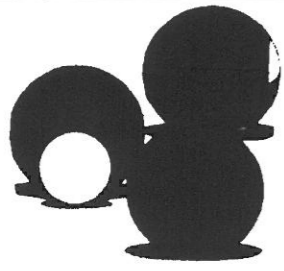


LEGEND HAD STYLE...cont



A man of slight build, Ron showed time and time again he had great stamina. He was a strong advocate of the chartered club movement. He worked hard in the interests of the Hamilton Cosmopolitan bowls sub-section and in recent years I know he took particular interest in the

amalgamation of the Frankton Junction Bowling Club with the Hamilton Workingmen's Club.

"That move was very timely. It's the way of the future. Although I'm a great believer in the traditions of the game, I know bowls has to move forward and make its mark in places where people like to gather. We need new faces in the game. The Workingmen's club is a classic example. With its excellent greens and location, Junction has great potential. In 1986 Ron was awarded an MBE for his services to bowls and in 1988 was Waikato Sports Administrator of the Year. Although he was quietly spoken, Ron was forthright in debates on bowls. He knew the rules and the way the sport should progress and with carefully chosen words would always put up sound arguments. His wry sense of humour often came to the fore when players and games of the past were discussed. To those who didn't know him well, he sometimes appeared very serious, perhaps too serious. However, he had his set routine. If distracted, he would go through it again. "Of course I'm serious when I'm on the green. You must always play to win. I can't smile when I'm delivering a bowl. The only time I smile is when I'm on the jack!"

Records prove 'Mr Bowls' certainly smiled a lot during his lifetime.



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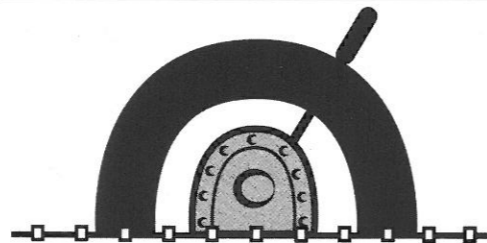
'Chick' was real friend to all clubs.

The sudden death of Trevor 'Chick' Boden in February robbed the NZ Chartered Club movement of one its most loyal servants.

'Chick' was a good friend to many Hamilton Workingmen's Club members and that was reflected by the numbers who attended his funeral.

He served the Cosmopolitan Club extremely well over 30 years and fully deserved his life membership reward. When he became area delegate he ensured the clubs in his care were well served. His enthusiasm was infectious and his endeavours on behalf of the organisations he represented were tireless. 'Chick' enjoyed nothing better than swapping yarns over a quiet beer or two. He had a 'soft' spot for Wairarapa rugby, was keen to ensure snooker remained a front line chartered club sport and always remained positive when the relative merits of the All Blacks and the Black Caps were being debated.

The Hamilton Workingmen's Club extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs Boden and family.



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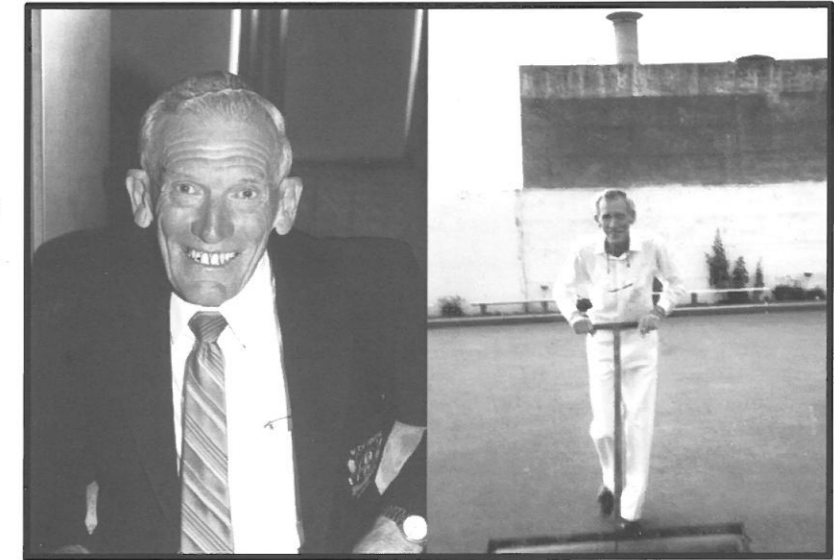
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REX BOWLS ALONG WITH HIS 'MAGIC' MEMORIES



REX CLEMETT who has made his mark in bowling administration and on the greens at Frankton Junction.

Not many people can say they have been the back half of 'Mooloo'. But Rex Clemett can!

Not many can say they are a life member of the Frankton Junction Bowling Club. But Rex Clemett can!

Not many can say they drank in clubs 'legally' when they were only 16 or 17. But Rex Clemett can!

No doubt there are many more 'Rex-isms', but for the sake of this brief history of one of the pillars of the Frankton Junction Club our 'lips are sealed' on further disclosures.

Rex has had an eventful, busy life. He is a real livewire character, one of those people every organisation needs to make it successful.

He leaves you in no doubt about his passion for Waikato rugby. In the balmy Ranfurly Shield days of the early 1950s he found himself really caught up in the 'shield fever'. "They were magic days. The whole district was behind the team. The emergence of 'Mooloo' was the icing on the cake. The parades were fantastic. My mates and I just wanted to get into the action. 'Mooloo' needed 'four legs' to get around to show herself off so Andy McWhannell and myself decided to provide her with the necessary mobility. He became the front half and I tucked in behind him. Somehow we managed to carry some liquid refreshments with us to keep our 'motors' going. We flew 'Mooloo' to Christchurch in 1954 when Waikato drew 6-all with Canterbury. While we were disappointed we didn't lift the shield, the reception we received will stay with me forever. They had never seen anything like it in the south before and the roar we got when we did our pre-match antics really set up the day. They certainly made sure we really enjoyed ourselves.

"We came to know the players really well and shared many

special moments with them."

Employed by Bob Lovell as a builder, Rex got a taste of life earlier than most 16 or 17 year-olds.

"We went on jobs to Te Kuiti and Te Awamutu and somehow they managed to get me into the private drinking establishments. I can remember one club sub being 10 shillings."

Rex has been involved with the bowling club for more than 40 years. He's collected several championships since his debut in 1959 with the first coming with old friend, Syd Millar, in the pairs in 1966. He's built up a fine record in open tournaments around the Auckland province and still more than holds his own with the fine young crop of participants emerging from the flourishing Junction organisation which can boast of having two of the best greens in the Waikato.

Rex was elected a life member of Frankton Junction in 1998, one of six who have been so honoured by their fellow club members. The others have been Jack Adams, Colin Goosman, Pat Stewart, Gordon Corbett and Syd Millar.

Highlights of his Junction career have included -

* Championship pairs in 1986-87 with Brian Earby.

* Championship fours in 1986-87 with Syd Millar, Dave Baird and Ray Cammock.

* Victory in the Ponsonby (Auckland) club's 100 years invitation fours with Syd Millar, Brian Curtis and Frank Olney in 1993.

* Championship pairs in 1994-95 with Gary Cooper.

* Championship triples in 1997-98 with Jeff Foy and Fred Subritsky.

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