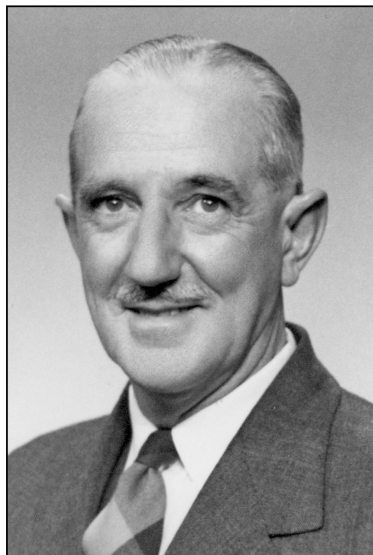


## Robert Sinclair 1903-67

Public accountant, company director and sharebroker

\* Foundation member; President 39-40; first Otago president of NZCBA 40-41; revised the Club's constitution 1965

Robert was born in Dunedin and educated at Kaikorai School and OBHS. He graduated MCom and BA from Otago University in 1922. He was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1924 and as a barrister a year later. In his early years he was a keen mountaineer and accompanied Dr G. M. Moir on several of his expeditions to Fiordland claiming first ascents of Mts. Christina, Crosscut and Talbot. On one occasion they returned from a trip to Red Hills, south of Jackson's Bay with specimens of the metamorphic rock, serpentine, for geologist & bridge player, Frank Turner (*see p.23*) to analyse. Robert was also a member of the Anglican Harrier Club. He set up an accountancy practice in Dunedin & in 1948 became a member of the Dunedin Stock Exchange & its chairman in 1966. He held directorships in several local companies, including Fulton Hogan Holdings Ltd (Secretary 1935-67, Director 1946-67), Southern Motels (NZ) Ltd and Lanes Ltd.



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From 1951 he served as a Justice of the Peace. He was appointed chairman of the Dunedin and Port Chalmers Port Conciliation Committees in 1953 and served as a member of the Otago Hospital Board, 1962-5. He was secretary of the Otago Crippled Children's Society, a post he held for 16 years, the first secretary of Heritage (Otago), a member of OBHS Board of Governors and secretary of the Otago Council of Sport.

He was described by one of his contemporaries on the Fulton Hogan Board of Directors as '*a neat, tidy, dapper man*'. His home was in Claremont St., Maori Hill. His love of the outdoors and interest in the gold-mining days led him to write a book in 1962, *Kawarau Gold*, dealing with the world-famous dredges on the Clutha and Kawarau Rivers. He was a member of the Balmacewen Bowling Club for 21 years, winning many local competitions in singles, pairs and fours & was selected as an official at the Perth Commonwealth Games in 1962.

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