

Tony Feely

As the last annual report went to print, Tony Feely made the call to step down as Premier team scorer. Tony joined the club at the beginning of the 1979/80 season and this began an association that lasted for 34 summers.



Tony had initially played some cricket for his works team but then decided that scoring was a better way to be involved in the sport. His careful and neat approach was quickly appreciated by the senior players and for a number of years he added value to the annual report by including a chapter on happenings which would highlight some of the year's achievements. He also did his share of administration as secretary of the club.

Outside BWCUCC, Tony's scoring services have been in demand at various levels for many years; he has scored many matches for Canterbury, for New Zealand at various levels, and at countless events such as the 2015 World Cup Qualifying tournament. Tony has also played a leading role in the New Zealand Umpires and Scorers Association.

It was these other commitments that ultimately played a major part in Tony's decision to step down from our Premier team. He is still involved here, however. Our new Premier scorer, Arun Kumar, has benefited from his assistance. Tony also still maintains our Premier team historical records and, along with Brian Adams, has ensured we have the playing statistics for every player to have represented the club at its highest level over its 110 year history.

During that time, only 26 men have been made Life Members. Tony is one of them, and the only Scorer. A fitting tribute.