

Tawa District Mid week Table Tennis Club

Our Jubilee Year

1966 – 2016



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Section 1

Early History



Early History

How this Club began...



Rewa Street, Tawa

Unable to get into the Badminton Club, Margaret Mason along with Nola Cooper, and Janet McPherson decided to organize some games of Table Tennis in Margaret's basement. The interest grew and grew and in June 1966 they moved to the Catholic Hall in Rewa Street with 3 tables, as the Rewa Ladies Table Tennis Club. When the membership reached 70 with a waiting list, one more table was placed on the stage. This was a very active club and members played many Inter-club games. Johnsonville, Newlands, Paraparaumu, Glen Iris, Wainuiomata and Petone were willing competition.

In 1969 the club moved to the Linden Community Centre.



Linden Community Centre

The AGM on 6 April 1976 approved the change of name to the Linden Ladies Table Tennis Club. (There was a Linden men's club using the same premises and initially the same equipment.)

In the mid 1980's the Tawa Borough Council, which owned the Linden Community Centre, reviewed the future use of the Centre and was unable to guarantee continued availability to the table tennis club. During 1985/86 representatives of the club investigated the availability of a suitable future venue.

The Committee meeting in August 1986 recorded "The possibility of admitting men to the club was briefly discussed. No decision was made."

There was no statement of case either for or against the admission of men however there was some ongoing concern about declining membership and the likelihood of increased rental expenditure if/when the club moved to new premises.



Red Hackle Pipe Band Hall

Early History

In early 1987 having successfully negotiated a rental arrangement with the Tawa and District's Highland Pipe Band the Linden Ladies Table Tennis Club Committee appointed two members to draft and hand deliver a poster size notice to advise members about the new venue etc and the date of the AGM. There were several very important decisions to be made by club members. They were:

1. To increase subscription fees to cover the cost of the higher hall rental charges and to make sure the club can cover its yearly running expenses.
2. To decide if we will open our membership to male members (a secret ballot will be held)
3. To decide if it will be necessary to alter the name of the club owing to the change of venue and/or inclusion of male members.

At the AGM it appears that a secret vote on the issue of retaining 'closed' membership or whether men should be admitted to membership was taken after minimal discussion. The result was 11 to retain closed membership and 10 for becoming 'an open club'. A discussion and decision on the issue of a name change for the club was not proceeded with in the light of the decision to retain 'closed' membership.

In May 1988 the issue of the admission of men was raised in the Committee and it was decided to have another ballot of members. The Committee decided that a clear majority of at least 4 members would be required to carry a motion for 'open' membership. Members were rung to advise them of the impending ballot.

There is no record in the recorded minutes of such a ballot being conducted however the Club Captain's Report for 1989 contains the following statement:

"A vote was again held to decide whether males could belong to the club. The required 4 vote majority was obtained and males may now join the club. This year we should look seriously at a name change."

The change of name to 'Tawa District Mid-Week Table Tennis Club' was agreed by a majority of 3 at the 24th AGM on the 24th April 1990.

Dedication

This history of text and photos has been created to commemorate and celebrate the founding of this successful club in 1966. Much credit and thanks must go to Terry Roche, Ian Strawbridge and Norm Robertson for always being on hand to oil the wheels. First there every club day and last to leave. A big thank you.

For many years Alan Hodges and Robbie Robinson ran the summer club single-handed. Thank you to Robin Radford without whose photos and help this book would not have been possible.

Many have contributed through searching early club records, obtaining historical photos and in recent years the photography of Robin Radford has provided ample evidence of many club members and activities.

We also acknowledge the project co-ordination and drive of the 2012/13 committee led by Club Captain Cheryl Ransom, and Treasurer Terry Roche, the computer skills of Gay Kerr in assembling and producing the document and the many committee and club members who assisted with proofing the drafts.

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Table Tennis Club held in the Catholic Hall, Rewa Street, Tawa on Wednesday 22 June 1966.

Mrs Cooper chaired the meeting and the following officers were elected:

Club Captain Mrs M Mason

Committee Mesdames – D Cooper, J MacPherson, D Hamilton, K Chapman, N Good.

Subscription It was decided to recommend to the committee that the subscription for this year be 15/- and if paid within a month, reduced to 12/6.

Also a charge of 1/- per morning to cover tea and balls was approved.

Rent for Hall A donation of 12/6 was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting then terminated and play resumed.

Confirmed M Mason

Minutes of Committee meeting of Table Tennis Club held in the Catholic Hall, Rewa Street, Tawa on Wednesday 22 June 1966.

Present Mesdames Cooper, Mason, MacPherson, Chapman and Good.

Secretary Mrs Mason moved, Mrs Cooper seconded - "That Mrs Good be made Secretary/Treasurer of the Club."

Name of Club Mrs Mason suggested that the club be called "Rewa Ladies Table Tennis Club" and this was agreed to.

Subscription The subscription for this year of 15/- reducible to 12/6 if paid within a month was confirmed, the position to be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting. Also a charge of 1/- per member and 2/- visitors, per morning to cover tea and cost of balls was confirmed.

Ladder Mrs Cooper agreed to make arrangements for a ladder.

Confirmed M Mason.

It was unanimously agreed on 29th June, following a secret ballot, that children be excluded.

It was also agreed to open an account with Tawa Post Office.

The next formal committee meeting was held on 10th April 1967, followed by the clubs first AGM held on 19th April 1967 chaired by Mrs M Mason.

OPEN MEMBERSHIP – INTRODUCED 1989

The following men joined in 1989-1990 on the introduction of open membership.

John Cook Res. 1999 Allan Hodges Res. 2003 John Jarvis Res. 1994

David Lash Res. 2002 Robbie Robinson Res. 2006 Eric Sullivan Res. 1995

Bill Tebbs Res. 1991

ANNUAL PROGRAMME

Our programme for the year consists of the Winter Season (April-September funded by a subscription) and Summer Club (September-March pay as you go – currently at \$2 per player per morning).

Winter Season

The winter season consists of weekly club mornings (doubles), singles 1st and 3rd Thursdays, and inter club – home and away – for 12 players. We also play our championship programme, singles and doubles during the winter season.

Our annual accounts include the first reference to summer club in 1988. The club register records that on the 27th September 1988, 12 ladies attended, 11 paid \$1 each and one lady provided morning tea in lieu of the playing fee. Carole Greenwood whose membership continues attended that morning as did June Stephenson whose membership carried through to 2011.

Summer Season

The summer club relies on volunteers (as with the winter programme) to run the programme and in this section we pay tribute to two members, Robbie Robinson and Alan Hodges for their contribution to this important function.

Robbie and Alan joined in 1989 – Robbie with membership through to 2006 and Alan to 2003, ably supported by Dorothy 1987 - 2005 and Maureen 1991 - 2010.

In their hay-day Robbie and Alan were competitive, and great fun to partner in doubles matches. Alan was a regular member of our interclub teams during the nineties.

Our summer club (late nineties early 2000's) was well served by two wise, polite, charming and efficient gentlemen, who ran the board without criticism and whose financial records were a dream for the treasurer.

Section 2

Office Holders



Office Holders

Office Holders from 1966

		Club Captain	Secretary	Treasurer
1966 Rewa Ladies Table Tennis Club Catholic Hall, Rewa Street, Tawa	1966	Margaret Mason	Ngaire Good	Ngaire Good
	1967	Margaret Mason	Ngaire Good	Ngaire Good
	1968	Margaret Mason	Eileen Walker	Eileen Walker
1969 Linden Community Centre	1969	Jo Blyleven	Edna McKenzie	Kath Hickson
	1970	Jayne Shaw	Dot Cooper	Kath Hickson
	1971	Maureen Swafford	Dot Cooper	Kath Hickson
	1972	Maureen Swafford	Dot Cooper	Audrey Wiseman
	1973	Maureen Swafford	Maureen Kuiper	Marie Shann
	1974	Sue Lill	Jean Atkins	Marie Shann
	1975	Sue Lill	Elaine Lockhart	Clare Palmer
1976 Linden Ladies Table Tennis Club	1976	Carol Grant	Eileen Lockhart	Clare Palmer
	1977	Jean Radford	Shirley Reid	Jill Turner
	1978	Jean Radford	Shirley Reid	Jill Turner
	1979	Dot Cooper	Beth Hatten	Jill Turner
	1980	Dot Cooper	Beth Hatten	Shirley Reid
	1981	Carol Grant	Jean Radford	Shirley Wilson
	1982	Eileen Gray	Allison Burns	Shirley Wilson
	1983	Shirley Hepworth	Doreen Heron	Shirley Wilson
	1984	Noreen Richards	Beth Hatten	Pauline Rayner
	1985	Noreen Richards	Beth Hatten	Dianne Greenbank
	1986	Noreen Richards	Beth Hatten	Dianne Greenbank
1987 Tawa Pipe Band Hall	1987	Noreen Richards	Beth Hatten	Dianne Greenbank
	1988	Val Barnes	Dot Cooper	Dianne Greenbank
1989 Open membership approved	1989	Val Barnes	Dot Cooper	Diana Litton

Office Holders

		Club Captain	Secretary	Treasurer
1990 Tawa District Mid Week Table Tennis Club	1990	Gwenda Brazier	Dot Cooper	Diana Litton
	1991	Penny Ross	Carole Greenwood	Jean Radford
	1992	Penny Ross	Carole Greenwood	Norman Robertson
	1993	Penny Ross	Carole Greenwood	Terry Roche
	1994	Penny Ross	Carole Greenwood	Terry Roche
	1995	Penny Ross	Carole Greenwood	Terry Roche
	1996	Carole Greenwood	Joan Ferriss	Terry Roche
	1997	Carole Greenwood	Joan Ferriss	John van der Kaa
	1998	Carole Greenwood	Joan Ferriss	John van der Kaa
	1999	Carole Greenwood	Joan Ferriss	John van der Kaa
	2000	Carole Greenwood	Joan Ferriss	John van der Kaa
	2001	Velma Maunsell	Norman Robertson	John van der Kaa
	2002	Velma Maunsell	Gretchen Lash	John van der Kaa
	2003	Velma Maunsell	Gretchen Lash	John van der Kaa
	2004	Gretchen Lash	Dorothy Woods	Terry Roche
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	2007	Cheryl Ransom	Norman Robertson	Terry Roche
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2011	Cheryl Ransom	John van der Kaa	Terry Roche	
2012	Cheryl Ransom	John van der Kaa	Terry Roche	
2013	Cheryl Ransom	Bryan Thomson	Terry Roche	
2014	Cheryl Ransom	Bryan Thomson	Terry Roche	
2015	Cheryl Ransom	Graeme Munro	Terry Roche	
2016	Cheryl Ransom	Graeme Munro	Terry Roche	

Office holders-photos
Club Captains



Margaret Mason 1966-68



Jean Radford 1977-78



Shirley Hepworth 1983



Penny Ross 1991-95

Jo Blyleven 1969

Jayne Shaw 1970

Maureen Swafford 1971-73



Dot Cooper 1979-80



Noreen Richards 1984-87



Carole Greenwood 1996-2000



Sue Lill 1974-75

Carol Grant 1976

Carol Grant 1981



Eileen Gray 1982



Gwenda Brazier 1990



Velma Maunsell 2001-03

Office holders-photos
Club Captains



Gretchen Lash 2004-06



Cheryl Ransom 2007-2017

Office holders-photos
Secretaries

Ngair Good 1966-67

Eileen Walker 1968

Edna McKenzie 1969



Jean Radford 1981



Dot Cooper 1988-90



Norm Robertson 2001



Dot Cooper 1970-72

Maureen Kuiper 1973

Jean Atkins 1974

Elaine Lockhart 1975-76

Shirley Reid 1977-78

Beth Hatten 1979-80



Allison Burns 1982



Carole Greenwood 1991-95



Gretchen Lash 2002-03

Doreen Heron 1983

Joan Ferriss 1996-2000

Beth Hatten 1984-87



Dorothy Woods 2004-06

Office holders-photos
Secretaries



Norm Robertson 2007-10



Graeme Munro 2015-



John Van der Kaa 2011-12



Bryan Thomson 2013-2014

Office holders-photos
Treasurers

Ngairé Good 1966-67

Pauline Rayner 1984

Eileen Walker 1968

Dianne Greenbank 1985-88

Kath Hickson 1969-71

Diana Litton 1989-90

Audrey Wiseman 1972



Terry Roche 1993-96

Marie Shann 1973-74



Jean Radford 1991

Clare Palmer 1975-76



John Van der Kaa 1997-2003

Jill Turner 1977-79

Shirley Reid 1980



Shirley Wilson 1981- 83



Norm Robertson 1992



Terry Roche 2004-

Section 3

Club Activities



Club activities

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

	LADIES SINGLES THE RADFORD CUP Presented by Jean and Robin Radford - 1990	OPEN SINGLES CLUB TROPHY 1997	DOUBLES THE ROSS CUP Presented by Penny and Jim Ross - 1992	MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Club Trophy 1996	
2016	Anita Bhasin	Kaz Witko	Kaz Witko	Pam Cassells	Avis Gardner
2015	Anita Bhasin	Kaz Witko	Pradip Manchanda	Keith Rumens	Annette Adams
2014	Jude Gibson	Robin Radford	Cheryl Ransom	Gay Kerr	Janet Shrive & Jeffrey Kidd
2013	Cheryl Ransom	Robin Radford	Dennis McQuade	Keith Rumens	Basil Mahan
2012	Anita Bhasin	Terry Roche	Jean Radford	June Topham	Dennis Kelly
2011	Cheryl Ransom	Ian Strawbridge	Mona Hannouche	Terry Roche	Raewyn Siu
2010	Cheryl Ransom	John McAllister	June Topham	Dennis McQuade	Val Dibble
2009	Jenny Turner	Terry Roche	Alwyn Kelly	Denis Stephenson	Pam Cassells
2008	Jenny Turner	Ian Strawbridge	Maureen Hodges	Robin Radford	Patsy Madigan
2007	Jenny Turner	Terry Roche	Lena Shearer	Terry Roche	Lena Shearer
2006	Jenny Turner	Terry Roche	Joy Murtagh	Denis Stephenson	Gay Kerr
2005	Judith Walker	Terry Roche	Hilda Callender	Joe ten Broeke	Aileen Scott
2004	Jenny Turner	Ian Strawbridge	Maureen Hodges	Ian Strawbridge	Gay Kerr
2003	Jenny Turner	Ian Strawbridge	Joy Murtagh	Joe ten Broeke	No record
2002	Dot Cooper	Jean Radford	Robbie Robinson	Ian Strawbridge	Gay Kerr
2001	Dot Cooper	Ian Strawbridge	Elizabeth Rees (1)	Terry Roche	No record
2000	Mary Corbett	Robin Radford	Carole Greenwood	Jean Radford	Phyllis Smith
1999	Elizabeth Rees (1)	Ian Strawbridge	Aileen Scott	Ian Strawbridge	Velma Maunsell
1998	Judith Walker	Terry Roche	Pam Wynne-Jones	Bob Burns	No record
1997	Dot Cooper	Jean Radford	Allison Burns	Des Talbot	No record
1996	Robin Radford		Ruth Will	Terry Roche	Maureen Hodges
1995	Bob Burns		Joy Burchfield	Terry Roche	
1994	Terry Roche		Shirley Wilson	Ian Simmonds	
1993	Jean Radford	Singles	Helen Painter	Jean Radford	
1992	John Jarvis	The Radford Cup	Lena Shearer	Jean Radford	
1991	June Stephenson	Open to 1996			
1990	Rhonda Graham	Ladies from 1997			



From the left in our team: Ian Strawbridge, Cheryl Ransom, Joe ten Broeke, Dennis McQuade, Judith Walker.



Above Back row from left:

Dennis McQuade, Ian Strawbridge, Joe ten Broeke, Norm Robertson, Denis Stephenson, John Van der Kaa, Terry Roche

Front row:

Cheryl Ransom, Judith Walker, Jenny Turner, Jean Radford, John Thompson

Visit to Kapiti, July 9th 2007. (We won 30 to 18)









Cheryl and Terry hard at work as always.

A kiss and a thank you from Judith



Prize giving 2011



Judith Walker showing off her Certificate
Helen Painter and Ian Strawbridge also winners.
No certificate. They had to make do with a chocolate fish until more could be printed.



Earl Perera, also got a chocolate fish.



Rita Berry doesn't look too unhappy with her lolly.

Prize giving 2011



Left, top: Ian gets a cup.
Middle: Jenny Turner gets a cup too.

Bottom left: Elizabeth Rees is another winner.

Right: Cuppa and chow.
Bottom right: Look who else got the Chocolate Fish.



Prize giving 2012

Prize giving 2012 – Guest of honour Hilda Callender presents prizes to...



Ian Strawbridge and Alwyn Kelly



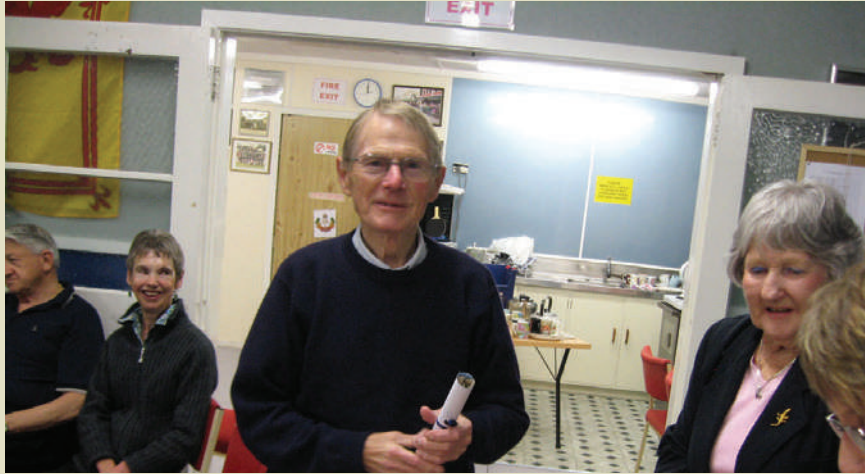
Robin Radford and Keith Rumens



June Topham



Graeme Munro



Dennis Kelly



Ian Strawbridge



Terry Roche



Ruth Will and Alwyn Kelly



Cheryl Ransom



Anita Bhasin



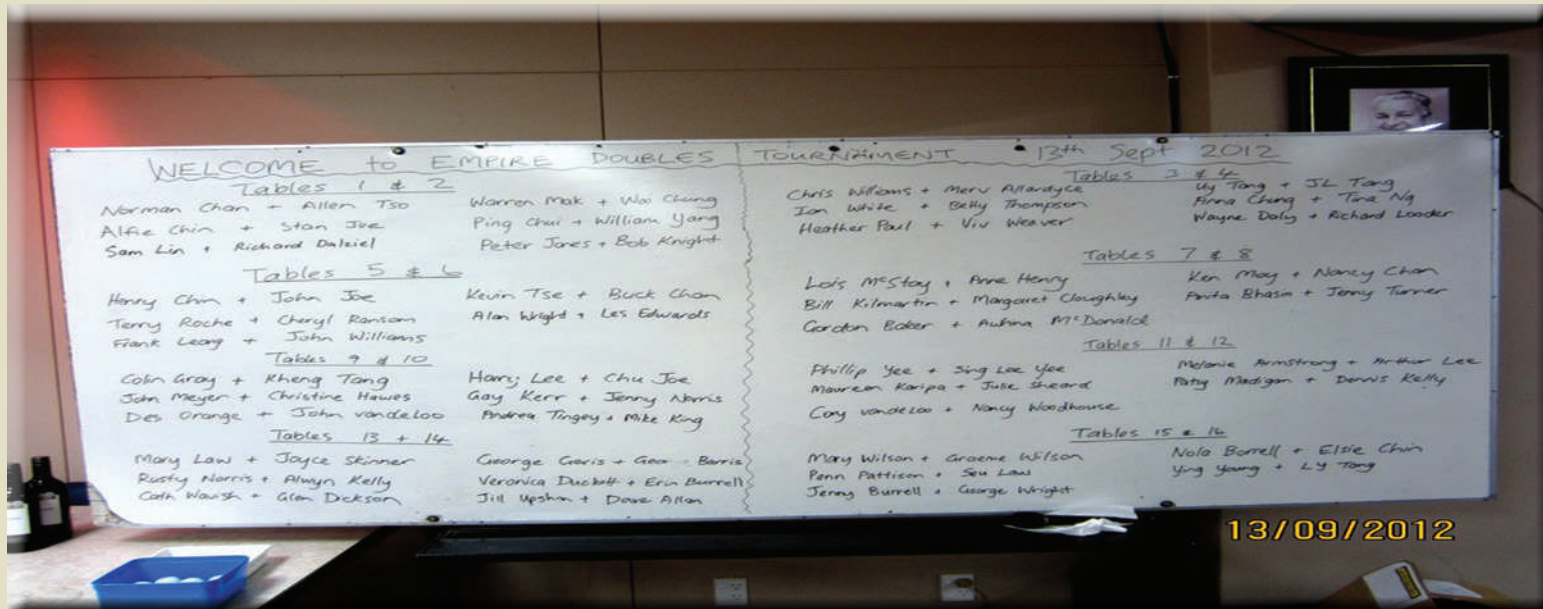


June Topham, Ruth Will, Jenny Norris, Dennis Kelly, Earl Perera, Dennis McQuade, Rusty Norris, Graeme Munro, Keith Rumens, Basil Mahan, Joe ten Broeke, Ian Strawbridge, Rita Berry, Val Jarvis, Gay Kerr, Raewyn Siu, Anita Bhasin, Patsy Madigan, Jenny Turner, Elizabeth Rees, Pam Wynne-Jones, Hilda Callender, Bryan Thomson, Helen Greening.





Terry, Rusty, Jenny N, Anita, Cheryl, Dennis K, Alwyn, Patsy, Jenny T.





L/R Back: Robin Radford, Norm Robertson, Graeme Munro, Dennis McQuade, Jeffrey Kidd, Joe ten Broeke, John van der Kaa
Front: Earl Perera, Dennis Kelly, Keith Rumens, Basil Mahan, Rusty Norris, Terry Roche



Back Row: Ruth Will, Cheryl Ransom, Patsy Madigan, Jude Gibson,
Alwyn Kelly, Gay Kerr.
Middle row: Jenny Turner, Jean Radford, Carole Greenwood, Val Jarvis,
Val Dibble, Raewyn Siu,
Front row: Helen Greening, Jenny Norris, Elizabeth Rees, Helen Painter,
Barbara Simmonds.