

John Richard Fulton C.B.E. 1900-72 Soldier, medical doctor & administrator

* Founding member of the Club; member of Otago team vs Crockfords 1935; member till 1939

His association with the Club lasted only three years as he enlisted as a medical doctor with the 27th Machine Gun Battalion during WW II attaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel and didn't rejoin, preferring rubber to duplicate bridge. John was educated at OBHS where he became a sergeant in the School Cadet Battalion and was later accepted as an officer cadet at the Royal Military College at Duntroon, Canberra where he graduated in 1922. The prospects of soldiering were not good at that time so John returned to New Zealand and studied medicine at the University of Otago, graduating in 1928. He undertook further study in Edinburgh in the next three years where he qualified as a member of the Royal College of Physicians. He married, returned to Dunedin and set up a practice in St Kilda. In 1947 he was elected a member of the Otago Hospital Board, a position he held until his retirement in 1971. He was made a Commander of the Order of St John in 1968. John was a keen tennis player and was twice president of the Otago Lawn Tennis Association and the first Otago man to be elected president of the New Zealand Tennis Association in 1938.



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Julius (Jules) Herbert Fulton 1901-73

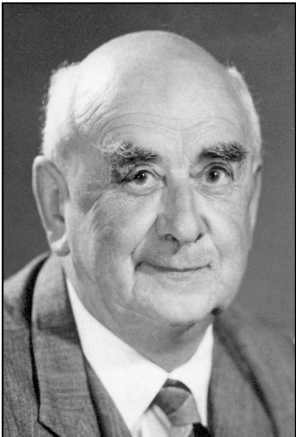
* Founding member; part of the team which represented Otago in the first bridge match with Crockfords Club in Christchurch; his wife, Dorothy, joined in 1938

Jules, like his cousin, John Fulton, was a descendant of an Otago pioneering family, brought up on the Taieri & educated, as a boarder, at Waitaki Boys' High School, Oamaru, 1912-8. In the early 1920s he worked as an assistant surveyor & was involved with the assembly of the roller coaster for the NZ & South Seas International Exhibition in 1925-6. He then moved into the road



construction business as an apprentice with the Neuchatel Asphalt Co. Ltd. but he lost his job during the Depression. In 1933 he joined forces with Bob Hogan as an asphalt contractor, registering the Fulton Hogan (Fulton Hogan Holdings Shell) company in 1935, now one of the biggest roading firms in the South Pacific. Jules took on the management and tendering for contracts while Bob Hogan was the supervisor in the field. He was Chairman of Directors of the firm till 1961 and had an office in the same building as the Bridge Club, the AMP building, as did Robert Sinclair (see below), the company secretary and later a director. In 1966 a new administrative headquarters was built in Fairfield. During his semi-retirement in the mid 1960s Jules encouraged the directors to take on board the latest management techniques and create a corporate structure.

Jules gained a reputation for fair-mindedness & expertise (he was known as the 'thinker'). He could be candid and direct in business dealings but always worked with integrity and a sense of humour. He was a member of the N. Taieri Golf Club, and was fond of music, particularly the works of Gustav Mahler.



Source: Margaret Fulton; Tyrrell, A.R. *The Fulton Hogan Story, 1933-1993, Fulton Hogan Holdings Ltd. 1992*