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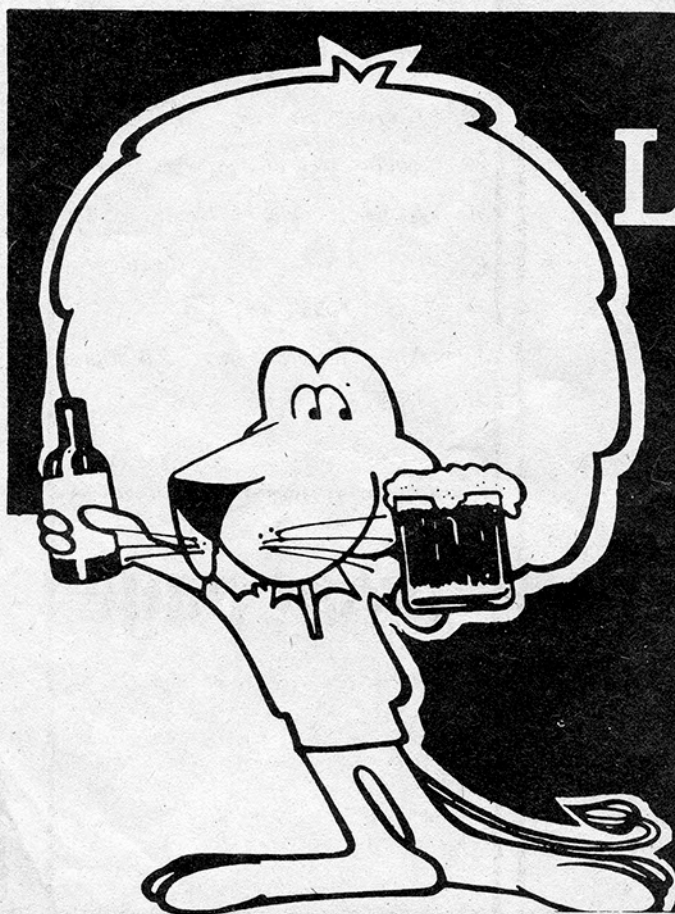
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richmond reminders

OCTOBER

1. Ladies' Night 6-10pm Club Band
2. Ladies' Night 6-10pm Easy Band
7. Housie
8. Ladies' Night 6-10 Club Band
9. Ladies' Night 6-10pm

Art Pickering

14. Housie
15. Ladies' Night 6-10pm Club Band
16. Ladies' Night 6-10pm Harliquins
21. Housie
22. Ladies' Night 6-10pm Club Band
23. Ladies' Night 6-10pm3- to be arranged.
28. Housie
29. Ladies' Night 6-10pm Club Band
30. Ladies' Night 6-10pm - to be arranged.

NOVEMBER

2. Old Timers Day 2-4.30pm
4. Housie

front page

Taking a break between numbers are Rambler band members, Allan Ryan, Mel Smith (Chairman Music Section), Noel Wayne, Ron Fox, Ron Whitlam, Mark Brown, Brian Hey and Les Quested.

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Workingmen's clubs throughout New Zealand are facing difficult times financially. Costs are skyrocketing, low interest debentures hard to come by and building funds difficult to secure. Membership dues no longer are sufficient to meet a club's annual expenses and this year levies upon club members have been imposed by many clubs. Club raffles and the generosity of many members providing donations and low interest loans have been of considerable help but other alternatives are constantly being looked at. Thanks to **Rambler** and the imaginative thinking of the editors and some of the advertisers, however, there does seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel.

In the last issue we ran a story about two insurance companies - South British and New Zealand Medicare - whose policies and rates have been deemed superior by such authorities as **National Business Review**. Both these companies have made arrangements to donate to the club all sales commissions resulting from applications picked up at our front office. By patronizing these companies, members who require the coverage they provide can effect a direct contribution to the club at no expense to themselves and **if only twenty five percent of our members did so it would result in several thousand dollars**. There is even an added bonus because not only will members be guaranteed of the best coverage available but they will have the benefit of the club's considerable influence as a group purchaser. Combining the membership of the other clubs who are participating in the plan comprises a group equal to P.S.A.

and we are all aware of the benefits those blokes have achieved as a purchasing group.

In this issue of **Rambler** there is still another opportunity to be of financial assistance to your club. One of Christchurch's largest franchised car dealers, Cable Price Toyota, have taken the cue from the insurance companies and Mr N.R. Hampton, Automotive Manager, and a member of the Hoon Hay-Spreydon Workingmen's Club, has come up with an imaginative and generous offer. **Twenty dollars will be donated to the club for every purchase of a used car from Cable Price by a club member**. There are absolutely no strings attached. You are assured at Cable Price of a good deal and you can negotiate it completely **before** registering the sale with the coupon printed in their advertisement on page 22

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I would like to see the day when all chartered clubs in New Zealand can join forces by co-operative purchasing through the medium of their own publications such as **Rambler**. Perhaps we are showing the way. It's up to you.

As we go to press, still another Christchurch company has come up with a special deal...this time a

discount to members and a club donation as well. Bill Aldridge, proprietor of the exciting new sports store in Edgeware Village has written us a letter confirming the extraordinarily generous offer outlined in his ad on page 39. You'll be seeing our members there for sure, Bill, and we wish you the very best of luck in your new venture.

CONTEST TIPS ON \$200 RECEIPT CONTEST

November 15th is drawing near. It has now been agreed that receipts from the advertisers in the other club magazines (**Christchurch Riverbank** and **Woolston Grapevine**) will also be valid, so if should pick up a copy when visiting another club you might well find some extra possibilities. The idea is reciprocal and members of the other clubs will be able to enter receipts from **Rambler** advertisers when competing in their own receipt contests. Through such inter-club cooperation the effect upon advertisers is tripled and the purchasing power of the workingmen's clubs becomes something to be reckoned with.

Remember too, that its simple enough to stop by Dick Carden's or Tony Butler's garage when you need to fill up or New World Supermarket, or the local dairies and groceries who have advertised, when the little lady asks you to pick up a loaf of bread or a dozen eggs. Every receipt counts. To date it seems that nobody has really started their collection in earnest so you can still walk off with \$200 on November 15th with a minimum of effort. Check the past issue of **Rambler** for further details and suggestions you might not have thought of.

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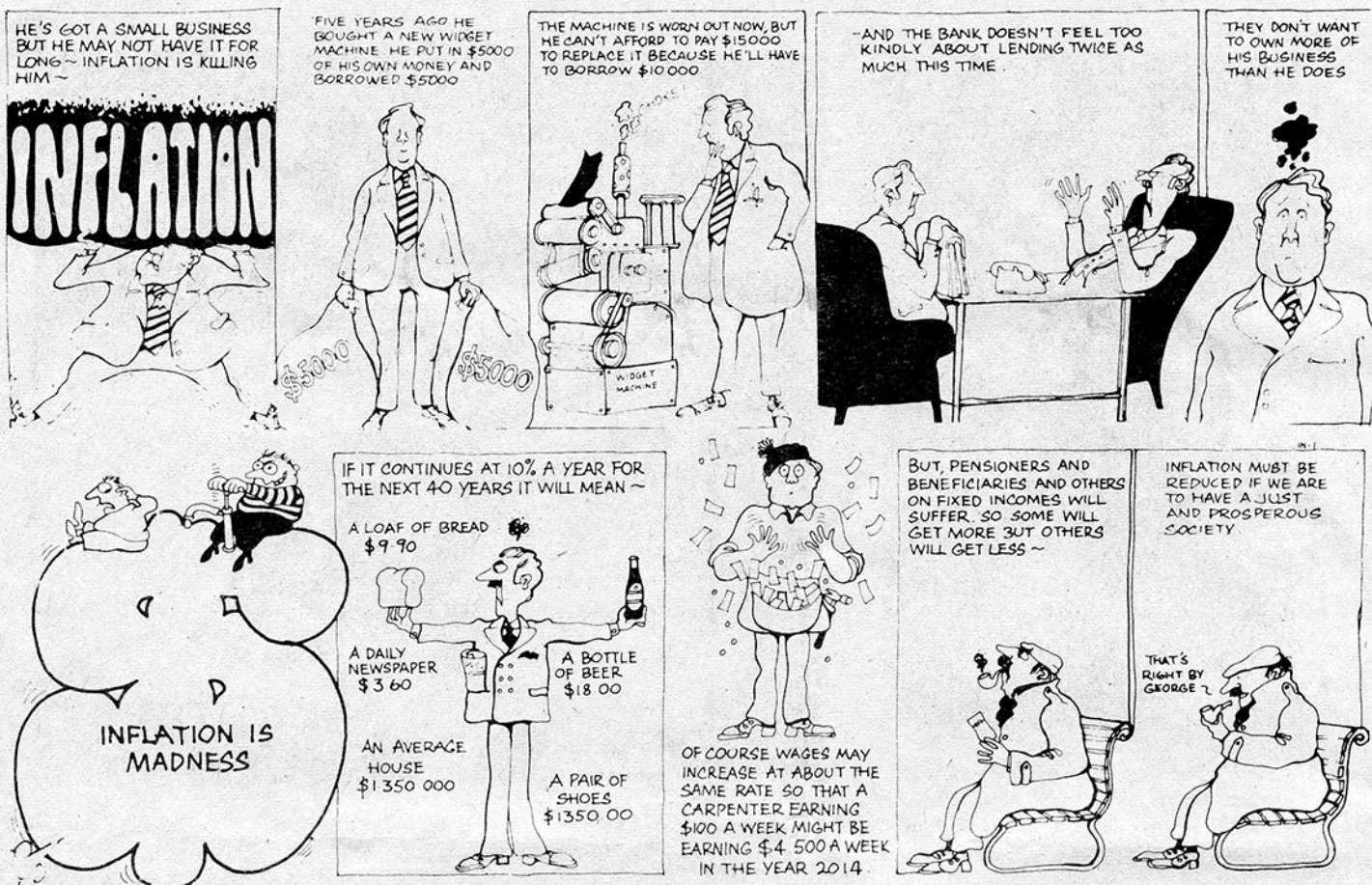
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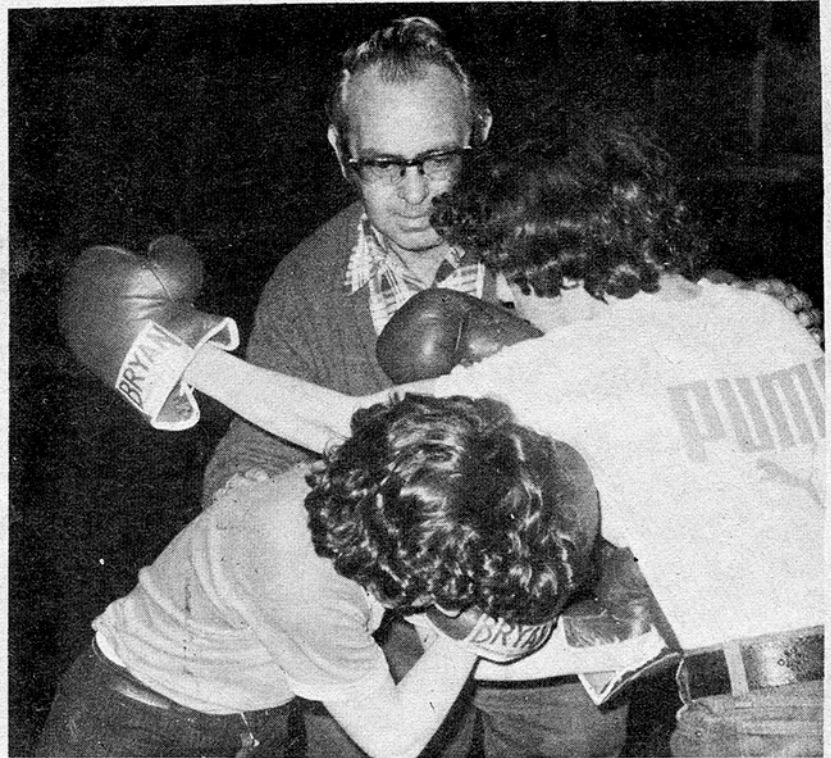
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RIGHT. Two boxers under their coaches watchful eye.



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A full-time, professional musician, Noel has been a regular entertainer at the club for the past year. He believes music is an increasingly important part of our social scene. An energetic member, he is keen to see the club's entertainment facilities progress.

He is certainly getting an enthusiastic reaction for the music section. It seems we have the making of several professional bands among our members. Eighteen musicians have joined up, supported by 70 social members who are helping to get the project off the ground. "We've got a lot of talent among our members."

The sound of music is really going to be swinging in the big, upstairs hall. Noel has pressed the club's need for an improved sound system, and now we have a brand new, \$700 installation.

With Noel on guitar and taking the vocal solo spot, the music section's first band made its debut on ladies night, early in October.

"New boys" Les Quested, Alan Ryan, Bryan Hey, Mark Brown, and Ron Whitkar received an enthusiastic reception, so the future looks bright.

In a year when club finances are a big preoccupation, house bands like this should prove a big saving. "Up till now sections have had to hire outside bands for their functions," says Noel. "Now they can come to the music section and we can get them organised with anything from a Bavarian to a rock band."

Noel Wayne has done just about every job, from electrician to professional deer shooter. For the past two years he has been making his living making music.

He started young, learning the guitar when he was eight. At 13 he was playing in bands, and through the years he has toured the country with a "Miss New Zealand" show, teamed up with



John Hore for a tour, and now settled into a solo act. "Settled as long as it's a paying proposition," he grins.

The pub round is his bread and butter, the Richmond Club dates his real challenge. And those functions are a lot of fun too. "I play at the club for enjoyment really," he says. "The place has got a special atmosphere. You get to know your audience, and really want to please them, make sure they have a good time."

Noel's not just a performer, he also gets a lot of satisfaction from teaching guitar. He has a number of private teenage pupils. In the future he hopes the music section will be able to offer tuition at the club to nearby schools, bringing the club and the Richmond community even closer.

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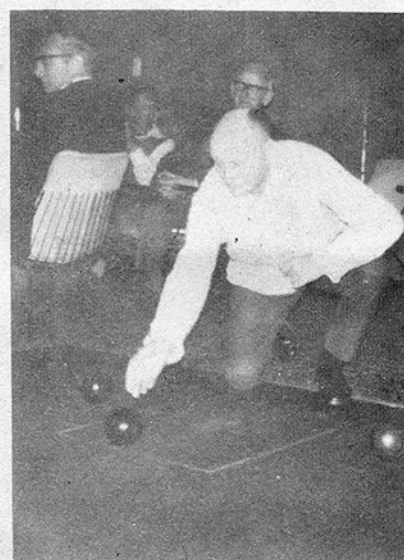
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TOP: Glenda Brownlees, Pam Swanson and Gary Brownlees take a break from the dance floor.

RIGHT There was some bowls played on the Coast trip - Bill Moton in action.



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RIGHT Glenice Cochrane, Bob Cochran, Alison Elliot, Alf Jenkins and Bob Ford enjoy the weather.

LOWER: Richmond's two competitive rifle teams.



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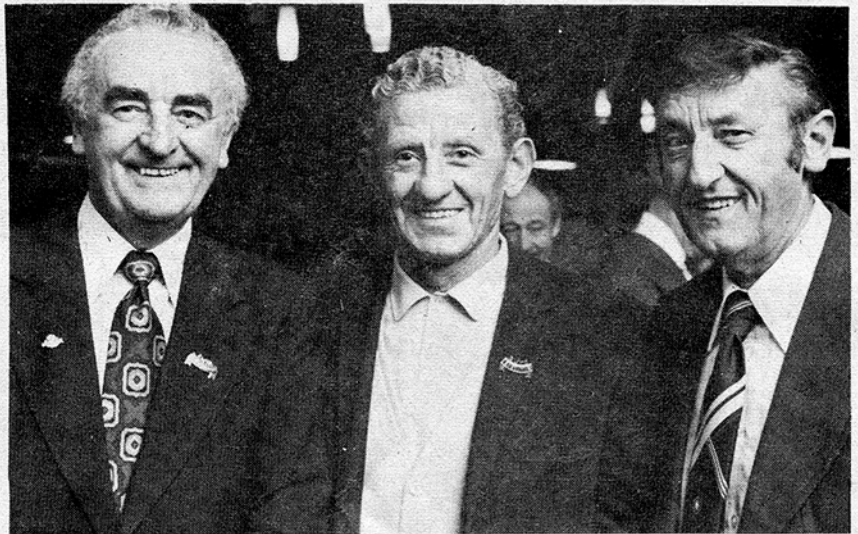
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TOP LEFT Waiting intently for a raffle result. Cathy Symister.



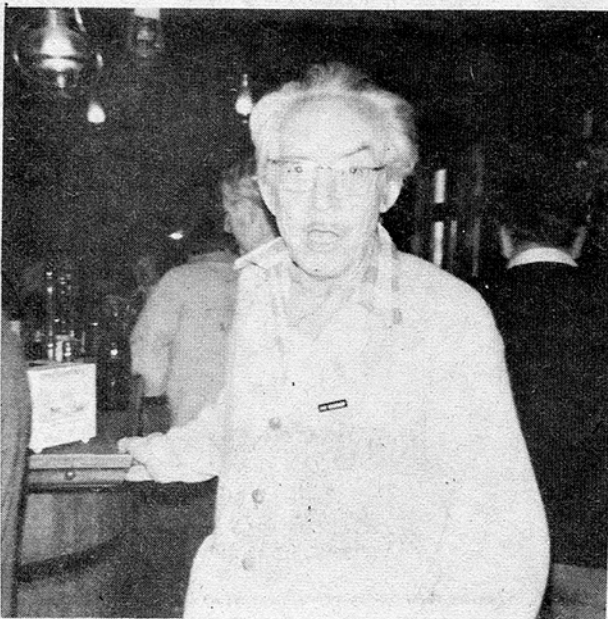
TOP RIGHT Sandy Fraser Vice President, Cyril Flattery Chairman E.T.C. and Dove Fraser, Sandy's brother.



RIGHT Having a peek at the next days Gee Gee's. Graeme O'Connor.

LOWER LEFT: Pat Boucher sees the bar at Jacksons move!

LOWER RIGHT. Roy Garnett has a leak in his head plugged by a strange hand. Dave Earl looks on with reserves!



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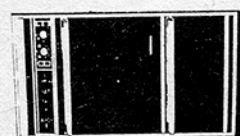
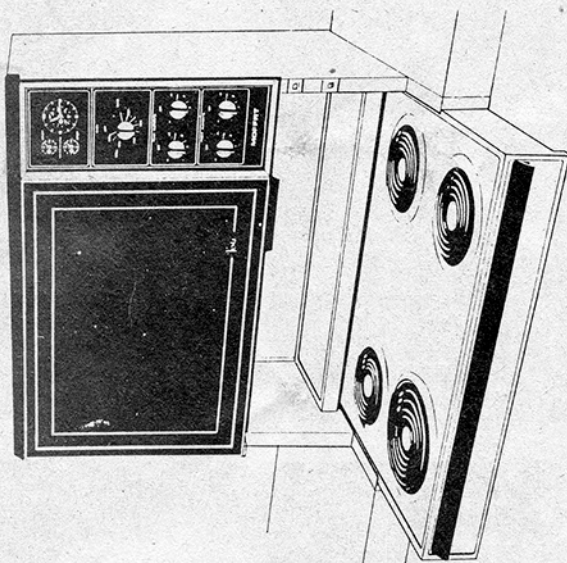
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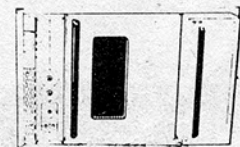
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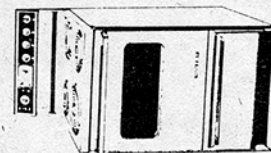
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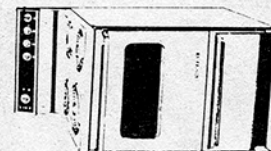
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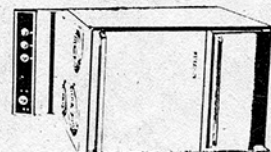
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CRICKET

Congratulations to the organisers on the first issue of the club magazine. We of the above section think it is a fine effort.

Our Annual General Meeting was held recently and was well attended. Those elected to office for this year were: Chairman - Wally Bampton, Secretary - Kevin Smith, Treasurer - Neill Thompson, Club Captain - Graeme Gurr, Committee - Wally Newman, Gerry Mannix, Jack Gobbe, Pat Daly.

Opening day has been set down for 3rd October at St James Park 10.30 a.m., new players most welcome.

Found recently in Kaikoura: two staunch members of the club, Brian Flutey and Dave Robertson. Normally commercial fishermen but, because of the weather, now house renovators and scree garden experts. Members visiting Kaikoura may find them at South Bay or the New Commercial Hotel

PAT DALY

INDOOR BOWLS

September and we anxiously watch the cold wet weather that so retards the growth that we urgently need on our greens for the opening of our new bowling season. Our indoor season has come to a close with Doug Messervey's team emerging the winners of the indoor tournament. They were worthy winners, losing only one game for the whole season. Our final day will be on the 26th September. This is a social afternoon when the Executives of the Christchurch W.M.C., the Richmond W.M.C. and our own Executive play off for the Frank Duffy Trophy.

JACK ANDREWS

Band

Well, we have finally got the show on the road to the pleasure of quite a number of members of the club.

We have been practicing every Monday night for the past six weeks and having a session on the odd Saturday morning which you will already have heard.

This is a new section in the club and we feel it will go a long way and save the club and the sport sections quite a sum of money which could be used in some other way than employing outside musicians.

The talent in the section is of a high standard, from amateur to professional status, with instruments ranging from piano, trumpet, bass, banjo, guitar, sax, trombone, and a host of other instruments too numerous to mention.

I am pleased to inform you that on 1st October there will be a "LADIES NIGHT" in the large Hall from 7.30 - 10.30 which will be our first major venture as a group. There will be no cover charge as it is basically an ETC evening but rather interesting raffles will be run, so please come along and enjoy yourselves.

In closing, on behalf of the section, I would especially like to thank Keith Richards, Ron Hughes and Barry Hix for making this section possible. Thank you.

NOEL WAYNE



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Saturday inter-club competition for Gray Shield starts on Oct. 2nd, involving 12-man teams from other Clubs. Richmond has the distinction of having two teams in this competition so rivalry amongst the Section is very keen.

The Gray Shield, of which the first competition was played in 1928, was donated by the late J. Gray, who was then, Vice-President of the Christchurch Workingmen's Club. Richmond and Christchurch were the only two teams in the inaugural game till 1929 when Ashburton joined in. Then in about 1954 New Brighton, followed by other Clubs, to bring the competition to its present day clashes. Rivalry between the Clubs is very constant, although the social aspect is as strong as is the competition.

Quoits, as a whole, is only played competitively in Canterbury, and then, only in Workingmen's Clubs. The quoits themselves are made by hand, and this Section is very lucky to have the capable and powerful hands of Allan Donaldson. It is an art which is not easy to come by, and I am sure Allan is proud of his finished product.

Our first Section competition was finished on Saturday. This was the Cox Cup and it was won by Bill Payne and Maurice Stegehuis. This will be Maurice's first full season, so it looks like being a good one. We still require new members, so if anyone is interested, do not be afraid to come and have a try. Section night is Thursdays at 7.30pm. You do not have to compete in Saturday play if you do not wish.

BRIAN BARKLE

RIFLE

On 28th August at 0500 hours, under the supervision of Sgt Norm Hogan, 5 members of the Rifle Section left for the Nelson Smallbore Rifle Assn Champs.

Nelson at 1050 hours, a car load of thirsty shooters waited for a bar to open.

Shooting for our lads commenced at 1500 hours and by 1700 hours they had put up the following scores: Roy Mitchell (open grade) 299.26, Lindsay Waters (A grade) 296.20, Tom Pinkerton (C grade) 293.16, Gary Reynish (D grade) 283.13, Cliff Anderson (C grade) 285.12.

After a tea break Roy returned to the Rifle Range for a shoot off while the others went to sample some more DB.

2300 hours, Sgt Hogan marched his troops back to the Rifle Range to see Roy Mitchell collect the Champion of Champions Trophy with a shoot off score of 200.20. Lindsay Waters was placed 3rd in the A grade, and Tom Pinkerton staggered up to receive his "markmans badge" for a 4th place in the C grade.

Gary and Cliff were mentioned somewhere in dispatches.

Returning to the Hotel the victors celebrated till the early hours.

Sunday and the Sgt and his troop made a long dry journey back to Christchurch.

On behalf of the Rifle Section and the RWMC we would like to congratulate Roy Mitchell on winning the Champion of Champions Trophy.

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Fishing

Our Combined Film Evening and Rifle Shoot held on Thursday, 17 September was an enjoyable evening for those who made it but once again there were many who didn't take advantage of it.

Not knowing the publishing date of the next issue, some of the following may be outdated, but firstly -

There will be a Family Day at Kairaki Beach on Sunday, 10 October. Floundering, whitebaiting and a bit of rod fishing if you fancy it. Don't forget your 2 gallon bucket for the whitebait!

A list is on the board for a proposed 'Stag' trip to Mokinui, Labour Weekend. More details when we know what sort of team we have. October 15 will be the deadline for this trip.

We are occasionally admonished that our trips away are always 'Stag' and there appears to be some feeling for a members and wives weekend. We've decided to give this a 'go' on the weekend starting Friday, 29th October at Akaroa. There is a list on the board and once again more details when we know what sort of team we have. This will also be an October 15 deadline. Put pen to paper if interested.

The Kent Cup will be held early in November, venue to be decided by the Organisers - N.A.C. - but rumour has it that it will be Tuomutu. This is a four-man team surfcasting competition, with no limit on the number of teams of course. So keep this one in mind.

A.W.Adam

Darts

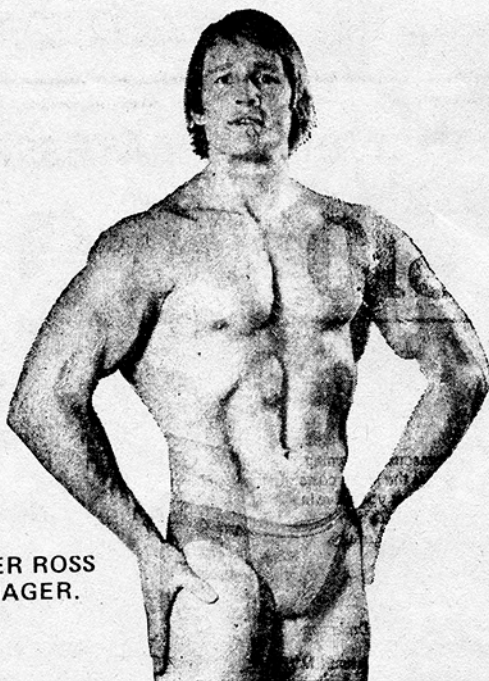
Yes, again on our return game with the police we finished up the victors. A very nice night was had by all. Good supper and Ken Smith from Richmond scored yet another possible "180"

Our boys at the South Island champs held at Ashburton on August 14th did not have that little birdie on their shoulders on the day. They received no major honours outside of Mike Fagan.

Mike was selected to play for the South Island against the North Island Working Men's Club team. The games were played at the Rangitiki Club, Fielding, on August 18th. Results: 31 - 29 against the South.

A special thanks to the Rangitiki Club for the manner in which they welcomed and entertained the boys.

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GOLF

FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Our season is slowly growing to a close after another successful year. We have two more fixtures to round off the season.

The next match will be played at Amberley on October 10th. It will be a Stableford match played against the RAMS (Retired American Military Servicemen), for the Ben McIlroy Memorial Trophy. The golf section has managed to retain this trophy since it was first introduced. Let's have a good turn out for this one.

Closing Day is only a few weeks away, and will be held at Amberley on November 14th. This is the one day in the season when members are allowed to choose their own partners, so it is time for you burglars to start looking around and make your decisions. We will be playing an 18 hole stroke round in the morning. After lunch will be a 9 hole mystery, not to be announced until after the draw for starting times has been posted on our bulletin board.

We would like to congratulate our Matchplay Champions who will be awarded their prizes and trophies on closing day.

They were seniors, A.I. Taylor, intermediates, R. Batty; junior A, R. Bonnett, junior B, S. Baynes. Runners up are: seniors, E. Wilkinson; intermediates, K. Smith; junior A, J. O'Connell; junior B, A. Wright. Well done chaps!

As for our Nett Play Champions, you will just have to sweat it out a little longer. These lucky winners will be announced at the prize giving ceremony on closing day.

Plans for the Kaikoura trip are well under way for the weekend of the 26th -28th November. Those members who plan on making this sojourn please contact Donald Robertson, so that plans and reservations can be confirmed.

See you at the 19th.

ED KINGEN

TABLE TENNIS

The 21st September saw the start of club championship events. Handicap singles were completed with Philip Jefferies -12, beating John Bloom -11 in straight games to take the match and title 23-21, 21-18. Congratulations Philip.

By the time these notes are read eight members will have represented our section at the South Island Championships at Oamaru on the 25th September. Hope I can report some success in later notes.

Coming events in the club are, a trip to Southbrook with our wives - girlfriends etc as special guests, and a barbecue day out in the country, date yet to be selected. Watch that notice board chaps, that's where the information will appear.

Must apologise for no notes earlier, but my election to this elevated office was in the usual diplomatic manner. "You're it", at short notice.

For the information of our readers, Bob Watson is our Chairman, and Charlie Kirner is Secretary.

New members are always welcome. That's all for now, but don't forget to keep getting those shots back.

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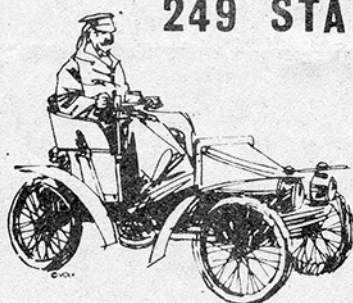
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Men's Indoor

The 1976 Indoor Bowls season is nearly completed and many of our members are preparing to don their "whites" and polish their bowls in anticipation of the outdoor season. However the indoor scene has progressed on with our annual visit to the Kaiapoi WMC (Harry Harry Cup), the combined WMC championship threes at Kearneys Road, a visit to the Windsor IBC and a return visit by them to Richmond, indoor bowls section Vs outdoor bowls section, West Coast trip, Veterans Tournaments at Hoon Hay WMC and a visit to Richmond by the Templeton farm boys.

Our visit to Kaiapoi WMC this year was a revenge visit as we went into battle to try and win back the Harry Harry Cup obviously lost to Kaiapoi the previous year. We were not successful in winning the trophy but we were successful in the knowledge that the sporting link between the two Harry's, namely Harry Booth and the late Harry Wilkinson (after whom the cup was named) remained as close as ever. It was pleasing to see a good turn out by the Richmond boys, the best this season for an away visit, and the spirit and manner both sides displayed was tremendous, obviously handed down over the years by the two Harrys. Kaiapoi as always turned on a very nice supper with refreshments to end the evening.

Club championships have continued on with the Fours and Handicap Singles being completed. The successful players were... Fours: Murray Davis (Skip), Ron Reither (3rd), Roy Garnett (2nd), Stephen Fris (lead). Handicap Singles: Murray Davis.

The combined WMC Championship threes was held at CIBA headquarters, Kearneys Road and was won this year by the Hornby WMC. Richmond enters seven teams of which five teams qualified but apart from one team, failed to last a round or two of post section play. The exception being Barry Glasco's team who were eliminated or "executed" (Barry will remember the game), in the semi-finals. A great effort and with an ounce of luck and the little bird on the shoulder, the team could have made the final just a formality. Barry's team consisted of Bob Hartwell and Morrie Clements. Better luck next year fellows!

On the successful side, we herald in the "Champs". Richmond won for the first time the combined WMC Veterans Tournament, played at the Hoon Hay WMC. The winning combination being: Val Blackler (skip), Jim McFarlane (3rd), Morrie Johnson (2nd) and Les Gribben (lead). They each won a prize, and the trophy for the team, which is held in the Richmond Club for twelve months. Congratulations boys - there's plenty left in you all yet!

The annual In and Out Cup, donated by Pat Boucher, and played between the indoor guns and the outdoor terrors, is as always, a most welcomed

event. The 'Outies' play host at Petrie Street and usually bath us and we in return do a similar feat to them. This year the Outies thrashed us at our own game. Mind you - we loaned them (at a price) some of our indoor cum outdoor experts to help them out. However the In and Out Cup remains at Petrie Street. We had an enquiry into the running of the event, and it was discovered that Ray Dalgety was filling glasses at an overage rate, but only the indoor fellow's glasses were involved.

The last major event on our calendar this season was the West Coast trip. The writer was fortunate to be one of the participants and it is only 24 hours since he arrived back home, needless to say, the Richmond Rambler is fortunate that it is capable of deciphering his writing (rather shaky after a hectic weekend).

What can one say? A tremendous time was had by all. The object of course was to play bowls against the Greymouth and West Coast Indoor Bowls Association. This indeed we did but were not successful in qualifying as the West Coast style of bowling was too good for us. However we endeavoured to fill in as much of the 24 hours per day the best way possible.

We travelled to Greymouth via Arthurs Pass and our only stops en route were Jacksons and Kumara. Then on to our hotel. Being very conscientious bowlers we practised our arm until the wee small hours and played bowls (or should I say tried to play) the next morning. The result you know! Having been eliminated, all twelve of us visited the Greymouth WMC and most of us stayed until the evening dance and Bavarian night was over. When walking back to our hotel, we could not help but notice how crooked the Greymouth streets were.

Sunday morning, and off to Ronunga WMC for choir practice until 1 o'clock - back to the hotel for lunch, then on to Jacksons and Otira for replenishment. The highlight of the trip was "Merlin the Magician" (Jim McFarlane). His array of tricks had all before him stunned and he kept us amused in more ways than one. Mine Host at the hotel, Carl Voyt, was particularly impressed as were the three female members of the kitchen staff. Vic Nankivell made sure the girls were being looked after and he enjoyed every minute of their company (the "younge" devil). Dave Earl was the best musician on the trip being capable of playing the piano but excelling with his wind instrument. Although not altogether accepted by some of us, he tried hard to please. The remainder of us developed tennis elbows which will no doubt in time disappear.

The compliment of players (??) Vic Nankivell, Jim McFarlane, Cyril Hughes, Bob Jolly, Pat Boucher, Bill Morton, Henry Huggins, Dave Earl, Bill Innes, Les Gribben, Roy Garnett, and a very decompressed writer, were very tired when Christchurch was again their sights. But after some needed

sleep we were all ready again for another night of club bowls - this time against the Templeton Farm Boys who really are delightful people.

The usual rush for sweets and cigarettes along with plentiful bottles of soft drink makes this a night to remember. The odd team at supper time is received with warm enthusiasm and generally everyone enjoys themselves.

Well there's not much left to the season now. Apart from club nights, there's only the combined WMC Championship Fours to be played. Who knows - maybe Richmond will win this one. Let's hope so. Cheers.

MURRAY DAVIS

Boxing

Followers of boxing who witnessed the professional bout held in our social hall between Eric Briggs and Tom Parch in June last, also the many amateur bouts promoted by the Canterbury Boxing Association, could not help but go away fully satisfied. Boxing has come back with some heavy punches in Canterbury.

No one could deny the courage shown by Briggs, who broke a bone in his left hand in the seventh round, but carried on to win on points over 10 x 3 minute rounds.

After five weeks out of action, he stepped in with Sopo Elisora, who had beaten the highly rated Jeff Rackly convincingly a few weeks before. Briggs dropped the decision to Elisora who cannot help but be rated the best middleweight in N.Z. at present, after a torrid 12 rounds. A fight that is rated by some experts as the best seen in Canterbury for many years.

The boxing section is pleased to be associated with the promotion of a bout between Briggs and Eddy Tanui, of Auckland, also many amateur bouts to be held in the club's social hall on Wednesday 13th October. It will be of interest to members to note that profits from this tournament will be donated to the club's building fund.

All members wishing to attend this contest may obtain tickets from section committee members: P. Pyne, W. Bates, C. Yosleni, A. Hands, G. O'Connor, W. Dorrell.

Members of our team who will be having bouts will be: K. Pyne, light welterweight, A. Rogal, 6 stone 12 lbs, and J. Rogal, 5 stone 4 lbs.

Training season will be finishing this month, and will be reopening in April 1977. It looks like we will be having a busy season next year, so get the boys' names in early.

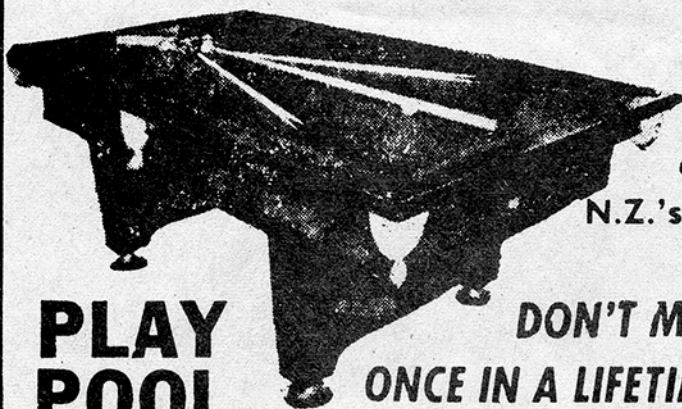
We will be holding a trophy and prize giving function for the team later in October. All section members welcome.

The section thanks trainers W. Undschoy and L. Nye and raffle sellers G. O'Connor and P. Curtis, and all members for their services throughout the season. Also, special thanks to Aultere Undschoy. We wish him the best of health.

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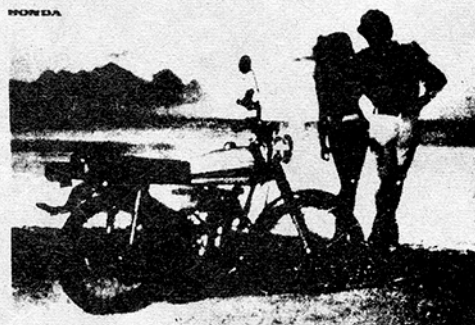
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Member Woolston W.M.C.

What does industrial relations mean to the present Muldoon National government? Well may we ask, for it is difficult to make any sense out of it. It seems to mean a lot of noise, waving of big sticks and as much disruption as possible. Hardly what we would call successful industrial relations.

Many of us have had the feeling more than once this year that Muldoon was shaping up for another 1951. But what possible reason could they have? In 1951 the Holland government had a pressing political motive - they wanted to increase their majority in Parliament. But with a 25 seat majority Muldoon can hardly be pressed by this motive. The only possible reason for their provoking of industrial trouble is that they are out to destroy the union movement once and for all, and replace it with state-controlled organisations. The phrase "good union" has been heard more and more in recent months from Minister of Labour Gordon. It seems that a "good union" is one that does as the government tells it and makes no protest on anything at all, even on wages and working conditions of its members which are the only things that National, very narrowly, believes they have any right to express themselves on.

In last year's election National campaigned hard on the "compulsory" unionism issue.

National has used the compulsory unionism issue three times to gain office, 1949, 1960 and 1975. After gaining office in 1949 the Holland government did nothing. In 1961 the Second National government did change the provisions of the indus-

trial Conciliation and Arbitration Act which provided that a clause be written into every award and industrial agreement requiring every adult worker be a member of an appropriate union. The 1961 amendment now provided that "preference to unionists" clauses could be negotiated into awards and agreements. However, it soon became clear that all parties, including the employers, wanted a situation where most workers are represented by a union. The reason from the employers side is that it is easier to negotiate if you know that the people you are negotiating with represent all the workers. They have made this very plain on numerous occasions. The result is that in over 900 awards and collective agreements in existence now only one or two have no provision at all for union membership.

Having been successful in using the "compulsory" unionism issue on two previous occasions it was not surprising when the National Party trotted it out for a further airing last year. But what has happened since the election? All that has happened is a lot of disruption - 204 disputes involving 80,000 workers. The proposal to have ballots of all workers on the issue of union membership seems to have been dropped. Why? We will have to wait and see but maybe the National Party has now seen the sense that has been offered from many quarters, not least the Labour Party, and decided that their stated policy was undesirable. It could be that it was all a piece of electioneering gimmickry. If so, the National Party stands condemned for causing so much disruption and confrontation arising from their unscrupulous efforts to gain office.

continued next issue.



DID YOU KNOW

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On Tax

by Peter Sanott

(Member ChCh Workingmens' Club)

Hi Ho, here we are after one month and we are still paying tax!

In February, 1977 the introduction of the National Superannuation Scheme gets under way. Age Beneficiaries change over to the "Soup" scheme and join the ranks of salary and wage earners as taxpayers. There is little doubt that the current concessions will go into the Passing Parade and post-mortems will be held.

In this year ending 31.3.77 you can be sure that many Age Beneficiaries will be entitled to tax refunds. If you fall into this category, I would like to cite a few examples from my actual cases on file to help you claim that overpaid tax. I keep them anonymous for obvious reasons.

Case #1 This man has a child in unfortunate circumstances, having been in a Mental Institution for many years. He did not realize that although he was, in fact, contributing clothing and other comforts for the youngster involved he, as taxpayer, had the right to claim a "Dependent Relative" exemption for the statutory period of eight years. **The refund involved in the overpaid tax, amounted to several hundred dollars.**

Another one of his children, it was discovered, was fully dependent on him also for three financial years because the Family Benefit had ceased and the income was not sufficient for his own support. **For this claim the refund was \$170.00.**

Case #2: A solo parent had a son who commenced work in late March, 1976 but had left school the previous November (when Family Benefit ceased). Because his dependency was a fact during this four month interval, with no board being paid, a genuine claim was made and **a rebate of \$60.00 was allowed.** Could be you, yourself, forgot last year. Good point?

Case #3 "Me mother's on the Age Benefit only and is a widow of 76. She lives with the wife and meself for 6 years now since Pa set off to join his ancestors. She is very frail and ailing. We don't want to send her to a home. She would not be able to pay the fees and her income would not be sufficient for her needs."

A "Dependent Relative Exemption" for six years was allowed.

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The President and Executive Committee also wish to thank the entire membership for their co-operation and support at the meeting on Saturday, September 18th, when the \$15 levy was approved in order to put the club on its feet in these difficult times. Unlike some other clubs, Richmond does not intend to make this an annual event and sincerely believes that this current levy will be a "oncer". With the efforts of the various sections and their raffle as well as the interesting new fund-raising methods described in Cyril Flattery's column, "Keeping in Touch" in this issue, we are confident that the finances of the club in the following years will be as healthy as our athletic teams.

HELP WANTED

A lot of people tell us we should be running classified ads for members, but we just don't have the staff or time to handle another detail like that right now. However, we are certainly willing to run a few personal notices for members if they have anything they wish to convey. Maybe if there are enough requests we will run a classified section some time. Meanwhile, here's an interesting notice. New Zealand Medicare, one of our advertisers, is interested in some part-time representatives and would probably be willing to give an exclusive deal, within the club, to the first successful applicant. If interested, call Mr. Madden, Christchurch Manager, at 50249

KEVIN PINE

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7. The announced deadline for entries is to be extended by 2 weeks due to the absence during October of Lincoln Adair our Promotional Director in New York city.

on the bags and two rounds of shadow boxing. For Kevin, relaxation comes quite naturally afterwards.

Kevin Pine was a butcher by trade, but shifted a month ago to the Road Maintenance Department of Christchurch City Council because he felt he needed a change. His interest in boxing remains unflagging, however.

He's now helping to get Eric Briggs ready for the big fight 13 October at RWMC and hopes that this main attraction will draw enthusiastic support. He can be seen participating in one of the eight amateur bouts preceding the big one.

Kevin feels that New Zealand's chances of producing a boxer of international status are quite good, especially with Monty Beetham of Auckland. "Monty, Commonwealth Champion Middleweight, might well put our name on the boxing map in large letters", he asserts.

When asked about the popularity of boxing here in Christchurch, Kevin contends that although it garners more interest in Auckland, fighters like Briggs and Elisara are starting to arouse important interest here.

A thoughtful and forthright young man, Kevin Pine didn't flinch or back away from a leading question about his reaction to the recent Ali-Norton decision. In the face of world-wide controversy, Kevin serenely backed the judges. "It was an all-right decision", he declared. "Taking the score into my own head, Norton was doing all the work but Ali was catching everything he had".

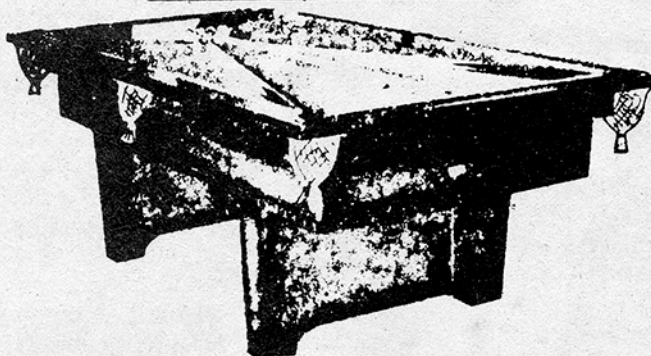
Kevin rates Mohammed Ali as Number One (even at age 34), followed by George Foreman and then Ken Norton.

Kevin Pine is a young man whose future will be fascinating to follow. We can watch him show his stuff as both fighter and trainer on 13 October, 8 p.m. at RWMC.

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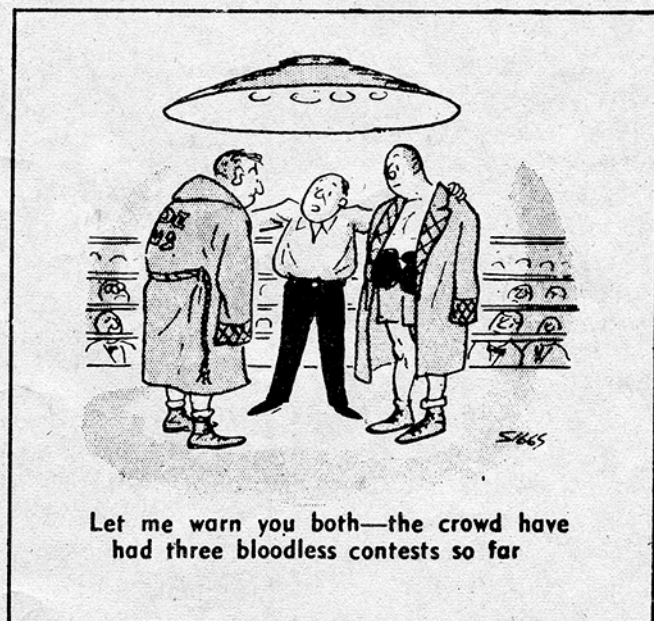
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Cyril Flattery also announces that there has been a good deal of interest raised in our new Travel Club co-ordinated with Lyn Crawford of Kinsey Travel Agency to arrange a specially discounted club tour probably to the South Pacific Islands and Australia. It's been suggested that the co-ordinating job of tour guide (who goes along free) be handled by a member and wife jointly so that each can go about interesting fellow members and member's wives respectively. Please check with Cyril if you're interested so we can announce the date of our first meeting shortly. We'll have an informal talk by Lyn Crawford and a showing of some good travel films.



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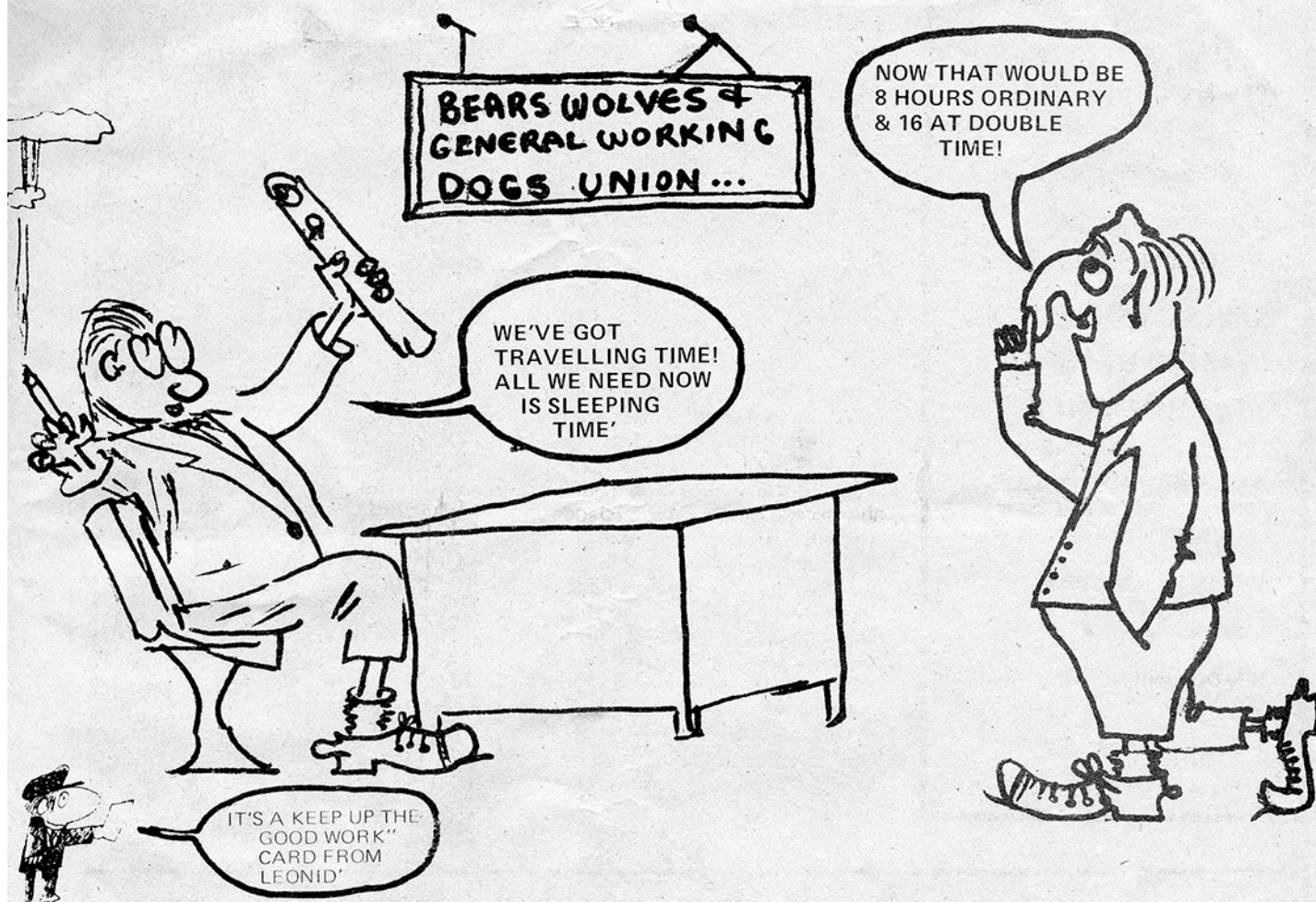


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BOXER WITH A DIFFERENCE

Many of us tend to think of boxers as dumb heavies, flamboyant loudmouths or aggressive brutes with a chip on the shoulder. Perhaps these characteristics, however stereotyped, are what it takes to be a pro, and help to explain why Kevin Pine has chosen to remain an amateur boxer.

A lean, handsome and unmarked young man of 22, Kevin weighs into the Welterweight category at 10 stone, 7 lbs. He's enthusiastic about Club activities and proud of his Sub-section work, but remains modest about the considerable achievements he has earned in his relatively short boxing career.

Kevin remembers that it was back around the age of seven that he and his brother used to get beaten up after school by older bullies down the block.

"One day Dad came home after we'd come out on the short end of the stick again, and said we'd just have to learn to defend ourselves. He gave us some gloves and said, 'Go to it', and we did".

A neighbour five doors away, Dennis Gallagher, was even more encouraging, taking Kevin under his wing from ages 8-9 when he knew he'd got keen on the gloves.

"I didn't meet Mr. Gallagher again till I was 11, at Crichton Cobbers Club, where

he was Junior Trainer. I worked with him there for three months and won the 1966 Canterbury Championships, and continued to train under him till he moved to England in 1968".

Kevin Pine has more than forty fights under his belt now with many of New Zealand's classiest fighters. His most notable opponents, and the ones from whom he has gained the most experience, are David Jackson, Derek Wilson, John Mitchell and Dean Rackley, all New Zealand champions.

In 1971 Kevin decided to forget about fighting for a while "in order to live like the ordinary bloke for a time and sort out my future plans". He continued to maintain an interest in the sport, however, up until 1975 when he became Assistant Trainer at RWMC.

Not long after, he decided he would like to see a bit more of the world and left for Australia on a working holiday. He went first to Surfers Paradise and started a Professional Boxers Camp on the Gold Coast. There he got fit and interested in fighting again, sparring with Gordon Causbic, (a former sparring partner of Hector Thompson).

Pleased with his rediscovered ability in the ring, he entered the Golden Gloves Championships of Australia in Perth. In an exciting, headline-making six rounder, he upset favoured W.A. champion G. Munro with a knockout in the final round.

Kevin enjoyed playing rugby for eleven years but confesses that he "just couldn't get good enough at it". This fact does, however, partly explain why Kevin chooses to remain at amateur status.

Professional boxing is "no holds barred" compared to the three rounds of amateur level; he asserts. "Not only would I have to dedicate myself to the profession full time, but I'd also need a killer-animal instinct. Pro boxing is just too demanding and too aggressive.

"I prefer to approach the sport like many of my coppers play rugby. It's a great way to keep in shape both physically and mentally, and just feeling that my reflexes are tuned up gives me a natural high".

Nonetheless, Kevin's training routine might sound harrowing to the rest of us who strive to keep fit. He has three sessions a week: Four rounds of sparring with Eric Briggs, five rounds on the ropes, four rounds

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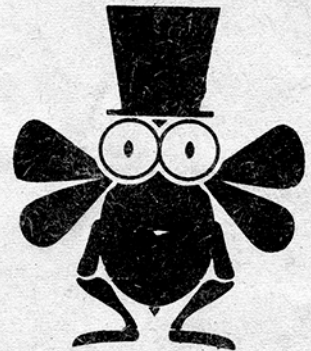
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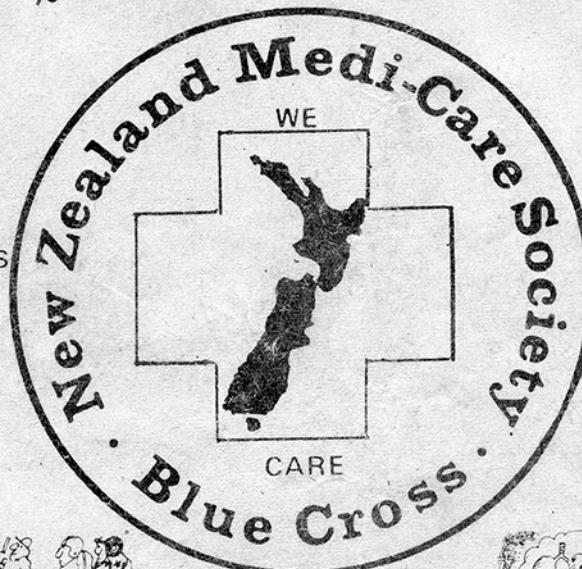
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