



# HUTT VALLEY HARRIER AND A.A. CLUB



# Message from the 75th Jubilee Committee

We hope that you derive much enjoyment from reading this 75th Jubilee commemorative booklet and perhaps learn about some aspects of the club previously unknown to you.

As with all productions, we wish to state that care has been taken to ensure that details are correct, but we apologise in advance for any errors or omissions that have slipped through. Due to incomplete records, race results and trophy winners since 1983 have been difficult to locate and unfortunately many events are not covered at all. In addition, information and photographs that were available have been left out because of space constraints. However, many of these will be on display in the clubrooms over the 75th Jubilee celebration weekend, along with the opportunity to 'fill in the blanks'.

For race results and office holders prior to 1983 please refer to the 1983 60th Jubilee booklets which will also be available at the clubrooms.

Happy reminiscing. Happy running.  
January 1998.



*T. Knowles, J. Braddick, C. Chandler, K. Clark, G. Smith, (S. Uruski, see p. 9).*

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From John Terris Q.S.O.

23 December, 1997

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LOWER HUTT

Dear Gordon

I am pleased on the occasion of the Club's 75th Jubilee, to congratulate Hutt Valley Harriers on their remarkable achievement.

Over the years, the Club's membership has remained strong and has attracted a considerable number of young people who have gone on to perform with distinction at both national and international level. Through all this the Club has maintained a warm and friendly attitude to the newcomer, which will ensure its survival in changing times.

I wish the Club all the very best for the next 75 years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Terris'.

John Terris  
MAYOR

## First Club Run April 1923



*Left to Right: W. Lindop, A. Stapleton, B. Haddie, V. Hodgkinson, D. Hope, J. Hobbs,  
E. Whittaker, N. Craig, T. Hurly, C. Davis, A. Clarke, F. Sanders, J. Crooks*



*Left to Right: E. Rowe, --, M. Hodgkinson, --, M. Jones. Late 1920s, note the pom-pom hats!*



# REGIONAL PARKS

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A long established working farm, Battle Hill is also the historic site of the 1846 conflict between Crown forces and local Maori. The park is 6km from Pauatahanui along the Paekakariki Hill Road. You can enjoy easy runs or walks through a scenic bush reserve, camping, picnicking and mountain biking. Sweeping views of the South Island, Kapiti Island and Pauatahanui Valley can be had from hilltop tracks. **Battle Hill Ranger** Phone 237 5511.



Rolling hills, bush-clad valleys and farmland between Porirua and Lower Hutt are ideal for walking, cross country running and mountain biking. Short easy tracks lead to sheltered picnic areas by the Korokoro Stream. From the open hilltops you can enjoy panoramic views of the South Island and the Porirua and Wellington harbours. Historic features worth visiting include the Korkoro Dam, World War Two ammunition stores and the original coach road from the Hutt Valley. Enter the park from Cannons Creek, Takapu Road, Cornish Street (near Petone Railway Station), Oakleigh Street at the top of Maungaraki, Stratton Street (Normandale), Hill Road in Belmont, and Dry Creek at the Haywards SH58/SH2 junction (near Manor Park Railway Station). **Belmont Ranger** Phone 586 6614.



Excellent views are gained from hill top and coastal tracks along the eastern shores of Wellington Harbour. Pleasant bush at Butterfly Creek provides sheltered picnic spots. Other attractions include Baring Head, Fitzroy Bay and the historic cliff top lighthouse at Pencarrow Head. Enter the park from Eastbourne.



The steep, bush-clad Kaitoke hills north of Upper Hutt, enclose excellent sheltered picnic and camping facilities. You can swim in tranquil river pools, canoe, or enjoy a variety of bush tracks (some suitable for wheelchairs). Great views can be had of the Upper Hutt valley from the Ridge Track. Enter the park off SH2 at Waterworks Road, Kaitoke, signposted before the Pakuratahi Bridge. **Kaitoke Ranger** Phone 526 7322.



Located between Paekakariki and Raumati, Queen Elizabeth Park is ideal for picnics swimming and surfing. Other attractions include easy walks along the sand dunes, a motor camp, fishing, horse riding, children's play area and tram museum. The southern entrance to the park is 1.5km from Paekakariki Railway Station. You can also enter at MacKays Crossing on SH1 south of Paraparaumu. **Queen Elizabeth Park Ranger** Phone 04 292 8625.

For more information about your Regional Parks and recreation areas, collect a brochure from your local visitor information centre or Wellington Regional Council, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington. Phone 384 5708.





# Office Holders

## *Life Members*

Mrs Dorne \*  
 Mr. G. Dorne \*  
 C. Goddard \*  
 A. Hadley \*  
 H. Sanders \*  
 N. Craig \*  
 M. Gough \*  
 E. Petersen \*  
 T. Hurly \*  
 R. Morris \*  
 R. Hammington \*  
 C. Chandler \*  
 N. Sutton \*  
 A. Mack \*  
 E. Davis \*  
 W. Merrick \*  
 R. McGregor \*  
 J. Franklin \*

## *Patrons*

(\* deceased)

E. Hartley \*  
 N. Craig \*  
 M. Gough \*  
 E. Petersen \*  
 A. Mack \*  
 W. Merrick \*



*Cr P. Bates presents B. Merrick with his life membership in 1987.*



*(clockwise) Morris, --, Davis, Chandler, 1957.*



*A. Mack addressing 60th Jubilee in 1983.*

## *Life Members deceased since the 60th Jubilee in 1983*

**Noel Sutton**      Died 19/1/88

Patience personified. Noel was a quiet, but enthusiastic and energetic member for many years. Active in running through Junior, Senior and Veteran ranks, he was just as active in Committee duties, and beyond. Always available and always reliable.

Competitively, he performed well in his Junior years, being Club Champion and Centre Representative in 1947. During the Club's years of real strength, in the early 50's, Noel was the runner for the downhill section of the Rimutakas in the Wgtn-Masterton Relay. His years of service include numerous years as a Committee member and as a Handicapper. He served one term as Chairman, and 5 years as Club Captain. But whenever there was a need, Noel was available.

His practical skills were used by the Club on many occasions, particularly when we leased the Naenae Pool Building. His artistic skills saw several plans drawn for proposed Clubrooms, which only failed through lack of finance. He engraved the Club medals for several seasons.

Noel's enthusiasm for music was ever present, and if he wasn't actually singing Gilbert and Sullivan arias whilst he ran, then he was heard on various trips with his harmonica. It is a fitting tribute that Noel was awarded the Club Spirit trophy on three occasions.

Noel's widow, Elaine, still attends Club functions, as they so often did together.

**Ron Hammington**      Died 24/2/92

Ron was a runner of some potential. Not only does his name appear on so many of the Club's trophies, but he also achieved at a higher level. In his Junior years he was twice Club Cross Country Champion, and a Centre representative. As a Senior he twice held Club Championship titles and again was a Centre representative. He won the Centre Cross Country title and the Centre Marathon Championships. He was a regular member of a very strong Hutt team which dominated the Wellington results for a period in the 50's.

His interest didn't end with competing, for he also used his enthusiasm and knowledge in an official capacity. Seven times Club Captain and once President, saw him awarded Life Membership as a result of these contributions.

I mainly remember Ron for his involvement as a Trainer. He didn't see training as a time for idle gossip or an easy relaxing evening. It was sprint, sprint, sprint. Jump the fences, race up the Korokoro hill, do some more hurdling, and sprint again. Often I felt like saying "Why doesn't the coach try it", but the problem was, you knew that he was quite capable of doing what he expected you to do. If Ron had anything to do with arranging a course, it had to have a creek of some description and if possible, a steep rise.

Ron was often used as a Referee at both Centre and National level. When he left the district on transfer, his interest in the Club never dwindled. His motto rings in my ears constantly; "When the going gets tough, the tough get going".

Along with his wife, Rita, a loyal club supporter, Ron was tragically killed in a horrific car accident near Nelson. All the pall bearers were ex-members of HVH. A Memorial Service was also held in the Valley, both services being packed. A fitting tribute to a tireless and energetic couple.

**Archie Mack**     Died 30/7/93

Archie, the Gentle Giant. Whatever Archie decided to be involved in, he served long-term. He could hardly be described as a 'retired teacher' because he didn't understand the term, 'retired'. He was a long time stalwart of the Repertory Society, and he offered that same support to the Harrier Club and the Centre.

He joined the Club in 1930 and after a brief running period, he involved himself in the ranks of the Officials. He served a 'Life Sentence' as a Timekeeper, both for the Club and the Centre, often being out in the winter elements for 4 or 5 hours at major events. Always reliable.

He served as President from 1962-4 when the Club was involved in acquiring the Naenae Clubrooms. His practical skills were put to use in maintenance matters. Following the Presidency, he was elected Patron and after 20 years in that role, he resigned shortly before his passing. He also offered his engraving skills to the Club on a number of occasions. He just quietly attended to his tasks without fuss or bother, and was always supported by his wife.

Archie died suddenly and many past members and Centre Administrators attended his funeral service. Perhaps it was fitting that Archie chose a day of inclement weather to have his harrier friends stand around his grave site at Taita.

**Clive Chandler**



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	<i>Presidents</i>	<i>Captains</i>	<i>Secretaries</i>	<i>Treasurers</i>
1983	W. Merrick	D. Rae	J. & L. Eade	R. McGregor
1984	W. Merrick	S. Mills	S. & K. Ward	R. McGregor
1985	W. Merrick	J. Franklin	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1986	W. Merrick	J. Franklin	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1987	W. Merrick	J. Franklin	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1988	W. Merrick	J. Franklin	K. & M. Grange	R. McGregor
1989	W. Merrick	S. Ritchie	K. & M. Grange	R. McGregor
1990	W. Merrick	I. Rowe	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1991	W. Merrick	I. Rowe	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1992	W. Merrick	I. Rowe	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1993	W. Merrick	I. Rowe	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1994	J. Franklin	S. Timings	D. & E. Ray	R. McGregor
1995	G. Smith	I. Jacobson	D. & E. Ray	L. Darling
1996	G. Smith	I. Jacobson	W. Trompetter	T. Knowles
1997	G. Smith	C. Metcalfe	S. Uruski	T. Knowles
1998	G. Smith	L. Walton	S. Uruski	T. Knowles

### *Chairpersons*

1983	W. Merrick
1984	W. Merrick
1985	W. Merrick
1986	W. Merrick
1987	W. Merrick
1988	W. Merrick
1989	W. Merrick
1990	W. Merrick
1991	J. Franklin
1992	J. Franklin
1993	J. Franklin
1994	I. Rowe
1995	I. Rowe
1996	I. Rowe
1997	I. Jacobson
1998	I. Jacobson



*Mayor Terris presents J. Franklin with life membership in 1996*





*S. Uruski & J. Munro completing the Fletcher Marathon, in 1995 and 1996 respectively.*



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# Awards



## Club Cross Country Races

### **Novice Race**

*(for those who have never won a club trophy; Brunetti Cup)*

1983	D. Ogden
1984	D. Young
1985	P. Robinson
1986	R. Wood
1987	A. Dennis
1988	J. Munro
1989	S. Robertson
1990	
1991	-----
1992	A. Hawley
1993	M. Doughty
1994	-----
1995	T. McQueen
1996	B. Foley
1997	G. Milbanke

### **President's Race**

*(for those not in the Novice Race; handicap for the Walker Cup)*

R. Mitchell
J. Page
S. Malanchak
D. Brodie
F. Oliver
A. Van Veen
M. Ritchie
B. Cole
-----
T. Woodward
J. Busby
A. McKenzie
J. Boyd
B. Jensen
J. Smeith

### **Annie Huggan Cup**

*(donated by the former Mayor of Petone; Women's Novice and President's Race)*

1983	A. McKenzie	1991	E. McGavin
1984	K. Foley	1992	-----
1985	F. Sutherland	1993	K. Clark
1986	V. Jury	1994	-----
1987	V. Jury	1995	C. Dellabarca
1988	K. Munro	1996	A. Wood
1989	C. Dellabarca	1997	J. Braddick
1990	C. Dellabarca		



**Craig Rose Bowl***(Neil Craig, Club founder; teams event)***Perston Trophy***(individual winner of the  
Craig Rose Bowl race)*

1983	K. Thompson, R. Penman, B. Boyer, J. Franklin	M. Higham
1984	R. McGregor, A. Wyatt, K. Ward, J. Garnham	S. Mills
1985	M. Higham, C. Heath, I. Watt, J. Hampton, G. Smith	M. Higham
1986	M. Higham, D. Moore, S. Quirke, T. Pointon	
1987	D. Moore, S. Malanchak, M. Cole, R. Beban	G. Maarhuis
1988	R. McGregor, P. Coles, J. Coulter, I. Blyth	K. Jury
1989	M. Heron, W. Trompetter, G. Hickton, T. Whelan	J. Wyatt
1990	J. Wyatt, I. Rowe, S. Ritchie, L. Wyatt	J. Wyatt
1991	S. Quirke, D. Coley, T. Woodward, J. Kennedy	P. Coles
1992	B. Cole, A. Hawley, A. Powell, K. Clark	J. Wyatt
1993	-----	J. Wyatt
1994	J. Wyatt, C. Metcalfe, C. Rodley, J. Lennard	J. Wyatt
1995	J. Wyatt, N. Gillon, D. Coley, T. Knowles	J. Wyatt
1996	I. Rowe, N. Gillon, P. Rattray, K. Clark	B. Foley
1997	J. Boyd, S. Graves, M. Growcott, J. Braddick	J. Boyd

**Club Cross Country Championships**

	<b>Lippitt Cup</b>	<b>Silver Plate</b>	<b>Merrick Trophy</b>	<b>Vanola Bull Memorial</b>
	<i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>(Womens)</i>	<i>(Veterans)</i>	<i>(Veteran Women)</i>
1983	G. Maarhuis	A. McKenzie	J. Franklin	
1984	G. Maarhuis	H. Watt	J. Franklin	H. Watt
1985	G. Maarhuis	R. McManus	R. McGregor	R. McManus
1986	T. McLachlan	V. Jury	R. McGregor	R. McManus
1987	G. Maarhuis	H. Watt	R. McGregor	H. Watt
1988	S. Malanchak	K. Munro	R. McGregor	V. Jury
1989	G. Maarhuis	C. Dellabarca	R. McGregor	L. Wyatt
1990	S. Malanchak	L. Darling	S. Quirke	R. Hickton
1991	P. Coles	T. Coley	R. McGregor	
1992	J. Wyatt	A. Wood	P. McGavin	
1993	P. Wood		G. Keenan	
1994	P. Coles	J. Moulder	G. Keenan	
1995	B. Cole	K. Clark	D. Trow	S. Uruski
1996	J. Boyd	S. Wood	D. Trow	S. Uruski
1997	J. Boyd	V. Fox	S. Quirke	S. Uruski

	<b>Goddard Cup</b> <i>(Junior Men)</i>	<b>Lippitt Cup</b> <i>(Colts)</i>	<b>Boys U16</b>	<b>R. J. Lee Cup</b> <i>(Boys U14)</i>
1983	M. Higham	M. Reille	C. Heath	A. Watt
1984	M. Reille	R. Woolley	A. Wyatt	J. Carruthers
1985	M. Reille	A. Wyatt	A. Wyatt	J. Wyatt
1986	M. Carter	A. Wyatt	R. Girling	J. Wyatt
1987		R. Moore	A. Oliver	J. Boyd
1988	R. Beban	J. Wyatt		M. Boyd
1989	J. Wyatt	S. Hunter		M. Boyd
1990	J. Wyatt	J. Boyd		S. Jeffery
1991	J. Brown	J. Boyd	M. Boyd	-----
1992	J. Boyd	S. Willis	M. Boyd	
1993				
1994	S. Willis		T. Anderson	N. Willis
1995	C. Claridge		J. Keenan	N. Willis
1996	-----		-----	N. Willis
1997	T. Anderson		N. Perigo	N. Sampson

	<b>Women U20</b>	<b>Women U18</b>	<b>Girls U16</b>	<b>Girls U14</b>
1991	A. Wood	K. Clark	E. McGavin	
1992				
1993				
1994	K. Clark	C. Marshall	M. Willis	K. Fairweather
1995	S. Wood			K. Blake
1996	-----	-----	J. Swain	K. Blake
1997	-----	-----	J. Swain	K. Blake

**Athol Roadley Memorial** *(donated by Mr. C. Roadley in memory of his son;  
club championship sealed handicap)*

1983	B. Inglis		
1984	B. Kerse	1991	J. McIlroy
1985	J. Frandi	1992	G. Keenan
1986	N. Sutton	1993	-----
1987	C. Beattie	1994	W. Trompetter
1988	L. Rohrlach	1995	S. Hunter
1989	C. Beattie	1996	L. Walton
1990	I. Rowe	1997	S. Braddick



## Club Road Races

### **Saunders Road Race**

*(Cup donated by H. Saunders; teams event for seniors and juniors;  
discontinued 1973, resurrected 1995)*

1995	P. Seel, I. Davidson, L. Asher, C. Metcalfe
1996	S. Quirke, J. Wood, R. McGregor, S. McKenzie
1997	W. Trompetter, M. Corles, K. Blake, T. Blake

### **6 Mile Time Trial:**

*(sealed handicap)*

### **Goddard Cup**

*(donated by C. Goddard)*

### **Thomas Cup**

*(veterans)*

1983		B. Thomas
1984	G. Maarhuis	D. Ogden
1985	M. Higham	F. Nicholls
1986	T. McLachlan	R. McGregor
1987		R. McGregor
1988	J. Hackett	S. Cummings
1989		G. Smith
1990		S. Quirke
1991	M. Heron	P. McGavin
1992		
1993		K. Grange
1994	M. Heron	G. Keenan
1995	S. Hunter	P. McGavin
1996	T. McQueen	S. Quirke
1997	B. Foley	C. Metcalfe

## Points Events

### **Goss Trophy**

*(Seniors)*

### **Humphrey Rose Bowl**

*(Colts)*

### **Morris Trophy**

*(Junior boys)*

1983	S. Mills	D. Pirie	C. Heath
1984	B. Lyons	C. Heath	A. Wyatt
1985	P. Robinson	-----	A. Wyatt
1986	I. Rowe	A. Wyatt	R. Moore
1987	D. Moore	R. Moore	J. Wyatt
1988	S. Malanchak	J. Brown	T. Westwood
1989	W. Trompetter	J. Brown	J. Boyd

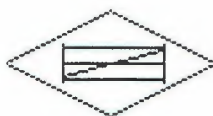
1990	S. Timings	-----	
1991	-----	S. Willis	M. Boyd
1992		-----	M. Boyd
1993		-----	
1994	D. Coley	-----	
1995		-----	
1996	M. Growcott	-----	D. Stacey
1997	-----	-----	-----

**Drake Cup**  
*(Junior Girls)*

1983	K. Price
1984	C. Tanner
1985	. McLauchlin
1986	N. Kerse
1987	K. Clark
1988	K. Clark
1989	E. McGavin
1990	N. Kerse
1991	-----
1992	E. McGavin
1993	
1994	
1995	
1996	N. Swain
1997	-----

**Kennedy-Good Salver**  
*(Women)*

H. Watt
B. Brockie
R. McManus
V. Jury
V. Jury
K. Munro
-----
L. Darling
-----
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L. Asher
L. Asher
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*Quote*

Announcements before a Saturday afternoon club run:

*"Before organising the packs for today, is there anything else you would like to bring up - other than your lunch!"*

Joe Franklin  
(Club Captain)



## Consolation Race

(N. Taylor Pewter Cup; Seniors and Juniors)

1983	G. Smith
1984	E. Simpson
1985	J. Simpson
1986	J. Smeith
1987	B. Kerse
1988	G. Smith
1989	R. Platt
1990	J. Hackett
1991	-----
1992	Z. Schuyt
1993	
1994	R. Jones
1995	G. Smith
1996	O. Rowse
1997	D. Moore



Smith & Smith, Vern and Gordon compete in Vets 10K 1996

## Club Spirit

### **Ogilvie Trophy** (Seniors)

1983	R. McGregor
1984	B. Kerse
1985	K. Jury
1986	J. Franklin
1987	D. Ray
1988	B. Lyons
1989	S. Ritchie
1990	I. Rowe
1991	A. Dennis
1992	R. Moore
1993	R. Jones
1994	
1995	M. McMenamin
1996	S. Wood
1997	I. Jacobson

### **Sutton Trophy** (Veterans) (first awarded 1988)

B. Kerse
T. Linton
S. Cummings
R. McGregor
G. Smith
G. Smith
C. Metcalfe
J. Wood
T. Linton

### **Mary Baker Memorial Cup** (Women)

R. McManus
S. Ward
R. McManus
S. Walker
-----
N. Kerse
L. Darling
S. McGregor
E. Ray
-----
-----
-----
L. Asher
J. Braddick
K. Clark

## Chandler Trophy for Training and Performance

1983	M. Higham
1984	G. Maarhuis
1985	T. McLachlan & R. Walker
1986	J. Wyatt
1987	G. Maarhuis
1988	J. Wyatt & P. Coles
1989	J. Boyd
1990	J. Brown
1991	D. Attwell
1992	J. Wyatt
1993	S. Wood
1994	J. Wyatt
1995	W. Trompetter
1996	H. Pepper
1997	T. Anderson



*Paul Coles placed 6th in the Coast to Coast, G.M. of Grounds Maintenance Services, see p. 30.*

## Interclub Events

### Cross Country

#### **Shaw Baton Relays**

1996 Open Women 3rd Team: S. Wood, L. Darling, K. Clark, A. Wood

#### **Varsity Relays**

1996	Junior Girls:	2nd - J. Swain	3rd - K. Blake
		4th - N. Swain	7th - J. Loper

#### **Dorne Cup**

1996	U14 Boys 1st Team:	1st - N. Willis	8th - D. Stacey
		9th - N. Perigo	17th - J. McGavin
		19th - H. Pepper	26th - M. Bell
	U20 Women:	2nd - C. Marshall	
	Open Women 3rd Team:	6th - S. Wood	10th - A. Wood
		24th - K. Ferguson	27th - K. Clark
		31st - L. Asher	35th - C. Bengé

### **Vosseler Shield**

1996 Junior Girls: 2nd - K. Blake 3rd - N. Swain

### **Sanders, Gough & Robbie**

1995 U14 Boys: 2nd - N. Willis  
Junior Men 1st Team - Gough Cup: 1st - B. Partington  
3rd - C. Claridge

1996 Open Men: 1st - J. Boyd  
Open Women: 2nd - L. Darling

### **Centre Cross Country Champs, Waikanae**

1995 U14 Boys: 1st - N. Willis  
U20 Men: 3rd - C. Claridge  
U18 Women: 2nd - M. Willis

### Road Races

### **Bays Relay**

1995 Junior Men 3rd Team: C. Claridge, J. Bannister, L. Walton,  
B. Partington, M. Boyd

### **Club & Centre Road Champs**

*(placings refer to Centre results)*

1991	U16 Boys -	C. Claridge	U18 Men -	S. Willis
	U20 Men -	D. Attwell	Veteran Men -	K. Jury
	U16 Girls -	S. Wood	U18 Women -	K. Clark
1994	U16 Boys -	T. Anderson	U18 Men -	C. Claridge
	U20 Men -	S. Willis	Open Men -	A. Therkseson
	Veteran Men -	P. McGavin		
	U20 Women -	C. Trewin	Open Women -	C. Bengie
1995	U14 Boys - 1st -	N. Willis	U16 Boys -	J. Keenan
	Junior Men -	C. Claridge	Open Men - 1st -	J. Wyatt
	Veteran Men -	P. McGavin		
	U20 Women - 2nd -	S. Wood	Open Women -	L. Asher
1996	U14 Boys 1st Team - 1st -	N. Perigo	2nd -	N. Willis
		7th - D. Stacey	11th -	H. Pepper
		19th - J. McGavin		



U16 Boys - 1st - B. Westrupp	U18 Men - T. Anderson
Open Men - W. Trompetter	Veteran Men - S. Quirke
U14 Girls 1st Team - 2nd - K. Blake	3rd - J. Swain
4th - N. Swain	6th - T. Morrison
19th - A. Swain	
U16 Girls - 3rd - J. Loper	
U18 Women - 3rd - M. Willis	
U20 Women - 3rd - C. Marshall	
Open Women 3rd Team - 8th - S. Wood	18th - K. Clark
20th - L. Asher	24th - J. Braddick
25th - C. Bengé	
Veteran Women - S. Uruski	

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U12 Boys - T. Blake	U14 Boys - N. Sampson
U16 Boys - H. Pepper	U 18 Men - T. Anderson
Open Men - B. Foley	Veteran Men - S. Quirke
U12 Girls - A. Swain	U16 Girls - 3rd - J. Swain
Open Women - L. Darling	Veteran Women - S. Uruski

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# Newspaper comments from yesteryear

(Can you imagine articles like these in the *Hutt News* today?!)

## Valley Harriers

The inclemency of the weather did not favour runners last Saturday for the run held from the Club's dressing shed at Hutt Park. A wind of hurricane force, not only made running fatiguing, but was instrumental in scattering the paper trail previously set by **N. Craig** and **Gilchrist**. The consequence was that the runners experienced a great deal of inconvenience in locating the course, but despite this the twenty odd starters found the task of track finding very enjoyable. The five-mile trail selected, included hills, swamps and road work and took the runners along Wainui Road north towards Epuni, through the Chinamen's Gardens to return by way of the new Railway and Hutt Park. A slow pack, under the leadership of **D. Smellie** commenced with a five-minutes' start. Owing to a wrong course being taken the fast pack overtook them before two-miles had been traversed. It was then decided to form one pack. **F. Sanders** being placed in charge. After the run a hundred yards' sprint race was held which resulted in **R. Freeman** gaining first place with **Barker** a yard away, second, and **F. Sanders** third.

Next Saturday the Bennett Memorial Road Race is being held in Wellington. The Valley Club is entering two teams and although

the members have never been successful in this particular event they are certain their prospects this season are a great deal brighter. It is obvious that this strenuous road running will not suit them, therefore it would be advisable for the runners who will be taking part to devote a couple of nights this week to a little practice.

Last evening the following teams were selected to represent the Hutt Valley Harriers in the seven-mile Bennett Memorial Road Race in Wellington next Saturday :

A Team - **R. Kent** (capt.), **A. Dorne**, **G. Pointon**, **V. Smith**, and **J. Wengdal**.

B Team - **E. Oliver**, **G. Gilchrist**, **F. Sanders**, **N. Craig**, **Mitchell**, **D. Barker**, **E. Hoskins**, **E. Burton**, **A. Eyre**, and **Newson**. Emergencies; **D. Smellie**, **L. Payne**, **A. Clarke**, **J. Winnie**.

Runners unable to compete are requested to notify the Secretary before Thursday. The trail which will be adopted will commence from the Star Boating Club's sheds round Oriental Bay, Queen's Drive, up Wellington Road, to Constable Street, to Adelaide Road and down Kent Terrace round the back of the markets to the starting place. The whole race can be followed from start to finish. As six clubs have entered there should be about 50 runners starting. **R. Kent** is expected to show a bit of his old form.

(Petone Chronicle, 1926)

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# Hutt Valley Harriers

On Saturday last in atrocious weather the official opening of the above club took place from the clubrooms, Petone Avenue, the season being duly opened by **Mr C. Goddard**, vice-President. Eight runners faced the starter. Paper being dispensed with the runners formed one pack, under the captaincy of **D. Smellie**. The trail led along the Esplanade, across Gear Island and back along Wakefield Street, Hutt Road and Petone Avenue. A run in was held over the last 100 yards, and after a sterling race **P. Sanders** was narrowly defeated for first place by **E. Hoskins**, with **D. Smellie** third. With this run in goes the official sash of the Club. The poor attendance of members is attributed to the bad weather and the runners who did turn out are to be congratulated for turning out under such trying conditions. It is a little early yet to comment on the form of the different runners but of those who turned out on Saturday **S. Pointon** easily showed the best form and is a certainty to give **R. Kent** trouble in the championships. **N. W. Craig** still retains a lot of his old form, much is expected of him this coming season. **E. Hoskins** proved that he is likely to improve with further runs and should get a place amongst the top performers this season. **D. Smellie** is a problem, if Dave would only train he has the determination and the speed to place him in the front rankers of the Club. **T. Hurly** who suffered an accident to his knee early last Harrier season which incapacitated him for the rest of that season turned out on Saturday. His knee stood the test and Tom will be heard of this season. **F. Sanders** winner of the eight mile road race on Easter Monday at the Lower Hutt Gala is very fit just now and would be advised to take a rest from training for a while before he becomes stale. He will on his present running retain his position in the B. Grade team this season.

New members are requested to get in touch with the Secretary at the Club rooms, 1 Petone Avenue. Subscriptions are now due, so help your secretary by coming forward and paying same now.

Next Saturday's run will take place from the Club's dressing shed, Hutt Park at 2.30 p.m. sharp. Roll up and make these runs a success.

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The library is receiving attention from members and all the latest literature is available. Apart from this there are the ping-pong tables, piano and gramophone.

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Nominations for a snooker tournament are now open.

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The majority of runners are apt to regard training as a second consideration but if success is to be attained training must be attended to.

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Speaking of the Club's run last Saturday **Mr. H. Sanders** emphasised the need for stricter training.

(Petone Chronicle, 1927)



*Ian Rowe, Fletcher Marathon, 1983.  
Business Advisor at Price Waterhouse*

# Hutt Valley Notes

The above club is still progressing favourably. It has now a strength of some twenty odd runners, consisting of 10 sprinters and 10 distance men. Of these men we would like to report on:

**S. Andrews** is still on the improve and he will probably be in the winning list shortly. He has entered in the 1 mile B grade at the Basin Reserve tonight and his chances of success are very bright.

**F. Sanders** has decided to give the running a rest for a while, and is concentrating on giving all his spare time to helping trainer **T. Stephens** get the school fit.

**V. Smith** is on the sick list having an injured foot. This is rather unfortunate as Vic was striking form, and was looking forward to future meetings. Vic will probably be out till after Christmas.

**J. Walker**, a new member to the club is improving with every run and the club is indeed fortunate in having such a class of runner as Jim is.

**N. W. Craig** gave his supporters some encouragement by starting to train, but has not been seen out on the track lately. This is indeed a pity as Neil is a versatile performer and would be doing his club a good turn by training and keeping the club's name to the fore.

**J. Lawrence**, who showed such promise in the distance events two years ago is now out again.

**J. Richardson** is now a member of the above club, but is in the unfortunate position of having to run for his university, Victoria College having first call upon his services. Jack is certainly showing the right spirit in wishing to help the local club along.

**W. Carnell** is a junior sprinter, being only 15 years of age, he needs careful watching to see he does not do too much open running.

**J. Henwood** is now improving with every run and under the guiding hand of **Harry Sanders**, will turn out a first class performer.

**E. Hoskins** is indeed the find of the season. Possessing natural speed, he should be early

among the top notchers. A little advice to Ted is to take every notice of his trainers and to turn up to every training spin regularly. He will be watched with interest in the 100 yards B grade to-night.

In **A. Hansen** the club have a junior showing a promising future. This boy won the 100yds intermediate championship of the Wellington Technical College in 1926. He has entered in the 100yds junior on Saturday night, and although far from fit will put up a creditable showing.

**A. Clarke** is now out again. 'Dutchy' has improved out of sight in his running and style. 'Dutchy' is advised to keep up his training more regularly than he is at present, as he has a bright future before him. He has entered in the 1 mile B grade, and should put up a good performance.

**R. Kent** is training regularly and is fast getting fit. Roy, who is keen to put his club at the top realises that he can help to do this by competing on the athletic fields. More of this calibre are wanted.

**S. Markland** is a runner of ability who takes a keen interest in his club, training and the running game. He has had a varied career and is only 18 years of age. He won the intermediate championship of the Technical College and the hurdling events. It is a pity the club has not any hurdles as this boy has a natural ability for them.

**Ted Clisly** has once again turned out on the track. Ted, at the end of last season was showing great promise as a sprinter, and his running to date shows he still can move, and with plenty of practice he should give a good account of himself in the sprint events.

**J. Arthurs** last year's brilliant junior sprinter is now training and although carrying plenty of condition is fast getting down to training. This boy gained the most points for the club in the Shield competitions, thus winning Mr Townsend's trophy for last season, donated for this event.

**Bunter Thomas**, the well-known Petone and 'Varsity' footballer is now a member of the club. Bunter, who used to be a star performer in the old Petone Junior Sports Club, can still move and will be showing the way to the tape in the



sports meetings. Bunter is very keen and cannot do enough to encourage the younger runners along. The club could do with a few more of this type of member.

**C. Brassel** is doing light training, but would be well advised to put himself under one of the club trainers.

**J. Ball** is the latest recruit to the club's ranks and hails from Belmont. The club extends to him a cordial welcome.

The secretary, Mr F. Sanders, received a communication from that well known and ver-

satile performer **L. Payne**. Lol is still taking a great interest in the club's affairs and is hoping to turn out soon.

The club has two members in their Harrier Club who probably hold a record in New Zealand Harrier circles to this extent. These members Mr. N. W. Craig and Mr. F. Sanders have not missed a harrier run since the club's inception in 1923, surely a great performance, and one that does them great credit.

(Petone Chronicle, 1928)



*Noel 'Snow' Taylor  
winning the  
NZ Champs  
at Christchurch  
in 1948.*

### *Did you know...*

HVH has had three Commonwealth Games representatives:

- Noel 'Snow' Taylor at Auckland in 1950 was 3rd in the 6 mile final.
- Jonathan Wyatt at Victoria, B.C., Canada in 1994 was 6th in the 5000m final.
- Anne Hare (ex-clubmember) at Edinburgh, Scotland in 1986 was 9th in the 1500m final, at Auckland in 1990 she was 8th in the 1500 semi-final and 10th in the 3000m final, and at Victoria, B. C., Canada in 1994 she came 8th in the 10,000m final.

HVH has had three Olympic Games representatives:

- Brian Newth at Moscow (unofficial) in 1980 competed in the modern pentathlon.
- J. Wyatt (ex-clubmember) at Atlanta, Ga., USA, 1996 was a semi-finalist in the 5000m.
- Anne Hare (ex-clubmember) at Atlanta, Ga., USA, in 1996 was 13th in the 5000m final.



## Jim Cunningham Remembers...

It was in 1945 that I joined the Hutt Valley Harriers and I turned up at Petone West School to start what has been over 50 years with the sport (but I hasten to add not all that time with HVH). We set off as one pack and by the time we reached Petone Beach small groups formed and ran off in different directions. I knew some of the younger chaps (the **Gough** boys whose father was the President), but it didn't take long to get to know a lot more of the 'older' members and over the years strong friendships developed. **Ron** and **Rita Hammington** were probably our closest friends and as families we saw a lot of each other until Ron and Rita's untimely deaths. Like Ron many runners were associated with the Railway Workshops, in particular, chaps like **Lou Brunetti** and **Dick Morris** both now in Auckland, **Archie Mack**, **Jack Crosbie** and the list goes on.



*Rita and Ron Hammington*

It is impossible to relate all the antics over the years, but I can still have a quiet chuckle to myself and think about the times when ... Someone went to lay out the Dorne Cup course along Petone Beach and crossed a small inlet off the Hutt River. When the race started, it was high tide and the inlet nearly 5 feet deep!

... In Wanganui, returning to our Hotel rather late after an evening out, the stairs were as black as the inside of a cow. At the top of the stairs was a brass switch - did it turn on the lights? NO, it was the fire alarm and a lot of explaining was done as guests rushed out!

It took a long time for the club to get its own clubrooms and it was a great day when we were given the space in the Naenae swimming pool building. The club always had a good relationship with the Hutt City Council. During the summer months there were often scrub fires on the Wainuiomata hills east of the club rooms and I think it was **Noel Sutton**<sup>1</sup> who was asked by the Council if our members would run up the fire breaks and re-sow the burnt areas with seeds of suitable trees. We did but on a very windy day, so I wouldn't be surprised if some of that seed first touched ground in Hastings or even Gisborne !



*<sup>1</sup> Life member Noel Sutton died in 1988 after a valiant battle against liver cancer. In accordance with his will, club members scattered his ashes on the crest of the Eastern Hills near the firebreak above Summit Road, Epuni. Pictured above is Noel's daughter near the centre and on the right is Club Captain - Joe Franklin who is holding the urn.*



In the late 40's and early 50's the end of season prize giving was usually held at the Petone Workingmen's Club with the Women's committee as caterers. For some older members the tradition, after a run, was to go to the nearest place to reverse what is now termed "dehydration". One member, **Ron Blandford** always stood at the bar to make sure everyone received their own glass back, but he admitted at a later date he was only concerned about getting his glass back and did not have a clue about anyone elses!

I have great memories of all the people I knew during my years with the Club.

**Jim Cunningham** *(recently retired Chairperson of the Auckland Centre  
and now life member of Athletics New Zealand)*

## The War Years ~ Early Post War Years

### War Years

From 1941-5, many members like myself were either in the armed forces or engaged in essential industry and only able to attend runs at irregular intervals. I have always admired the dedication given to the HVH Club during this period by the late **Matt Gough** and **Mick Petersen**, the former as President and the latter as Secretary. Both men gave their time freely and enabled the club to survive a very difficult period. Many Saturdays we had only four or five runners, but Matt and Mick never failed to attend. Mick had the happy knack of keeping service personnel informed of HVH news no matter where members were stationed in NZ. It has always amazed me how he found the time to do so, and I for one have always appreciated his efficiency and thoughtfulness.

Our Club Captain during this period was **Lou Brunetti** who never spared himself in the interests of the club. According to Lou, we were all 'world beaters'. When interclub runs came along usually there would not be enough runners in the club to make up a team but you would run your 'guts' out just the same. I was still on overseas service when a *Sports Post* arrived with the news that HVH had won the teams race for the Bennett Memorial Road Race. This was exciting news, I was highly elated. History shows the 1945 season was the turning point in the HVH Club's fortunes.

### Early Post War Years

A lot has already been written about the achievements of individual runners from this era. They deserved all the accolades that came their way. Their successes put





*1983 Reunion: J. Crosbie, F. Hewett, B. Smith, M. Smith, R. Hammington.*

the Club to the forefront in all the team events in the Wellington area 1946-50 - several wonderful years. A real highlight was the win in the 1948 Wgtn-Masterton relay. A day I shall always remember. Firstly, my father suffered a heart attack early morning. Secondly, the bus I was travelling in hit a bank and people were injured. The driver diverted the bus to the Hutt Hospital, then proceeded to the Petone Grand National meeting place. On arrival **Len Price**, who was our manager, wanted to know if I was ill. On being told of the events that had occurred, he said, "Come with me". He proceeded to the bar of the hotel and he ordered a large sherry. I informed him I didn't partake of intoxicating liquor, his reply was, "You don't? Well you are starting now". Discretion was the better part of valour. My lap went off without incident (swabbing wasn't common in those days!)

All the team ran well but at the last change-over at Clareville we were two minutes behind with George Hoskins of Lynndale up front; defeat was staring us in the face. It was an heroic effort on **Noel Taylor's** part that day. He caught up with Hoskins at Solway and crossed the finish line a clear winner by approximately two minutes. 'Snow' had turned defeat into victory. HVH had been second to Lynndale on two previous occasions and to those members who had run in all three events, victory was sweet. That last lap of 'Snow' Taylor's was a wonderful achievement.

Employment commitments precluded any participation in club administration, the exception being a two year period as Secretary to the Greymouth Harrier Club. I regret my contribution has been so limited. Harriers are a wonderful medium for

making friendships and the younger members starting off will find in later years these early friendships will last a lifetime.

May the HVH Club prosper and go from strength to strength. Good Luck.

**Jack Crosbie**

### *Did you know...*

Jack Crosbie was HVH's first winner of the Dorne Cup in the senior grades, 1944.

## **Ted Linton Remembers...**

The one thing that I remember most as a member of the Hutt Valley Harriers is the running of the Wellington to Masterton relay in 1950. The day was wet and dull. We entered a well balanced team but I was very nervous waiting for the start of my lap. Being new to distance running (I joined the Club in 1949), I was not sure how I would perform. My lap started in Greytown and **Bill Smith** handed over to me with a 100 yards lead. I ran hard all the way but when my lap ended at Clareville I had lost 1 and 3/4 mins. I felt very down when I handed over to **Murray Smith** for the next leg. Murray soon picked up all the lost ground and went on to be first into Masterton in record time. I will always remember Murray Smith as one of the very best runners I have run with and against over



*T. Linton, lap 10 Wgtn - Masterton Relay 1968*

the years at Hutt Valley Harriers. The other thing I will always remember is the wonderful people I have met during my time with the Club. It did not matter whether you finished first or last. It has always been a great club to run for.

# Annual Presentation of Trophies 1945

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### **Coast List and Programme**

"The King" - - - - - Mr F. K. London

Remarks:—The Chairman, Mr M. G. N. Gough (President)

A Talk:—The Hon. Walter Nash, M.P.

Item—Musical Monologue—Rev. A. R. Scott.

Remarks:—Mr H. E. Combs, M.P.

„ His Worship The Mayor of Petone,  
Harold Green, Esq.

Song—Miss M. Green.

"The Sub-Committee" - - - - - Mr. J. Goodall.

Reply - - - - - Major A. B. Chappell.

Item—Piano Accordeon—Master Keith Bradford.

"The Club" - - - - - Mr J. Perston.

Pianoforte Selection—Mr. A. Roadley.

Reply - - - - - Mr. E. Hartley (Patron).

### **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.**

Item—Mrs. Bessie Anderson.

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# Hutt Harriers' Anniversary

The Hutt Valley Harrier Club celebrated its 40th year during the weekend with a number of successful functions.

The club's first captain, **Mr. Neil Craig**, and the first secretary, **Mr. Matt Gough**, were present, together with a number of other "originals".

Tactics were immediately put into use in the old timers' race, no one wishing to make the pace.

The bunched field ran up High Street at a medium pace, with N. Craig and **T. Hurly** prominent before **C. Edwards** took the lead. He was closely followed by **C. Newlands** at Wingate Bridge, while another former club star, **C. Cook**, was making up

ground.

Edwards and Newlands were still together along Oxford Terrace and at the finish the judges were unable to separate them, declaring a deadheat. **J. Cook** was a good third. Some of the veterans got more applause than the winners.

Events for the present-day runners produced some keen competition.

**G. Sakey** won the colts A grade race, with **T. Jones** taking the B grade. **Bob Paul** won the senior race from **B. Loader** and **B. Gough**. (Evening Post, 1963.)

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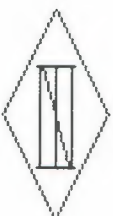
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# THEN & NOW

(from the Syllabuses)

	1939	1950	1968	1981	1997
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<b>Club Trip Away</b>	Masterton (Sanders Cup)	Takahe-Akaroa Relay	Motueka-Nelson Relay	Wanganui (Carr Shield)	Takahe-Akaroa Relay
<b>Subscriptions (seniors)</b>	11- / club race	From 11- / club race	3 pounds	\$18.50c	\$ 70
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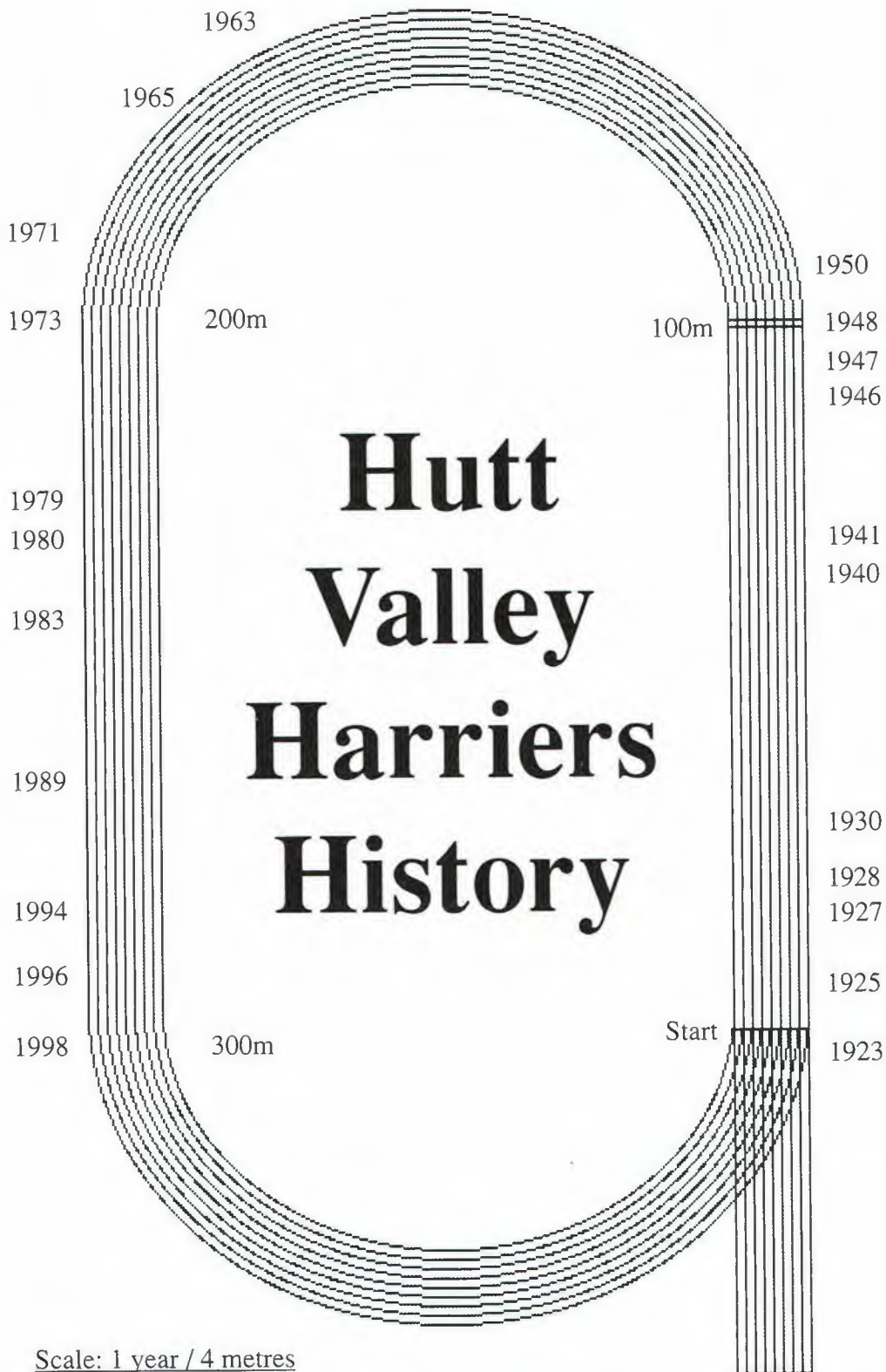
*(Above)*

*Jonathan Wyatt  
passing on to  
Richard Girling  
in a road relay.*

*(Left)*

*Jonathan Wyatt  
at the Commonwealth  
Games in Victoria,  
B. C., Canada, 1994.  
(photo courtesy of  
Keith Scott).*






# Timeline

- 1923 - HVH Club formed as an offshoot of Olympic Harriers
- 1925 - Dorne Cup presented for inter-club races over 5 miles
- 1927 - Club decides not to amalgamate with Petone A. A. Club
- 1928 - First ladies pack formed in New Zealand Harrier history
- 1930 - Season opened with 60 members
- 1940 - Juniors admitted into the Club as a separate category from Seniors for the first time and compete for the Goddard Cup
- 1941 - Dorne Cup, Robbie Shield and Sanders Cup not contested due to W.W.II.
- 1946 - First contest for the Carr Shield between Wanganui and HVH
- 1947 - HVH win the Carr & Vosseler Shields, Dorne & Ingram Cups, the Bennett Memorial and the Provincial Championships
- 1948 - Colts grade introduced for the first time, competes for the Gough Cup
- 1950 - HVH win the Wellington to Masterton relay
- 1963 - New clubrooms at the Naenae Olympic Pool Building opened
- 1965 - Position of Chairperson created
- 1971 - New Zealand's first official women's team competes at the World Championships in Spain managed by HVH's Ellen Morris, and the men's team is also managed by a HVHarrier, Jim Cunningham
- 1973 - HVH celebrates its 50th Jubilee
- 1979 - Inaugural 'Hutt City Classic' road race organised by HVH
- 1980 - First presentation of the Merrick Trophy for veterans cross country
- 1983 - Membership stands at around 150 runners and the 60th Jubilee is marked
- 1989 - Club relocates to the Hutt Recreation Ground
- 1994 - Jonathan Wyatt competes in the 5000m at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, B. C., Canada, placed 6th in the final
- 1996 - Establishment of the Junior Development Squad
- 1998 - 75th Jubilee celebrations

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*Tom Hurly (on the right) and  
friend, 1973 Reunion.*



# Wine and Cheese Evening

Social events were always an important part of Club activities and I recall that in the late 1960's every few weeks we had a social evening. Quite often they revolved around staying up late to listen to the All Blacks playing overseas and drinking and eating in quantities peculiar to Harriers, i.e. 2 or 3 times the norm.

As Committee members we all had to take our turn organising a social event. I recall that **Ron Stephens** and I were due our turn, so we immediately consulted our wives who suggested one of these 'new fangled Wine and Cheese Evenings'.

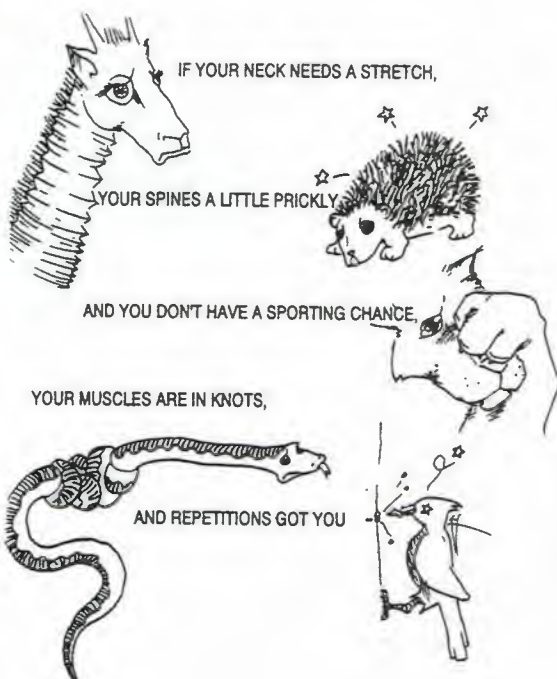
This was back in the days shortly after 6 o'clock closing had moved to 10 o'clock closing and men drank beer and women beer or Pimm's etc. - no one really drank wine. The Liquor Industry was trying to promote NZ Wine, and terrible, apple based stuff, it was too. With every 10 bottles you got one free and if you ran a function all the cheese and crackers were supplied free as well.

With the help of our wives, or more correctly with the help of us, our wives organised the first Club Wine and Cheese Evening. It was complete with candles on tables, loads of wine, various cheeses and little flags in them together with heaps

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of hot savouries etc. - which kept the ladies busy in the kitchen and Ron and I waiting on tables.

Well - what happened was we got a large turnout of members and partners who commenced to drink wine just as they drank beer, by the 8 oz glass full. Pretty soon the place was really 'humming' with just about everyone in a boisterous mood enjoying themselves! They drank all the Sparkling Wine, all the White Wine and were well into the Red (which was like drinking vinegar) when horror of horrors we ran out of wine - too late to go to the bottle store for more! I had been collecting empty bottles off the tables when someone asked for some water, so I just filled a wine bottle with tap water and put it back on the table - it was quickly drunk, mistaken for White Wine.

Very soon Ron and I were 'opening' these new bottles of White Wine and placing them amongst the few remains of Red on the tables. In fact for the final hour and a half of our Wine and Cheese Evening everyone was drinking water and didn't know it.

The following Saturday everyone told us what a great night they had had, and wasn't it strange how you could drink so much wine and not have a hangover the next day. Shows you how good those early NZ Wines were.

So now - if you were there - you know !!

**Brian Newth**



*(B. N. competed in the modern pentathlon - 1980 Moscow Olympics and was the flag bearer for the opening ceremony into Lenin Stadium pictured below).*





## Bob Mitchell Remembers...

...when the Craig Rose Bowl course went through the Randwick Archery Club's field, and forty or fifty harriers burst through the gorse bushes into their arena. I don't know who used to get the biggest fright!

...when we used to have committee meetings at our Secretary's house (Mick Petersen) and as he was the manager of the local grocery store, saveloys and cheese were in plentiful supply for supper. When it was decided to give him a break, each committee member's home was used in turn. I think each tried to out do the other with regards to supper. Needless to say we always had a full attendance at meetings!

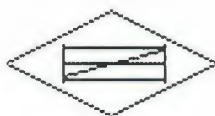
...the Club Champs always had a sealed handicap for the Athol Roadley Memorial Cup. The first three in the race were ineligible to win it, and I remember one year Ron Hammington who was running third helping Bruce Loader over the last fence, came in fourth and won the trophy!

...there were not as many races on the calendar in earlier years and club pack runs were very popular. The trick was to get into a pack that didn't go too far and get back earlier for the best of the afternoon tea. The colts usually got the cream cakes first!

...the time of the Hutt City's 25th Celebrations. In the parade some of us were dressed up as Eskimos in white snow suits. Other club members on the sidelines pelted us with over ripe tomatoes and we ended up looking like Red Indians!

...when the Novice and Presidents races were held from the Homing Pigeon Clubrooms at the Hutt Railway Station. The clubrooms were about 14ft by 8ft. You can imagine the smell of sweaty bodies (no showers). Wives and girlfriends had to wait outside while we changed.

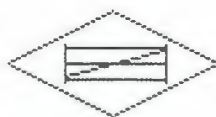
...the great trips we had to Hastings to compete in the Napier-Hastings Road Race. We would watch the Blossom Parade in the morning then compete in the afternoon. Hutt Valley had a very good record in that race, quite a few members stepped into the winners circle or took fastest time honours. The Mercurian Club would put on a party Saturday night and there were a tired lot of harriers on the return trip on Sunday.



# Club Characters

How many characters do you know who listen to a horse race whilst competing? I remember one very well. In the late 1970's I recall stumbling up Cambridge Terrace towards the finish of the Six Mile Time Trial and nearing the Naenae overbridge I heard sounds of a radio approaching from behind. Suspecting that it emanated from another runner - I never look back in a race - I spurred myself on and managed to keep the sound at a safe distance until the finish line opposite the Naenae Hotel. Guess who was responsible - none other than **Jim Page** - one of the many characters in the club at that time. I just hope his money was on the right nag that day!

## Gordon Smith



*T. Havler, B. Mitchell, G. Laurie, D. Melrose, I. Lyon, B. Wilson.  
Napier - Hastings Road Race in the 1950's.*

## Gordon Smith Remembers...

I joined HVH in 1977 as a very raw recruit wearing a pair of ill-fitting tennis shoes. I'd done almost no running since college in 1941, although I'd kept reasonably fit with some boxing, and lots of rowing and swimming. Club members very soon advised me to buy proper shoes and I'll never forget the feeling of running on air when I ventured out in a pair of cheap "Road Kings" from Hannahs ! I was on my way.

With lots of encouragement and advice from members I soon realised HVH was the club to join and that is something I have never regretted. During the "running boom" of the late '70's I became really keen and in 1980, 1982, 1987, and 1991 competed in a number of overseas events, as well as entering just about every local event on the calendar. This included finishing six marathons in reasonable shape; Hamilton, Glasgow, Rotorua, Whangarei, Melbourne, London, and the very last race-walking Fletcher in 1994 - which was an experience ! Best time of 3.09 at age 55 in Glasgow for the World Veteran Games, but try as I might later, I couldn't crack the 3 hour barrier !

I have really enjoyed my years on the Club committee and as Veteran Coordinator. I guess most Vets remember my hammering them to enter events and receiving annual birthday greetings from me. I have been associated with many clubs over the years and can say without equivocation that our club has been the best - both in sporting and social terms.



*Mr & Mrs Cunningham 1973 : Rita Hammington, Lou & Joyce Brunetti, Ron H.*



## Veteran Running

Do you remember...

...**Bob Paul** the Club's veteran road champ in 1981. He had great tussles with **Don Melrose**, especially on the second leg of the Wellington to Masterton relay. Bob was capable of 5 min. for the mile at 50 (no mean feat), while Don had moved from Hutt Valley Harriers to Kapiti and went on to win the World Veteran age group races over 5km and 10km. Prior to this era, competition was just as tough, especially for places in the Senior A team of the Wellington to Masterton relay. The qualifying time was 36 min. and **Ted Linton** ran many Six Mile Time Trials around 35 min. to secure his favoured first lap run.

In the mid to late 1980's **Rob McGregor** was unbeatable, until archilles tendon troubles saw him superceded by **Steve Quirke** in the 1990 road champs. Steve repeated this feat in 1997. In the early 1990s **Ted McLachlan** (since moved to Wellington Harriers and later Takapuna), could gallop over 10km in just a little over 30min. quite an achievement. **Kevin Jury** was our 1991 road champion and like Ted took off to Wellington Harriers and now runs for Scottish.

**Geoff Keenan** was the first of our multi-sport veterans to take out the road champs in 1993, while **John Wood** is another who participates in the multi-sport disciplines. John won the NZ Vets over 55 road champs in Christchurch 1996, with **Don Brodie** winning the same event in 1997 at Westport.

Hutt Valley Harriers in 1995 and 1997 competed in the veterans over 50 NZ Road Relay Championships, being placed third and fourth at Nelson-Motueka and Takahe-Akaroa respectively. The Club's prospects of winning this event look bright as Steve Quirke and **Hank Leech** near the 50 year-old ranks. Add to these two runners **Dave Trow** (uphill wizard imported from the Waikato), John Wood, Rob McGregor, and Don Brodie (our downhill specialist), and the Club could be very strong at the 2000 NZ Road Relay Championships to be held on the Takahe-Akaroa course.

Hutt Valley Harriers have been represented on the track by Don Brodie, Rob McGregor, Dave Trow, Ted Linton, **Ian Jacobson** and **Gordon Smith**. However, there have been disappointing turnouts at Waikanae for the Centre Cross Country Champs. The Club's own cross country course has moved from Trentham to the Blue Mountains Golf Course, Wainuiomata, north of the Melling Bridge and now north of the Kennedy-Good Bridge, with the distance being reduced from 12km to 8km. One can recall **Ian Rowe** (then Club Captain), setting up the course in Wainuiomata for 8km and most runners finding it to be around 11km. Ian was

given a ruler at the annual prize giving for his efforts!

The amount of training nowadays means that top veterans are running faster, and those from past eras such as **Dick Ward** and **Bob Mitchell** would be even better runners with modern mileage and training. Despite family commitments and other leisure pursuits, a considerable number of veterans run with the Club. Veteran running is a lifestyle that according to the late Dr. G. Sheehan should provide a more active healthy life in later years for those who participate in the sport. Hutt Valley Harriers are in good heart as we go past the 75th year mark in our Club's history.

### Don Brodie



*Pamela and Don Brodie's Wedding day 1972.  
Club members form a guard of honour.*

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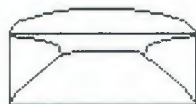
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# Once were secretaries



"How would you two like to take on the job of joint secretaries for the Club?" **Clive Chandler** looked at Enid and me, asking the question with an expectant expression in his eyes. After many questions and much discussion we agreed. Naturally there were no other nominations for the position at the next annual meeting of the Club, so we got the job.



Although we found the responsibilities to be onerous and time consuming it was a most enjoyable job. **Bill Merrick**, the Club chairperson, and **Rob McGregor**, the treasurer, had both been in their respective positions since Adam wore short pants, and were extremely helpful to us new chums. Equally helpful was the secretaries' manual which had been written by the **Eades** who had been joint secretaries before us.



We held the job until the end of the 1987 season when I was transferred to Brussels, the capital of Belgium. There we found quite an active running community and we joined a club consisting mainly of expat Brits. There was a tremendous variety of races to compete in. The most important race is the annual Brussels 20km. run which is an experience. Enid and I naturally enough competed and we made up a team of mostly other New Zealanders, a couple of Englishmen and a couple of Belgian friends who were designated honorary Kiwis. The field totalled approximately 25,000 runners some in colourful fancy dress. The route around the streets and parks of Brussels was lined the whole way with vocal spectators and colourful bands. A few times we heard "come on Kiwi" calls which helped us overcome the effort of running over the hilly although picturesque course. Among other events, I also ran the Echternach Marathon in Luxembourg. The less said about that the better, but I did finish. A long section of the course was beside a stream the other side of which was Germany. Enid and her sister, who was visiting us at the time, wandered to the middle of a foot bridge and proudly announced that they had walked half way to Germany!

We returned to New Zealand in 1990 and my first contact with the Club on our return was the Novice and President's race. I was greeted with "Hello Dave, welcome back", and in the next breath, "How would you and Enid like to be joint secretaries again." We accepted and remained in the job until my illness precluded me from continuing.

Being secretary of the Hutt Valley Harriers was not easy, but it was most rewarding. All members of the committee, especially Bill Merrick and Rob McGregor

were very helpful. The committee that we served on was extremely hard working, as is today's. We look back on those seasons as being most fulfilling.

**Dave Ray**

## **Veteran Athletics**

After the distance running revolution swept athletics in NZ, the next phenomenon was that of the veteran movement. With a few local pockets of older athletes taking part in our sport, the 1970's saw the birth of veteran events at the national Cross Country Champs. The first event was for men over the age of 40 years and was held at Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekakariki. The first women's event (for women over the age of 35) was staged at Wanganui in 1975. Road Champs were first staged at Nelson in 1973. With the success of these events the first Track and Field Champs were held at Christchurch in 1975.

All these have since become annual events with participation open to all Veteran athletes who wish to take part. No entry qualification is placed on them other than that of being of Veteran age. Our representatives at these early National events included **Ernie Beattie, Jim Page, Noel Sutton, Bill Merrick and Ted Linton.**

The first World Veteran Games were staged in 1975 in Canada. NZ has been well represented at these games wherever they are held biennially. The Fourth World Veteran Games were at Christchurch in 1981 at which our club was represented by **Bob Paul.** In 1987 449 NZers took part in the Games in Melbourne. Included amongst these were four club members, **John Frandi, Charlie Rod, Gordon Smith and Rob McGregor.** This NZ contingent was very successful. Amongst the medals gained was a silver by the mens Marathon team of which Rob McGregor was a member. The 1989 Games were held in Eugene, USA. Our only representative here was Rob who returned with 2 bronze medals as a member of the Marathon and Cross Country teams. Our next representation was at the 1995 Games held in Buffalo, USA. Here we were represented by **Pete McGavin** and Rob McGregor.

The 1999 games to be staged in Gateshead, England, are expected to attract in excess of 10,000 entries and have a budget well into the millions of dollars, making them the largest athletic event ever staged. Three all-weather tracks are required to cope with the numbers of athletes competing. Hence it is unlikely that they will be staged in NZ again.



The club has also been well represented at events such as the Fletcher Marathon where **Ngaire Franklin** appears in the Hall of Fame having won gold in the 1982 Women's 45-49 event. In the 1995 Capital Power Half Marathon the club had a most successful day with winners in the Mens 40 division **Tony Dellabarca**, Mens 50 Rob McGregor, and Mens 55 Charlie Rod.

The most popular event of the year amongst Veterans is the Classic Relay held in May at Trentham Memorial Park. 1993 saw the HVH team in the Mens 250 (5x50) years grade take out first place, and they repeated this result the following year. In 1995 they could not quite reproduce this success finishing 2nd. Also second on this day was the Mens 300 (5x60) years team. These placings were a precursor to the HVH Mens 50 years team attending the 1996 National Road Champs where as the Wellington team they took out the bronze medal in the inter-centre competition and won the the inter-club competition. The Road Relay Champs have also seen this Mens 50 team finish 4th on more than one occasion.

Veterans running is in good heart with veterans making up almost one third of the active membership of our club. The days of 'retiring' from competition once one reaches 30 have now long gone, to the greater benefit of our sport. The only downside of this equation is that it is much harder to find officials to conduct events nowadays as everyone is still competing.

### **Rob McGregor**



*Gordon Coton,  
Noel Sutton,  
Brian Thomas,  
with Ted Linton behind on the  
left.*

*Fletcher Marathon Rotorua,  
1981.*



# Clubrooms

A milestone in the Club's history since the 60th Jubilee was the move in 1989 from Naenae to our present clubrooms at the Hutt Recreation Ground. We occupied Naenae for over 30 years at a peppercorn rental. In 1968 it was just 10 shillings p.a., while our club committee minutes of February 1987 record the annual rental as being \$74.80c.

Club members who met at the clubrooms above the Naenae Olympic Pool will remember well the relatively substandard accommodation and the fact that skulls did not take kindly to contact with the exposed sloping concrete roof beams! Hence the move was instigated to offer club members better facilities combined with the fact that the City Council needed to fully re-develop the pool complex.

Sharing clubrooms with the Hutt District Cricket Club means the building can be used all year round. Of course the move to the Hutt Rec. involved fund raising to meet a hugely increased rental and lots of voluntary labour by club members for clubroom renovations (see "Cash for Cans" article, p.55). Mention must also be made of the expertise of **Kevin Jury** and **Rob McGregor** in designing and overseeing clubroom alterations.

**Gordon Smith**



*Opening Day 1980 outside the Naenae Olympic Pool.  
Archie Mack and Mayor Sir John Kennedy-Good on the far left.*

# Junior Relay Trips - 1980/90's

In the mid 1980's I started to look after the club juniors. In order to keep them coming along and to get to know each other better, we went away on club trips. The first trip we made was to the Marton road races. It was very quiet on the way up, but coming back radios, tapes, and race talk created such a noise that I had a headache for days afterwards! Subsequent years saw us develop a strong junior section of both male and female runners, winning many interclub events.

From the late 1980's we went to National Relay events, one of the first being the Kaimai Relay where we were strong enough to field 2 junior boys' teams, each consisting of seven runners. The bus took 11 hours to get there with a top speed of 60km down hill, but over the Kaimai Ranges many runners were going faster than our bus! For these races **Richard Girling** psyched himself up by playing a tape of a race featuring Peter Snell, Murray Halberg and himself, in which he was also the commentator and managed to beat both Snell and Halberg everytime!

For the Motueka-Nelson relay our junior team was drafted into the senior ranks and won the B grade. On these trips we discovered **Brendon Cole** did the most justice to the local smorgasbord with **Jason Brown** a close second, while **Jonathan Wyatt's** breakfast before a race was 8 Weetbix! **Phil Wood** and **Jeremy Boyd's** karaoke skills were popular, also **Rita Hammington's** scones, and **Ron's** support on the sidelines. The greatest drama of our Nelson trips began when Jonathan took some runners for a post-race run and was late back. The van was low on petrol, the first petrol station was closed and we wondered if we would reach Picton in time. However, the ferries were cancelled due to high seas. I chickened out of sailing back the next morning, taking the plane instead. When I greeted the juniors after their six hours at sea they looked the worse for the experience - most had been feeding the fish!

Another experience was when the junior section of the Masterton Relay was a handicap event. Our boys performed too well and on the final lap, (fearing disqualification for bettering our time by more than the allowed %), I had to get **Alastair Watt** to slow down, which wasn't easy! The National Relay at Akaroa produced some top performances too, especially **Damian Attwell** on the uphill and **Adrian Therkleson** on the longest lap.

In my many years looking after the juniors I had many thrills from their successes, including Jonathan Wyatt and **Stephen Willis** representing NZ. However, my greatest satisfaction has come from the large number of runners who started as juniors and who are still running with the club today - such as the six who competed at Akaroa in 1997, in the A team.

**Bruce Kerse**





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John Wood has enjoyed his association with the HVHC and being involved in its recent history. It is a pleasure to be part of the 75th commemoration and to be drawing up plans for future successful seasons.



# Women's Running

**Sara Uruski** has been HVH's sole veteran runner in recent interclub events, but she will be joined in a few years by other runners nearing their 35th birthdays. Unfortunately **Trish Coley** has not been able to participate in many events due to a troublesome knee injury that has largely kept her out of competitive running.

The Club has been lucky to have some excellent women's captains in recent years. One such captain, **Liz Darling** has progressed to marathon distances, recording 3 hours 21 mins at Rotorua in 1995. Liz was followed by **Trish Gruschow** into the captaincy position, and she in turn was succeeded by **Leanne Asher**, who held the post from 1996-7 as well as achieving a number of personal bests over the distances of 10k and the half marathon. The current captain is **Vanessa Fox** who was a new recruit in 1997.

**Julie Braddick** has shown vast improvement in her running, winning the Annie Huggan Cup in 1997, while **Debbie Small** has consistently put in good performances for the Club. Other senior runners have included, **Christine Dellabarca**, **Robyn Craddock**, **Marylin McGrath**, **Lynley Wyatt**, and **Rosemary McManus**.

The Club's star female athlete who has represented New Zealand as a junior in duathlon and yachting, (in Italy and Greece respectively) is **Susie Wood**. Another with overseas experience is **Antonia Wood** (no relation to Susie), currently competing in Europe on the orienteering circuit.

**Cathy Benge** has been a member of HVH for several years now. She is also an accomplished swimmer and cyclist, competing in several triathlons over the summer months. Other swimming and cycling enthusiasts are **Bridget Robinson** and **Debbie Rothsay**.

The Rotorua Marathon is a popular event which in the past has attracted such HVH runners as **Fiona Saunders-Francis** and **Denise Iles**, with **Kirsty Ferguson** completing the distance for the first time in 1997. **Clare Duggan** has entered numerous half marathon events and has recently diversified into cross country and road races.

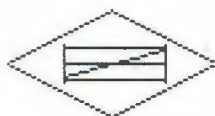
**Katherine Clark** prefers cross country events, even though she broke her leg on the Shaw Baton course in 1993. She has been with the club since the junior grades. Others to run in the junior grades have been **Nicki Kerse**, **Anita Milne**, **Emily McGavin**, and **Meike Willis**, while **Cara Marshall** is a track specialist. The current

crop of juniors includes the **Swain** sisters - **Jacinda** and **Nicole**, **Kerry Blake**, **Jennifer Loper** and **Laura Hurley** who are coming through the ranks of the Junior Development Squad.

### **Katherine Clark**



*Kerry Blake being timed by Junior Development Squad coach Ali Dennis.  
(photo courtesy of the Hutt News)*



### *Did you know...*

...Bob Mitchell did a better time for the mile than Jack Lovelock. Mitchell recorded 4 mins 7 secs in 1958 compared to Lovelock's 4min 7.6 secs set in 1933.

# Junior Development Squad

In 1995 the Hutt Valley Harriers (HVH) committee decided something had to be done to attract and retain junior runners. This was an important part of the plan to return HVH to its former years when it was recognised as a competitive club. The decision lead to the committee approaching myself (a fitness professional, running coaching programmes fulltime, and a former Hutt Valley Harrier) for ideas. Thus the Junior Development Squad (JDS) was established.

The JDS is designed to develop young runners from the Club; the aim being to provide expert fitness, technical and race training throughout the season as well as encouraging maximum participation and good club spirit. Numbers have increased dramatically and some pleasing results have been posted. Our goal for the next two years is to retain the current juniors while recruiting even more. To do this we hope to expand the programme to cater for a wider age range.



*Back row: A. Dennis, M. Bell, T. Anderson, J. Swain, J. Loper, M. Willis,  
N. Swain, S. Wood. (Superb fabric art mural by Joan Beattie)  
Front row: D. Stacey, N. Perigo, H. Pepper, L. Hurley, J. McGavin, N. Willis.*



## **Highlights from 1997**

We started the season with a fun training camp at El-Rancho in Waikanae. This was aimed at developing team spirit and a 'clash of the codes' type competition was organised which included.....

- 1) relays of wood stacking
- 2) tug of war
- 3) a row boat relay
- 4) two obstacle courses

It was interesting to see the children's different strengths show through. Some great team work and support developed as each event progressed. One situation in particular stays in my mind. Nathan Perigo got his leg stuck in the 'down tunnel' of the obstacle course and his team lost 2 mins. while I tried to free him from this career threatening predicament!

After a hard day when all the kids were in bed (but not asleep), it was time for myself to retire. As I climbed into my sleeping bag I discovered - a heap of sugar! The next morning saw the kids doing endless, beach and shallow water sprints until someone owned up.

Another fun event was the North Island Cross Country Champs. All the kids enjoyed the opportunity to compete alongside some of New Zealand's best runners. The trip was designed to give the juniors experience at a major competition as well as enjoy a trip away. After the racing, Pizza Hut and the movies saw out the evening. Many thanks to Julie Braddick and Luke Walton for being the supervising adults.

The Bays Relay in Wellington has been a popular event for juniors and that tradition was continued in 1997. The race was open to all grades and HVH had four junior teams aged 10 - 17 years, out of a Club total of ten teams. The highlight was watching the under 16 boys assume second place out of the HVH teams on the first lap only 30 sec. behind our top senior men's team. The seniors soon picked up the pace when they realised some 14 year olds might beat them! A meal at McDonalds after the race ensured the social aspect of the JDS continues to grow. Other social activities throughout the year have included a junior party, where the kids played games, ate pizza, and generally had a good time.

## **Talent**

Amongst the juniors there are some very talented kids. The key to their success is their interest in running. If they do not enjoy coming to harriers they will soon drop out and the talent will be lost. So we must retain our young runners by continuing to provide an atmosphere where training is fun and enjoyable, challenging but

achievable and social. The JDS facilitates this.

The juniors to watch out for, so far, are: **Nathan Perigo, Jacinda and Nicole Swain, Kerry Blake, David Stacey and Neil Sampson.**

**Ali Dennis** (Junior Development Coach)



## “Cash for Cans”



During 1988-91 the Club invested \$28,000 in leasehold improvements which helped transform our clubrooms into the attractive, functional venue you see today. The bulk of this sum came from the profits of our “Cash for Cans” venture with Comalco. These improvements were made possible by rostered club members ‘manning’ the aluminium can collection bin every Saturday morning for seven years, 1989-1995. **Ted Linton** (1997 winner of the Sutton Trophy for Veteran Club Spirit) made a major contribution by collecting enormous quantities of cans. Our landlord - Hutt District Cricket Club - has partially repaid the cost of our leasehold improvements, so the sum owing to us is now \$14,000 which will be repaid in full in 1999.

**Barry Lyons** was the main initiator of this venture and the club owes him a lot for his tireless efforts. Due to increasing work commitments, Barry passed the organising on to **Gordon Smith** for the succeeding six years. Barry and Gordon set up the roster and cash float, liaised with Comalco and were available



*You must remember this cage!  
Gordon Smith in the can cage, 1990.*



on Saturday mornings to open the collection cage and often stayed to give 'first-timers' a few tips - especially to empty bags before paying out money - as some people added bricks to increase the weight! During Gordon's six years the cage had to change location 4 times which involved a lot of negotiation.

Ups and downs in the global aluminium price have seen our fortunes fluctuate. However, we never made an annual loss and in fact 1991-2 saw a net profit of \$10,400. By late 1995 our returns were becoming marginal and so we terminated our connection with Comalco. However, club members, particularly Ted Linton, continue to collect cans, the sale of which helps to keep our subscriptions to one of the lowest in the region. This negates the need to sell raffle tickets and helps generate club spirit.

### *Did you know...*

- Joe Franklin (past Club Captain, President, and Life Member) ran from Lower Hutt to Napier in 1991 at age 55. Nearly equivalent to 8 marathons, he covered the



325km distance in 5 days, that is, 65km a day!

- In 1992 Joe ran from Porirua to Rotorua. This is a distance of 440km or 10.5 marathons. After that seven day effort he completed the Fletcher Marathon in 4 hours and 15 minutes the next day!

- To celebrate his 60th birthday in 1996, Joe ran 60km from Wellington to Raumati South!

*Joe Franklin  
competing in the  
Vosseler Shield in  
1979.*





*1997 Hutt News Fun Run, start of under 10s race at the Hutt Recreation Ground.  
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*Ruamahanga Relay 1997: (clockwise) Julie Braddick, Charlie Metcalfe, Luke Walton.*



*Charlie Rod, Rimutaka leg of the Wgtn-Masterton Relay, 1987.*

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*Winning Team in 250 year age group & 5th overall*

*J. Wood, C. Rod, G. Hickton, R. McGregor, D. Brodie (absent)*

*(George Hickton is the CEO of the TAB)*



*Did you know...*

The Club's colours have not always been tangerine and black.  
In the early days they were in fact blue and black.



*Junior Men 1978 at the New Zealand Cross Country Champs in Wanganui.*



*Junior Men 1988: Back Row: J. Brown, R. Moore, R. Girling, T. Westwood, A. Watt, D. Attwell, S. Hunter  
Front Row : B. Cole, J. Boyd, N. Gellatly, J. Wyatt, K. Maseyk*





*Juniors c.1947: (back row) N. Griffin, G. Chandler, -, M. Chandler, L. Cooper.  
(front row) -, G. Peterson, B. Goss, -, -, C. Edwards, C. Chandler.  
(others include, W. Blacklock?, Brown, L. Brunetti, Whitehouse).*



*Susie Wood, duathlete, 1996.*



## *Did you know...*

In 1937 the Club rules stated that a quorum for the Club's annual general meeting was 50% of the membership. In today's terms that would mean roughly 85 members would have to be persuaded to be present, rather than just 15, as is currently stipulated.

## **Club Merger**

### **Formation of a combined summer & winter Athletics Club in the Hutt Valley**

In late 1997 delegates from our club and surrounding Harrier Clubs - Wainuiomata, Trentham United and Rimutaka and also the Hutt Valley Track and Field Club met to discuss the possibility of forming one united athletic club for summer and winter competition.

There was unanimous agreement for this to occur as we felt this was essential for the future survival of athletics in this area. This would overcome a growing number of problems we currently face such as:

- Lack of success in regional and national competitions.
- Our elite runners leaving to join bigger, more attractive and successful clubs to gain competition and recognition.
- Difficulty in securing sponsorship because of our size.
- Difficulty in forming competitive teams for relays, eg. women's teams where due to lack of numbers women have to run in composite teams just to compete.
- Investing money in our junior athletes by way of coaching only to see them poached by other clubs before we reap the rewards ourselves.
- Dwindling membership.
- In two year's time we could well face having to look for alternative clubrooms when our current lease expires.

The governing body Athletics NZ is strongly encouraging the merger of small clubs for summer and winter competition as a means of survival. Amalgamations are now occurring throughout the country and there are now only 3 or 4 clubs in the entire Auckland area.

There was a strong desire that this new club should be operating in time for the

1998 winter season. A working party was set up to look at options available and the initial step favoured was that individual clubs would remain in existence at least in the short term and be free to run their normal club activities as per usual. However, all runners seeking to compete in inter-club and national events would be registered to Athletics NZ while representing the new combined club. This proposal would overcome the obvious barriers to an immediate merger such as what happens to club's assets, loss of club identity and history.

A full amalgamation of clubs could then possibly occur sometime down the track after having overcome all the major obstacles.

A name for the new club - "Valleys United" and uniform - singlet incorporating the colours green, gold and maroon were proposed.

This proposal is to be presented at a special Annual General Meeting at each club in February 1998 and if agreed upon in March the new club would be formed.

**Mark Growcott**    *(1998 Club Vice-Captain)*

### *Women Runners c. 1930*



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