

From the Club Captain

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all here today to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the Tawa District Midweek Table Tennis Club.

It is a wonderful milestone for a local organization to achieve and we have our special guest Margaret Mason to thank for starting up the club back in 1966.

There have been a few changes over the years such as club rooms, club names, and the ladies club becoming a mixed club. This last change came about after a lot of discussion and ballots over two-three years. The ladies agreed by a 4 vote majority in 1989 that men could join the club. Maybe a wise decision as after all men can be quite handy sometimes.

It is fantastic to see so many past and present members gathered here today, and proof I think that the foundation laid all those years ago plus the obvious loyal membership throughout is the reason the club has been so successful from 1966 to 2016.

On a personal note I feel very proud and privileged to be club captain in the year the club turns 50. I work with a superb group of people and I am sure the club has a long and successful future ahead.

Have a wonderful time today catching up with friends and reminiscing over some interesting and humorous table tennis stories. After all some of you will have 50 years of talking to catch up on.

Thank you

Cheryl Ransom

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Luncheon Closing remarks from Cheryl:

Cheryl thanked:

- Everyone for coming especially Velma Maunsell who had travelled up from Christchurch.
- Robin Radford for the work on the Place Mats, Graeme Munro for the Coasters and Gay Kerr for her work on the book so far.
- The Committee – Patsy, Jeff, Janet, Alwyn, Jude and Annette for their help.

She announced that Margaret Mason is donating a cup to the club. It will be called The Margaret Mason Cup