

Table Tennis New Zealand

Hall of Fame

*A Record of the  
Members*

*as at  
May 2014*



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## ***From the Executive Director***

**The Table Tennis New Zealand Hall of Fame** is now fifteen years old, with 2014 providing the fourth induction of outstanding contributors to our game, after 1999, 2005 and 2009.



How fitting it is that more new inductees are celebrated during the biggest event TTNZ has ever undertaken, the Stag World Veteran Championships. A special dinner celebrates their induction on the rest day of this marvelous event, allowing as many people as possible to share in this prestigious occasion, to make re-acquaintances, and to relive nostalgic moments.

The fact that New Zealand is hosting such a major competition is due in many ways to the members of our Hall of Fame. They set the standards and forged the connections that have earned New Zealand a respected place in global table tennis.

Some new and other existing Inductees are involved in supporting and helping Table Tennis New Zealand to conduct the Veterans championships.

Since being inducted in 2005 James Morris has continued to be heavily involved in our sport, being the latest convener of the Hall of Fame Induction Panel and having significant roles in The World Veteran Championships, Table Tennis New Zealand, the ITTF and the Oceania Federation. Other Inductees continue to support table tennis at various levels.

I hope that a number of our overseas visitors take the opportunity to share this evening and catch up with 'Kiwi' opponents and friends. Our special guests include the Executive of Swaythling Club International, organisers of WVC, and Stag International the major sponsors of both the event and Table Tennis New Zealand.

### **John Lea**

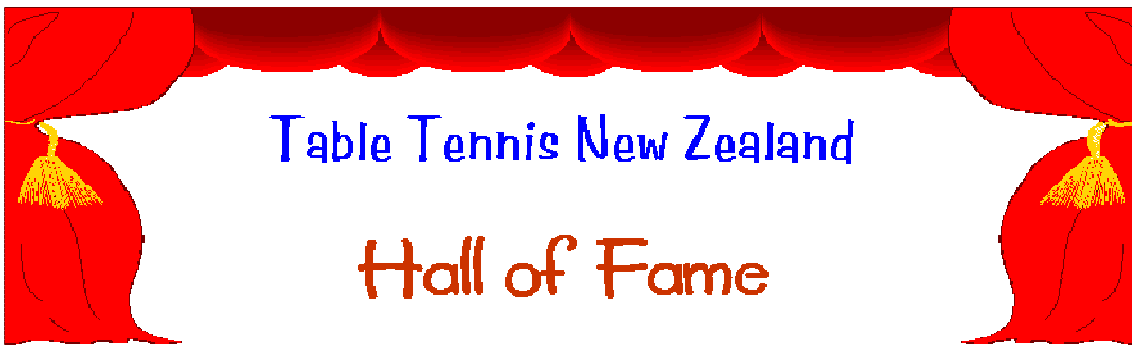
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# Table Tennis New Zealand

## Hall of Fame

The **Table Tennis Hall of Fame** was inaugurated in 1999.

The following are the members as at May 2014:

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<i><b>Russell Algie</b></i>	<i><b>1999</b></i>	<i><b>Richard Lee</b></i>	<i><b>2005</b></i>
<i><b>Margaret Cataslis</b></i> ( <i>nee Hoar</i> )	<i><b>1999</b></i>	<i><b>Li Chunli</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>
<i><b>Murray Dunn</b></i>	<i><b>1999</b></i>	<i><b>Karen Li</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>
<i><b>Trevor Flint, OM</b></i>	<i><b>2005</b></i>	<i><b>Christine Little</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>
<i><b>Yvonne Fogarty</b></i>	<i><b>2005</b></i>	<i><b>Ron Menchi</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>
<i><b>Bryan Foster</b></i>	<i><b>2005</b></i>	<i><b>James Morris</b></i>	<i><b>2005</b></i>
<i><b>Ron Garrett</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>Jan Morris</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>
<i><b>Barry Griffiths</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>Robin Radford</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>
<i><b>Alf Harding</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>Alan Tomlinson</b></i>	<i><b>1999</b></i>
<i><b>Bob Jackson</b></i>	<i><b>1999</b></i>	<i><b>Neti Traill</b></i> ( <i>nee Davis</i> )	<i><b>1999</b></i>
<i><b>Peter Jackson</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>Ken Wilkinson, BEM</b></i>	<i><b>2005</b></i>



### **Selection Panels:**

1999: **Garry Frew, Ron Menchi, Trevor Flint**

2005: **Ron Garrett, Alan Tomlinson, Ron Menchi**

2009: **Ron Garrett, Alan Tomlinson, Ron Menchi** for the players and **Ron Garrett** and **Alan Tomlinson** for the administrators.

2014: **James Morris, Alan Tomlinson, Yvonne Fogarty**

# Russell Algie

**R**ussell Algie was New Zealand Champion six times between 1939 and 1951. He also won two NZ Men's Doubles titles partnered by his brother Afton, and two Mixed Doubles titles, one of them (1952), with Barbara Williams who later became his wife.

His record would have been even more impressive but for the suspension of NZ Championships during World War 2.

Russell was noted for his fast and elegant footwork, left-handed defensive game and finishing backhand flick - and for his impeccable manners and perfect temperament.



He started playing as a student at Waitaki Boy's High and later won the Otago Open singles title 11 times between 1937 and 1948.

On a tour of Australia with the New Zealand team in 1939 he defeated the New South Wales Champion, and whilst serving with the army in the Pacific he was an easy winner of the Pacific Islands Championships.

He had the distinction of being the first New Zealander to compete at a World Championship (London, 1948), where he reached the third round before losing to a former United States champion. In 1949 he played for NZ against world greats Viktor Barna and Richard Bergmann when they toured New Zealand.

A real man of sport, Russell excelled at cricket, rugby and boxing. He played golf with the remarkable handicap of 2 and was a Life Member of North Shore's Pupuke Golf Club. For 25 years he owned and operated a sports shop in Takapuna.

Fellow-inductee Alan Tomlinson speaks fondly of him: "Russell will be remembered as a perfect gentleman, a fine sportsman in every sense of the word."

Russell passed away in March, 2005, aged 84.



National Titles:

## **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1939, 40, 45, 47, 49, 51

Men's Doubles - 1939, 40

Mixed Doubles - 1949, 52

Over 45 Men's Singles - 1969

## **South Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1945

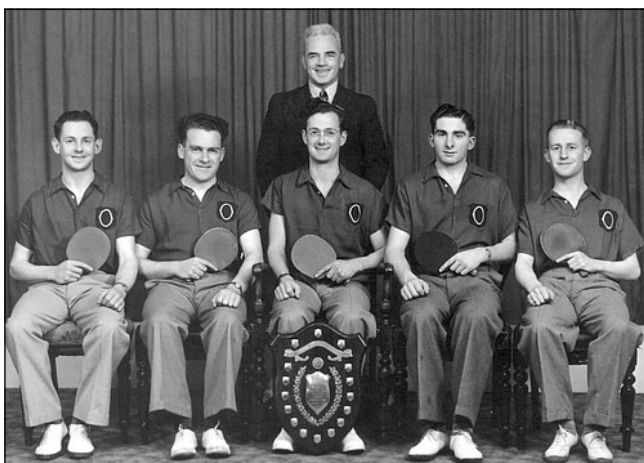
Men's Doubles - 1945

Mixed Doubles - 1945

## *Russell Algie continued*

### **Wins While Awol**

In the Otago Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet Russell tells how he went AWOL during the war to play in the first rounds of the Otago Champs and, being found out, was confined to barracks. However he went over the fence and won the final and headlines in the next morning's paper read "ALGIE RETAINS TITLE". It wasn't long before he was in front of the Colonel, who said that it was a very good job for Russell that he hadn't got his glasses with him that day otherwise he would have stood a good chance of a court-martial!



(Above): **1948 NZ Inter-Association Teams Winners - Otago Association - Kean Shield in Dunedin**

(back) **C O'Driscoll** (Manager)  
(front) L/R: **N M Brown, W J Fogarty, Russell Algie** (Captain) **V N Brightwell, L Howe**



(Above): **NZ Team Australian Tour 1939**

L/R: **Russ Algie** (O),  
**E Boniface** (W),  
**A M C Spooner**  
(Manager) (A),  
**K G Cantlay** Capt. (A),

(Below) **NZ Men's team V Barna & Bergmann of England - Christchurch 1949 - 3rd test**  
L/R: **J H Lauder, L M Wilson, Richard Bergmann, Viktor Barna, R A Algie, H Chapman.**



# Margaret Cataslis

## (nee Hoar)

A near impenetrable defence, tenacity, patience, determination and a strong will to win brought Margaret Hoar seven national singles titles and the 1957 Australian women's singles and doubles titles. She was NZ Player of the Year in 1957.

Margaret had a meteoric rise in table tennis. As a 16 year old at the 1947 North Island Championships she disposed of more fancied opponents to reach the final of the Women's Singles. She won her first title (Under 18 Girl's Singles) the same year, beating the previous title-holder. "I hadn't handled a bat until three months ago," responded Margaret when asked how long she had been playing the sport.



One year later she was NZ Champion and No 1 ranked woman.

Regrettably she did not have the opportunity to travel overseas beyond Australia.

### **National Titles:**

#### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles - 1948, 49, 50, 52, 53, 56, 57  
 Women's Doubles - 1949, 50, 51, 52, 56  
 Mixed Doubles - 1950, 51, 54, 55, 56  
 Under 18 Girl's Singles - 1948



#### **North Island Open**

Women's Singles - 1949, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57  
 Women's Doubles - 1949, 50, 51, 54, 55, 57  
 Mixed Doubles - 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57  
 Under 18 Girl's Singles - 1947

1949



(Above) 1953 NZ Championships Mixed Doubles Final

L/R: **Bob Jackson, Margaret Hoar, John Stewart** (umpire)  
**June Magorian, Neville Brightwell**

## *Margaret Cataslis continued*

### **Marathon**

Margaret was involved in several marathon matches with perhaps the most famous (or infamous) being a 1955 inter-association team contest against Joan Prisk (nee Cox). A typical rally saw the ball cross the net 1033 times. After 2 hours and 31 minutes the match was stopped at 20-16 and the new expedite rule applied, Margaret going on to win.



(Left) NZ Championships - 1952  
Women's Inter-Association Teams  
championships.

Teagle Shield Winners Auckland

L/R (rear): **B Williams, S Eccles**  
L/R (front): **B Packwood, M Hoar, V Leach**



NZ Championships Auckland teams.  
Winners Kean and Teagle Shields.

Back row L/R: **W O Jaine, B Williams, R V Jackson, V Leach,**  
**R A Algie, S Eccles.**

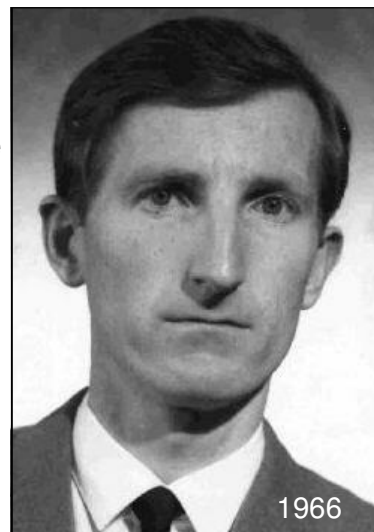
Front row L/R: **M Hoar** (Women's Captain), **E K Smith** (Men's  
Captain), **G Kniveton** (Manager), **C O'Loughlin, B Packwood.**

# Murray Dunn

**M**urray was the possessor of a wonderful match temperament coupled with quick reflexes and nimble footwork. His backhand kill was a consistent and accurate winner. He was able to rally for long periods, hitting the same shot from either side of the table until the point was won.

Slow to convert to sponge, he did so in 1957 and in 1960 won his first NZ men's singles title, retaining it for the next 3 years.

He was selected in the first official New Zealand team to compete at a World Championship in 1954 in London (others had competed earlier as individuals or in unofficial teams). His last outing was to the 1967 World Championships in Stockholm where he finished in the last 32 of the men's singles, the best ever performance by a New Zealander.



Murray was Player of the Year in 1961, 1962, and 1965. He was a qualified umpire.

## **National Titles:**

### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1960, 61, 62, 63  
 Men's Doubles - 1952, 54, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66  
 Mixed Doubles - 1961, 62, 63, 64, 66  
 Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1952  
 Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1951  
 Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1951  
 Under 16 Boy's Singles - 1950

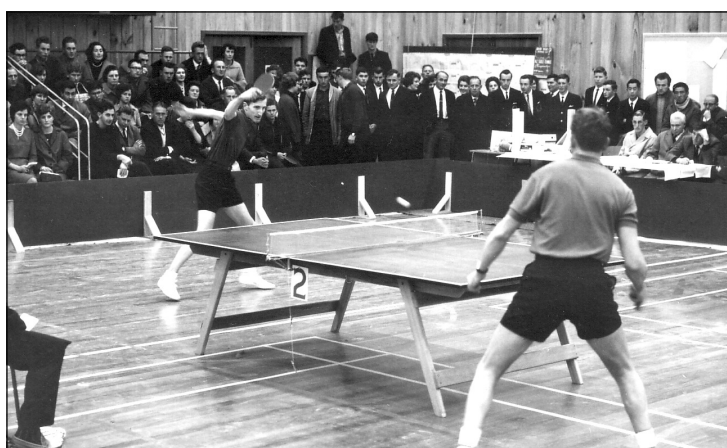
### **North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1960, 65  
 Men's Doubles - 1959, 60, 61, 66  
 Mixed Doubles - 1959, 65, 66  
 Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1952



(Above): NZ Team to World Championships England 1954

L/R: **R V Jackson, W O Jaime, H N Ballinger**, (seated - Manager), **G A J Frew, M L Dunn**



Left: **Murray Dunn (L)** and **Alan Tomlinson** - final 1965 North Island Championships - Hamilton

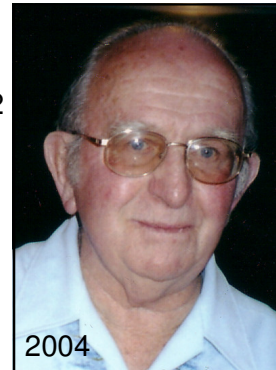
Murray passed away on  
19 July 2015



# Trevor Flint, OM

Trevor was a highly ranked player, with his best performance being runner-up to Bob Jackson in the 1953 NZ men's singles. He represented the South Island 5 times between 1947 and 1952 and played 200 representative matches for Canterbury. He will be remembered as one of the few players to master heavy top spin drives in the days of pimple bats, a forerunner to the fast loop drives following the introduction of smooth sponge bats.

In 1951 he was a member of an unofficial New Zealand team at the World Championships in Vienna.



A back ailment brought an early end to Trevor's top level playing career and coaching became his forte. He was appointed Director of Coaching for Canterbury in 1964 and NZ Director of Coaching in 1970. He undertook at his own expense a fact finding trip to Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Australia, consulting with coaches and studying coaching methods.

He ran a number of National junior coaching schools and directed the senior training squad in 1972. He also held many Coaching of Coaches seminars. He was official coach of New Zealand teams to travel overseas from 1971 to 1977. This was a wonderful boost for national teams which had previously had to function without the help of a coach.

Trevor was a member of the Canterbury Executive from 1964, and President for over 20 years.

He was a New Zealand selector from 1978 to 1980 and a TTNZ Vice President.

He retired from coaching in 1980 and switched to administration - managing or assisting at several NZ Open Championships and two specialist international events - the 1983 World Deaf Games and the 1999 World Wheelchair Games.



Left - Some future champions and well known players:

L/R - (back) - **K A Fraser,**  
**G P Rau, G Mackie,**  
**C A Gross, M Griffith,**  
**R E Lee, G B Lassen,**  
**T R D Flint.**  
(front) - **B M Attwood,**  
**G Rhind, M Burrowes,**  
**G A Thomson,**  
**W L Stechman,**  
**T L Fraser**

***Trevor Flint continued***

Trevor is a Life Member of both Table Tennis Canterbury (1974) and Table Tennis New Zealand (2000).

In 2002 at the age of 77 Trevor was awarded the Order of Merit (OM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his services to table tennis.

Trevor passed away aged 94 on 8th June 2019.



**1973 NZ Senior training squad (Champions all)**

L/R: back: **Barbara Taylor, James Morris, Bain Attwood, Gary Murphy, Alan Tomlinson, Maurice Burrowes, Cathy Tadema, Adrian Lust.** (front) **Jan Morris, Kerry Palmer, Yvonne Fogarty, Trevor Flint (Director), Neti Traill, Thelma May, Kathy Fraser**



**(above left) NZ Team to China & Asian Championships 1974**



**1974**

L/R back: **Trevor Flint (Coach), James Morris, Gary Murphy, Richard Lee, Ling Nan Ming.** front: **Neti Traill, Dick Rassie (Manager), Yvonne Fogarty.**

# Yvonne Fogarty

Yvonne Fogarty first represented New Zealand at the remarkably young age of 15. She was selected in a team which toured England and Scotland before competing in the 1967 World Championships in Stockholm.

Her cheerful personality, which made her one of the game's most popular players, concealed an indomitable fighting spirit.

A left-handed attacking player, she was instrumental in New Zealand's wins over the combined men's and women's Australian touring team in 1969, and four years later led her team to an upset victory over the touring Japanese. Her international career stretched from 1967 to 1975. In 1969 she was awarded a University Blue and was selected as a member of the New Zealand Universities team in a tour of Australia in 1970.



1975

She represented NZ in 1971 (at the World Championships in Nagoya, Japan, and at the first Commonwealth Championships in Singapore where the team won a Silver medal), and in 1974 at the Asian Championships where the team won a Bronze medal.

Yvonne was the top-ranked NZ woman in 1969 and 1971, she was ranked in the top ten every year from 1966 to 1972, and again in 1979 and 1980. She was the No. 1 Under 18 player from 1966 to 1969.

In 1973 Yvonne reached the semi-finals of the Women's Singles at the Commonwealth Championships to win a Bronze medal. As a result she was ranked fourth in the Commonwealth that year.

She was named New Zealand Player of the Year in 1969 and 1973.

In 1975 she was selected in the NZ team for the Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne and the World Championships in Calcutta.

## **National Titles:**

### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles - 1969, 74  
Women's Doubles - 1974  
Mixed Doubles - 1978  
Under 18 Girl's Singles - 1966, 68, 69  
Under 18 Girl's Doubles - 1966, 67, 68, 69  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1968  
Under 16 Girl's Singles - 1965, 66, 67  
Under 16 Girl's Doubles - 1965, 66  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1966, 67  
Over 35 Women's Singles - 1992, 97  
Over 35 Mixed Doubles - 1992  
Over 45 Women's Singles - 1997, 98  
Over 45 Mixed Doubles - 2000



1977

*Yvonne Fogarty continued*

**North Island Open**

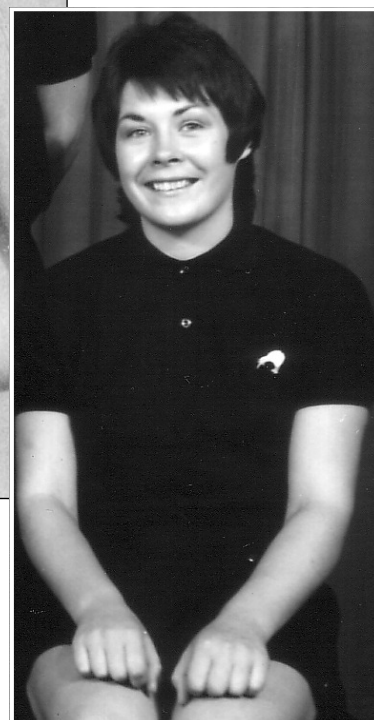
Women's Singles - 1971  
Women's Doubles - 1971  
Mixed Doubles - 1973

**South Island Open**

Women's Singles - 1967, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72  
Women's Doubles - 1971, 72  
Mixed Doubles - 1967, 72, 75  
Under 18 Girl's Singles - 1966, 67, 68, 69  
Under 18 Girl's Doubles - 1966, 67, 68, 69  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1966, 67, 68, 69  
Under 16 Girl's Singles - 1966, 67  
Under 16 Girl's Doubles - 1966  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1966, 67  
Over 35 Women's Singles - 1992  
Over 35 Women's Doubles - 1992  
Over 35 Mixed Doubles - 1999

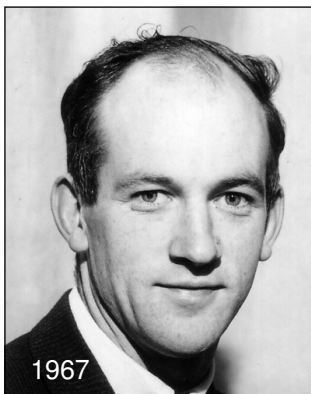


1966



1974

# Bryan Foster



Having commenced playing interclub table tennis in 1952, Bryan first came to national prominence when he won the national junior title in Dunedin in 1956. He dominated the junior game the following year and also captured the scalps of several leading senior players.

Bryan made his debut for New Zealand in 1957 in Otago playing against the World Champion doubles pair Toshiaki Tanaka and Ichiro Ogimura of Japan.

He played for New Zealand against Australia in 1960 and was then selected to compete in the World Championships in Beijing in 1961. He was part of the official team in the 1967 World Championships in Stockholm, and his outstanding doubles play was decisive in New Zealand's 1966 and 1969 wins over Australia.

On a British tour in 1967 he partnered Neti Trail to win the Mixed Doubles titles at the Scottish and Cambridge Opens.

He was New Zealand Player of the Year in 1963.

Bryan won an extraordinary tally of 30 South Island open titles and was the leading South Island player for almost 20 years. In 1966 he became the first South Islander in 18 years to win the NZ Men's Singles. Between 1957 and 1971 his national ranking was within the top eight, reaching number 1 from 1966 to 1968.

He possessed a complete all-round game with a vast array of attacking and defensive shots, tremendous control and lightning reflexes.

## ***National Titles:***

### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1966, 68  
Men's Doubles - 1968, 69, 70, 71  
Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1956, 57  
Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1957  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1956

### **North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1968, 69  
Men's Doubles - 1964, 67, 68, 69  
Mixed Doubles - 1964, 71

### **South Island Open**

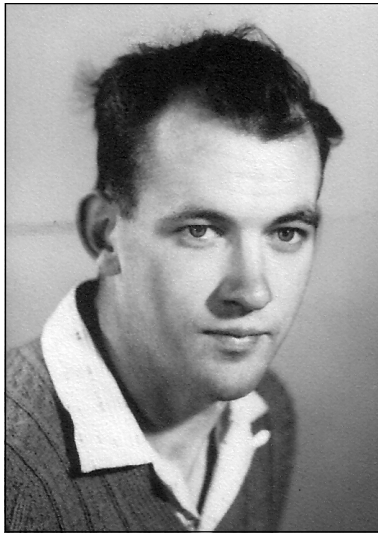
Men's Singles - 1957, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71, 75  
Men's Doubles - 1960, 61, 62, 63, 68, 69, 71  
Mixed Doubles - 1958, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71  
Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1957  
Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1957



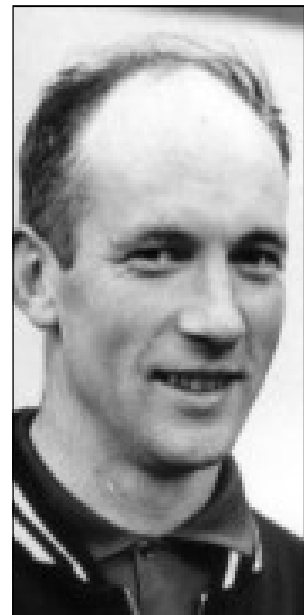
*Bryan Foster continued*



1953 - with brother Ron (r)



1961



1969

# Ron Garrett

Ron began his involvement with table tennis in the early 1960s and served continuously on the executive of the Southland Association from 1966 to the present day (2014), including 5 years as Secretary and 14 as President.

He was a key official when Southland built its own stadium. He has played over 300 matches for Southland and managed and coached junior teams at NZ Championships. He was also a key figure when Southland hosted the NZ Championships in 1992 and 2002, the NZ Veterans Championships in 1997, 2006 and 2011, and the South Island Championships 8 times between 1971 and 2009.



2014

## Service at National Level:

Ron has attended TTNZ Annual General Meetings regularly since 1973 as either a Southland delegate or in his capacity as a TTNZ officer.

He was Coach at the National Junior Coaching School for 1983.

He served two terms as TTNZ President (1988/89 and 1994/96) and when the office of President was abolished in the 1996 restructure he served as Deputy Board Chairman from 1996 to 2005. Earlier he was Region 6 delegate on the National Council (1992/93).

During a period of flux and uncertainty in 2007 he stepped in as TTNZ Executive Director, remained in that position for 18 months and successfully restored stability. He then served again on the TTNZ Board in 2009 and 2010.

## International Activity:

Ron has served terms as a member of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation Management Committee and the International Table Tennis Federation Veterans Committee. He managed NZ teams at the Australian Under 15 and Under 17 Championships in 1992, 1993 and 1994,

His pinnacle administrative appointment was manager of the NZ table tennis team at the 2002 and 2006 Commonwealth Games.

In 2005 he represented the TTNZ Board in their successful bid for the 2008 World Junior Championships. He was named National Official of the Year in 2005.

He was appointed Volunteer Coordinator for the 2014 World Veteran Championships in Auckland and shared the role of Tournament Director with James Morris.

He is an International Umpire and National Referee.



2013

## *Ron Garrett continued*

### **Recognition:**

In recognition of his outstanding service at all levels in multiple roles he was elected a TTNZ Life Member in 2001.

### **Success as a Player:**

#### ***National Titles:***

#### **South Island Open**

Open Mixed Doubles - 2006  
Over 40 Mixed Doubles - 2000  
Over 45 Mixed Doubles - 1992  
Over 50 Men's Singles - 2005  
Over 50 Men's Doubles - 2005  
Over 50 Mixed Doubles - 1994, 95, 96, 99, 2006  
Over 60 Men's Singles - 2005, 06, 07, 09  
Over 60 Men's Doubles - 2005, 11  
Over 60 Mixed Doubles - 2005, 07, 09, 13  
Over 65 men's Singles - 2009, 11  
Over 65 Men's Doubles - 2009, 10, 11  
Over 65 Mixed Doubles - 2009, 10

Many of the Mixed Doubles titles were won with wife Ngaire, also a keen player.

#### ***NZ Representative***

2003 Australian Veterans Championships  
2006 Australian Veterans Championships  
2006 Veterans Test Match v Australia  
2007 Australian Veterans Championships  
2010 Veterans Test Match v Australia  
2011 Veterans Test Match v Australia  
2012 Veterans Test Match v Australia



With wife **Ngaire** in 2009  
Veterans & TTNZ 75<sup>th</sup> Dinner  
in Christchurch



1977  
Member Southland Team  
to NZ Championships



2002 Commonwealth Games Celebration

L/R Front: **Helen Codlin, James Morris, Ron Garrett, Dave Currie** (NZ Chef de Mission)



# Barry Griffiths



1981

Barry first represented New Zealand as a junior in 1978 at the age of 14 and became a regular member of the national team over the next fifteen years.

In addition to dozens of junior titles Barry won the pinnacle event of table tennis in New Zealand, the Men's singles title, a record eight times.

His huge promise showed in 1980 when he reached the final of the Australian Open.

Barry, from Auckland, was at his best during the 1987/88 seasons, winning the New Zealand Open twice, the Australian Open and the Oceania Championships.

In 1988 at the Asian Championships he had an excellent tournament winning 14 out of 16 matches.

He represented New Zealand at the World Championships in 1981, 83, 85, and 87.

At the 1988 Seoul Olympics Barry beat Patrick Birocheau, the French No 2.

His world ranking peaked at 124 in 1988.

Throughout Barry's career he formed a formidable doubles combination with Peter Jackson, winning bronze at the 1985 Commonwealth Championships, defeating Jorg Rosskopf and Stefan Fetzner in the teams events at the 1988 German Open. Rosskopf and Fetzner won the World Doubles crown the following year.

On the table, Barry was renowned for his formidable backhand topspin and his ability to control the ball when blocking. His ability to analyse an opponent and detect their weakness was second to none.

Barry was Player of the Year in 1979, 80, 82, 87 and 88.



1980



NZ team to World Championships, Yugoslavia - 1981

L/R: **Keith Pointon** (manager), **Shelley Palmer**, **Barry Griffiths**, **Jan Morris**, **Richard Lee**, **Kadia Rice**, **Malcolm Temperley**

## *Barry Griffiths continued*

### **National Titles:**

#### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1982, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 92  
Men's Doubles - 1982, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 93  
Mixed Doubles - 1982, 86, 87, 91  
Under 21 Singles - 1983, 85  
Under 18 Singles - 1979, 82  
Under 18 Doubles - 1979, 80, 82  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1979, 80, 82  
Under 16 Singles - 1978, 79, 80  
Under 16 Doubles - 1979, 80  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1978, 79, 80  
Under 14 Singles - 1977

#### **North Island Open**

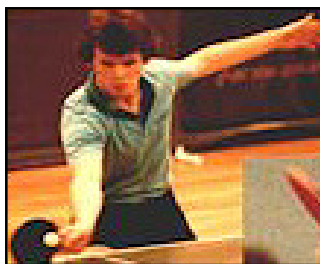
Men's Singles - 1984, 92  
Men's Doubles - 1984, 88  
Mixed Doubles - 1987, 88  
Under 21 Singles - 1985  
Under 18 Singles - 1980, 81, 82  
Under 18 Doubles - 1979, 80, 81, 82  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1980, 81, 82  
Under 16 Singles - 1978, 79  
Under 16 Doubles - 1979, 80  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1978, 80  
Under 14 Mixed Doubles - 1977

#### **South Island Open**

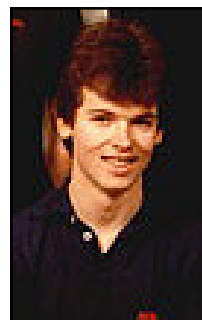
Under 16 Singles - 1978  
Under 16 Doubles - 1978  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1978



1993 - working  
at NZ Open



1983 NZ Open



1984

# Alf Harding

When Alf Harding stood down from the NZTTA executive in 1982 he had completed 25 years service, with 12 of those years in the top position of Chairman.

At that time he had also completed 48 years in table tennis administration.

Alf was one of those rare breeds who took an interest in administration while still in his teens.

He was involved in starting the Empire Table Tennis Club in Petone in 1934 and at that stage would not have envisaged that Empire would become the biggest in numbers and assets in New Zealand. Alf was involved in most positions in the club throughout his life.



1973

Progressing on to the Hutt Valley Association at an early age he gave 16 years service, nine as chairman. He was involved in running two National Championships in Wellington during that time.

In 1957 Alf Harding was elected to the NZTTA executive and started his 25 years of service to the national body.

Alf's philosophy was "that if you did not do something for others in your lifetime you would not fulfill your destiny". He certainly kept to that.

Throughout his years on the NZ executive Alf served in areas of tours, finance, ranking and seeding in the main, but was also involved in other areas.

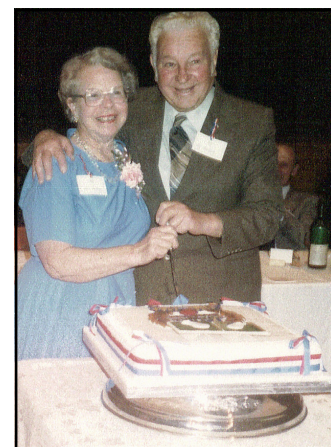
He was a New Zealand selector for many years and North Island selector for three.

It was throughout Alf's term and more so when he was Chairman that New Zealand began regularly sending teams to World Championships, Commonwealth Championships and Australian events. This was also the era when we had teams to our shores from Sweden, Japan, China, Czechoslovakia, Hong Kong and Australia. Alf was the instigator of these tours.

Throughout the early seventies Alf was team manager on many tours overseas, also acting as reporter (his day job) and delegate to ITTF meetings. He also toured New Zealand with overseas teams as the liaison person.

He attended Oceania meetings, was on the OTTF Council in 1979 and 1980 and the ITTF Council representing Oceania.

Publicity was an area where table tennis got its fair share of space when Alf was involved. He wrote many articles for both New Zealand and for Hutt Valley. On tours he would spend hours reporting for the Press and Radio.



1984 - Alf and wife Merle cutting the Empire Club 50th Jubilee cake.

## *Alf Harding continued*

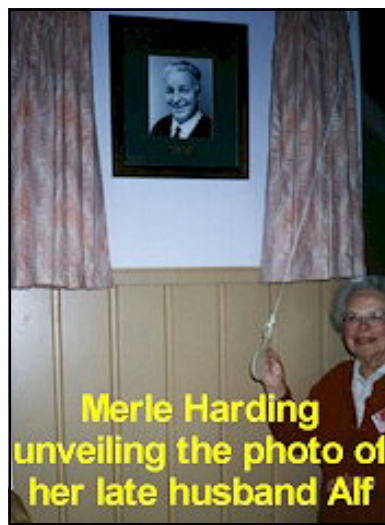
Administration was not his only involvement, he was more than a handy player having represented Hutt Valley from 1936 to 1975. In his own words "I was never a top player but as a pen-gripper I was able to give the best players a game - nothing more." Notwithstanding this, he crowned his playing career with a bronze medal in the 1996 World Veterans Championships 80 and Over Men's doubles.

He was awarded Life Membership of TTNZ in 1978.

Alf passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2000 at the age of 86.



1970 - Alf presenting a prize to Neti Traill at an Invitation Tournament following the opening of an extension to Empire club rooms.



2001  
Empire Club



NZ team to Commonwealth & World Championships - 1971

L/R back: **Kathy Fraser, James Morris, Gary Murphy, Richard Lee, Yvonne Fogarty.**  
front: **Ken Wilkinson (Official), Alan Tomlinson, Dick Rassie (Official), Neti Traill, Alf Harding (Official)**

# Bob Jackson

Though popular enough with those who knew him, Bob presented a dour image on the table. He displayed phenomenal anticipation with a near perfect temperament. His total dedication to winning every point made him virtually unbeatable for several years after he began using thick grey Dolinar sponge on the forehand and black sponge on the backhand.

As a 19 year old in 1950 he won the NZ Open and North Island Singles titles.

In 1954 he was in the first officially selected New Zealand Men's team to compete at the World Championships

1956 saw him win the Australian Open Men's singles, the first New Zealander to do so - going through the matches without losing a game. He also won the Men's Doubles with an Australian partner. In 1957 he defeated both Toshiaki Tanaka (World Champion) and Ichiro Ogimura (World number 2) during the Japanese tour of NZ.

The "Player of the Year" award was introduced in 1955. Bob Jackson was the inaugural winner and he won it again in 1956 and 1958.

## ***National Titles:***

### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1950, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58

Men's Doubles - 1953, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59

Mixed Doubles - 1954, 55, 56, 57

Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1949

### **North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58

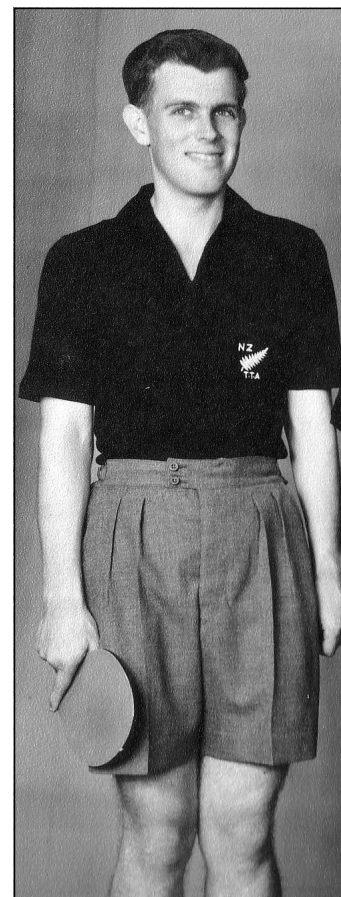
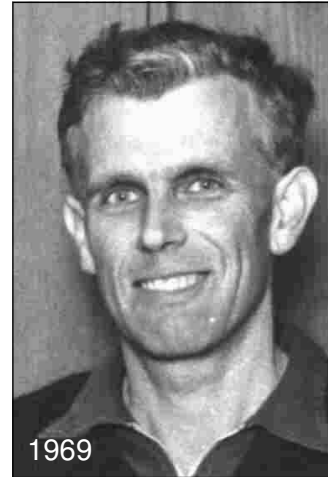
Men's Doubles - 1950, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58

Mixed Doubles - 1953, 54, 55

### **South Island Open**

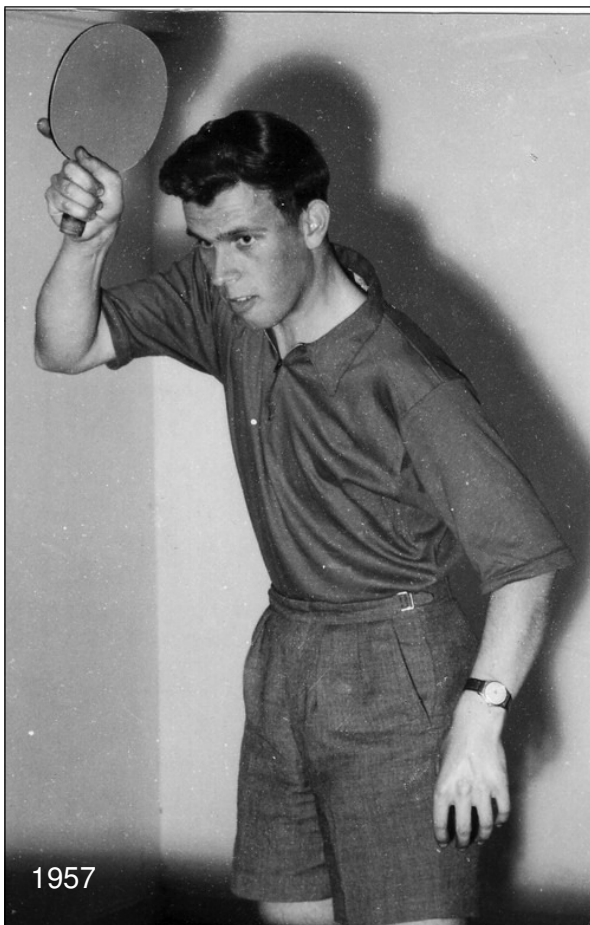
Men's Singles - 1955

Men's Doubles - 1955



1950

*Bob Jackson continued*



1957



1955



Auckland Men's team 1950  
Winners Kean Shield NZ Champs

L/R: Kevin Dwyer, Bob Jackson, Russ Algie,  
Owen Jaine (in front)

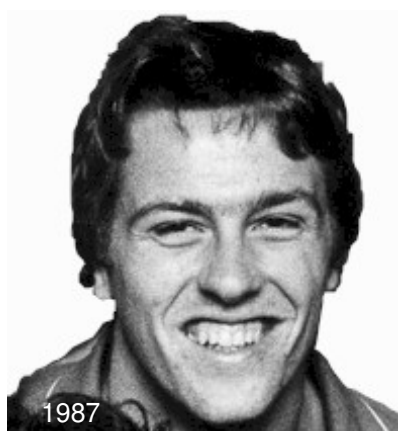
Bob (born 23/7/1931) passed away on 22 January 2023

# Peter Jackson

**P**eter, an Aucklander, made his New Zealand debut at junior level in 1980 and at senior level in 1983 at the world team championships in Tokyo.

On this first senior international occasion Peter demonstrated his class and determination in a positive manner by winning the deciding matches against Spain and Dominican Republic to place NZ at 37 out of 59 countries.

This performance at just 18 earned him the prestigious NZ Player of the Year award - an award he was to earn eight times throughout his career.



He represented New Zealand at 3 Olympic Games - 1988, 92 and 2000, and at the World Championships in 1987, 89, 91, 93 and 95.

Peter's international career spanned 23 years until his retirement in 2006. From 1987 he was playing professionally in France.

Peter's highest world ranking was 113 in 1996, although in his own words he felt his best years were 1989 to 1991.

Ranked at No 1 in New Zealand on nine occasions, Peter only won two national singles titles, although he was runner-up to Barry Griffiths five times, finally defeating him in a final in 1993.

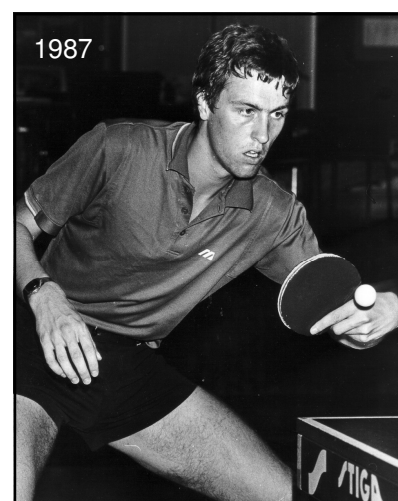
At Oceania level Peter won the Men's singles in 1990 and 1996, men's doubles in 1986 and 1998, mixed doubles in 1986, 88, 90, 96 and 2000.

Peter is a left-handed player, favouring the top spin drive attack. He is the son of another Hall of Fame member, Bob Jackson.

## ***National Titles:***

### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1990, 93  
Men's Doubles - 1982, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 93, 95  
Mixed Doubles - 1985, 88, 89, 90, 97  
Under 21 Singles - 1984  
Under 18 Doubles - 1979, 80, 82  
Under 16 Doubles - 1978, 79, 80  
Under 14 Singles - 1978  
Under 14 Doubles - 1978  
Under 14 Mixed Doubles - 1978



## *Peter Jackson continued*

### **North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1985, 86, 88, 90, 91, 94  
Men's Doubles - 1984, 86, 88, 90, 91, 94, 95  
Mixed Doubles - 1984, 85, 89, 90, 91, 94  
Under 21 Singles: 1983, 84  
Under 18 Doubles - 1979, 80, 81, 82  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1979  
Under 16 Singles - 1980  
Under 16 Doubles - 1978, 79, 80  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1979  
Under 14 Singles - 1977, 78  
Under 14 Doubles - 1978

### **South Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1991, 92  
Men's Doubles - 1981, 91, 92  
Under 18 Singles - 1981  
Under 18 Mixed doubles - 1981



1999



**Peter** (NZ Team Member) with brother **David** (Deputy Referee) (L) at the Commonwealth Championships - Malaysia - 2004



1988 NZ Championships Auckland Men's Singles - **Peter** (gold) and **Barry Griffiths** (silver)

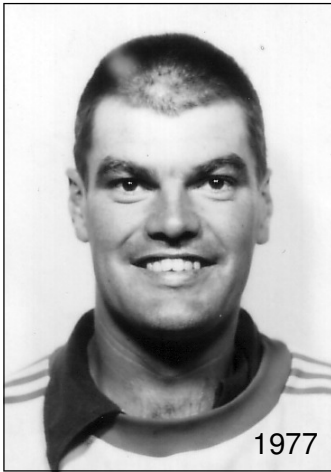


NZ team at Commonwealth Championships - Kuala Lumpur - 2004

L/R: **Peter Jackson, Andy Huang, James Morris** (manager),  
**John Cordue, Simon Wallace**



# Richard Lee



Starting his table tennis career in Hamilton, Richard showed considerable promise at a very early age but still surprised the table tennis world when he won the North Island Open as a 15 year-old in 1970. While still only 15 he competed before large crowds against touring Swedish exhibitionists Kjell Johansson and Hans Alser (World doubles champions). He was named in the New Zealand Men's team to compete in the Commonwealth and World Championships before he turned 16.

At the Commonwealths in 1971, 16 year-old Richard led his team to a 5-3 victory over Australia in the very first match, his unbeaten run including a win over the highly-regarded Paul Pinkewich. Richard produced many fine performances

for New Zealand, in particular proving a regular thorn in the Australian side.

For a number of years he was clearly New Zealand's leading player and in one memorable year (1974) he defeated every other top NZ player - winning every tournament he contested.

An agile and ultra-fit left-hander with a lethal loop drive, Richard represented NZ at the 1972 and 1974 Asian Championships, the 1971, 1975, 1977, 1979 and 1981 World Championships and the 1971, 1975 and 1977 Commonwealth Championships. He was the first player to play in 100 contests for NZ - 104 in total. He was New Zealand Player of the Year in 1970, 1974 and 1977.

For a three month period in 1978 Richard turned to coaching and conducted regional schools in the Canterbury area. They proved a great success but Richard was not ready to give up top level play at that stage. A lengthy career in coaching began in earnest after he retired from regular play in 1984. He then devoted numerous hours to coaching at association, regional and national level and was appointed coach and manager of many junior teams. He was still an active coach at the date of his induction to the Hall of Fame in 2005.

Richard is regarded as one of the finest analysts of the game and has written numerous articles for newspapers and National Championship programmes.

## ***National Titles:***

### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1971, 73, 74  
Men's Doubles - 1973, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81  
Mixed Doubles - 1971, 74, 79  
Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1969, 70, 71, 72  
Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1969, 70, 71, 72  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1971  
Under 16 Boy's Singles - 1969, 70  
Under 16 Boy's Doubles - 1969, 70

*Richard Lee continued*

**North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1970, 74, 80  
Men's Doubles - 1970, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 89  
Mixed Doubles - 1981  
Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1970, 71, 72  
Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1971  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1970, 71  
Under 16 Boy's Singles - 1969, 70  
Under 16 Boy's Doubles - 1969, 70  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1969

**South Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1974, 78, 82  
Men's Doubles - 1973, 82, 86  
Mixed Doubles - 1986  
Under 16 Boy's Singles—1969  
Under 16 Boy's Doubles - 1969



1974



**Presentation Flint & Ward Memorial Trophy  
National Coaching School 1969**

**L/R: Keith Fraser, Richard Lee,  
J G Allan (Mayor Cambridge).**

# Li Chunli

After arriving in New Zealand in late 1986, Chunli quickly demonstrated her vast superiority over every other women player in New Zealand, winning the New Zealand Open Women's Singles for 9 years in succession from 1987 to 1995. Had it not been for a career move to Japan in 1996 she would doubtless have kept winning as her greatest successes came in subsequent years.

Once eligible to represent NZ (1989) she played for her adopted country in a huge array of international events including four Olympic Games.

Her career-best achievement was finishing third in the 1997 Women's World Cup. She also triumphed at the 2002 Commonwealth Games, winning the Women's Singles gold medal and the Women's Doubles silver medal with her sister Karen Li.

Competing against Australia's best in the Oceania Championships she won the Women's Singles in 1990, 1996, 1998, 2000 and, just a few months before her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, again in 2012.

Between 2005 and 2013, as part of the official management team, she coached 15 NZ teams at such events as the Oceania Championships, World Team Championships (3 times), Commonwealth Games and Commonwealth Championships,

Throughout her playing and coaching career she has been National Coach of the Year, Player of the Year and NZ's No 1 ranked woman multiple times.

Her world ranking peaked at 19 in 1998.

In 2014 Chunli is coaching in the Auckland area and has been a TTNZ Board Member since 2011.

## **Team Member – International Events:**

1989 Japan Open  
1990 Oceania Championships  
1990 Australian Open Championships  
1990 World Doubles Cup Qualifying  
1991 Noumea International Tournament  
1991 World Championships  
1991 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Event  
1992 Olympic Games  
1996 Olympic Games  
1996 Oceania Championships  
1996 Oceania Olympic Qualifying  
1997 Women's World Cup (**Finished 3rd**)  
1998 Women's World Cup  
1998 Asian Championships  
1998 Oceania Championships  
1999 World Individual Championships  
1999 Oceania World Cup Qualifying



2011



2012  
Player of the year

## *Li Chunli continued*

### *International Events continued*

2000 Olympic Games  
2000 Oceania Championships  
2000 Commonwealth Championships  
2001 World Championships  
2001 Commonwealth Championships  
2002 Commonwealth Games (**GOLD MEDAL**)  
2003 World Championships  
2004 Olympic Games (Singles & Doubles)  
2004 Oceania Championships  
2012 World Team Championships  
2012 Olympic Qualification Tournament Final  
2012 Oceania Championships and Cup  
2012 Women's World Cup  
2013 Oceania Cup

### ***National Titles:***

#### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles - 1987, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95  
Women's Doubles – 1988, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95  
Mixed Doubles – 1989, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95

#### ***North Island Open***

Women's Singles – 1988, 89, 90, 91, 97  
Women's Doubles – 1988, 89, 90, 91, 97  
Mixed Doubles – 1989, 90, 91



2002 at Commonwealth Games with sister Karen (R) displaying their Silver medals.



2004 Olympic Games

# Karen Li



2010

Karen joined sister Chunli in New Zealand from China in 1995 and very quickly immersed herself in table tennis in her new country gaining eligibility to represent New Zealand in 1998.

Between 1995 and 2004 she was ranked number two in NZ (behind her sister), and from then till 2011 was ranked number one every year in which she was eligible for ranking.

She was TTNZ Player of the Year in 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2011.

In addition to her NZ National titles she won the Oceania Cup in 2011 and the Oceania Women's Championship in 2006 and 2010.

At the 2002 Commonwealth Games she won the women's doubles silver medal (with Chunli) and shared in the team bronze medal.

In an official capacity as coach she attended the 2007 World Junior Circuit, 2008 ITTF Para Conductor's Course, 2009 Oceania Championships, 2009 Australian Senior Championships, 2010 Women's World Cup and the 2011 Australian Senior Championships.

Karen has coached in North Harbour and is now based in Melbourne, combining coaching activities with family commitments.

## Team Member – International Events

- 1998 Asian Championships
- 1998 Oceania Championships
- 1999 Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament
- 1999 Oceania World Cup Qualifying Tournament
- 2000 Olympic Games
- 2000 Oceania Championships
- 2000 Commonwealth Championships
- 2001 Commonwealth Championships
- 2002 Oceania Championships
- 2002 Commonwealth Games
- 2003 World Championships
- 2004 Olympic Games (Doubles)
- 2004 Oceania Championships
- 2004 World Team Championships
- 2006 Oceania Championships
- 2006 Commonwealth Games
- 2007 Oceania World Cup Qualifying Tournament
- 2007 World Individual Championships
- 2008 Olympic Qualifying Tournament
- 2008 World Team Championships
- 2010 Women's World Cup
- 2010 World Team Championships
- 2010 Oceania Championships
- 2011 Oceania Cup (winner)



2011 Winner Oceania Cup



2010 World Championships

## *Karen Li continued*

### **National Titles:**

#### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles – 1996, 98, 99, 2001, 05, 07, 08

Women's Doubles – 1995, 98, 99, 2004

Mixed Doubles – 1996, 2004, 05, 07, 08

Under 21 Women's Singles – 1995, 96, 98

Under 21 Women's Doubles – 1995, 96

Under 21 Mixed Doubles – 1995, 96, 98

Under 19 Girl's Singles – 1995, 96

Under 19 Girl's Doubles – 1996

Under 19 Mixed Doubles – 1995, 96

#### **North Island Open**

Women's Singles – 1995, 96, 98, 2000, 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09

Women's Doubles – 1995, 96, 97, 98, 2000, 03, 04, 05

Mixed Doubles – 1996, 2005, 06, 07

Under 21 Women's Singles – 1995, 96, 97, 98

Under 21 Women's Doubles – 1995, 96, 98

Under 19 Girl's Singles – 1995, 96

Under 19 Girl's Doubles – 1995, 96

Under 19 Mixed Doubles – 1995, 96



Women's Singles  
2001 NZ Championships

L/R: **Li Tong** (Runner up), **Karen Li**  
(Winner), **Jiang Yang &**  
**Kadia Keller-Rice** (Semi finalists)



2010 Commonwealth Games

# Christine Little

Christine Little, an Australian from Adelaide, moved to New Zealand in 1979 and quickly established herself on the scene.

Before coming to New Zealand she won the Australian title in 1975 as a junior, and represented Australia at the World Championships in 1975 and 1979.

Christine first represented New Zealand in 1982 at the Oceania Championships, leading the women to victory over Australia in the teams and winning the singles title over teammate Jan Morris. Christine played for New Zealand many times following this.



2009

Besides the singles title at the Oceania Championships Christine won the mixed doubles in 1986 and 1988 with Peter Jackson.

On the New Zealand scene Christine won the national singles three times, the doubles five times and the mixed doubles three times.

Christine was ranked No 1 in New Zealand five times between 1982 and 1993.

(Chris was Christine Lee from 1980-1987).

## **National Titles:**

### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles - 1983, 85, 86  
Women's Doubles - 1980, 84, 85, 86, 87  
Mixed Doubles - 1981, 85, 88  
Over 35 Women's Singles - 1993  
Over 35 Mixed Doubles - 1993  
Over 45 Women's Singles - 2009  
Over 45 Women's Doubles - 2009  
Over 45 Mixed Doubles - 2009

### **North Island Open**

Women's Singles - 1982, 93  
Women's Doubles - 1975, 80, 84, 93  
Mixed Doubles - 1981, 82, 84  
Over 35 Women's Singles - 1993  
Over 50 Women's Singles - 2008  
Over 50 Women's Doubles - 2008  
Over 50 Mixed Doubles - 2008

### **South Island Open**

Women's Singles - 1986  
Women's Doubles - 1982, 86  
Mixed Doubles - 1986

### **New Zealand Veterans Championships**

Over 40 Women's Singles - 2008  
Over 40 Women's Doubles - 2008, 09  
Over 40 Mixed Doubles - 2008  
Over 50 Women's Singles - 2007, 08, 09  
Over 50 Women's Doubles - 2008, 09  
Over 50 Mixed Doubles - 2008, 09

Right: NZ Women's Team - Bronze Medal Winners  
Australian Veterans Championships  
2007

L/R: **Tanya Sulimova, Averil Roberts, Val Beaver, Chris Little**



# Ron Menchi

A stalwart of Hutt Valley, Ron was elected to the New Zealand Executive Committee in 1965. He continued to serve the national body for a period of 32 years before retiring in 1996, the year the new Board format came into existence.

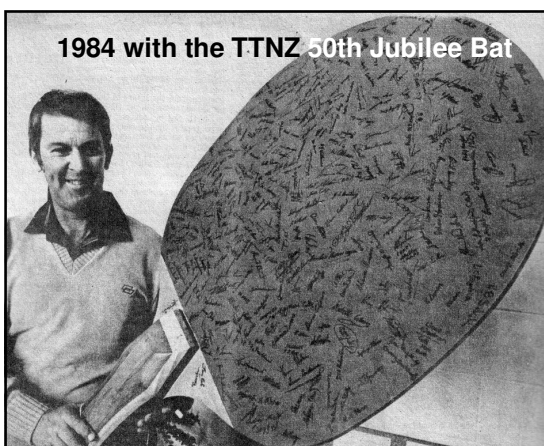
Ron began his administrative interest in 1955 when elected to Petone's Empire Table Tennis Club committee, serving as club captain from 1957 to 1989, a record which will be difficult to beat.

In 2009, the club's 75th Jubilee year, he served as Chairman. Heavy involvement with the building developments was another area where his wide expertise came to the fore, along with coaching and fundraising.

On the National Executive Committee, Ron was involved in many areas. Development, Seedings and Rankings, Tours, Tournaments and Coaching were areas he excelled in, being very thorough in any job he took on.

Ron became Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee (later to become Management Committee) in 1972 and Chairman in 1982. He stepped down as Chair in 1993, remained on the Committee till 1996 and served on the Technical Committee until 2000. He was an excellent Chairman in all respects, having a profound knowledge of table tennis issues.

He was awarded Life Membership in 1992.



Ron was Convenor of the New Zealand selection panel for eight years from 1972.

Another area he became involved in was Liaison Officer at National Tournaments, where his knowledge was well respected and helped solve many issues.

In 1984 Ron chaired the TTNZ 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee when the celebrations were held in Trentham. It seems appropriate that 25 years later he should be inducted to the Hall of Fame.



Left: 2008 Ron with long term colleague Merv Allardyce

Ron passed away on April 11 2016

2004





# James Morris

James Morris began his playing career as a youngster in Northland and soon came under the influence of Garry Frew and Trill, two outstanding role models for any young player.

He began to make his mark as a junior in the late 1960's. In he was selected to represent New Zealand in the first Commonwealth Championships in Singapore and the World Championships in Nagoya, Japan. He was an automatic choice national teams over the next 12 years.

In 1972 James scored a very notable win over a world class from China when that country's team toured NZ.

He was voted New Zealand Player of the Year in 1976 and 1981.



Neti  
1971  
for  
player

2004

James was always noted for his wonderful fighting spirit which not only brought him wins over a number of well-performed international players but often inspired his team mates as well.

For the Northland Association he played, coached, fund-raised, trained teachers to coach, and toured Northland doing school demonstrations.

As President of Northland he was Tournament Manager for very successful National and Oceania championships.

He served as a TTNZ board member from 1999 to 2004 and was an ideal choice as Director of Coaching and High Performance Director. In those positions he organised KiwiSport accreditation, ran development training camps, produced a Level 2 coaching manual, set up Level 1 assessment procedures for coaches and organised player coaching workshops. He lost no opportunity to apply for funds for his High Performance portfolio and attended many seminars, mingling with officials and coaches from other codes and always seeking opportunities for table tennis.

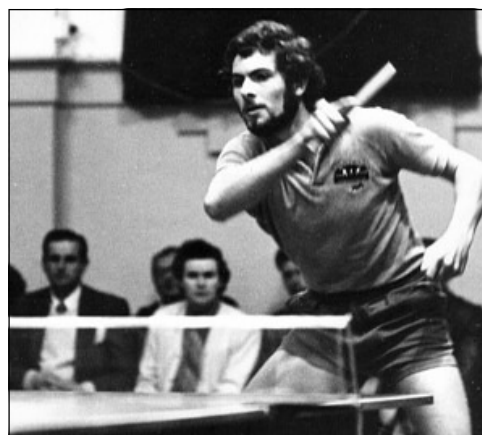
James was elected a Life Member of TTNZ in 2004.

Shortly after relinquishing his National Coach and High Performance roles James was invited to serve on the Oceania TT Federation Management Committee. This led to a position on the International TT Federation Board of Directors, representing Oceania.

In 2013 James became President of Oceania TT Federation.

In 2014 he co-managed (with Ron Garrett) New Zealand's biggest ever table tennis event, the World Veterans Championships, held in Auckland.

In 2017 James was elected Executive Vice-President of the International Table Tennis Federation, responsible for strategic planning, continental commercial agreements, veterans table tennis and liaison with ITTF-Oceania. It is the highest position ever attained by a New Zealander.



Circa 1974

## *James Morris continued*

### **National Titles:**

#### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1976, 81  
Men's Doubles - 1972, 73, 74, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81  
Mixed Doubles - 1976  
Under 16 Boy's Singles - 1968  
Under 16 Boy's Doubles - 1968

#### **North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1971, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81, 83  
Men's Doubles - 1973, 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83  
Mixed Doubles - 1973, 75  
Under 18 Boy's Singles - 1969  
Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1969, 70  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1969  
Under 16 Boy's Singles - 1967, 68  
Over 40 Men's Singles - 1994  
Over 40 Mixed Doubles - 1994

#### **South Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1981  
Men's Doubles -- 1973  
Under 18 Boy's Doubles - 1970  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1970

#### **NZ Veterans Championships**

Over 40 Men's Singles - 1996



1983



1981 NZ Player  
of the Year



James receiving his Life Member's  
badge from Graeme Muller, TTNZ  
Chairman - 2004

**Local player beats Chinese in table tennis shock**

By GARRY FREW  
Nineteen-year-old Marua farmer James Morris set the sports world spinning last night when he scored an unbelievable victory over one of the world class table tennis players from the People's Republic of China.

Morris, the Northland champion and top ranked player in the country, was playing for New Zealand in the second test against China in the Lower Hutt Town Hall.

A capacity crowd erupted with cheers when the Northlander saved a match point in the second set and then went on to notch a thrilling 16-21, 22-20, 21-19 win over Chou Ch'chun.

The Chinese player, an all out attacker, won 21-11, 21-19.

China won the test 3-1.



1972

# Jan Morris

Jan is a left-handed attacking player from Canterbury.

She started playing in North Canterbury, then gradually moved to the Christchurch competition and came under the wing of Trevor Flint. At that time, in the 1970s, Canterbury had a good group of high standard juniors, including choppers, all of whom helped Jan's game improve.

Jan's first trip overseas was a three month training stint in Japan during 1974. It was a real eye opener which stood her in good stead in the future.

Her first big international event was the 1975 Commonwealth Championships in Melbourne.



1981

Jan's first world championships was Birmingham in 1977, followed by Pyongyang in 1979, Novi Sad in 1981, Tokyo in 1983, Gothenburg in 1985,

Jan won the Oceania Doubles in 1978 and 1982, both with Angela Brackenridge.

On the national scene Jan won five singles and six doubles titles from 1977 to 1984.

She was NZ Player of the Year in 1984 and ranked No 1 five times between 1975 and 1984.

Jan achieved the treble in 1984 by winning the singles at the Nationals, North Islands and South Islands - the only woman to do so.

## **National Titles:**

### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles - 1977, 79, 80, 81, 84  
Women's Doubles - 1977, 78, 79, 81, 82, 85  
Under 18 Singles - 1973, 74  
Under 18 Doubles - 1973, 74  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1972, 74  
Under 16 Singles - 1972  
Under 16 Doubles - 1970, 72

### **North Island Open**

Women's Singles - 1978, 80, 84  
Women's Doubles - 1974, 76, 77, 78, 82  
Mixed Doubles - 1976, 79, 80  
Under 18 Singles: 1974  
Under 18 Doubles - 1972, 74  
Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1972, 74  
Under 16 Singles - 1972  
Under 16 Doubles - 1972  
Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1972



1977



## *Jan Morris continued*

### South Island Open

Women's Singles - 1973, 74, 75, 76, 77, 82, 83, 84

Women's Doubles - 1973, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84

Mixed Doubles - 1973, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 83

Under 18 Singles - 1973, 74

Under 18 Doubles - 1971, 72, 73, 74

Under 18 Mixed doubles - 1973, 74

Under 16 Singles - 1971, 72

Under 16 Doubles - 1971, 72

Under 16 Mixed Doubles - 1972



NZ Team - First Oceania Championships  
Auckland Stadium - 1978

L/R back -: **Trevor Flint** (coach), **Robert Blair**, **Richard Lee**,  
**Alf Harding** (manager)

Front: **Jan Morris**, **Graham Lassen**, **Angela Brackenridge**,  
**James Morris**, **Shelley Palmer**



NZ World & Commonwealth Championships Team 1977

L/R back: **James Morris**, **Robert Blair**, **Graham Lassen**,  
**Richard Lee**, **Athol Attwood** (manager)  
front: **Anne Stonestreet**, **Trevor Flint** (coach),  
**Jan Morris**

# Robin Radford



2013

**R**obin first joined a table tennis club in 1950 in Christchurch and in subsequent years participated in interclub before moving to Hamilton in 1957, transferred by his Insurance employer.

He was the Secretary of the Hamilton Sub Association from 1959 to 1962, Treasurer in 1960, President in 1966 and Treasurer again from 1967 to 1972. He was also one of Hamilton's top players, winning selection in the representative team several times. In 1963 he was closely involved with the formation of Hamilton as a full Association when Waikato was split into three.

He was made a Life Member of the Hamilton Association (now Waikato).

In 1965 he was Tournament Secretary of the North Island Championships hosted by Hamilton. Attracting 544 entries, it was the largest North Island tournament ever.

After moving to Tawa near Wellington in 1976 Robin became Secretary of the Kapiti Association from 1979 to 1988 and from 1996 to 1999. He was also Treasurer in 1987 and 1988 and President from 1991 to 2000. He managed Kapiti teams at the NZ Championships in the 1980s.

## Service at National Level:

Robin served on the National Executive Committee/Council from 1982 to 1993 and was Deputy Chairman for 6 years. In 1996 he was closely involved with a major administrative restructure which established a Board to replace the Executive Committee and National Council. He participated in the rewriting of TTNZ's constitution.

From 1996 to 2005, assisted by journalist/editor and TTNZ Life Member John Kiley, Robin produced 26 issues of TT INFO magazine which was eventually distributed to every registered member in NZ. He also maintained and enhanced a national database of members from 1998 to 2009 and managed TTNZ's first web site from 1998 to 2010.

From 2000 to 2008 he performed a vital administrative function as a TTNZ cheque signatory and voluntary back-up person staffing the national office when paid staff were on leave.

In 2006 he created and, on behalf of TTNZ, maintained an archives website featuring historic table tennis photographs year by year.



With **Ron Garrett** (L) at TTNZ 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Special Awards presented by Northland Association for services to New Zealand Table Tennis (2009)

## *Robin Radford continued*

In 2009 he designed a year by year online chronicle summarising Table Tennis New Zealand's 75 year history. It was launched during the 75th anniversary celebrations. Crucial to this project was assistance from John Kiley who researched and wrote the text.

He continued to maintain several historical lists including titleholders and executive committee members. He designed and wrote the Hall of Fame booklet and has custody of a considerable quantity of hard copy material.

Wife Jean has been in support including using her nimble fingers in the days of the typewriter.

### **Recognition:**

Robin was elected a TTNZ Life Member in 2000 and received the National Volunteer of the Year award in 2008.



Nov 2004 TT INFO magazine envelope stuffing team

L/R: Ron Menchi, Robin Radford, Ian Stawbridge, John Kiley, Jean Radford, Bryan Thomson, Margaret Pitkethley, Sue Lill, Puhī Davis, George Wright, Shirley Ruddell, Merv Allardyce, Catherine Thomson



**Jean & Robin**

2009 Veteran Championships and TTNZ 75th evening



1954 NZ Championships - Wellington - Canterbury Players  
L/R: John Armstrong, Brian Williamson, Veronica Idle, Robin Radford, Athol Ascott

# Alan Tomlinson



Alan had to some degree played in the shadow of Bob Jackson, but he toppled the latter in 1959 to win the New Zealand men's singles title. He then demonstrated his staying power in top NZ table tennis by taking the title 5 years later, 5 years later again, and 3 years later again in 1972. He also collected a formidable array of national doubles titles.

During the Japanese tour in 1957 he defeated Ichiro Ogimura (World Number 2) and in a long career won 5 singles titles in various championships in the British Isles, including the Scottish Open.

An astute tactician, he was known as a player with a powerful loop drive, a variety of spin services and solidly hit counter-drives.

Alan travelled extensively, with trips to the World Championships in China in 1961, England and Czechoslovakia in 1962/3 and England in 1967 where he had some fine wins against highly ranked players. He attended the first Commonwealth Championships in Singapore in 1971, travelling on to yet another World Championships in Japan the same year.

He featured in the 1978 NZ edition of the Guinness Book of Records as the player with the most international appearances representing this country (54 times). He was NZ Player of the Year three times (1959, 1966 and 1967)

A popular player and keen supporter of district association championships, he continued to play in Veteran events long after his peak years, adding further titles to his impressive list.

This outstanding New Zealand player has also served the game in various facets of administration. He has written newspaper articles, edited magazines, and served for a time as a North Island selector.

Always willing to assist table tennis when called upon, Alan was a member of the selection panel for the 2005 inductions to this Hall of Fame.

## **National Titles:**

### **New Zealand Open**

Men's Singles - 1959, 64, 69, 72  
Men's Doubles - 1955, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62, 68, 69, 70, 71  
Mixed Doubles - 1969  
Over 45 Men's Singles - 1982, 83  
Over 45 Men's Doubles - 1996  
Over 45 Mixed Doubles - 1986, 88  
Over 55 Men's Singles - 1995, 96  
Over 70 Men's Singles - 2005  
Over 70 Men's Doubles - 2005



## *Alan Tomlinson continued*

### **North Island Open**

Men's Singles - 1959, 61, 63, 64, 72  
Men's Doubles - 1955, 56, 57, 58, 65, 68, 69, 70, 76, 79  
Mixed Doubles - 1956, 58, 61, 63, 68, 69, 70, 74, 78  
Over 35 Men's Singles - 1989  
Over 45 Men's Singles - 1984, 86, 87  
Over 45 Men's Doubles - 1988  
Over 45 Mixed Doubles - 1989  
Over 60 Men's Singles - 1995, 98

### **New Zealand Veteran Championships**

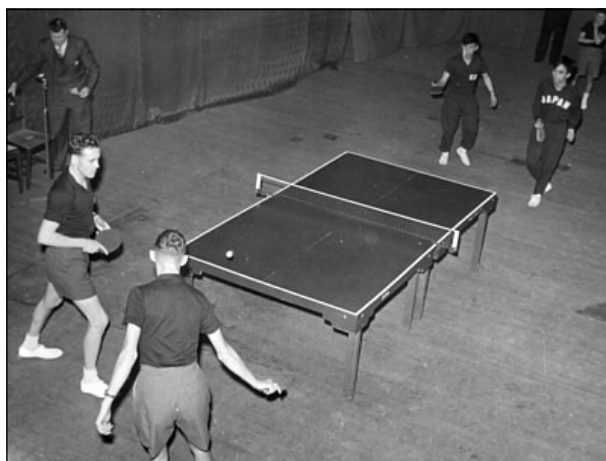
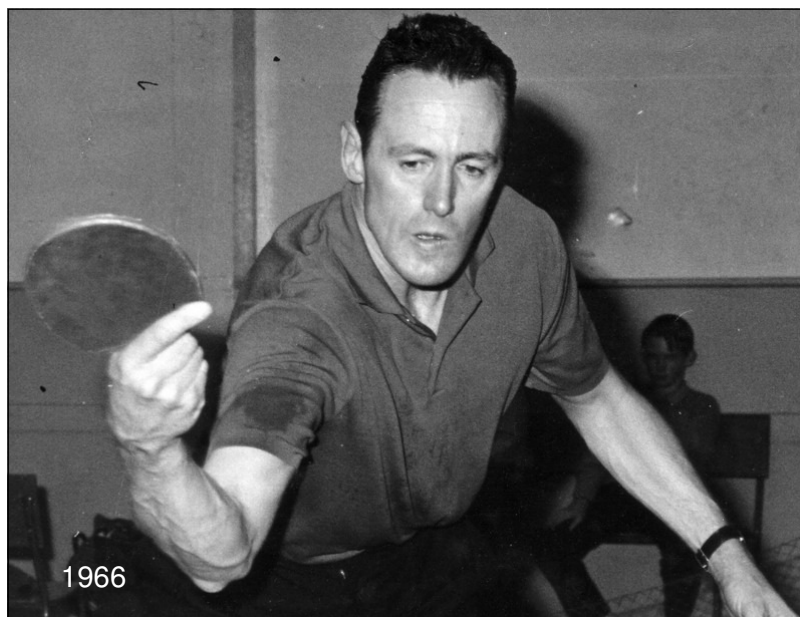
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Over 40 Men's Doubles - 1988, 96  
Over 40 Mixed Doubles - 1988  
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Over 50 Men's Doubles - 1988, 96  
Over 50 Mixed Doubles - 1988

(right): **Alan**  
showing his  
trademark follow-  
through at the NZ  
Open in 2004.



In April 2020 the Swaythling Club Magazine published by the ITTF published an article on Alan's experiences in UK and his comments on the introduction of sponge to the game.

With the permission of the publishers the article can be seen here (copy & paste):  
[http://www.tnzarchives.org.nz/hall\\_of\\_fame/a\\_tomlinson\\_swaythling\\_article.pdf](http://www.tnzarchives.org.nz/hall_of_fame/a_tomlinson_swaythling_article.pdf)



### **Walking Encyclopaedia**

Over several decades Alan has participated with considerable success in radio and television quiz programmes. His general knowledge is phenomenal and he has carried off an array of well-deserved prizes.

(Left) **Alan Tomlinson (L) & Garry Frew** playing **Tanaka & Ogimura** (World Champions), in Whangarei 1957.



# Neti Traill (nee Davis)

**N**eti was New Zealand women's singles champion eight times. A hard bat chopper, she was just as happy attacking from either wing. Whilst others mastered sponge, she stayed with her hard-pimpled bat.

At 14 Neti was New Zealand Junior Champion and at 17 won the NZ Open Women's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. She was named as Player of the Year 4 times over a fifteen year period (1960, 1968, 1971, 1975).

She first represented New Zealand at the age of 16 playing against the Japanese Champions when they toured NZ in 1960.

On a tour of Scotland and England in 1967 she won the Scottish open singles and doubles titles.

In 1971 she represented NZ at the first Commonwealth Championships in Singapore. In the teams event New Zealand won the Silver medal, with Neti winning all but one of her singles and ending the tournament with a Commonwealth ranking of No 5. With the same team she moved on to Nagoya, Japan, to compete in the World Championships.

She toured China in 1974 and competed in the Asian Union Championships in Yokohama, Japan, where the New Zealand team won a Bronze medal.

Neti has been involved with coaching in her home Association of Northland and in 1984 toured district Associations on behalf of NZTTA, successfully promoting the idea of employing a National Director of Coaching.

## **National Titles:**

### **New Zealand Open**

Women's Singles - 1960, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70

Women's Doubles - 1960, 61, 62, 65, 66, 68, 70

Mixed Doubles - 1958, 59, 60, 65, 68, 76

Under 18 Girl's Singles - 1958, 59, 60

Under 18 Girl's Doubles - 1958, 61

Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1959, 61

Under 16 Girl's Singles - 1957, 58, 59

Under 16 Girl's Doubles - 1957, 59

### **North Island Open**

Women's Singles - 1961, 62, 66, 70

Women's Doubles - 1960, 61, 70, 73

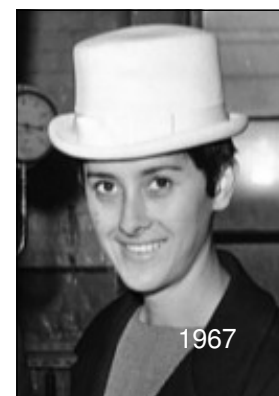
Mixed Doubles - 1960, 62, 74, 75

Under 18 Girl's Singles - 1957, 58, 60

Under 18 Girl's Doubles - 1958, 61

Under 18 Mixed Doubles - 1961

Under 16 Girl's Singles - 1954, 57, 58



# Ken Wilkinson, BEM



1975

Ken Wilkinson stands out as one of New Zealand's most able, versatile and long-serving table tennis administrators. He was also highly respected internationally.

Ken was first appointed Secretary of the New Zealand Table Tennis Association in 1949, having been involved with administration in the Wellington Association since 1937. This was originally an honorary position but in 1978 he became a salaried officer. He was paid for 20 hours a week (doing 40-plus hours work).

He served as Secretary for 36 years until his retirement in 1985 by which time the position had been re-designated as Executive Director.

Ken was manager of the New Zealand team to the World Championships in Beijing, China in 1961 and of the team that toured Scotland and England and competed in the World Championships in Stockholm, Sweden in 1967. In 1972 he managed a NZ team at the Asian Championships in Indonesia. Ken was also associated with many overseas teams visiting New Zealand.

He made a total of 45 overseas trips on table tennis business.

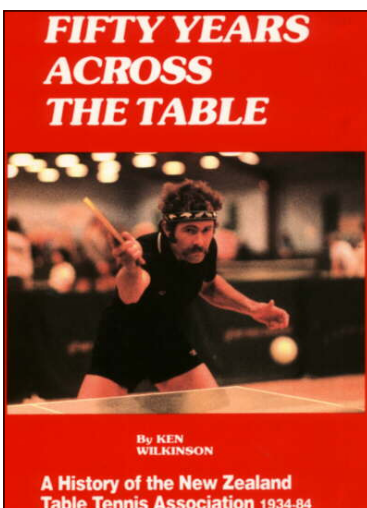
With Keith Bowler (Australia) he was responsible for forming the Oceania Table Tennis Federation, serving as President from 1978 to 1993.

Ken also served on the ITTF as one of six Vice Presidents and as a member of the ITTF Council. Over the years he formed an excellent rapport with officials from many diverse nations. His ITTF involvement covered 18 years from 1967.



1950

In 1975 he was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's New Year Honours list for services to sport, particularly table tennis. He was made a Life member of TTNZ in 1976 and of Oceania in 1990.



In 1984 he finished writing "Fifty Years Across the Table", a 153 page hardback book commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the NZ Association.

Ken passed away on 26 May 1997 aged 80.



(right): At one of his many International meetings. 1972

# Snip Pics from Previous Inductions



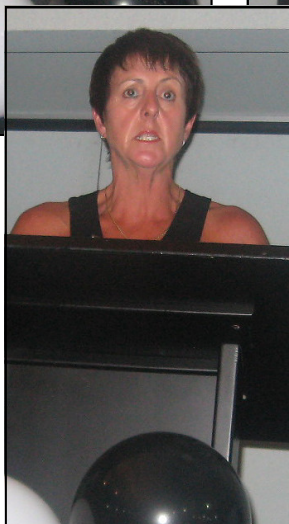
L/R: James Morris, Murray Dunn,  
Alan Tomlinson, Russell Algie and Errol Cheal  
(seated)



2005



2009



## Snip Pics from Previous Inductions



### Hall of Fame, Life Members, Swaythling Cup International World Veteran Championships Evening 14 May 2014 Auckland, New Zealand



## Champions All



**Nine former winners of the Men's Open Singles Title,  
pictured in Auckland at the 1969 Nationals.**

Back row L/R: **Murray Dunn** (W) (1960-63), **Ken Cantlay** (A) (1936, 37, 46), **Russ Algie** (O & A) (1939, 40, 45, 47, 49, 51), **Alan Tomlinson** (A) (1959, 64)\*\*, **Bill Fogarty** (O) (1948), **Bryan Foster** (O) (1966, 68), **Bob Jackson** (A) (1950, 53-58). Front row: **Errol Cheal** (A) (1934), **Frank Paton** (A) (1935)

\*\* Alan Tomlinson went on to win the 1969 event at which this photo was taken, and won again in 1972.