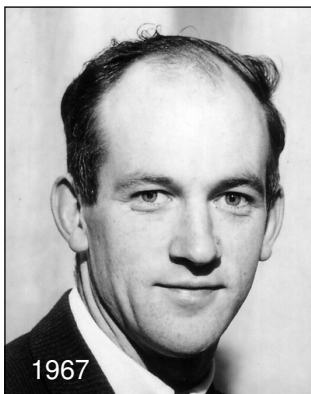


Bryan Foster



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 Boys' Singles - 1956, 57
Under 18 Boys' 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

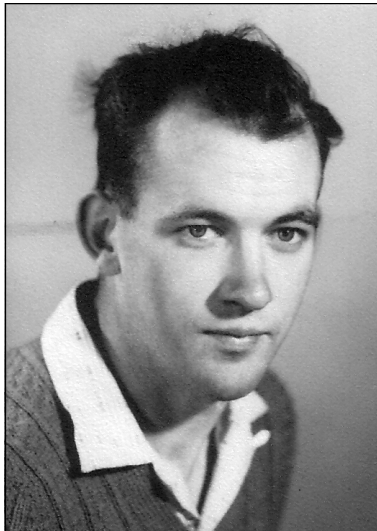
Men's Singles - 1957, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71, 75
Men's Doubles - 1960, 61, 62, 63, 68, 69, 71
Mixed Doubles - 1958, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 71
Under 18 Boys' Singles - 1957
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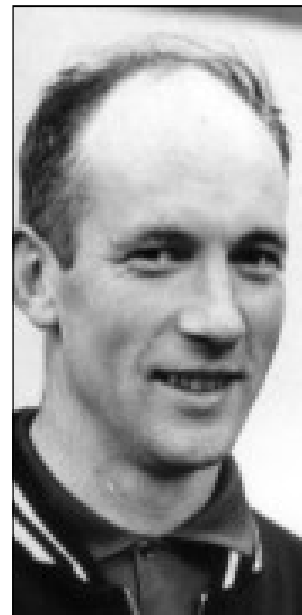
Bryan Foster continued



1953 - with brother Ron (r)



1961



1969