



# STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB

A brief history



# THE FORMATIVE YEAR: 1919

The Stop Out club was founded in 1919 with the aim of providing recreational opportunities to Te Aro flat children associated with the St Peter's Mission.

The Reverend Thomas Fielden-Taylor of the Wellington City Mission wanted to establish a club for the large number of boys who would stay out late at night kicking a football about.

The kids were affectionately known as 'stop outs' period slang for troubled youth.

When a club was finally established for them, the club name 'Stop-Out' was an obvious choice.

So the St Peter's Taranaki Street Mission was set up for the Boys Club becoming our first home.

1919 was the official birth of the Stop Out club and after almost 100 years much has changed about the club, and yet our values remain the same today.

In 2019 we celebrate the centenary of the Stop Out Sports club



BOYS' CLUB, TARANAKI STREET



*"The name means nothing. We are all starting off with nothing. Let's make the name Stop Out mean something to the people of Wellington."*

Reverend Thomas Fielden-Taylor

# THE FIRST DECADE: 1920 — 1929

The first decade saw Stop Out involved in many sports and activities: Harriers, Debating, Drama Club, Billiards, Cricket Boxing, Football and even Tug of War. The Youth camps became an annual highlight and bible studies were very much at the heart of the club.

And from 1922 we also entered local rugby competitions.

The top cricket team by the end of this period developed into a competitive team and we became a firmly established cricket club within the Wellington region.

As the decade progressed it saw our football team gradually extending itself until by the end of 1929 when we achieved promotion into the senior grade of Wellington football.

*"In affiliating with the Rugby Union we were forced to adopt 'Red and Grey' as our colours, owing to the fact that our own club colours were already in use."*

The Stop Out'—Official organ of the Stop-Out club. May 1922



STOP-OUT CRICKET TEAM 1922—23

## Excerpt from the 1922 Annual report

The third anniversary of the Stop-Out Club was celebrated in fitting manner last night by a large number of members and others who gathered at Dustin's rooms, and spent a very enjoyable evening. In proposing the toast, "Absent Members," the chairman, Canon Taylor, spoke of the progress the club had made since its inception. From five original members, it had grown to 172.

The toast "Our President" was the signal for a storm of cheering. Canon Taylor, in response, emphasised the fact that without objectives no club could get on, and gave as the next objective that of raising funds for a new boys' hostel in Wellington. He spoke of the improvement in the club since last year, and urged all members present to do their best at all times.

Community singing was indulged in and the club's band gave a selection, which was much appreciated.

## Girls' Camp, Christmas, 1923.

This year the Girls' Club held its Annual Camp at Carterton, where we all spent a jolly time together.

On the day of our arrival a very pleasant surprise awaited us, Mr. McKenzie having the billy boiling and tables set ready for lunch.

On the 29th December the whole Camp paid a visit to the A.B.C. Camp at Solway. The boys provided afternoon tea for the girls, and what a delicious tea it was!—hot cakes and scones and a "dainty" mug of tea; really the best tea since leaving home.

The girls held their Camp Sports on Monday, 31st December, to which the Boys' Camp was invited. Unfortunately, the train by which the boys were to come did not stop at Solway, so only those with bicycles were able to attend the Sports.



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

"STOP-OUT" CLUB

MAY, 1924.

President:

REV. T. FIELDEN TAYLOR.

Vice-Presidents:

REVS. H. WATSON and P. A. STANLEY, MESSRS  
A. HILLYER, G. CLARKE, C. L. COLLINS, H.  
C. BAYES, R. C. KEINIG, W. NICHOL, H.  
CORNWALL and F. H. GASKIN.

Secretary:

MR. J. P. CORDER.

Treasurer:

MR. W. S. SOUTHWARD.

# THE SECOND DECADE: 1930 — 1939

In late 1927 the Dunn family who had been foundation members of the Stop Out Sports Club relocated to the Hutt Valley.

In 1931 with financial support and backing from Reverend Fielden Taylor, Dick Dunn commenced club activities under the grandstand at the Hutt Park racecourse.

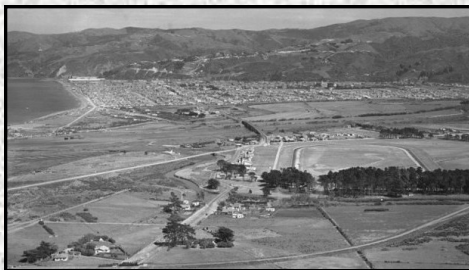
We were initially known as the Moera Stop-Out Sports Club.

One boys' under-12 soccer team was entered into the local competition and in the summer we started one cricket team.

Instruction and training was also given in the sport of boxing.

Before long there were upward of 100 boys meeting nightly under the grandstand at the Hutt Park trots.

On 26 April 1930 a Stop Out football team was entered the Senior Grade 3 competition and played their first game against Miramar Rangers at Rongotai. Sadly the result was never recorded.



**Hutt Park Raceway c 1932**



**Gathering of 'Stop Outs' at Hutt Park**



**Stop Out 1st team, Petone Rec 1936**



**Reverend Fielden Taylor with of a group off to camp at Ōtaki, 1931-32.**



**Stop Out Cricket, 1st X1 Senior A Porirua Mental Hospital grounds, 1931**

# THE THIRD DECADE: 1940 — 1949

Over this 10 year period and through the war years our cricket club grew to reach Senior status. Our Senior football team moved between Wellington Division's 1A and 1B ending in Division 1B in 1949.

After the death of Fielden Taylor in 1936, Dick Dunn became the President, a role he held for many more decades.

## MOERA STOP-OUT AND DIAMOND

Moera Stop Out played with excellent combination against Diamond, and ran out winners by 5 goals to 1. For Moera Jeromson and Bold scored two goals each, whilst Howie, the Diamond keeper, put one through his own goal. Tucker scored Diamond's only goal.

**EVENING POST 12-05-1941**



**Dick Dunn coaching cricket at St Paul's Church, Waiwhetu Road 1949**



**Colts cricket team at Trafalgar Park Senior 2nd Division 1949**

Some of our finest footballers ; Reg Singer, O Bold, Johnny Sharp, George Drylie were all prolific through these years. In 1948, 15 year old Fred Benge played his first senior game and was still playing in 1964.

Fred scored 124 goals for the club.

And the legend that was Frank Jeromson played senior football for well over 20 seasons.



**Fred Benge**

### Wellington reps in the 1940's

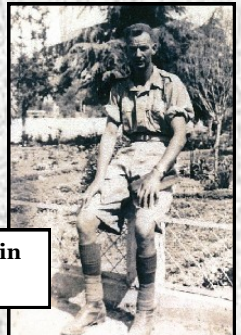
	Years	Matches
G Drylie	1942-44, 47	9
F Jeromson	1942-43, 46, 55	7
J Sharp	1942, 47-49, 52, 55-56	20
R Singer	1942-48	12
Young	1943	1
W Jones	1943	3
O Bold	1943	2

## HUTT VALLEY CRICKET

It was decided that clubs should be allowed, until the end of the year, to regrade players without applying for permission. Two wickets at Trafalgar Park were allocated to the park club, and one at Bell Park to Stop Out.

*"One wicket at Bell Park for Stop Out"*

**Evening Post, 17th October 1945**



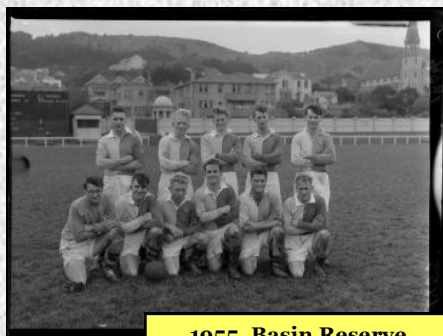
**Club Captain Tom Logie**

# THE FOURTH DECADE: 1950 — 1959

This decade proved to be one of the club's most successful periods. The Club's Senior team started in Division 1A and ended 1959 in what was the top senior grade in Wellington then known as Wellington 1.

Our first team won the Senior grade championship—the Venus Shield in 1955 and 1956. And we won the Chatham Cup in 1956.

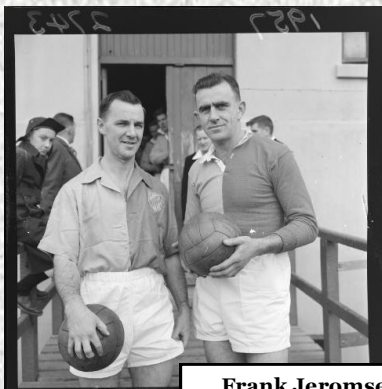
Decade	For	Against	Difference
1930s	344	350	-6
1940s	509	392	117
1950s	587	353	234
1960s	564	389	175
1970s	329	363	-34
1980s	479	290	189
1990s	356	472	-116
2000s	318	470	-152
2010s	181	94	87



1955, Basin Reserve



Jim Blair



Frank Jeromsen



1956, vs Miramar at the Basin

1953 Venus Shield Runners-up  
 1954 Venus Shield WINNERS  
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 1956 Venus Shield WINNERS  
 1956 Chatham Cup WINNERS  
 1958 Venus Shield Runners-up

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J.Sharp	1942, 47-49, 52, 55-56	20
R.Blair	1950, 55-58	9
R.Hastings	1952-54	5
E.Manderson	1952	1
F.Benge	1952-57	16
B.Sinden	1953	1
H.Grootelaar	1953-56	10
J.Newall	1953	2
B.Sergent	1955-56, 58	9
A.Schyvers	1956-60	17
R.Jackson	1957	3

# THE CHATHAM CUP, Winners 1956

The Chatham Cup is considered to be the ultimate goal for any club and we achieved this with victory in 1956.

Here is the pathway to the final -

Game 1 v Petone 3-1

Game 2 v University 5-4

Game 3 v Western Suburbs 4-1

Game 4 v Masterton 7-3

Game 5 v Eastern Suburbs 7-3

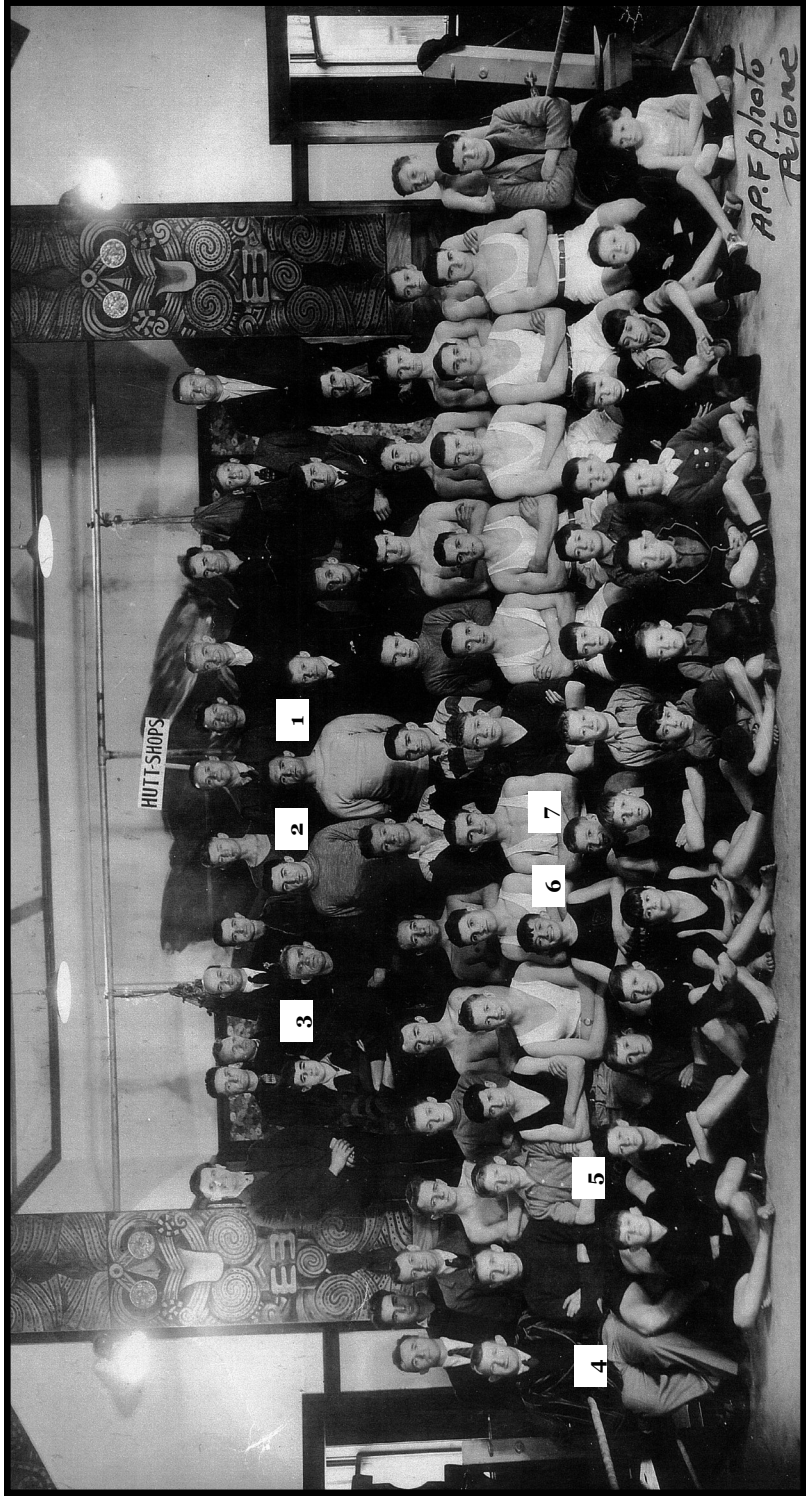
FINAL v Shamrock 4-1

Goal scorers

For 3- Against 13



D GENTRY, A SCHRYVERS, J NEUMANN, D HUDSON, F BENGE, H GROOTELAAR,  
J SHARP, C LINCOLN (Selector) F JEROMSON (Captain) C DUNCAN (Coach) J BLAIR  
G SMITH, B SERGEANT



1 DICK DUNN—FOUNDER. 2 TOM DUNN. 3 JIMMY DUNN. 4 HENRY DUNN. 5 PETER DUNN. 6 GEORGE DRYLIE. 7 FRANK JEROMSEN

ORIGINAL FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYERS ARE WEARING WHITE SINGLETS

## STOP OUT SPORTS CLUB, HUTT RAILWAY WORKSHOPS