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### Coming Events

Junior Development

29 June

Movie Night:

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

9 July, 6pm for 6:30

Next Board Meeting

17 July

Wellington Open

9/10 August

Quiz Night

August

Club Championships

September

*The web site now has a calendar of events*

[www.empirett.org.nz](http://www.empirett.org.nz)

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## Happy Go Lucky – Movie Night



Enjoy a social night out and raise money for the stadium redevelopment at the same time!

The club is having a special screening of Happy Go Lucky at the Lighthouse Cinema in Petone (Beach St) on 9 July (Wednesday). Nibbles will be served at 6pm and the movie starts at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and will be available at club sessions soon.

The story: Poppy (sally Hawkins) is an

irrepressibly cheerful primary school teacher who won't let anyone or anything get her down. Even when her bicycle, which she so happily rides through the busy streets of London, is stolen, her first thought is only: "I didn't get a chance to say goodbye."

Living with her flatmate Zoe (Alexis Zegerman), Poppy has a gift for making the most of life. Determined to learn to drive she finds herself

matched with Scott (Eddie Marsan), an uptight driving instructor who is everything she is not.

From director Mike Leigh (Vera Drake) HAPPY-GO-LUCKY is a laugh out loud comedy about having fun, looking for love and getting on with life.

[www.lighthousepetone.co.nz](http://www.lighthousepetone.co.nz)

[www.happy-go-lucky-movie.co.uk](http://www.happy-go-lucky-movie.co.uk)

Email

[Maggie@empirett.org.nz](mailto:Maggie@empirett.org.nz) to reserve a ticket.

## Winter Interclub off to a good start

Empire teams are top of every grade after week 4 of winter interclub.

There are 12 Empire teams competing this year. We have 4 teams in Premier 1, 2 in Premier 2, 3 in Premier 3 and 3 in B Grade.

The following players have a 100% record so far:

James Harter (P1)

Bruce Connolly, Chris Williams, Tony Rutledge, Uy Tang (P2)

Leo Barnett (P3)

Margaret Connolly, Arjun

Sundareshwar, Ian Wright (B grade).

Results are published each week on the Empire web site.

[www.empirett.org.nz](http://www.empirett.org.nz)



### Olympics

The Olympics happen in August and table tennis will be contested from 13–23 August.

Information can be found via the TTNZ web site.

[www.tabletennis.org.nz](http://www.tabletennis.org.nz)

### Empire Player off to Tahiti

Yotam Bar-Shalom has been selected to represent NZ at the World Junior Circuit in Tahiti (July 6–11).

Yotam is the only Wellington representative in the four person U18 boy's team. James Harter is the reserve.

### Other Events

North Island Champs  
Auckland

July 16–20

National Secondary  
Schools Tournament  
Palmerston North

September 2–4

### Junior Development Tournament

This is being held at Empire on June 29. Entry forms available at the club.

## Welcome Kirti – New Finance Convenor

Our new Finance Convenor is Kirti Kumar. Kirti has been playing table tennis on and off at Empire and Waterloo since the early 1990s so some members may remember him.

In spite of a busy working life, Kirti kindly agreed to join the board after being asked by Leo. Kirti and Leo both worked in the same building many years ago.

Kirti is well qualified to be

the financial convenor. He is a public accountant and has a practice in Lower Hutt CBD.

Kirti is not sure if his busy life will allow him to play more table tennis now he is on the board but he does enjoy the sport and has played interclub in the past, although only at C and D grade level. Kirti says he enjoyed meeting a good mix of members whilst playing at Empire.



The remainder of the board are looking forward to working with Kirti. I hope all members will make Kirti feel welcome when he visits the club.

## New look for 2008 Club Championships

Members can look forward to a new look club championships this year. The event will be conducted over 2 Saturdays in September. The first day will consist of all the preliminary rounds and the second Saturday will see the finals contested in one morning. We hope that lots of members come out to see

our best players in action in the finals.

For the preliminary rounds, a round robin format will be used so that each competitor gets a reasonable amount of play. We will also conduct singles in the morning and doubles in the afternoon so that players don't have to come for the entire day if they just want to play in

one event.

There will be no veterans or under age competition in these championships. These will be held at a different time of year.

We will even have a category for the more social players (C grade and below).

Start practicing now!

## Club Survey

41 members assisted us by completing a survey last month. The information provided will assist the board in its planning.

The response from mid week players was particularly good (29 responses).

The survey covered areas such as volunteering, club

championships, social events, the web site and email, coaching and the stadium redevelopment.

The board was heartened to hear that 50% of members wanted to help in a small way.

The kitchen was the most important area to address in stage 2 redevelopment. 50% of players would like

some coaching.

There was a lot of interest in a club dinner and plans are already underway for this. There was also interest in a number of other social events. A movie night and quiz night will be held in coming months.

Thanks to everyone who contributed.



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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

**Club Notices**

**75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2009**

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

Please contact any board member if interested.

**Multi-trip Ticket**

For added convenience, we will be introducing a "multi-trip" ticket for club sessions. Ask at club.

**Corporate Subs**

Corporate subscriptions are available. Find out more by speaking with a board member.

**Club Shirts**

Buy a Club shirt for \$35 – in sizes XS to 2XL.

**Interclub**

There will be new P3 and B grade competitions starting on July 22/23. If interested contact Diane on 977 6486 or [activities@empirett.org.nz](mailto:activities@empirett.org.nz).

**Training with TTW**

Members can attend TTW training sessions on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Contact Diane (see above) for details.

**Tall Poppy**

After 2 weeks of the Tall Poppy Challenge, James Harter emerged as the Tall Poppy. Another round will occur later in the year.

**International Umpire**

Malcolm Wong has successfully passed the International Umpire exam. This exam is held only once every two years.

Well done and congratulations.



**Midweek News**

*by Nola Borrell*

**Good use of new facilities**

The Chinese New Immigrants' Association plans its annual tournament on Sat. 14 June. This is a major event in the local calendar. Many midweekers attend. Last year the team of Ping Chui, Norman Chan and Wai Chung won the cup, playing against the Chinese Embassy team, and before the Chinese Ambassador.

**Sunday sessions:**

Leading midweeker Ping Chui opens the club each Sunday from approx 9am to 12 noon. Be in!

**Midweek attendance**

During May was 61 on Tuesdays and 58 on Thursdays. Winter, too.

**TT Wellington**

Joy Mozer & Nola Borrell were runners-up in the 2nd Division Doubles at the Autumn Open in May. Nola was runner-up in the

2nd Division Singles.

**New Club Sign**

Our thanks to Ken Pemberton who used his professional skills to revamp the Empire sign and re-erect it.

**Painting the loos**

Willing helpers who missed the accolade in the April Newsletter include: Don Phillips and also Dorothy Moore who is not even a midweeker.

**Autumn Tournament – Empire Winners**

A number of Empire players did well at the TT Wellington Autumn Tournament.

A full list of place getters is available on the website.

Event	Name/s
Over 60 singles	Bruce Connolly
Under 21 singles	Yotam Bar-Shalom
Under 15 doubles	Thom Nguyen (with M Murdoch)
Under 18 singles	James Harter
Under 18 doubles	Yotam Bar-Shalom & James Harter