

EMPIRE TABLE TENNIS CLUB INC

(Established 1934)

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

**To be presented at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Club
stadium on Monday 30th March commencing at 8.00pm.**

LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs Margaret Allardyce, Messrs Merv Allardyce, John Kiley, Dick Lynn and
Ron Menchi

BOARD

Chairman	Leo Barnett
Activities Convenor	Diane Hope
Building Convenor	Ron Menchi
Finance Convenor	Kirti Kumar
Promotions Convenor	Stephen Hope
Services Convenor	Maggie Dyer

HONORARY AUDITOR

Mr Denis Wood

Fellow Members

Your Board presents for your consideration the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts covering the activities of the Club for the year ended 31 December 2008.

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OBITUARIES

2008 sadly saw the passing of four of the club's members Dick Hince in January and Keith Barnes in February, Peter Chong in June and Russ Arden in September. They will all be missed. Keith, in particular, played a very active role both locally and wider a-field in table tennis activities.

Our sympathies go to their families and close friends.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Leo Barnett

It has been my privilege to serve this club to the best of my ability since my inception in April when Graham Sole had to resign because of ill health. It has been a learning curve to me to be aware of how much work is done by so few people to keep the club up and running. We are privileged to have people in the club who give so much of their time to organise the everyday affairs of the club and if it wasn't for these people the club would not function as smoothly as it does.

I personally would like to see more volunteers putting their hands up and offering to help with the running of the club so the willing workers of the club who are getting up in years can take things a bit easier. I was sorry to hear of Merv Allardyce's ill health and I am sure the club wish a valued member a speedy recovery. I am sure all members are aware of the work and organising that has gone into the extension of our wonderful playing facility and as we will be celebrating our 75th Jubilee, , as all club members really appreciated having this auditorium.

I wish to congratulate all members who have shared success in competitions, both club, interclub and national tournaments and hope there is much more to come.

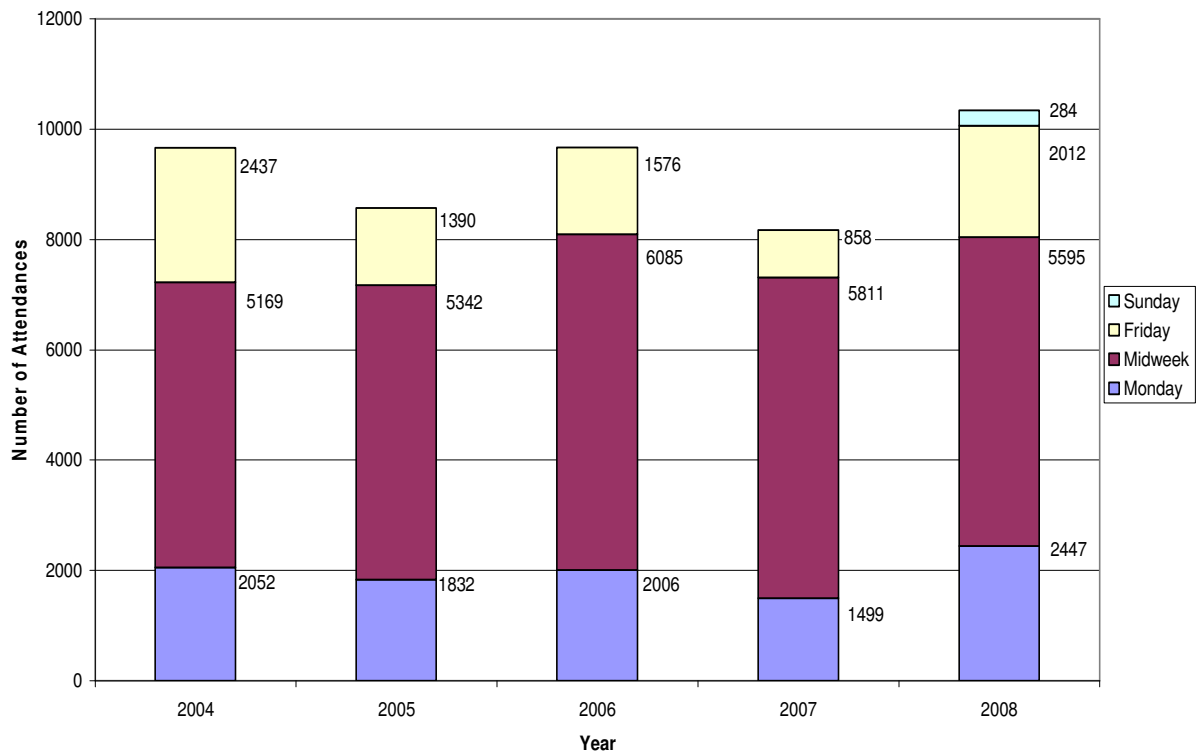
I remain your privileged Chairman.

ACTIVITIES REPORT – Diane Hope

2008 was a great year for Empire activities. Total attendance was higher than the previous four years, a new club session was started and we won premier one interclub for the first time since 1994.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all those involved in running our club sessions. Your contribution was significant and very much appreciated.

Annual Attendance



Playing Activities

Monday Club

Monday club underwent a transformation last year. Numbers increased from an average attendance of 30 in the previous year to 50 in 2008. We hit a record high of 72 on 10 November and despite the warmer weather and summer season, numbers remain steady. I believe the new extension played a part in this increase. A Tall Poppy Competition was held over two Mondays in May, which was won by James Harter. Once again Tony Williams and Tony

Pearson looked after us on Mondays, organising games and keeping us to time. Tony Williams also took responsibility for opening the club each week at 6.30pm. Board members Maggie, Ron and Stephen were also present most weeks checking in players and keeping the shop running.

Friday Junior Club

Once again the very experienced, always dependable and efficient team of Ron Menchi, Merv Allardyce and Jackie Upchurch managed the junior club during the 2008 season. They were joined by Marcus Smith, whose contribution proved invaluable. With an average attendance of 57.5 and a record high of 104 on 26 September they had their work cut out. Club champs were held during October and November and results are listed below. Thank you to all the parents and supporters who came along and helped out in various ways, with these large numbers just being there is a help.

Friday Club Report by Ron Menchi

One of the best in recent seasons - after a couple of years enduring a slight "trough", the support and interest of Friday nights has enjoyed a strong upsurge, with an average attendance of 57.5 and a record of 104 attending on 26/9, a record for the Junior Club. However, it is significant that the age of those making up the numbers seem younger than usual, a good sign for the future. Along with larger numbers we seem to be attracting an enthusiastic level of support from more parents than in the past. Many are staying to play and it's a great sight to see the enthusiasm and the enjoyment of Friday nights. A new dynamo in the Friday Club and one of the enthusiastic parents is Marcus Smith who is active in the shop and always busy during the night. Sure, he has children who are regular attenders but the Club does owe him a great deal for his support. The Club must also acknowledge the continued contribution of Jackie Upchurch and Merv Allardyce for their constant commitment to the Friday Club.

The format for Friday's activity may need "fine tuning." In recent seasons the juniors are divided into groups (on ability) of four to six and they play a round robin, the winner being promoted. It's like a progressive tournament, the objective being to work one's way to the top tables. It's quite competitive and it virtually runs itself, but I think we may need to put our thinking caps on to introduce something a bit different at times to stimulate interest. Coaching is always available but often the demands of remaining focussed can be a bit demanding for some of the juniors who treat the Friday activity as a "fun run" and long may it remain so.

Sunday Club

Following an unofficial Sunday Club initiated by Ping Chui which has been going on and off for a while. It was decided to make this an official club session. Following a very successful open day on 14 September with over 80 players attending, the Sunday Club officially commenced on 5 October. Stephen Hope has joined Ping on Sundays. Numbers at this early stage are small but as the saying goes *Mighty oaks from little acorns grow*.

Midweek Club

The midweek numbers dropped slightly again this year with an average of 57 on Tuesday and 55 on Thursday. Eddie Moore and Graham Sole continued as principal organisers of the Tuesday and Thursday sessions. A number of activities were organised and these are detailed in the report from Eddie.

Midweek Report by Eddie Moore and Graham Sole

The first day back for 2008 was the 8th January. Good attendances featured all year, although there were a few regulars who were largely inactive this year – Anne Henry, Colin Gray, Ken Pemberton and Yasuko Tsukamoto. Sadly Peter Chong passed away on the 25th June and Russ Arden on the 8th September.

Painting of Amenities

Thanks to the following; -

Leo Barnett who came up with the idea and assisted, Margaret Wysocki who donated the paint for the woman's toilet area and did the majority of the work, and to Ted Chan for his assistance with the painting of the majority of the men's toilet area. Thanks to everyone else who assisted, in particular Joy Moser, Don Phillips and Melanie Armstrong.

Equipment donation

Thanks to Anne Henry who donated several bats and covers, some belonging to her late husband, Greig. Some were used as prizes and others continue to be used by casual players.

Tournaments

1. The first tournament was held on 28th July when 12 players were hosted by the **Kapiti Club** at Raumati. The following club members took part – Ron Menchi, Chung Zhou, Nola Borrell, Joy Moser, Joyce Skinner, Mary Law, Perry Joe, Don Phillips, Graham Sole, Len Hunter, Leo Barnett and Malcolm Howat. Kapitit provided lunch for all players.

Table 1: Empire 8, Kapiti 4

Table 2: Empire 5, Kaipiti 7

Table 3: Empire 9, Kapiti 3

Table 4: Empire 11, Kapiti 1

This is an annual event which will be hosted by Empire in 2009.

2. **Levin players** came to Empire this year. Playing for Empire were:

Table 1: Wai Chung, Ping Chui, Norman Chan

Table 2: Eddie Moore, Allen Tso, Leo Barnett

Table 3: Anna Chung, Nancy Chan, Joy Moser

Table 4: Fay Ngan, Len Ngan, Nola Borrell

3. Annual Empire Tournament

It was a clean sweep by Empire Table Tennis Club at the annual midweek invitation doubles tournament. This event has been held each year for several decades now, and despite a good contingent of midweek players from Kapiti, Levin, Wellington, Palmerston North, Wairarapa, Tawa and Wainuiomata

amongst the 96 competing, pairs from the Petone based Empire Club were too strong in the finals.

Players are graded according to their abilities, with those battling it out on table 1 generally being the most able. The Empire doubles team of Eddie Moore and Wai Chung went through their five matches unbeaten to take the table 1 title.

Table winners all from the Empire Club were:

Table 1: Eddie Moore and Wai Chung

Table 2: J. Li Tang and William Young

Table 3: Buck Chan and Kevin Tse

Table 4: Nancy Chan and Anna Chung

Table 5: Bill Wong and Phillip Yee

Table 6: Willip Ngan and Perry Joe

Table 7: Jean Chung and Diane Lai

As a Hutt News reporter expressed admiration for the athleticism of many of the players, with even grey-haired wielders of the bat slamming home shots and sending down tricky services, one of the Petone players raised his eyebrows and said, "see, there is life after the pension". (Simon Edwards, Hutt News)

The grocery raffle and the cash raffle both sold out. Willie Wong won the 2nd prize in the grocery raffle and he donated the prize to the kitchen ladies, who in turn returned some of the goods to the Club.

The Club would like to thank Audrey St Clair for the raffles, Lois McStay for gradings, Ron Menchi for general assistance and to Peter Philipsen for filling in for players. In the kitchen thanks goes to Sommee Gee, Bev Lust and Vera Barnett.

3. At Palmerston North the ***Manawatu annual over 40 doubles tournament*** was attended by four Empire players : Leo Barnett, Len Hunter, Eddie Moore and Merv Allardyce. Names are submitted and players graded into a group of like standard (5-6 pairs) for the morning play. In the afternoon players are paired up and put in other groups. There are great prizes for winners and second place getters on each table.

Leo and Eddie won 3 out of 4 games so were 1st on table 3. Merv and Len won 3 out of 5 games and were 3rd on table 4. Empire players only played in the morning. The tournament was well organized and the Manawatu Association are to be commended.

4. Doubles Tournament

The end of the year in house tournament was held with 50 players taking part. Prizes were donated by Willie Wong, Moy Leong and an anonymous donor.

End of Year Luncheon

This was held on the 25th November at the Petone Working Men's Club, with 65 people attending. Entertainment was provided with Leo Barnett singing a few songs; and dancing with Rhonda Chin and the line dancers.

Last words for 2008!

There have been a few problems with the Oven in the kitchen as at times users of the oven have not cleaned up spills and food mess. As a consequence when the oven is turned on the "left-overs" burn, create fumes and smells. This needs attention for the people who use the oven. Thanks to Joy Mozer has taken on the job of official oven cleaner which we hope will prevent future problems.

Interclub

Empire fielded players in each of the three TT Wellington Interclub Competitions. Final placings and individual results are listed below.

Summer Interclub ran from 27 February to 23 April. Empire had four of the eight teams in the A section and two of the eight teams in the B section. Our Typhoons team won the A section.

Winter interclub ran from 20 May to 17 September. Empire entered 12 teams. Our Typhoons team won Premier one for the first time since 1994. Our Hurricanes team won Premier two again. There were two separate competitions in the Premier three and B Grades. Our Tsunami team won the first Premier three competition and our Crusaders team won the second B Grade competition.

A Composite Teams Competition ran from 12 November to 10 December. We entered 16 players, which included two reserves. There were two sections with six teams in each.

Summer Interclub

Section	Team	Players (individual percentage)	Placing
A	Typhoons	James Harter (87.5%) Yotam Bar-Shalom (83.3%) Noam Bar-Shalom (41.7%)	Winners
A	Tempest	Stephan Gerschewski (61.9%) Chris Talbot (58.3%) Ian Talbot (54.2%)	6 th
A	Cyclones	John Gan (50%) Jason Giles (41.7%) Martin Young (29.2%)	7 th
A	Hurricanes	Chris Williams (37.5%) Bruce Connolly (33.3%) Malcolm Wong (26.7%)	8 th
	Cyclones and Tempest	Tony Rutledge (46.7%)	
B	Storm	Martin Xiong (71.4%) Graham Sole (57.1%) Russell Buchanan (47.6%)	3 rd

B	Whirlwinds	Dong Jiang (61.9%) Hayden Kirkbeck (19%) Ian Wright (6.7%) Dawn Dorresteyn – 6 games (33.3%)	7 th
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Winter Interclub

Final results for Premier one and Premier two. Special congratulations to our winning teams – several this year! It was especially pleasing to see Empire won both the Premier 1 and 2 competitions.

Final results for Premier One and Two

Grade	Team	Players (individual percentage)	Placing
Premier One	Typhoons	Yotam Bar-Shalom (81.6%) James Harter (81%) Thom Nguyen (78.6%)	Winners
Premier One	Storm	Chris Talbot (57.1%) Ian Talbot (52.4%) Stephan Gerschewski (45.2%)	5 th
Premier One	Whirlwind	John Gan (31%) Jason Giles (25.6%) Martin Young (7.7%)	7 th
Premier One	Tempest	Paul Solt (33.3%) Noam Bar-Shalom (8.3%) Malcolm Wong (4.8%) John Nguyen (4.8%)	8 th
Premier Two	Hurricanes	Tony Rutledge (100%) Chris Williams (90.9%) Bruce Connolly (73.3) Uy Tang (70.4%)	Winners
Premier Two	Cyclones	Scott Higham (75%) Norman Chan (46.2%) Martin Xiong (41%) Dong Jiang (26/7%)	5 th

Final results of first competition for Premier Three & B grade

Grade	Team	Players (individual percentage)	Placing
Premier Three	Tsunami	Dong Jiang (90.5%) Russell Buchanan (80%) Chris Palmer (22.2%) Arjun Sundareshwar – 6 games (50%)	Winners
Premier Three	Tornado	Isaac Noanoa (76.2%) John Kane (61.9%) Hayden Kirkbeck (42.9%)	4 th
Premier Three	Thunder	Graham Sole (71.4%) Jeanette Stanley (57.1%) Dawn Dorresteyn (33.3%)	6 th

B Grade	Crusaders	Arjun Sundareshwar (91.7%) Margaret Connolly (87.5%) Stefan Vrecic (30.8%)	2 nd
B Grade	Invaders	Maggie Dyer (92.9%) Daniel Qin (50%) Jeffrey Dorresteyn (50%)	3 rd
B Grade	Trojans	Ian Wright (90.9%) Rebecca Allen (23.1%) Emma Smith (7.7%) Cameron Smith – 5 games (20%)	5 th

Final results of second competition for Premier Three & B grade

Grade	Team	Players (individual percentage)	Placing
Premier Three	Tornado	Isaac Noanoa (86.7%) John Kane (46.7%) Hayden Kirkbeck (33.3%)	3 rd
Premier Three	Tsunami	Dong Jiang (66.7%) Russell Buchanan (55.6%) Chris Palmer (33.3%)	5 th
Premier Three	Thunder	Graham Sole (40%) Jeanette Stanley (33.3%) Dawn Dorresteyn (26.7%) Ian Wright – 6 games (33.3%)	6 th
B Grade	Crusaders	Arjun Sundareshwar (94.1%) Margaret Connolly (90.9%) Stefan Vrecic (58.3%) Margaret Cloughley - 6 (100%)	Winners
B Grade	Invaders	Maggie Dyer (100%) Michael McDowell (33.3%) Jeffrey Dorresteyn (16.7%)	3 rd
B Grade	Trojans	Luke Falvey (35.7%) Cameron Smith (23.5%) Emma Smith (6.7%) Anne Zhou – 6 games (83.3%)	6 th

Composite Teams Competition

Section	Team name	Players (individual percentage)	team placing
One	Robin	Chris Talbot (93.3%) John Gan (66.7%)	1 st
	Tui	Martin Young (60%)	2 nd
	Kokako	Ian Talbot (80.0%) Scott Higham (22.2%) Chris Williams (33.3%) reserve	3 rd
Two	Bellbird	Jason Giles (33.3%)	5 th
	Constrictor	Jeanette Stanley (60.0%)	1 st
	Python	Graham Sole (73.3%) Mike Aldred (60.0%)	2 nd

	Iguana	Hayden Kirkbeck (46.7%) Richard Dalziel (46.7%) Maggie Dyer (66.7%) reserve	3 rd
	Crocodile	Norman Chan (86.7%) Strahnn Neill (8.3%)	5 th
	Cobra	Chris Palmer (40%)	6 th

Coaching Programmes

While there is no official coaching programme, there are coaches among our members who regularly coach juniors on a Friday night and spend some time with our beginner seniors also. This is an area for future development.

Tournaments

Club Champs were held over two Sundays in 2008. Open events and social events were offered. The preliminary rounds were played on 31 August and the finals were held on 7 September. Forty members entered and 195 matches were played.

Looking forward to 2009

Playing Activities

While current club sessions are going very well, there is always room for more. If we can find volunteers we would like to run more sessions. There has been a suggestion of a junior session on a weeknight after school or another midweek session.

Corporate Competition

A corporate competition is all set to start on Tuesday 3 March and run for eight weeks. This is aimed at social and semi serious players. The format will be two player teams playing five match format.

Club Champs

We plan to run age group (under 18 and veteran) events in March and open events in July.

BUILDINGS REPORT – Ron Menchi

Building and Equipment

One of the concerns of recent seasons is the modest maintenance programme the Club has adopted. The proposed Stage 2 has often discouraged some maintenance work on the old original section. However, there is some planning which has resulted in unavoidable costs being met.

Equipment

The long awaited "computer injection" has been introduced on Monday nights and the benefits are there for all Monday Nighters to judge. Proposed upgrading of tables have yet to be carried out. The objective is to have 16

first class tables, imported Joola or Donics throughout the complex on terms to be agreed between ourselves and T.T.W. We have 11 Joola/Donics of our own but T.T.W. may install some of their tables to even out the quality of the equipment.

A delayed "band-aid" repair to the roof of the old building is being looked at. For those commenting on the gaps in the original building's ridging, will be pleased that tradesmen will be inspecting the problem and a solution suggested. On top of this difficulty, our water supplier has reported that our water meter may be faulty and an inspection of it will be carried out on March 2nd. So it seems some delayed or unexpected maintenance work will be carried out. A group of "mid-weekers" cleaned and painted the dressing rooms which resulted in freshening them up. We do have an ongoing problem with our electricians but we do have a good relationship with our "sparky" contractor, Colin Green and we are aim to keep ahead of these difficulties

FINANCE REPORT– Kirti Kumar

Statement of Income and Expenditure

Income

Total income increased by \$6,640 in 2008. Playing fees and subscriptions were up by \$9,619 and \$1,527 while donations and fundraising decreased by \$4,686. Other income was either up or down.

Expenses

In comparison to 2007 total expenses were up by \$1,720. Cleaning and repairs and maintenance increased by \$2,362 and \$1,322. Financial expenses reduced by \$2,644. The members of the Board agreed that insurance \$7,200.63 for the period 2 December 2008 to 2 December 2009 plus interest \$584.69 should be paid in ten instalments of \$778.53 from 2 December 2008 to 2 September 2009. There were some increases and decreases in other expenses.

In 2008 the Club had a good year, reporting a net surplus of \$21,979, an increase of \$4,920 from 2007. This means the Club had sufficient income to pay for the expenses.

Statement of Financial Position

Current Assets

Current Assets decreased by \$73,880 compared to 2007. Westpac – cheque account was up by \$9,996 while Deposit – Forsyth Barr at call, accounts receivable, advance to builders and GST were down by \$67,119, \$8,049 and \$4,886. Other current assets were either up or down. The Club received a GST refund \$3,022.24 for the period 1 November 2007 to 30 April 2008 and paid GST \$1,654.63 for the period 1 May 2008 to 31 October 2008. The

money invested with Forsyth Barr was withdrawn and reinvested with ASB Bank Limited and Westpac. Interest on the investment was capitalized to Grants/Building Fund. Money received from Merv Allardyce was credited to Advance to builders.

Non-Current Assets

Non-Current Assets were up by \$13,047. As per the Fixed Assets Schedule the Club made additions to the building and purchased hand dryers and a projector. As per the policy adopted by the members of the Board, Persson Donic Table with a book value of \$84 was written off.

Investments

Money originally held in Forsyth Barr was split into two investments and now totals \$85,848. \$45,000 was invested with ASB Bank Limited and \$40,848 with Westpac.

Current Liabilities

Increase in Grants/Building Fund represents interest received from Forsyth Barr \$2,654 and Westpac \$848.

Equity

Accumulated Funds increased to \$468,473, by \$21,979, net surplus for the 2008 year.

Suggestions

I suggest that the members of the Board should consider to align the Club's GST return date with the annual financial statements date. GST returns should be for the periods 1 January to 30 June and 1 July to 31 December and purchase an appropriate accounting software for the preparation of the Club's GST returns and annual financial statements.

Thanks

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the members of the Board and our incoming auditor for auditing the annual financial statements of the Club.

Empire Table Tennis Club Incorporated
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the Year ended 31st December 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Canteen/shop	2,556	2,042
Bats/shirts	1,061	1,103
Playing fees	27,900	18,281
Interest and dividends	154	96
Subscriptions	6,786	5,259
Hall and table hire	9,384	9,734
Donations and fundraising	2,061	6,747
Total Income	<u>49,902</u>	<u>43,262</u>
Less Expenses		
Affiliation and team entry fees	3,753	3,913
Balls	236	258
Bank charges	1	-
Cleaning	7,960	5,598
Council rents	720	720
Financial expenses	2,093	4,737
Kitchen costs	1,436	991
Other expenses	30	450
Printing, stationery and postage	1,063	792
Repairs and maintenance	1,508	186
Security	460	420
Social expenses	546	444
Sundry expenses	1,604	1,386
Sundry losses	-	23
Utility expenses	4,036	3,630
Total Expenses	<u>25,446</u>	<u>23,548</u>
Net Surplus Before Depreciation	<u>24,456</u>	<u>19,714</u>
Less Depreciation		
Depreciation as per Schedule	2,393	2,655
Depreciation - Loss on Sale	84	-
Net Depreciation Adjustment	<u>2,477</u>	<u>2,655</u>
NET SURPLUS	<u><u>\$21,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$17,059</u></u>

Empire Table Tennis Club Incorporated
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Westpac - cheque account	18,987	8,991
Cash on hand	90	90
GST	2,264	5,760
Accounts receivable	3,439	11,488
Deposit - Forsyth Barr at call	-	67,119
Debenture - North Harbour TTA	200	200
Advance to builders	5,114	10,000
Stock - canteen	304	239
Stock - shirts	1,035	1,426
Total Current Assets	<u>31,433</u>	<u>105,313</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed Assets as per Schedule	410,470	397,423
Investments		
Investments	85,848	-
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>496,318</u>	<u>397,423</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>527,751</u>	<u>502,736</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	2	518
Key deposit	225	175
Grants/Building Fund	59,051	55,549
Total Current Liabilities	<u>59,278</u>	<u>56,242</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>59,278</u>	<u>56,242</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$468,473</u>	<u>\$446,494</u>
Represented by;		
EQUITY		
Accumulated Funds	468,473	446,494
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$468,473</u>	<u>\$446,494</u>

Empire Table Tennis Club Incorporated
Depreciation Schedule
For the Year ended 31st December 2008

Asset	Cost Price	Book Value 01/01/2008	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	--- Depreciation --- Mth Rate	\$	Accum Deprec 31/12/2008	Book Value 31/12/2008
BUILDING IN PROGRESS									
Building in Progress	346,156	346,156				12 0.0% CP	0	0	346,156
Building in Progress			5,969			11 0.0% CP	0	0	5,969
Building in Progress			6,567			9 0.0% CP	0	0	6,567
Sub-Total	346,156	346,156	12,536						358,692
BUILDING									
Building	24,050	24,050				12 0.0% CP	0	0	24,050
Sub-Total	24,050	24,050							24,050
TROPHIES									
Trophies	120	120				12 0.0% DV	0	0	120
Sub-Total	120	120							120
TABLES & BARRICADES									
Fredman Tables (4)/Nets & Posts	2,266	156				12 20.0% DV	31	2,141	125
Chas Wong Tables (4)	1,480	137				12 20.0% DV	27	1,370	110
Barricades	800					12 20.0% DV	0	800	0
Persson Donic Table	1,211	254				12 20.0% DV	51	1,008	203
Persson Donic Tables (2)	573	150				12 20.0% DV	30	453	120
Persson Donic Table	151	84	0	(84)					0
Joola Tables (4)	3,556	2,560				12 20.0% DV	512	1,508	2,048
Sub-Total	10,037	3,341		(84)			651	7,280	2,606
TARAFLEX FLOOR									
Taraflex Floor Covering	13,380	4,012				12 10.0% CP	1,338	10,706	2,674
Taraflex Floor Covering (in storage for redevelopment)	18,782	18,782				12 0.0% CP	0	0	18,782
Sub-Total	32,162	22,794					1,338	10,706	21,456
EQUIPMENT									
Safe, Black Heaters & Cabinets etc	216					12 20.0% DV	0	216	0
Fluorescent Lighting in Stadium	932					12 20.0% DV	0	932	0
Monitored Alarm System	1,428					12 20.0% DV	0	1,428	0
Plant & Equipment (unknown)	178					12 20.0% DV	0	178	0
Heaters (2)	135					12 20.0% DV	0	135	0
Panasonic Video	200					12 20.0% DV	0	200	0
Camera/Adaptors & Tapes									
Tripod	44					12 20.0% DV	0	44	0
Goldstar 25" TV & Mitsubishi Video	622	130				12 20.0% DV	26	518	104
Tefcold Chiller	1,560	262				12 20.0% DV	52	1,350	210
Rheem Zip Water Boiler	983	570				12 20.0% DV	114	527	456
Hand Dryers			1,213			9 20.0% DV	182	182	1,031
Projector			1,774			1 20.0% DV	30	30	1,744
Sub-Total	6,298	962	2,987				404	5,740	3,545
TOTAL	418,823	397,423	15,523	(84)			2,393	23,726	410,469

Empire Table Tennis Club Incorporated

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year ended 31st December 2008

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements presented here are for the entity Empire Table Tennis Club Incorporated, a registered society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been used, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies have been identified.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

(a) Property, Plant & Equipment

The entity has the following classes of Property, Plant & Equipment;

Building/Building in Progress (Replacement insurance value is \$1,159,000)	0%	CP
Tables & Barricades/Taraflex Floor	10%	CP
Equipment/Trophies	20%	DV

(b) Goods & Services Tax

These financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are shown inclusive of GST.

(c) Taxation

No provision for Income Tax has been made as there is no current or deferred tax payable.

(d) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

(e) Investments

Investments are recorded at cost.

(f) Receivables

Receivables are stated at their estimated realisable value. Bad debts are written off in the year in which they are identified.

PROMOTIONS REPORT – Stephen Hope

2008 was an exciting year of growth for the Empire Table Tennis Club. 738 different players attended Empire for at least one session. The opening of the stadium extension and other activities has attracted more players to the club. Player attendances have increased about 30% on 2007 numbers. The promotions portfolio has supported this growth with regular updates of the web site (empirett.org.nz), increased member contact via email, a number of social events, regular newsletters, introduction of Sunday Club late in the year and an open day.

Promotions Convener

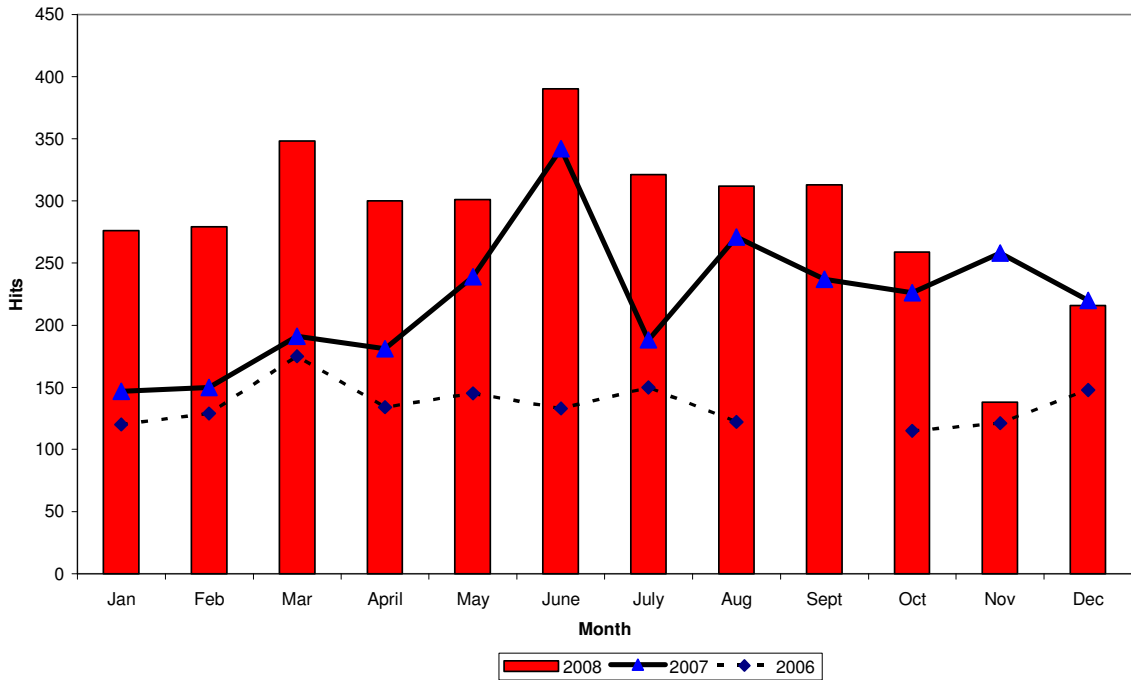
The role of promotions convener was reinstated by the board in April 2008. The membership convener role was disestablished with portfolio responsibilities distributed between the promotions and activities conveners. Stephen Hope was elected by the board to the promotions convener role.

Club Communication

Newsletters were published in February, April, June, August and October. Nola Borrell was a regular contributor with Midweek news and Eddie Moore also provided results for various tournaments. Email became a commonly used tool with 3 email lists established: Board (6), Members (182), and Junior (78). This will be further developed in 2009 for more targeted communication. In addition, 25 email forwarders were established to avoid publishing private addresses on the web site. A survey of members was conducted in April to seek feedback on social events, playing sessions, the redevelopment and other issues.

Public Communication

The web site grows in importance as a communication and recruitment tool. The average number of unique visitors per month in 2008 was 288. The number in 2007 was 221 but this was not counting unique visits. Visits per month now average around 500. The web site now occupies 23.6MB. This is expected to grow considerably as archival photographs are collected for the jubilee in 2009.



An open day was conducted in September with about 30 members and 50 non-members visiting the club. This was promoted via an advertisement in the Hutt News and public posters around Petone. Members also promoted the event in workplaces and schools.

Empire and Empire players featured in the media throughout the year. The main events attracting attention were the stadium opening in March and the Midweek Tournament and Club Champs in September.

Upper Hut Leader, 9 January, ~500 words, 1 picture, "Table tennis talent to learn from the best"

Petone Herald, 12 March, page 7, ~500 words, 1 picture, "Local History – Empire Table Tennis Club"

Petone Herald, 9 April, page 5, ~500 words, 2 pictures, "From the Olympics to Petone"

Hutt News, 25 March, page 39, ~500 words, 1 picture, "Empire sets the standard"

Lease extension reported in Hutt News and Petone Herald during July
 Hutt News, September 16, ~1000 words, 3 pictures, stories on the midweek tournament and club champs results. We had our Open Day advertisement in the same edition.

Other stories have mentioned current or former members (Jean Capstick, Secondary school champs).

Sponsorship

2008 was a disappointing year for sponsorship but very little effort was devoted to this area. King Toyota (via Ann Zhou) have offered a commission for all cars sold to Empire members. This will be promoted via email, web and newsletters in 2009.

Social Events

Stadium Opening, March 8, about 100 guests, no charge. Wine and cheese event with entertainment by bluegrass band Dixie Lix and singer Leo Barnett. The Hutt City Mayor, David Ogden officially opened the stadium extension.

Movie Night (Happy Go Lucky), July 9, 100 attendees, \$20, Lighthouse Cinema Petone. Supper provided by members.

Quiz Night, September 29, 29 attendees, \$10, Empire Stadium. Supper provided by board members. Novelty prizes awarded for all categories.

Privegiving Dinner, November 8, 51 attendees, \$20, Petone Working Men's Club.

Literature

A modern logo was proposed for the Empire Club. A draft logo has been used on the website, club newsletters and other documents created by the promotions convener but this is yet to be accepted by the board. Once accepted, this logo can be used on all club documentation.

The club brochure underwent a major overhaul and a few subsequent upgrades. This is distributed to all new attendees.

A profile document was created providing key information on Empire. This is suitable for distribution to potential sponsors.

A policy template was created.

A draft policy on "Policy Formulation" was created but is yet to be considered by the board.

2009 Calendar of Events

A draft calendar of events for 2009 was created by the board in late November. This was vital for 2009 planning as this is our 75th jubilee with a number of special events planned. The main jubilee events will be book launch in early July and jubilee weekend on September 18-20 with a dinner being held on Saturday September 19. There will also be a number of other social events similar to 2008, two open days, and a veterans and open club championships. A corporate competition is planned for March-April.

Challenges for 2009

As a jubilee year, 2009 will be a very busy year. In addition to this activity, Empire needs to continue to grow to support the second stage of the stadium redevelopment. This is best done by further developing existing sessions and developing new sessions such as Sunday Club. Attendance at existing club sessions has already reached good levels and continued expansion will be difficult. It is hoped that new technology purchased by the club will assist with the efficient running of these sessions and allow more people to enjoy these sessions.

New sessions are difficult to establish but possibilities exist with Sunday Club, a second junior club and another midweek session. In these cases, enthusiastic volunteers are vital to get these sessions off the ground.

The promotions portfolio is seeking assistance from members in some areas. Help can be provided to edit newsletters, develop the web site, look after sponsors and run social activities. It is always a good time to offer your services.

SERVICES REPORT – Maggie Dyer

Shop

This continued to run in much the same way as in recent years. Careful shopping meant that we had an increased profit over the previous calendar year, up to 2.5k total. The re-introduction of some “extras” at tournaments such as muffins, cake and slices combined with the usual toasted sandwiches went down well and helped with the increased profit since they were largely donated goods. This will be continued in 2009.

Thanks to all those who helped out on Interclub nights and at tournaments – your contribution was invaluable. The shop continues to provide some regular income for the Club as well as a service to players.

Fundraising

Another movie night was held at the Lighthouse Theatre, Petone. It was a great night with more than enough nibbles provided thanks to Board members and some helpers. Nobody would have gone away hungry! The movie, *Happy go lucky* was not to everyone’s taste, although we appreciate the support of the attendees to the Club. We filled the new large theatre at the Lighthouse so made nearly \$900 profit. Some of you may be interested to know that Sally Hawkins as Poppy in the movie received the Best Actress award in the 2009 Golden Globes.

Apparel

It is pleasing to see many people wearing the “new” Club shirt – it is a vast improvement on the old. Also to be commended are club members wearing the shirt and navy or black “bottoms” as they look a lot smarter at Interclub and at other times when they represent the club.

STRATEGIC PLAN – Stephen Hope

The Empire Table Tennis Club developed a strategic plan early in 2008 and this was presented to the club at the 2008 Annual General Meeting. During the past year the board has run planning sessions on various key strategic areas and developed and implemented some actions. Not all strategic areas received full attention in 2008 so progress was mixed.

Due to our consideration of the strategic plan, the following initiatives occurred in 2008

- Multi-session tickets
- Finals Day for Club Champs
- Presentation dinner
- Tall Poppy competition

- Quiz Night
- Open Day
- Sunday Club started
- Online Calendars used

Our key strategic areas remain as:

- Facilities – the stadium, equipment and technology
- Volunteering and Administration
- Partnerships and Promotion – with corporate, clubs and associations
- Public Activities / Non-membership activities
- Player Development – Coaching, player pathways and elite players
- Membership Activities – membership, social activities

STATISTICS, COMPETITIONS AND INFORMATION

Table Tennis Administrative Positions Held by Club Members

Chris Williams	TTW Chairperson
Dick Lynn	TTW Honorary Treasurer and Life Member
Ron Menchi	TTW Vice President and TTNZ Life Member

New Zealand Rankings

Empire players to have achieved NZ rankings in 2008 are named as follows:

- Under 18 boys – James Harter (7)
- Under 18 boys – Yotam Bar-Shalom (8)
- Under 15 boys – Thom Nguyen (7)

Congratulations to James, Yotam and Thom on this status.

New Zealand Ratings

The following players feature in the top 20 for the sections listed. The ratings are in brackets after their name.

Open women Hanna Squire (19)

- Under 21 men James Harter (8)
- Under 21 men Yotam Bar-Shalom (11)
- Under 21 men Thom Nguyen (17)

Under 21 women Hanna Squire (5)

Under 18 boys James Harter (5)
Under 18 boys Yotam Bar-Shalom (8)
Under 18 boys Thom Nguyen (12)

Under 15 boys Thom Nguyen (4)
Under 15 boys Noam Bar-Shalom (15)

Over 40 men Chris Talbot (9)
Over 40 men Bruce Connolly (19)

Over 50 men Bruce Connolly (9)
Over 50 men Ian Talbot (14)
Over 50 men Tony Rutledge (17)

Over 60 men Bruce Connolly (4)
Over 60 men Tony Rutledge (7)
Over 60 men Chris Williams (14)

Over 65 women Joy Mozer (19)
Over 65 women Margaret Connolly (20)

Over 70 men Eddie Moore (11)
Over 70 men Merv Allardyce (14)
Over 70 men Ron Menchi (20)

Over 70 women Joy Mozer (10)

Junior Club Attendance Certificates

Attendance certificates were awarded to those who attended on at least 70% of the nights available to them with a minimum of 10 nights.

Rebecca Allen 86%
Nishant Desai 82%
Russell Forbes 78%
Jordan Maguren 93%
Elliot Scrivener 80%
Emma Smith 89%
Kieran Whitfield 100%
Jason Zhao 86%

Akila Aponu 94%
Vatsal Desai 81%
Eli Jarvis 86%
Luka Margetic 91%
Liam Scrivener 74%
Nick Smith 97%
Winson Wong 89%

Justin Cho 77%
Luke Falvey 80%
Tom MacCormack 78%
Daniel Qin 74%
Cameron Smith 94%
Stefan Vrecic 83%
Alex Zhao 86%

Annual Presentation Night

The annual presentation night was combined with the Annual thank you dinner for 2008. This was held at the Petone Working Men's Club on Saturday 8th November with just over 50 attendees.

Club Special Trophies

Alf Harding Cup	Best Interclub Record (Male)	Tony Rutledge
Merle Harding Cup	Best Interclub Record (Female)	Maggie Dyer
Empire Table Tennis Cup	Most Outstanding Performance	Yotam Bar-Shalom
J.R. Capstick Cup	Most Improved Player	Thom Nguyen
R.E. Mitchell Cup	Best Sportsperson	Don Phillips
R. Gray Cup	Best Club Member	Eddie Moore
Allardyce Family Trophy	Team of the Year	Typhoons: James Harter, Yotam Bar-Shalom, Thom Nguyen

Club Championships

Open Events

	Winner/s	Runner/s up
Open Men's singles: Wall Harding Cup	Thom Nguyen	Yotam Bar-Shalom
Open Men's Doubles: McPhee Cup	Yotam Bar-Shalom / James Harter	Ian Talbot / Chris Talbot
Open Women's singles: Mavis Harding Memorial Cup	Diane Hope	Margaret Cloughley
Open Women's doubles: J.W. Andrews Cup	Dawn Dorresteijn / Jeanette Stanley	Margaret Cloughley / Maggie Dyer
Open Mixed doubles: Pointon & Percy Cup	James Harter / Diane Hope	Margaret Cloughley / Yotam Bar-Shalom

Second Division

Singles: Eddie Harris Cup	Ping Chui	Dong Jiang
Doubles: Eddie Harris Cup	Allen Tso / Norman Chan	Merv Allardyce / Chas Wong

Social singles	Arjun Sundareshwar	Kiyo Nakagaki
Social doubles	Margaret Cloughley / Maggie Dyer	Arjun Sundareshwar / Jeffrey Dorresteyn

Friday Night Club

Under 13 year boys

Elborn Challenge Cup

Division 2	Jason Zhao	Angelo Miranda
Division 3	Christy Kimble	Daniel Qin
Division 4	Lincoln Liang	Cameron Smith
Division 5	Winson Wong	Devesh Awmee
Division 6	Scott Oldham	Matt Jacobs
Division 7	Alex Zhao	Tom MacCormack
Division 8	Akila Aponsu	Kasey Joe McIndoe
	Grant Randell	Russell Forbes

A Grade

Championship	Justin Cho	Jeffrey Dorresteyn
Division 2	Stefan Vrecic	Daniel Qin
Division 3	Joe Robbins	Winson Wong
Division 4	Jason Zhao	Cameron Smith
Division 5	Krishan Gandhi	Matt Jacobs
Division 6	Luke Falvey	Matthew Pike
Division 7	Devesh Awmee	Lincoln Laing
Division 8	Nishant Desai	

B Grade

Championship	Christy Kimble	Nathan Barlow
Division 2	Karan Gandhi	Levi Huihui
Division 3	Ethan Charlett	Kasey Joe McIndoe
Division 4	Daniel Binns	Akila Aponsu
Division 5	Rawiri Kapea	Ali Almozani
Division 6	Alex Zhao	Mayank Patel
Division 7	Nick Smith	Kieran Whitfield

C Grade

Championship	Nic Mannix	Jordan Maguren
Division 2	Jordan Schatilo	Tyrone Araya-Vargas
Division 3	Craig Christiansen	Kevin Christiansen
Division 4	Costa Kallabetsos	Dinindu Kolongahapitiya

Division 5	Brandon Oxford	Cameron McDougall
Division 6	Oliver Perkinson	Theo Viatos
Division 7	Daniel Bridewell	Griffin Edward
Division 8	Tyree Wilmer	Tipene Maguren

D Grade

Championship	Craig Christiansen	Kevin Christiansen
Division 2	Jericho Borja	Costa Kallabetsos
Division 3	Griffin Edward	Tim Perham
Division 4	Cole Goddard	Gabriel Foote
Division 5	Theo Viatos	Tipene Maguren
Division 6	Joshua Peterson	Jessica Mullis
Division 7	Jarrod Peterson	Calvin Green
Division 8	Ibanez Taylor	Marcella Klap

Girls

John Lelliott Cup	Rebecca Allen	Emma Smith
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The following players have all represented Empire in more than 50 winter interclub matches. Some of the statistics are for past members of the club who are no longer active table tennis players, while others are current members – of these not all are still actively playing interclub.

Interclub Contests	
Name	No. of Interclub Competitions
Tony Rutledge	337
Bruce Connolly	317
Chris Williams	245
Merv Allardyce	233
Margaret Connolly	214
Ron Menchi	209
Hone Ridley	193
John Kiley	174
Chris Talbot	173
Tony Pearson	160
Ian Talbot	160
Diane Hope	146
Jackie Upchurch	142
Maggie Dyer	127
Seu Law	121
Russell Buchanan	115
Graham Sole	110
Alby Roberts	99
Uy Tang	98

Chris Nightingale	96
Margaret Allardyce	95
Hanna Squire	88
Margaret Cloughley	86
James Harter	83
Thinh Nguyen	53
Jason Giles	53
Dick Lynn	50

2008 TOURNAMENT AWARDS

NAME

TOURNAMENT AND AWARD

Merv Allardyce

NZ Veterans (Palmerston North)

Winner over 70 men's B grade teams

Winner over 75 men's doubles

Runner up over 75 mixed doubles

Noam Bar-Shalom

Wellington Autumn Open

Runner up under 15 doubles

Wellington Open

Runner up under 18 doubles

Wellington Spring Open

Winner under 15 boy's doubles

Yotam Bar-Shalom

Summer Nationals (Nelson)

Runner-up B grade men's doubles

Winner under 21 men's doubles

Winner under 18 boy's doubles

Winner under 18 mixed doubles

Wellington Autumn Open

Runner up open men's singles

Runner up open men's doubles

Winner under 21 singles

Runner up under 18 singles

Winner under 18 doubles

North Island Champs (Auckland)

Runner up B grade men's singles

Manawatu Open

Runner up open men's singles

Winner open men's doubles

Winner under 21 men's doubles

Runner up under 18 boy's singles

Winner under 18 boy's doubles

Wellington Open

Winner open singles

Runner up under 21 singles

Runner up under 21 doubles

Winner under 18 doubles

NZ Nationals (Wellington)

Runner up B grade men's doubles

Wellington Spring Open

Runner-up under 18 mixed doubles

Leo Barnett	NZ Nationals (Wellington) Runner up over 70 men's singles Runner up over 70 men's doubles Winner over 70 men's singles plate
Nola Borrell	Wellington Autumn Open Runner up 2 nd division singles Runner up 2 nd division doubles Wellington Open Runner up 2 nd division doubles
Norman Chan	Wellington Spring Open Runner-up over 60 mixed doubles Runner-up over 50 plate singles Winner over 60 singles
Ping Chui	Wellington Spring Open Runner up over 40 mixed doubles Winner 2 nd grade mixed doubles Winner over 50 plate singles Runner up 2 nd grade singles
Wai Chang	Wellington Spring Open Runner up over 40 mixed doubles Winner 2 nd grade mixed doubles Winner 2 nd grade singles
Bruce Connolly	Wellington Autumn Open Winner over 60 singles Runner up over 60 doubles Wellington Open Winner over 60 singles Winner over 60 doubles Wellington Spring Open Winner over 60 mixed doubles Runner up over 60 singles NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over 50 B grade men's teams
Luke Falvey	Wellington Junior Development – August Winner under 14 doubles Wellington Spring Open Runner up under 13 singles
James Harter	Summer Nationals (Nelson) Runner up open men's doubles Winner under 18 boy's doubles Wellington Autumn Open Runner up open men's doubles Runner up open mixed doubles Winner under 18 singles

	<p>Winner under 18 doubles Wellington Open Runner up under 21 doubles Winner under 18 singles Winner under 18 doubles NZ Nationals (Wellington) Runner up B grade men's doubles Wellington Spring Open Runner-up under 21 singles Runner-up under 18 mixed doubles</p>
Mary Law	<p>Wellington Open Runner-up 2nd division doubles</p>
Lois McStay	<p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over 70 mixed doubles</p>
Ron Menchi	<p>New Zealand Veterans (Palmerston North) Winner over 70 men's B grade teams</p>
Angelo Miranda	<p>Wellington Junior Development - August Runner-up under 14 singles</p>
Eddie Moore	<p>New Zealand Veterans (Palmerston North) Winner over 75 mixed doubles Runner up over 75 men's doubles</p> <p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over men's 70 singles Runner up over 70 men's doubles Winner over 70 mixed doubles</p>
Joy Mozer	<p>Wellington Autumn Open Runner up 2nd division doubles</p>
Thom Nguyen	<p>Wellington Autumn Open Runner-up under 21 doubles Runner up under 15 singles Winner under 15 doubles Runner up under 18 doubles North Island Champs (Auckland) Runner up under 15 boys doubles Winner C grade teams Manawatu Open Winner under 18 boy's singles Winner under 18 boy's doubles Winner under 15 boy's singles Wellington Open Winner under boy's 15 singles Winner under 15 boy's doubles</p>

	<p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner under 15 boy's doubles Winner C grade teams</p> <p>Wellington Spring Open Runner-up open men's doubles Winner under 18 mixed singles Runner-up under 15 boy's doubles</p>
Tony Rutledge	<p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over 55 men's plate</p>
Cameron Smith	<p>Wellington Junior Development – August Runner up under 14 singles plate Winner under 14 doubles</p>
Emma Smith	<p>Wellington Junior Development – August Winner under 16 girls' singles</p>
Nick Smith	<p>Wellington Junior Development – August Runner up under 12 doubles</p>
Jeanette Stanley	<p>Marlborough Open Winner over 40 mixed doubles Winner over 40 women's singles Winner over 40 women's doubles</p>
Chris Talbot	<p>Wellington Autumn Open Runner up over 40 singles Runner up over 40 doubles</p> <p>Wellington Open Runner up over 40 doubles</p> <p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over 45 men's doubles</p>
Ian Talbot	<p>Wellington Autumn Open Runner up over 40 doubles Runner up over 50 singles Runner-up over 50 doubles</p> <p>Wanganui Open Winner men's open doubles Runner up over 40 men's singles Runner over 40 men's doubles Runner up over 50 men's singles</p> <p>Wellington Open Winner men's open plate Runner up over 40 doubles Runner up over 50 singles Winner over 50 doubles</p>

	<p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over 45 men's doubles</p> <p>Hawkes Bay Open Winner over 50 men's singles</p>
Chris Williams	<p>Wellington Autumn Open Runner up over 60 doubles</p> <p>Wellington Open Runner up over 60 singles Winner over 60 doubles</p> <p>NZ Nationals (Wellington) Winner over 50 B grade men's teams</p>
Chas Wong	<p>Wellington Spring Open Runner-up over 60 mixed doubles</p>
Malcolm Wong	<p>Summer Nationals (Christchurch) Runner-up D grade men's doubles Winner over 50 men's doubles</p> <p>Wellington Autumn Open Winner over 40 singles plate</p> <p>South Island Champs (Nelson) Runner up over 50 men's doubles</p> <p>North Island Champs (Auckland) Winner D grade men's doubles</p> <p>Marlborough Open Winner over 40 men's doubles Winner over 50 men's doubles</p> <p>Nelson Open Winner over 50 mixed doubles</p>
Jason Zhao	<p>Wellington Junior Development - June Winner under 12 boys singles Winner under 12 boys doubles</p>