

A Right Royal Do 2012



Left:
Hunt & Hazel
Dryburgh

Their majesties. Do you see a likeness?



and their subjects, doing as they have been bidden..

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Christmas 2012







Rusty recounts the story of the three little pigs

Here is the story of the three little pigs, a world premier. This is a participatory joke between you and me so participate if I don't get any laughs it is your fault

Tamati was in the Hogsville town market seeking entries for NZ's Got Talent. The 3 little pigs rather fancied themselves as stars and they entered. Unfortunately they performed poorly. Why was that ?? their act was too HAMATEURISH

Disappointed they headed for the pub, it was of course called THE PIG and WHISTLE for a few sandwiches of ROAST BEEF and a beer or two, unfortunately some SWINE stole the WINE

Actually the 3 little pigs had something to rejoice about. In the New Zealand Pork Producers 4 Day Golf Tournament they didn't play Saturday or Sunday because they missed THE CUT.

Sitting around with a few cobbbers they related their stage and golf exploits in a rather exaggerated manner. They were in fact telling PORKIES

Two of the pigs drank moderately but the third little pig really got into it and made a PIG'S EAR of himself. Surprisingly his mates didn't seem to mind.

Eventually it was time to go home. They missed the bus. So how did they get home ? The PIGS TROTTED

That 3rd little pig was a puzzle though he kept wobbling along after the other two having a swig or two along the way and stopping for a comfort stop

Well someone had to go WEE WEE WEE all the way home.



The programme commenced with the usual morning of table tennis then off to Monteiths at Mana for entertainment, lunch and a farewell to Cheryl as she and Grant make final preparations for their extended overseas tour.

We were met by management and shown to our own upstairs dining area.

Entertainment was in the capable hands and voice of Bryan Thomson, with admin support from Cheryl. Several games of Housie were played with many line and card winners and one or more who scored twice.

Food and beverage service was excellent and we rounded off our mid winter social with a presentation and best wishes to Cheryl and Grant.



Mid-winter lunch and
Housie at Monteiths in
Mana.





Christmas lunch 2013 at the Linden Community Centre



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We gathered at our club rooms and promptly as arranged the Coast Coach Lines tour coach with Dave Chapman at the wheel reversed into the Redwood train station car park where we boarded for our visit to Government House and the Tug Boat.

Government House

Trouble free entry through the Newtown entrance where we were met by Government House staff for a protocol and security briefing. Then a guided tour by two staff members, who as one would expect, were very very good at their job.

What did we see. The public areas are extensive, with many rooms named after past Governors General – ballroom with the Thrones, dining rooms from intimate to large, reading rooms, investiture areas, corridors of photographic memories of the life, residents and guests over many years in this magnificent home.

We walked on the very best flooring of timber, tile and carpet. Several sat at a very large banquet table in the state dining room fit for the Queen, with clear instructions not to touch the table. We were able to experience the comfort of many lounge chairs and view an extensive range of treasured gifts from Royalty, Governors General and visiting dignitaries.

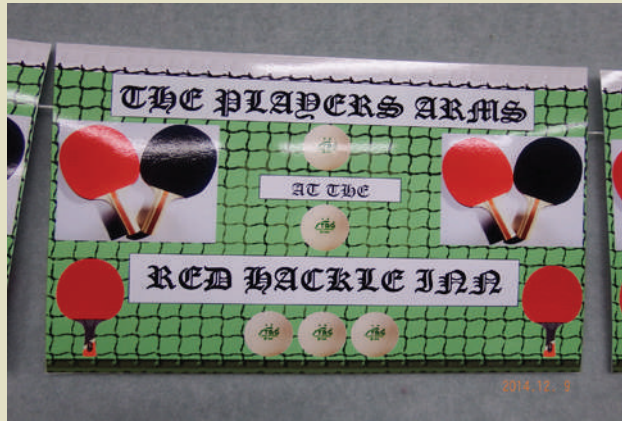




Tug Boat

Transport to the gangway then a short walk to board the Tug, escorted to the upstairs dining area where our food and refreshment needs were expertly handled by several helpful staff. Food beverage and conversation happily occupied a couple of hours after which we boarded our tour coach for the journey back to Tawa.

Another mid – winter social success, well done Cheryl who succumbed to a winter ailment and could not enjoy the fruits of her well planned event.





Tuesday 7 July 2015 was the day, Cheryl, Terry and our workhorses set aside for the mid-winter treat.

The day was dark and stormy, however we were all aboard the big warm bus on the right side of 10am. First stop Te Papa to visit the Gallipoli exhibition. The greater part of Wellington had the same idea. Never mind, lots to see and the one and a half hours went very quickly.

No outing would be complete without Cheryl's culinary creations, today it was dark chocolate clusters with cranberries, savoured in the bus, while we enjoyed Bryan Thomson's excellent historical commentary on our journey round the bays to Island Bay.

Then it was off to lunch at the 1841 in Johnsonville. The upstairs room was all ours and our preordered meal was a pleasure and a surprise.

Home just after 3pm, and great day out and excellent value for \$35.



Christmas Social - 8 December 2015

The head lady elf and her helper elves organised the following programme -
Four events for team participation. Small bats, snakes and ladders, brain teasers, and box the balls.

A special morning tea. Christmas raffle organised by Patsy Madigan with prizes donated by
Rusty's ham and bacon marketer.

Spot prizes, a rock and roll demonstration, lunch at Fisherman's table, Paekakariki including a nursery rhyme challenge created
by Rusty Norris.

Eight teams of four competed within each team in three of four events.

The brain teasers gave the head elf the opportunity to keep the score and declare the winner. The title went to the team
led by Jeff Kidd with members Carole Greenwood, Jean Radford and Ernest Perera, with 10 points from a maximum of 12.

Spot prizes were awarded progressively throughout the morning. The break for morning tea included a rock and roll
demonstration by Janet Shrive and Peter Highsted.

A tight timetable ensured the completion of eight rounds and departure on time to Paekakariki.

Thirty five for lunch, excellent service and mental stimulation for us all in tackling Rusty's nursery rhyme challenge.

A pleasant and enjoyable end to the first half of our 2015/16 summer programme and another social success for the
head lady elf.

By one of the elves.



..and finishing 2015 with a little
Rock 'n Roll by Janet Shrive and Peter Highsted

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50th Anniversary





Margaret Mason, Founding member, Club Captain (1966) with Cheryl Ransom, present Club Captain

OUR 50TH JUBILEE

The inaugural meeting of our club was held on the 22 June 1966. We celebrated our 50th Jubilee on Saturday 30 July 2016. This memorable event was presided over by club captain Cheryl Ransom with 68 past and present members. Our guest of honour was our founding club captain Margaret Mason who was present at our 25th anniversary.

CLUB HISTORY

Venues	Names
1966 Catholic Hall Rewa Street	1966 Rewa Ladies TTC
1969 Linden Community Centre	1976 Linden Ladies TTC
1987 Tawa Pipe Band Hall	1990 Tawa District Mid Week TTC

Club Leaders over 50 years

We have had 19 club captains to date, 9 with us today.

Margaret Mason 1966-68, Jean Radford 1977-78, Dot Cooper 1979-80, Eileen Gray 1982, Noreen Richards 1984-87, Carole Greenwood 1996-2000, Velma Maunsell 2001-03, Gretchen Lash 2004-06, Cheryl Ransom from 2007.

We have had 22 secretaries to date, 9 with us today. Dot Cooper 1970-72 and 1988-90, Jean Atkins 1974, Jean Radford 1981, Alison Burns 1982, Carole Greenwood 1991-95, Gretchen Lash 2002-03, Dorothy Woods 2004-06, John van der Kaa 2011-12, Bryan Thomson 2013-14.

We have had 16 treasurers to date, 4 with us today. Shirley Wilson 1981-83, Jean Radford 1991, John van der Kaa 1997-2003, Terry Roche 1993-96 and from 2004.

Every club needs an auditor now reviewer, we had the good fortune to have the services of Dick Renouf for 25 years from 1989.

Membership

Waiting lists have been in vogue from time to time. We have capped our membership at 50 for some time and have a waiting list at present. Men were invited to join in 1989-90 with 7 taking up the initial invitation. Membership now 23 ladies and 27 men.

People

Table tennis brings us together, and the opportunity to enjoy the other talents members have. We remember, John McAllister in his Scottish regalia and brogue to complete. John Thompson in many social roles, a great Father Christmas. Rusty Norris also as Father Christmas and a story teller. Bryan Thomson, card calling skills - housie/bingo. John van der Kaa, musician and provider of games of skill. Hilda Callender for her wit, humour and all round personality.

The dress up skills of Hazel and Hunt Dryburgh as their Majesties at the Right Royal Do.
Denis Stephenson as Rod Stewart. The rock and rollers Janet Shrive and Peter Highsted.
The camera wizardry of Robin Radford. The computer wizardry of Gay Kerr.
Robin and Gay both major contributors to the 50th anniversary book project.

Events

The popular Saturday night socials in the eighties and nineties with Bill Rees, husband of Elizabeth, being a popular MC.
In recent years, we have enjoyed mid-winter and end of year socials. A wide variety including car rallies, film evenings, bus trips, visits to Te Papa and Government House, mid-winter and end of year lunches at our club rooms and elsewhere from Tug Boat on the Bay to The Wine Makers Daughter (Te Horo) and the Red Hackle Inn. High tea at the James Cook, mid-winter picnic, Right Royal Do, the Rugby World Cup, etc.

Table Tennis

Our year round programme includes doubles and singles days during the winter, and singles days during the summer.

Our annual Championships -

Ladies singles - pre 1990 the ladies had a very competitive ladder system operating. In 1990, Jean and Robin presented the Radford Cup for the open singles champion through to 1996, now presented to the ladies singles champion.

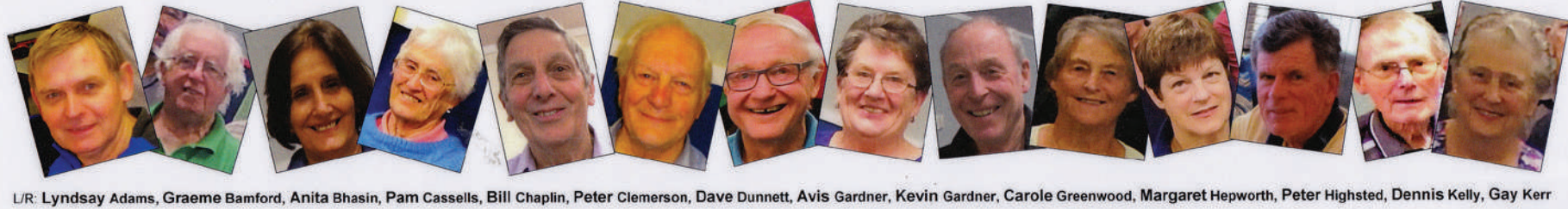
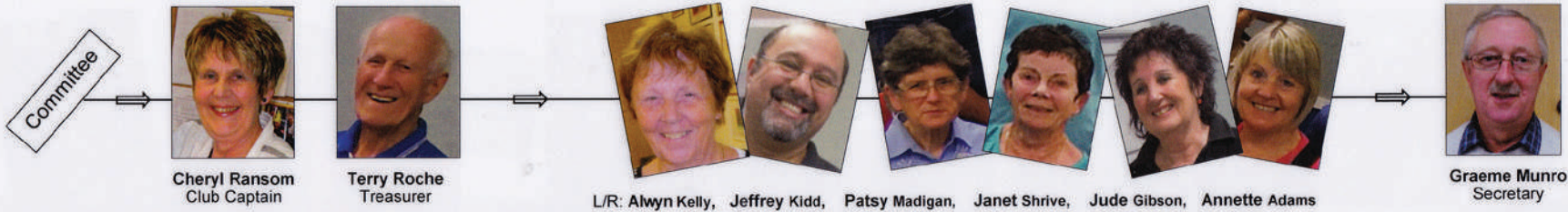
The club provided an open singles cup in 1997, now presented to the men's singles champion.

Penny and Jim Ross presented the Ross Cup in 1992 for presentation to the winners of the annual handicap doubles competition.

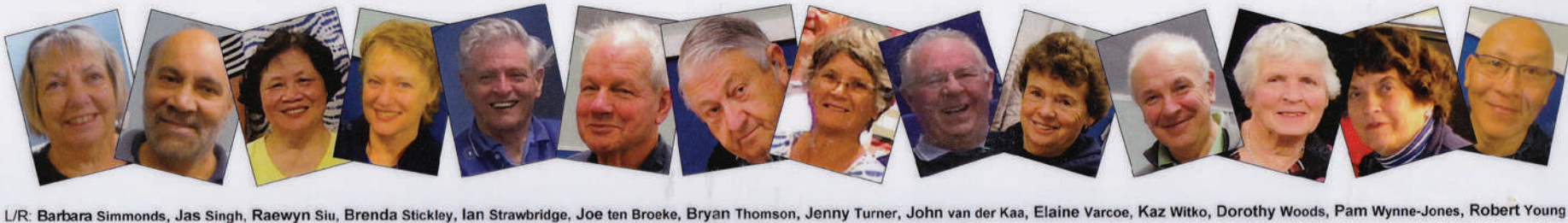
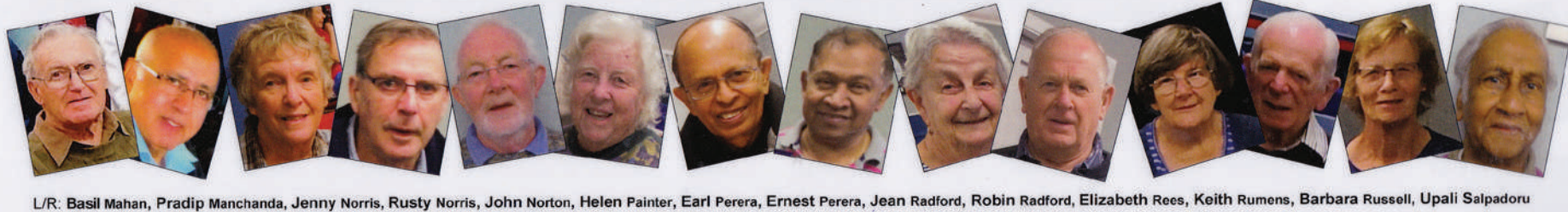
In 1996, the club introduced an award for the most improved player. This cup is awarded annually. The first winner was Maureen Hodges, here today.

We have home and away interclub visits during the winter (Red Star, Kapiti and Waikanae) and we support the annual Empire Invitation Doubles Tournament.





Tawa District Mid Week Table Tennis Club
50th Anniversary Lunch - 30 July 2016 Financial Members



All about the club at: <http://www.tawatabletennis.org.nz>

Produced by Robin Radford

Margaret Mason
Founding member
Club Captain



Tawa District Mid Week Table Tennis Club



Past Members Present, 50th Anniversary Lunch, 30 July 2016


Jean Atkins


Norma Bremner


Alison Burns


Cushla Cook


Dot Cooper


Eileen Gray


Helen Greening


Maureen Hodges


Ron Hughes


David Lash


Gretchen Lash


Velma Maunsell


Dawn Page


Tom Ranson


Elizabeth Rees


Noreen Richards


Dorothy Robinson


Aileen Scott


Edna Sheppard


Ian Simmonds


Barbara Stone


April Sullivan


Ruth Will


Shirley Williamson


Shirley Wilson



50 Years Apart

Club Captains
1966 Margaret Mason | 2016 Cheryl Ranson

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