



2003 - 2004 HWMC EXECUTIVE



MEMBERS of the 2003 - 2004 Hamilton Workingmen's Club executive - **Back row (from left)** Brian McLuskie, Richard Wymer, Wayne Christian, Bruce Heappey, David Cameron, Roger Donaldson, Petrina Howard. **Front row:** Richard Shrubbsall (club general manager), Heather True (club secretary), Terry Ryan (club vice president), Brian Simpson (club president), Gary Meyrick (club treasurer), Frank Haines (club patron).



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Welcome to the 2004 Hamilton Workingmen's Club year book. Once again we are pleased to report a successful 12 months.

The various sub-sections have again conducted their full range of activities with aplomb with many members heavily involved in one or more of their leisure time pursuits. The funding from raffles weeks is vital to the future fortunes of all sub-sections. The outstanding support from members and guests has been a feature of the year. It is essential the finance is spent in a responsible fashion so it is good for all members to know the executive and management are constantly monitoring the various balance sheets. Everyone realises sporting clubs throughout the country are under real financial pressure and several have unfortunately already gone by the wayside. The constant updating and revising of policies and inner workings of our club soon makes sub-section leaders realise what opportunities are available if the various situations are handled correctly.

A special message to our many new members. Every sub-section will welcome your interest and support. All you have to do is read their adverts in this year book, check their various notice boards or ask at the front office for a contact name.

The seniors are always active with their regular trips and weekly indoor bowls. The companionship and good fun the seniors provide should encourage more into their ranks. As they so rightly say... 'Don't sit back and wait to be asked, get yourself motivated!'

The outdoor and indoor bowlers continue to bring sporting successes our way with many triumphs in and outside of the club's environment. Special congratulations to the outdoor bowlers who won the national chartered club tournament in Wanganui. The businesshouse outdoor bowls experiment again paid dividends with new members signing up. Our indoor bowlers have built up an outstanding record over many seasons and we are pleased to report that has continued with major titles retained and others won for the first time.

Snooker numbers have increased significantly with the visits from top professionals being extremely worthwhile to their members.

The keen golfers also spread their wings with visits to many outside courses while our energetic cricketers again enjoyed their weekly competition jaunts and their inter-club fixtures.

Our highly ranked group of darts exponents have maintained their high competition rankings with their well-organised tournaments always popular.

The card section has also expanded its horizons by successfully hosting and sending players away to tournaments.

Reports from the fishing and gun club sections indicate their exercises are going well, but like all the others they will welcome expressions of interest re their activities from members.

We sincerely thank all our subsection sponsors for their backing and we urge members to support our year book advertisers.

The daily demands of club life continues to place our facilities under constant pressure. From time to time hiccups occur, but overall we do well and endeavour to move with the times. However, communication remains the key. If you have a concern please advise the duty manager so the appropriate action, if required, can be taken.

The new smoking regulations will test the loyalty and patience of some members. Please remember the new laws, which come into force at midnight, Thursday, December 9, were not drawn up by our executive, management or staff. Moves are in place to 'soften' the change so those members can still enjoy what the club has to offer. Watch for developments.

The wide variety of artists and general response to our entertainment calendar shows we are 'in tune' with members' requests. Remember to check the club notice boards re the upcoming entertainment and to ask for a calendar at the front office. Bar, dining room and bus hours are also published in the calendar.

Ads in 'This Week' community newspaper and on our in-house TV will also keep you up-to-date. Our radio programme on AM 1206 from 7.30 on Saturday mornings contains club information as well as giving you the latest sport comments.

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