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1 May



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New Board Members Found

Since last months AGM, Leo Barnett and Stephen Hope have filled the two vacant board positions.

Leo Barnett was appointed as chairperson of the Empire Table Tennis Club Board. Leo takes over from Graham Sole who unfortunately was unable to continue as chairperson.

Also appointed to the board as Promotions Convenor is Stephen Hope. This role replaces the Membership role vacated by his wife Diane.

Diane has taken up the Activities portfolio following the resignation of Russell Buchanan. Russell's work commitments have prevented him from continuing in this

role.

We are pleased to advise that Maggie Dyer was re-elected to the Services portfolio.

Arthur Lee and Ron Menchi are continuing their terms as Finance and Building convenors.

The current board extends it's thanks to the retiring board members.

For those who are unfamiliar with our new board members: Leo has been a member at Empire for the past 10 years. He has had a successful singing career and was president of the Auckland Grand Opera Society for 5 years. He also ran his own business for many years.



New Chairperson, Leo Barnett

Stephen has little knowledge of table tennis but has been an administrator in hockey for many years. His wife will educate him thoroughly about table tennis.

Veterans Win Gold

Empire members won gold at the NZ Vets Champs in Palmerston North over Easter.

Ron Menchi & Merv Allardyce won gold in the over 70 men's teams competition. Seeded No 5 of 6, this determined pair

fought their way through a series of sets, repeating the pattern of 2 games down (on the ropes), to 2 all (fighting chance) and clinching the final game. In the final of the over 75 men's doubles, Merv Allardyce & Paul Bargh

beat Eddie Moore & Hugh McIlraith 3-2. Not to be outdone, Eddie Moore & Betty Meads beat Merv Allardyce & Joyce Woodward 3-2 in the over 75 mixed doubles final. Full results are available at www.tabletennis.org.nz

Stadium Opened by Mayor of Hutt City

The grand opening of the new playing facilities was held on Monday, March 10. The extension was officially opened by the mayor of Hutt City, David Ogden. Also in attendance amongst the crowd of nearly 100 people were

Gerald Davidson, chair of the Petone Community Board, and Cr Ross Jamieson. Entertainment was provided by Bluegrass band, Dixie Lix, who sang the Ping Pong song. Leo Barnett was also in fine voice, singing the national

anthem. After the opening, exhibition games were played by club members. The exhibition games had a theme of "8 to 80".



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Subs

\$50.00 per adult player

\$35 (with super card/student ID or other concession)

School Students \$3.00 per session

Session Fees

Members: \$3.00 per session

Non Members: \$6.00 per session

Tall Poppy Challenge

Can you be the tallest poppy at Empire? Find out where you rank amongst all the Monday night players.

This challenge will be held over 2 Monday nights from 28 April. Play will be between 7pm and 9pm.

Club Notices

Winter Interclub

Interclub starts 13/14 May. Please let Diane know by May 5 if you are interested in playing.

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Club Shirts

Start the new year afresh and buy a Club shirt for \$35 – in sizes XS to 2XL.

Strategic Plan

The board members are creating an action plan to go with the attached strategic plan. Comments and ideas from members are welcome.

Subscriptions and Fees for 2008

Subs are due. Any players who have not paid subs by 30 April will incur the visitor fees.

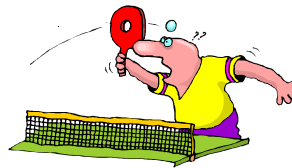
75th Jubilee in 2009

Expressions of interest are called from members and ex members to organise Jubilee celebrations.

Please contact any board member if interested.

Missing Items

The Club's official record is missing some Annual reports and AGM minutes.



Annual reports are missing for the years 1979, 1980 and 1983. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting are missing from the period 1977 to 1987 inclusive. If you can help or know of someone who may be able to help please contact Maggie phone 5899 140 or 5704 820 or maggie.dyer@paradise.net.nz

Fundraising

The first fundraising event for the year is underway. Spend a dollar, support your club and be in to win 3 bottles of wine.

Midweek News

Painting the Loos

Opera Singer Leo Barnett used his voice for another purpose: To rally volunteers to paint Empire's shabby toilets. The team immediately set to work. Thank you Melanie Armstrong, Ted Chan, Malcolm Howat, Arthur Lee, Eddie Moore,

Joy Mozer, Don Phillips, Margaret Wysocki and Leo of course.

New Stadium

Great space, light and scope for singles, as well as reducing stress on organisers Eddie Moore and Graham Sole. Why did we ever complain about

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how long it took, Ron! Cheers to Graham Sole for continuing to organise Thursday Midweekers – despite long distance travel, not to mention the little drama he staged last year. Our appreciation too for his time in taking the helm of Empire Table Tennis Club.



Matches will be 3 games to 11 (or advantage).

Challengers beating their opponent 3-0 will swap places with them on the ranking list.

Challengers beating their opponent 2-1 will take their place on the list and

the loser will drop one ranking place.

Challenge games will be arranged and are at the discretion of the organiser.

The rankings list will be updated after each night of play.

The player at the top of the rankings list at the conclusion of the competition will be the TALL POPPY until the next competition.