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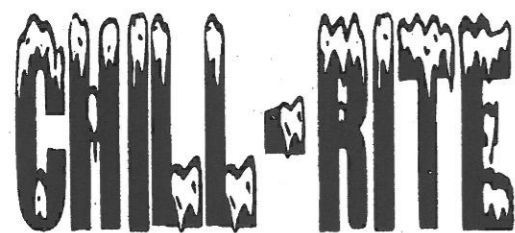
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## MOVING WITH THE TIMES continued...

within the club. Racing followers appreciate the improvements in their special area and the TAB 'team', with a number of new faces, continue to serve our members well.

The Charity Day campaign was again a highly rewarding exercise. The feat of raising \$30,000 for the Order of St John to purchase defibrillators was a mighty effort. We sincerely thank the many members who assisted on the big day. Donations of goods and services by members and the business community made the auction special. The indoor bowlers again made a huge contribution to the day. It is to be hoped the other sub-sections will give more thought to how they can help on future occasions.

There continues to be many 'hits' on the club's website. Tell your neighbours and your relations and friends from outside of Hamilton that they can find out all about us at - www.hwmc.co.nz

We hope you will continue to enjoy our club facilities. We must move with the times so please do what you can to help our club progress.

Good reading!

Winston Hooper - HWMC Year Book Editor.

Worth noting - Brian Phillips writes. "An Oxford University creative writing class was asked to write a concise essay containing these four elements - Religion, royalty, sex and mystery. The prize winning essay read: "My God," said the Queen. "I'm pregnant. I wonder who did it?"

**REMEMBER**  
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
**HAMILTON**  
**WORKINGMEN'S**  
**CLUB**  
WILL BE HELD ON  
**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 23rd, 2004**  
**10AM**  
**PLEASE BE THERE!**

## CLUB COUPLE OF THE YEAR!



Ola and Matt Sullivan - shining stars of indoor bowls

His impassioned address from the first floor balcony of the Harwood Street premises contained many pertinent facts why his wife, Ola, and other women should be able to become full members of our club. His measured comments certainly had the desired effect he had sought and the overwhelming vote in favour revealed for all to see just what impact he had made.

Matt has no hesitation in rating that victory as his favourite club memory.

"I was proud to be have been partly responsible for the major policy change. Like me, others obviously realised the time was right. The change had to be made. My wife Ola was a member of the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club, but up to then could not gain the same important privilege at our club. Our ladies were allowed in only at certain times and, like others, I felt we were letting them down.

"I suppose I was somewhat emotional, but it was well worth it as fortunately the message got through."

Colin Sullivan, who later became club president, remembered the occasion well.

"Matt was magnificent. He made his points clearly and

succinctly and the vast majority for the motion to allow women to become full members was certainly a reward for his effort."

Eric Whiting, who was club president at the time, told the meeting mixed membership was also the recommendation of the executive. Others said woman members would enhance the club profile and that a name change was not needed

Matt Sullivan has now been a HWMC member for 47 years. "We came to Hamilton in the mid-1950s via Ohakune and Wellington. I had belonged to the Ohakune Pioneer Club so I knew what chartered clubs were all about.

"I eagerly accepted an invitation from fellow railway worker Keith Russell to go in for a drink and soon joined up because I enjoyed

### CHAMPION PAIR HELPED SPARK POLICY CHANGE



When Matt Sullivan stood up to speak at the Hamilton Workingmen's Club annual meeting in 1990 he hoped he may be able to help sway some of his fellow members to support his important cause.

When he sat down just over four minutes later it was to a rousing ovation, a notable achievement in itself at any gathering, let alone for a speaker at an annual meeting.