

**John Jones**  
(1939 – 1940)

John joined the Kingfishers Surfcasters & Angling Club when he was just 16 years of age and remain a loyal member of that club all his life. From information that I have he was appointed secretary of the club in the mid 1980's and held club positions ever since.

Looking through old material it was interesting to note that a business called CB Radio was the major sponsor of ACA Newsletters around 1984/85. CB Radio was John!

John was elected to the Executive of the NZACA, from what I can ascertain, back in the late 1970's. Certainly he was there and showing on AGM Minutes in 1981.

John remained part of the Executive right up until this year when a controversial change of rules meant that Life Members were no longer automatic members of that NZACA Management Committee. 35 years plus - a length of service probably not equaled by anyone else in NZACA history.

In the mid 1990's John took over the administration of the Kiwi Fishing Club following the death of the club founder, Derek Flintoff. He held this position with this NZACA Postal Club until earlier this year.

Back in 2007 when we put together the NZACA 50<sup>th</sup> Booklet John was the source of a great deal of the material that we included due to his keeping of Newsletters, Press cuttings, articles and other material. Without that our 50<sup>th</sup>. Booklet would have been a much leaner publication. However I have inherited much of

that material but I am not sure if I should thank John for that or not – who do I pass it on to?

John's skills, abilities and knowledge of the radio and communications world he has put to good use for the NZACA with communications at Nationals and the like. We have a complete audio transcript of the NZACA Retreat held in 2011. John was a mainstay of the NZACA stand at the Auckland Boat Show a number of years back. I also have videos that John put together from past Nationals. So his legacy continues.

John was a “behind the scenes” worker and one who could be relied upon. However he, with Frances, were very much to the fore with sausage and food stalls at a number of Nationals. A task they performed for a number of organisations I believe.

John was not one to seek office or status in the NZACA or its Executive but was one who when he contributed one listened to. He spoke with the benefit of his extensive past knowledge, wisdom and basic common sense.

John's contribution to the NZACA was recognized in 2011 by the organisation bestowing on him Life Membership. This reward was well deserved and maybe should have been awarded a lot earlier.

Over recent times the NZACA has made a number of decisions and changes that John was not fully in agreement with and quietly made his views known without fanfare or fuss, but folk knew where he stood and why.

As a flow-on from those decisions a group of members who have had considerable experiences in the National Organisation have formed themselves into a body so that this knowledge is not lost and others can make use of such. John was a member of this group and it has recently affiliated with the National Body. John unfortunately could not be present at the last meeting of the group at which the NZACA Membership Cards were handed out. So I now undertake that task and present John with his membership card.

John rest in peace – knowing you have been a good and faithful steward to the world of recreational fishing in this country.

Graeme Dawber  
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