

# **TABLE TENNIS**

## **TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND**

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## **AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES TABLE TENNIS TEAM**

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## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the New Zealand Universities Table Tennis Council, and the various New Zealand Associations, I would like to welcome the 1968 touring Australian Universities team, and hope that their stay here will be remembered for both its sporting and its social aspects.

Only those who have been involved in the somewhat disordered politics of University Sports Clubs will appreciate the intricacies involved in organising a tour of this type, and many on both sides of the Tasman will be breathing sighs of relief now that the last minute problems have been tied up, and the tour is actually under way. Students are transitory beings, and the committees of Student organisations often change completely from year to year, making continuity of planning difficult, and close liaison essential. Many of those who helped organise the first Australian tour in 1963 have reluctantly departed from the campus, to earn their living in the cold hard world. The experience of the few die-hards who remain should, however, ensure that the present tour runs more smoothly than that one did.

Thanks are especially due to Graham Bush, who bore the burden of most of the organisational work. From his pen has flowed an incredible volume of informative and sometimes threatening letters concerning itineraries, finance, and travel arrangements. Without his experience, and the hours of work he has put in, arrangements might have bogged down long ago. It is my hope that the concept of biennial Australian-New Zealand tours will, as a result of this visit, be firmly established.

Good luck, and good playing,

Gary E. J. Bold.

## OUR VISITORS

**PETER McKENZIE** (Adelaide University) Captain.

Started playing table tennis in 1963 and by 1965 had won his Club Junior Championship. Represented City in the South Australian City v. Country fixture. In 1966 was selected for the South Australian B side. After a year's interval because of studies in 1967, has this year transferred to the University Club and has again represented Adelaide City. Took part in University Tournament in 1966 and 1968. Medical graduate. His style favours flat hitting combined with a sound defence.

**IRWIN PARKER** (Western Australia University).

In only his second year of playing the game, took the 1965 Perth Junior Singles and was runner-up in the State Junior Singles. Came to University in 1966, and in that year played A Grade inter-club for the first time. Has featured regularly in University events, attending Tournament in 1966, 1967 and 1968.

**JULIE BAILEY** (New England University).

Far North Coast (N.S.W.) Women's Singles titleholder from 1963 until 1966. Across the State border in Queensland, was runner-up in the 1964 Junior Girls' Singles. Since 1966 has been the New England Women's Open champion, and in 1967 started competing in the University Tournament.

**ROGER WHELLER** (University of New South Wales)

Has built up a fine record as a junior, and until two years ago played as an unorthodox pen-grip player, concentrating on loop-attack. Won the Australian Universities championship in 1965, and was an Australian Universities rep then, and also in the two years following. This season in club matches has notched up victories over Australian reps Mike Wilcox and Paul Pinkewich.

**CHRISTINE VICK** (Flinders University)

Last year climaxed an outstanding season by winning the Australian Junior Girls' title. Is now a South Australian State representative. A right-hander with a very sound defence, but also favours attack and counter-attack.

**JAN DALZELL** (N.S.W. University)

Has been selected for Combined Australian Universities teams since 1966. Formerly a top N.S.W. junior, is now employed as a Librarian at the N.S.W. University. A right-hand player who has built up a good all-round game.

(As at time of going to press.)

## THE TOURISTS' ITINERARY

### AUGUST

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|--------------|---|
| Sunday 11    | Arrive Rongotai, Wellington 6.55 a.m., Flight 320. Tournament Welcome. Cocktail Party, 5-7 p.m.   |
| Monday 12    | N.Z.U. Tournament—Teams.<br>N.Z.U.T.T.C. Dinner, Student Union, 7.30 p.m.   |
| Tuesday 13   | N.Z.U. Tournament—Teams.<br>Evening: v. Hutt Valley Assn.   |
| Wednesday 14 | N.Z.U. Tournament—Individuals.<br>Evening: <b>Test match</b> N.Z.U. v. A.U.   |
| Thursday 15  | N.Z.U. Tournament—Individuals Finals.<br>Evening: Tournament Ball and N.Z.U. v. Wellington.   |
| Friday 16    | v. Wellington Assn.   |
| Saturday 17  | Depart Wellington 8.30 a.m. N.Z.R. Bus.<br>Arrive Auckland 9.45 p.m.<br>Evening: Attend Auckland Open Champs Finals.  |
| Sunday 18    | Sightseeing trip, Auckland.<br>Evening: Official Welcome A.U.   |
| Monday 19    | v. Waitemata Association.   |
| Tuesday 20   | Visit to Waiwera Hot Springs.<br>Evening: v. North Shore Association.   |
| Wednesday 21 | v. Auckland Association.  |
| Thursday 22  | Depart Auckland 2.0 p.m. N.Z.R. Bus.<br>Arrive Hamilton 4.30 p.m.<br>Evening: v. Hamilton Association.  |
| Friday 23    | Sightseeing, Hamilton.<br>Depart Frankton 7.0 p.m. Rail express to Wellington.  |
| Saturday 24  | Arrive Wellington 6.50 a.m.<br>Depart for Picton 10.0 a.m. on Rail Ferry.<br>Arrive Picton 1.30 p.m.<br>Depart 1.30 p.m. Newman's Bus.<br>Arrive Christchurch 8.0 p.m.<br>Evening: Attend Inter-island match. |
| Sunday 25    | Sightseeing trip, Christchurch.<br>Evening: v. Canterbury Association.  |
| Monday 26    | Tour of Lewis Pass and Arthur's Pass areas.   |
| Tuesday 27   | Return to Christchurch.   |
| Wednesday 28 | N.Z. Champs—Individuals.  |
| Thursday 29  | N.Z. Champs—Individuals.  |
| Friday 30    | N.Z. Champs—Individuals.<br>Evening—Finals and Social.  |
| Saturday 31  | Depart Harewood International Airport to connect with 6.45 p.m. Wellington-Sydney flight.   |

**AUCKLAND University**

Auckland should present a very strong challenge at Tournament, as it is fielding a very balanced side headed by Auckland rep Terry Quinn. He will be well supported by Hamilton rep, Maurice Eng, and in the lower half of the draw by G. Haszard and P. Thomas. N.Z.U. Reps Melody Ogle and Judy Grant comprise the women, and they could well prove the best combination again.

The Club this year is fielding 7 teams in the Interclub competition, and for a long time the A Grade side was out in front. The long-awaited shift into our own Clubrooms took place in February and now enthusiasts have a room (holding 5 tables) where they can practice at any time.

**CANTERBURY University**

The Canterbury Tournament side is likely to include such stalwarts as Clive Tilby, Dennis Dellow, Brian Prendegast, a former N.Z.U. Champion, Helen Yuill and Dianne Logan, and a great endeavour will be made to retain the Stewart Shield, which Canterbury appropriately won last year. Because of the Association's interclub regulations, C.U. has no A grade side this season, and lack of hard regular play may tell against them at Tournament.

**VICTORIA University**

The Club's prospects this year were adversely affected by a run of bad weather which coincided with club nights at the beginning of the season. Membership is around the 30 mark and 6 teams are entered in the Interclub Competitions. The A Grade side, consisting of Waterhouse, Cross and Peter Hall, is immensely strong, and won the A Grade in 1966, but because of ineligibility or unavailability, none will be appearing for V.U. at Tournament.

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Although the standard of play at the University Tournament varies little from year to year, it is not uncommon to find one or two teams completely outclassed and scores of 21-0 or 20-1 registered against them. Because of the problems of travel, the host side usually has a built-in advantage.

The N.Z.U. side, whose selection has not always been above criticism, has generally failed to match the opposition in the traditional end-of-Tournament fixture against the home association, but it has rarely been disgraced. In 1966, for example, the N.Z.U. side lost 16-7 to the powerful Auckland team, but then disposed of Waitemata 15-10 and North Shore 14-9.

For one reason or another the best student players do not always attend Tournament. Travel, finance, the proximity of the New Zealand Champs, ineligibility and study cares have all kept away top-rank players at times. Many who come find themselves completely untuned for three consecutive gruelling days' play and fail to reproduce their best form. Others discover that their three or four years at Tournament unfortunately (for them) coincides with those of rivals whose standard is just that little but decisive margin higher. Accordingly, they miss an otherwise deserved 'place in the sun'. Certainly the competition has always been intense among the top bracket, even when one outstanding player is competing.

Four men have dominated N.Z.U. table tennis over the last 14 years. Alan Robinson, now a Senior Lecturer in Political Science at Victoria University and an N.Z.U. Blues Selector, collected the title three times in the mid-fifties. His ability to switch from all-out attack to a rock-like defence was remarkable. Terry Cockfield, a Hamilton and Northland rep since his departure from the University scene six years ago, surely holds a unique place in N.Z.U. Annals. He appeared in the N.Z.U. side for 6 years in a row and annexed 13 N.Z.U. titles, including five men's doubles (four with Graham Bush in consecutive years) and four combines events, each with a different partner.

Such was his tenacity of defence and trickiness of serve that it was a surprise to see him succumb to Peter Alexander in the 1961 and 1962 finals. Alexander, very much a part-time casual player, displayed tremendous natural ability and credited Lincoln with its only N.Z.U. victories in two decades.

Finally, the most recent dominant figure has been Harrison Waterhouse of the lively loop and the magnificent back-hand counter-attack. In 1964-65-66 his superiority was clearly pronounced, and he went on to greater things by winning a place in the 1967 N.Z. team for the World Champs in Stockholm.

Among the women, Ann Mutch stands out on her own. Most regrettably, she competed but twice in Tournament, but both times took three titles. Her 1964 final with Margaret Bridson, another top-class Auckland, was unexcelled in quality over the last 15 years.



After five see-sawing games, she emerged the winner 21-10, 13-21, 21-10, 15-21, 21-15, and later went on to a surprise victory in the N.Z. Women's Champs. Auckland and Canterbury have been particularly well-served in the calibre of their women players, among whom Carolyn Halliday deserves a special mention. Her performance in never failing to reach an N.Z.U. final in all three events, and also in making the N.Z.U. reps will surely never be repeated.

Outstanding performances wearing the N.Z.U. shirt are not that plentiful. Three or four days full play are apt to tire even the most fit and often the match against the local Association is marked by a diminution in dedication, the real climax for the N.Z.U. players being the N.Z.U. finals and their selection in the side. But this observation applied neither to Robinson, who scored great wins over Ray Mercer, John Armstrong and Bill Fogarty, nor to Cockfield, who played superlatively to defeat John Crossley, Neville Brightwell, Trevor Flint and Jim Dougall. Ann Mutch confirmed her high N.Z. ranking by disposing of Thelma May and Joan Green in the 1962 contest.

The N.Z.U. standard, then, if it fails except on rare occasions to reach that set by the really outstanding Associations, would at least enable N.Z.U. sides to perform with credit, and perhaps win, the B sections of the Kean and the Teagles Shields.

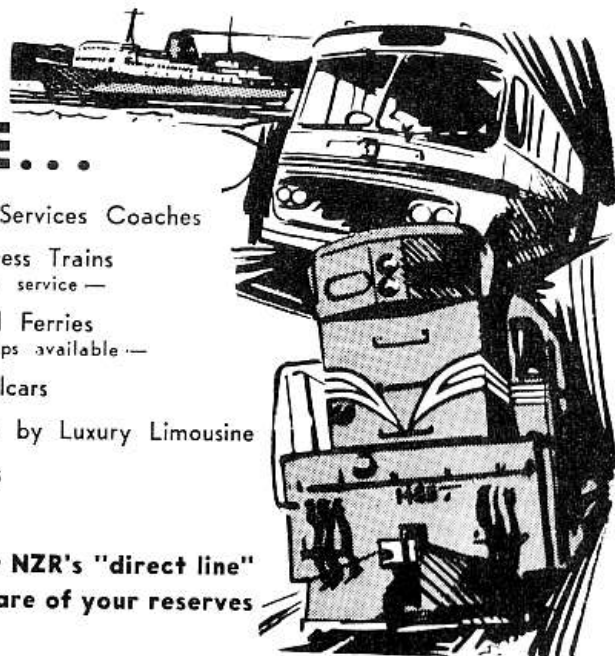
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## N.Z.U. TITLES

MEN'S SINGLES	
1947	R. McKenzie (O)
1948	A. R. Algie (C)
1949	—
1950	N. W. McGillivray (C)
1951	D. E. Wright (O)
1952	B. Jones (V)
1953	D. E. Wright (O)
1954	A. D. Robinson (V)
1955	A. D. Robinson (V)
1956	A. D. Robinson (V)
1957	T. O'H. Cockfield (A)
1958	T. O'H. Cockfield (A)
1959	T. O'H. Cockfield (A)
1960	T. O'H. Cockfield (A)
1961	P. S. Alexander (L)
1962	P. S. Alexander (L)
1963	B. Prendergast (V)
1964	H. J. Waterhouse (V)
1965	H. J. Waterhouse (V)
1966	H. J. Waterhouse (V)
1967	G. K. Jackson (O)

WOMEN'S SINGLES	
1947	J. Davis (O)
1948	D. Johannsen (V)
1949	—
1950	C. Twohill (V)
1951	—
1952	R. Hirsh (A)
1953	R. Hirsh (A)
1954	V. Fleming (V)
1955	E. Lesser (V)
1956	E. Lesser (V)
1957	J. Pritchard (A)
1958	P. Lambourne (C)
1959	P. Lambourne (O)
1960	M. Robins (A)
1961	C. Halliday (C)
1962	A. Mutch (A)
1963	P. Otway (O)
1964	A. Mutch (A)
1965	M. Bridson (A)
1966	M. Bridson (A)
1967	M. Ogle (A)

TEAMS EVENTS	
1947	Otago
1948	Canterbury
1949	Auckland
1950	Auckland
1951	Otago
1952	Victoria
1953	Auckland
1954	Victoria
1955	Victoria
1956	Victoria
1957	Auckland
1958	Auckland
1959	Auckland
1960	Auckland
1961	Canterbury
1962	Auckland

1963	Victoria
1964	Auckland
1965	Victoria
1966	Auckland
1967	Canterbury

MEN'S DOUBLES	
1948	W. Phillips & L. Cooney (O)
1949	W. Phillips & L. Cooney (O)
1950	D. Wright & W. I. Glass (O)
1951	D. Wright & W. I. Glass (O)
1952	B. Jones & R. Grubi (V)
1953	D. Wright & C. Loretz (O)
1954	A. D. Robinson & R. A. Darroch (V)
1955	A. D. Robinson & W. Verhoeven (V)
1956	D. D. M. Stewart & J. A. Dawie (C)
1957	T. O'H. Cockfield & V. Doo (A)
1958	L. K. Woon & T. Verhoeven (V)
1959	T. O'H. Cockfield & G. W. A. Bush (A)
1960	T. O'H. Cockfield & G. W. A. Bush (A)
1961	T. O'H. Cockfield & G. W. A. Bush (A)
1962	T. O'H. Cockfield & G. W. A. Bush (A)
1963	B. Prendergast & R. Armstrong (V)
1964	B. T. Cross & H. Waterhouse (V)
1965	B. T. Cross & H. Waterhouse (V)
1966	B. Coley & H. Waterhouse (V)
1967	C. Tilby & B. R. Prendergast (C)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES	
1952	R. Hirsh & P. MacKenzie (A)
1953	M. Clarke & K. Cleland (O)
1954	V. Fleming & E. Lesser (V)
1955	H. Petrie & M. Sang (A)
1956	E. Lesser & M. Morrison (V)
1957	J. Pritchard & M. Sang (A)
1958	J. Pritchard & J. Hubner (A)
1959	P. Lambourne & I. Tobing (O)
1960	M. Robins & J. Atmore (A)
1961	C. Halliday & C. Lilleyman (C)
1962	A. Mutch & N. A. Bush (A)
1963	J. Baker & S. Langridge (M)
1964	A. Mutch & M. Bridson (A)
1965	G. Lorrigan & M. Bridson (A)
1966	M. Ogle & M. Bridson (A)
1967	M. Ogle & J. Grant (A)

COMBINED DOUBLES	
1952	L. J. Townsend & M. Clarke (O)
1953	D. E. Wright & M. Clarke (O)
1954	R. A. Darroch & E. Lesser (V)
1955	A. R. Robinson & E. Lesser (V)
1956	A. R. Robinson & E. Lesser (V)
1957	T. O'H. Cockfield & M. Sang (A)
1958	T. O'H. Cockfield & J. Pritchard (A)
1959	D. D. M. Stewart & C. Halliday (C)
1960	T. O'H. Cockfield & J. Atmore (A)
1961	D. D. M. Stewart & C. Halliday (C)
1962	T. O'H. Cockfield & A. Mutch (A)
1963	J. B. Skinner & P. Otway (O)
1964	D. Robinson & A. Mutch (A)
1965	B. Cross & M. O'Flynn (V)
1966	C. Tilby & H. Yuill (C)
1967	C. Tilby & H. Yuill (C)

## N.Z.U. TEAMS

- 1953 D. Wright (O), A. D. Robinson (V), O. Tate (A), T. Shadwell (C), Miss R. Hirsh (A), Miss V. Fleming (V).
- 1954 A. D. Robinson (V), R. Darroch (V), G. P. Gardiner (A), T. Shadwell (C), Miss V. Fleming (V), Miss M. Clarke (O).
- 1955 A. D. Robinson (V), G. P. Gardiner (A), T. Shadwell (C), D. D. M. Stewart (C), Miss E. Lesser (V), Miss A. Wills (O).
- 1956 A. D. Robinson (V), D. D. M. Stewart (C), V. Doo (O), J. Thomas (V), Miss E. Lesser (V), Miss M. Sang (A), Miss E. Carvalho (O).
- 1957 T. O'H. Cockfield (A), B. Rundle (V), D. D. M. Stewart (C), G. Cooper (A), Miss J. Pritchard (A), Miss N. Hegedus (V).
- 1958 T. O'H. Cockfield (A), D. Hill (C), J. A. Dowie (C), L. K. Woon (V), Miss P. Lambourne (C), Miss J. Pritchard (A).
- 1959 T. O'H. Cockfield (A), G. W. A. Bush (A), D. D. M. Stewart (C), J. A. Dowie (C), Miss P. Lambourne (O), Miss C. Halliday (C).
- 1960 T. O'H. Cockfield (A), J. A. Dowie (C), D. D. M. Stewart (C), G. W. A. Bush (A), Miss M. Robins (A), Miss C. Halliday (C).
- 1961 P. S. Alexander (L), T. O'H. Cockfield (A), R. H. Court (A), G. M. Leech (C), Miss C. Halliday (C), Miss P. Lambourne (O).
- 1962 P. S. Alexander (L), T. O'H. Cockfield (A), D. D. M. Stewart (C), R. McCallum (C), Miss A. Mutch (A), Miss C. Halliday (C).
- 1963 B. Prendergast (V), B. Neal (V), R. Armstrong (V), R. H. Court (L), Miss S. Manning (C), Miss J. Baker (M), Miss S. Langridge (M).
- 1964 (v. Sydney University) P. S. Alexander (L), D. D. M. Stewart (C), B. T. Cross (V), B. Prendergast (V).
- 1964 H. J. Waterhouse (V), B. T. Cross (V), R. Court (L), Miss A. Mutch (A), Miss M. Bridson (A).
- 1965 H. Waterhouse (V), B. Cross (V), P. Salmon (A), B. Coley (V), Miss M. Bridson (A), Miss P. Otway (O).
- 1966 (Australian Tour) H. Waterhouse (V), P. Salmon (A), B. Cross (V), B. Coley (V), Miss M. Bridson (A), Miss P. Otway (O), Miss S. Craw (L).
- 1966 H. Waterhouse (V), T. A. P. Quinn (A), C. Tilby (C), P. Salmon (A), G. W. A. Bush (A), Miss M. Bridson (A), Miss P. Otway (O), Miss M. Ogle (A).
- 1967 C. W. Tilby (C), G. K. Jackson (O), B. R. Prendergast (C), F. B. Langridge (V), Miss M. Ogle (A), Miss H. Yuill (C), Miss G. Kelly (V), Miss J. Grant (A).

## OPPOSITION AND VENUES

- v. University sides (at Winter Tournament) Northland Community Hall.  
Result .....
- v. N.Z.U. (At Winter Tournament) Team to be selected.  
Northland Community Hall 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. Hutt Valley Team to be selected. Empire Club Rooms, The Esplanade, Petone 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. Wellington From M. Borlase, H. Waterhouse, R. L. Foster, F. R. Foster, Mrs. L. Stevenson, Mrs. T. McGregor, Mrs. P. Dean, Mrs. R. Futter.  
Show Building, John St., Newtown, 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. North Shore (Probably) W. O. Jaime, L. S. Wong, B. Newton. From Miss G. Offringa, Miss P. Froud, Miss K. Partridge, Miss G. Edwards.  
Glenfield Community School Hall, Chivalry Rd., 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. Waitemata From G. W. A. Bush, G. Dormer, T. Ford, G. Robinson, Mrs. B. Dye, Mrs. J. Napier, Miss V. Morley, Mrs. J. Norcross.  
Te Atatu Int. School Hall, Harbour View Rd., Te Atatu, 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. Auckland From A. R. Tomlinson, G. V. Wilkinson, T. A. Quinn, G. E. Smith, Miss D. Wade, Miss H. Orchan, Miss A. Beaumont, Miss M. O'Carroll.  
Pt. Chevalier Rugby League Hall, 419 Pt Chevalier Road, 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. Hamilton G. Shewan, M. Eng, R. M. Radford, Mrs. C. Tadema, Miss V. M. Rolston, Mrs. I. Rolley.  
Frankton Town Hall, Hall St., 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....
- v. Canterbury (Probably) Ling Nan Ming, J. Armstrong, V. N. Brightwell, Mrs. T. May, Mrs. Y. D. Boulton, Mrs. J. G. Green.  
Cowles Stadium, Pages Rd., 7.30 p.m.  
Result .....

## THE 1964 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND

The pioneering effort in the concept of exchange tours was the visit by a strong 6-man Sydney University side over the 1963-64 summer vacation. Their serious approach was shown by the fact that they sent a manager as well. Headed by the Standish brothers, both of whom were psychology lecturers, the team arrived at a most inopportune time, as it was the middle of the 'off-season' and many students had gone home. They must have wondered at times if the N.Z.U.T.T.C. could have organized its own disbandment! An impressive itinerary covering the four main centres was drawn up, and the team went through the tour with only one loss—against the Canterbury Association. C. Standish and R. Mills both recorded victories over Murray Dunn, the former by an unbelievable 21-10, 21-6.

A combined A.U.-Auckland side was trounced 18 matches to 9, and in the Test against N.Z.U. the Sydney side emerged decisive winners by 16 matches to 5, most of which were decided two-straight. There was no doubt that they were the best University men's side in Australia.

Despite difficulties of finance and billeting which followed the team around, the major problems were overcome thanks to the work of Mr. Doug Stewart, and at the 1964 N.Z.U.T.T.C. Meeting, the Tour was voted as 'quite successful except that it was out of season, which caused organisation difficulties, and also found many of our players out of practice.'

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## THE N.Z.U. TABLE TENNIS COUNCIL

In so far as the six constituent clubs have common interests, they are given expression through their 'governing' body, the N.Z.U. Table Tennis Council. It meets only once a year—just prior to Tournament—and its deliberations usually centre around Tournament arrangements and more recently, N.Z.U.-Australian tours.

For many years it functioned only intermittently, chiefly because of the unsatisfactory policy of appointing the current year's Tournament Controller and Deputy as Chairman and Secretary of the Council. Such a state of affairs was inevitable given the variation of interest among club members and the well-known aversion of most students for administration.

Mainly as a result of the influence of several mature 'permanent' students, from Auckland and Canterbury, organisation was on the mend from 1960. The presentation of certificates to winners and N.Z.U. reps was introduced, and more importantly, it was decided that from henceforth the officers be appointed on a residential basis. The first two, T. Cockfield and G. Bush of Auckland, then supervised the drawing up of a proper Constitution, which was ratified in 1962.

The same year saw the first proposal for Australia-New Zealand tours advanced and it was tentatively agreed to work towards an Australian tour in May 1964. In 1963 the individual events were improved by the abandonment of the old fixed-order draw in favour of the more flexible free-seeding system. Unfortunately, that year also witnessed a reversion to the former practice of annually-changed officers. But one of the 1964 appointees, John Meade of Victoria, then proceeded to breathe life into the faltering body, and did sterling work in arranging the 1966 Tour of Australia in the face of deplorable apathy and lack of co-operation from several Clubs.

1966 was undoubtedly the most productive year in the brief history of the N.Z.U.T.T.C. A number of major steps forward were taken. Mr Doug Stewart, the doyen of 'modern' N.Z.U. players, was prevailed upon to donate a handsome shield for presentation to the overall winners of the table tennis section. A new set of N.Z.U. shirts, long overdue, was acquired. It was decided once more to entrust the affairs of the Council to resident officers. The Council approved in principle the concept of biennial tours, with Australia to be invited in 1968. A ranking list was issued by the Selectors at the end of Tournament, which was capped off by a highly-successful series of matches against Auckland area Associations.

The haphazard financial situation, which not even dire emergencies had caused to be remedied, was ended with the introduction of a system of annual levies on member clubs. This results in a modest \$46 coming in each year, and at least spares officers from unfair personal expense or the need to seek handouts from individual clubs.

These additional 'features' of N.Z.U.T.T.C. activities, while of no great magnitude individually in themselves, do collectively work to



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enhance the appeal of Tournament and ensure the more efficient functioning of the N.Z.U.T.T.C. The present Chairman of the N.Z. U.T.T.C. is Gary Bold, Radio Research Dept., University of Auckland, and the Secretary is Graham Bush, Political Studies Dept., University of Auckland.

### **THE 1966 N.Z.U. TOUR OF AUSTRALIA**

The first band of N.Z.U. table tennis players to venture officially to Australia did so in May 1966, when a seven-strong team played matches against University and Association sides in Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney and other Eastern centres.

The very strong team headed by H. Waterhouse and captained by Peter Salmon (men) and Margaret Bridson (women) got off to a highly encouraging start by beating Melbourne University 21-13 and Monash 28-6.

Although the Test match was lost by a margin of 19 matches to 8, a much closer score would have been a fairer indication of the relative standard. The highlight of the Tour was the Team's participation in the Australian Universities tournament in Sydney, and in particular, the magnificent victories of Waterhouse in the men's singles and Margaret Bridson in the women's. Miss Bridson also took the doubles and combines events. The tour itself was a spendid success, thanks largely to the Managerial work of Mr Doug Stewart, then with the N.Z. Trade Commission in Melbourne. At his own expense he went to considerable trouble to ensure that the team was well looked after, and his knowledge of the Australian players was of much help to the side in vital matches.

Things didn't flow so smoothly as far as the N.Z. side of the arrangement went, and in particular the financing of the tour was somewhat chaotic, despite the fund-raising efforts of the Victoria University club and the earnest organisation of John Meade. Still, in the end, the verdict must be that of success.

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## THE HOST ASSOCIATIONS

### HAMILTON

The Hamilton Association was formed in the early 1950's out of the old Waikato association. This year there are 10 clubs and 34 Business Houses affiliated, and a total of 98 teams compete in interclub competitions. Hamilton has been particularly fortunate in the calibre of its women representatives—Mrs Tadema and Miss Rolston are currently 1st and 3rd respectively on the N.Z. rankings. In a bold move Hamilton recently took a long-term lease on the Frankton Town Hall, and the Association has already made considerable improvements to the playing conditions.

### CANTERBURY

Has the distinction of being the largest Association in the country in respect of both interclub teams and of affiliated members. To its great credit, has conducted the National Champs most efficiently four times in the last eight years. This year it has beaten all the major South Island Associations in rep fixtures, and has accounted for Wellington and Hutt Valley as well. Ling Nan Ming, a Sarawak student, has beaten most N.Z. ranked players, while J. Armstrong (No. 5 in N.Z.) and N. Brightwell (N.Z. Senior Men's Title Holder) have built up impressive records over many years. Mrs T. May has annexed a number of titles this year, and along with Mrs. Y. Boulton (South Island rep) and former N.Z. Captain Mrs. J. Green, will constitute a formidable women's side.

### WAITEMATA

Founded as a sub-Association of Auckland in 1958, Waitemata achieved full Association status in 1966, but only after the N.Z.T.T.A. had investigated, and overridden, Auckland objections. Centred on the Western area of metropolitan Auckland, Waitemata now comprises 11 clubs and 45 inter-club teams. In its very first year it nearly won the C section of the Kean Shield and made no mistake in 1967. All of the men's team play in Auckland interclub and the captain Graham Bush, a former Franklin rep, has the distinction of being the organiser of the Australian Universities tour. This year saw the participation of Waitemata in the Round Robin for the first time and they were not disgraced in finishing fourth.

### NORTH SHORE

Covering the whole area north of the harbour from Albany to Devonport, North Shore was founded about 7 years ago. At present it comprises 7 clubs, 56 interclub teams and about 220 registered players. It has drawn much strength, both in playing standard and administratively from the presence of Owen Jaime, former N.Z. Captain, and Auckland Association President. Now a N.Z. vice-President, Owen is still a force to be reckoned with. L. S. Wong, one of the top Malaysian juniors, has beaten many prominent players this season.

### AUCKLAND

Long one of the top two Associations in playing strength, Auckland has held the Kean Shield for much of the post 1960 period. It is ably served by Dick Rassie as President and Ross Dickson as Secretary. With N.Z. Captain Alan Tomlinson and North Island rep George Wilkinson heading the men's side, it is very difficult to beat. The women's team has been strengthened by the recent arrival in the City of N.Z. Champ Dawn Wade and top Northlander M. O'Carroll. Auckland was a clear winner in this year's Round Robin contest.

### HUTT VALLEY

Association formed in 1934, and now has 24 affiliated Clubs. Both the men's and women's rep sides are ranked among the top six in the country.

### WELLINGTON

The oldest Association in the country, and long one of the most powerful, Wellington has built up an unparalleled rep. record over the years. With an excellent venue at the Show Buildings in Newtown, Wellington's inter-club competitions are the second biggest in the country. John Crossley in the fifties, N.Z. champ Murray Dunn and most recently H. Waterhouse, have headed exceptionally strong men's teams.

## AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES TABLE TENNIS

In many ways, including playing standard and inter-University competition, Australian Universities table tennis is similar to ours.

Tournament is held each May vacation, and this year its location in Perth did not deter eleven Universities from sending a team. Western Australia was the host, and three each came from N.S.W. and Victoria, together with two from South Australia and one each from Queensland and Tasmania.

The tournament takes the form of a team competition—separate for men and women—of three players a side. It is normally divided into two sections, with the top two going on to post-section semi-finals. By contrast with our practice, the individual events which follow are purely unofficial. Probably the highlight of Tournament is the A.U. match against the State representatives. This fixture usually comprises seven a side, with the top three playing singles and the bottom four forming two doubles combinations.

1968 at Perth witnessed the highest standard of play ever reached. Competitors included Colin Pascoe (former Australian champ and rep), James Leong, a Malaysian rep, and the current champion C. T. Yong.

Doug Stewart, a former N.Z.U. rep, has competed with distinction in A.U. table tennis since his arrival in Melbourne in 1965, and represented A.U. in 1966. He was originally selected for this tour of New Zealand, but had to withdraw for personal reasons.

## LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Team Events

A.U. beat M.U. 19-2; beat V.U. 13-8; beat L.C. 21-0; lost C.U. 9-12;  
beat O.U. 16-5.  
M.U. lost V.U. 4-17; beat L.C. 16-5; lost C.U. 3-18; lost O.U. 4-17.  
V.U. beat L.C. 21-0; lost C.U. 4-17; beat O.U. 11-10.  
C.U. beat L.C. 21-0; beat O.U. 13-8.  
O.U. beat L.C. 21-0.

**Team Placings:** 1st Canterbury; 2nd Auckland; 3rd Victoria.

### Individual Events

Men's Singles: G. K. Jackson (O.U.) beat C. Tilby (C) 21-12, 21-18,  
21-11.

Women's Singles: M. Ogle (A) beat H. Yuill (C) 21-8, 19-21, 21-12,  
21-18.

Men's Double: Tilby and B. Prendegast (C) beat F. Langridge and R.  
Armstrong (V) 21-19, 19-21, 21-16, 21-18.

Women's Doubles: J. Grant and M. Ogle (A) beat H. Yuill and P.  
Logan (C) 21-13, 21-19, 21-13.

Combined Doubles: Tilby and Yuill (C) beat Langridge and F. Smith  
(V) 21-10, 21-14, 21-12.

Overall Placings: 1st Canterbury 17½ points; 2nd Auckland 9; 3rd  
Otago 4.

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