club) 8; Stuart Austin (Taupo Cosmopolitan Club) 9; Peter Krippner (Te Awamutu RSA) 10; Jim Broad (Taupo Cosmopolitan Club) 11; Paul Parsons (Waitomo Club) 12; Lee Muir (Onehunga WMC) 13; Jim Nash (Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club) 14; Neville Discombe (Hamilton WMC) 15.

EVENT TWO - BUTLER CUP: Richard Flower (Hamilton WMC) 1; Dennis Pearce (Onehunga WMC) 2; Gordon Inglis (Hamilton WMC) 3; Bob Birkett (Hamilton WMC) 4; Laurie Smith (Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club) 5.

EVENT THREE - TEACHERS CUP TEAMS MATCH: Taupo Cosmopolitan Club (Stuart Austin, Grant Nixon, Graeme Allen, Jim Broad, Steve Hanford) 1.

Hamilton Workingmen's Club gun sub-section championship results -

SINGLE RISE - A grade: Dave Muggeridge. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **C grade:** Blair Bond. **DOUBLE RISE - A grade:** Brant Woodward. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **C grade:** Blair Bond.

SINGLE BARREL - A grade: Dave Muggeridge. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **C grade:** Blair Bond. **SPARROWS - A grade:** Brant Woodward. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **C grade:** Blair Bond.

POINTS SCORE - A grade: Dave Muggeridge. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **C grade:** Blair Bond. **SKEET - A grade:** Neville Discombe. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **C grade:** Blair Bond.

BALL TRAP - A grade: Larry Discombe. **B grade:** Erin Discombe. **SPORTING CLAY - A grade:** Larry Discombe. **B grade:** Graeme Madgwick. **C grade:** Blair Bond.

TRENCH - A grade: Dave Muggeridge. **B grade:** Erin Discombe.

RIGHT AT HOME ON THE RANGE!

SOME OF THE TOP SHOOTERS WHO KEPT THE CLUB'S NAME TO THE FORE.



GRAEME MADGWICK, WINNER KILWELL GAMEBORE TROPHY MATCH, WITH CLUB PRESIDENT PETER GOODWIN



L-R MERV, DEAN & PETER WITH PRIZES FROM SINGLE RISE TROPHY EVENT. DEAN - NEW NI SINGLE RISE CHAMPION



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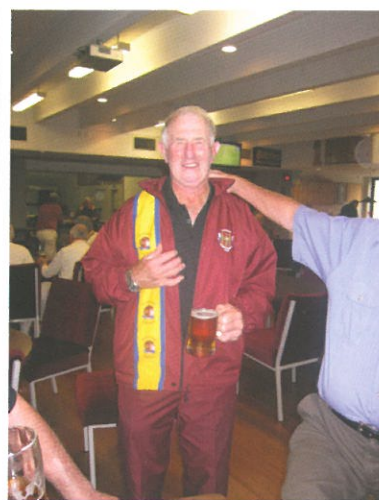
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FISHING SECTION MEMBERS

FACE THE CAMERA



MEMBERS OF THE CLUB'S ENTERPRISING FISHING SUB-SECTION ENJOYED THEIR VARIOUS TRIPS, GENERAL AND PERSONAL COMPETITIONS AND A SWITCHED-ON PHOTOGRAPHER GOT MANY OF THEM TO LINE UP SO THEY COULD BE CAUGHT BY THEIR BOATS.



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MAIN ROAD - 90 YEARS AGO!



THE GREAT SOUTH RD NEAR RANGIRIRI IN 1919 WAS DEEP IN MUD FOR NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR. THE NZ HERALD OF AUGUST 1 SAID "THE FAILURE OF THE PRESENT ROADING SYSTEM HAS BECOME A NATIONAL SCANDAL. THE GREAT SOUTH RD TO HAMILTON IS PRACTICALLY IMPASSABLE IN BAD WEATHER."

What some of the 1974 Hamilton City Council candidates claimed they wanted for central Frankton as they tried to impress voters back then:

- **Jim Daly:** He suggested an upgrade of railway area from Forest Lake Rd through to Commerce and Duke Sts. He envisaged a flash new station, shopping mall, underground traffic tunnel and huge car park near to the Frankton Hotel to replace derelict, grubby, poorly maintained buildings and fence lines.
- **Ian Drabble:** He saw the road link to be established between Te Rapa, Frankton and Melville as the key to growth.
- **A H France:** Better roading. Rail and bus service from combined transport centre.
- **R J Webb:** Hall Street should become important transport link.

- **Ivan Peace:** Massey Street overbridge and upgrading of Nawton stormwater and other facilities should be top priority.
- **Ron Page:** He urged continued improvement of Newcastle, Dinsdale, Nawton and Tuhikaramea areas so they have better access to central Frankton business area.
- **Anne Grant:** Wanted Boundary Road - Mill Street - Hall Street link established to boost Frankton business.
- **G B Batt:** Keen to get Commerce Street closed from High Street to Kent Street and a Frankton Village set up.
- **Dr Derek Heather:** Urged Frankton businesses to think big.
- **Bruce Mills:** Completion of the Dinsdale culvert project and the road overbridge should encourage development.

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HWMC Fishing Club

- Subsidised chartered fishing trips (Whangamata, Coromandel, Raglan etc)
- Annual own-boat fishing tournament
- Special events

Meetings... 1st Tuesday of Month

New Members Welcome

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HIS CUP RUNNETH OVER!

A highlight of last November's Melbourne Cup Day at the club came when the Viewed (10), Bauer (12) and C'est La Guerre (4) winning trifecta combination resulted in one lucky punter collecting \$14,497.40 from an \$8 easybet. His success made the front page of the Waikato Times the next day in a report by Aidan Rodley, who was one of our guest selectors along with Bernard Kneebone. The cup sweeps were well supported with 90 plus tickets collecting prizes.

Another feature was the performance of James' Frankton TAB which headed the race again to have the top turnover in the country. The extra terminals were quiet early on, but after lunch it was all go!



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