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Winter Interclub

The Premier 1 Grand Final will be held on September 16. The Typhoons are currently placed second and a real chance of making this final.

The other P1 teams are placed 5th (Storm), 6th (Whirlwind) and 8th (Tempest).

In P2, the Hurricanes are 1st and the Cyclones are 4th.

In a new competition this round, the P3 teams are placed 4th (Tornado), 5th (Tsunami) and 6th (Thunder).

In B grade, Empire teams are placed 1st (Crusaders), 3rd (Invaders) and 6th (Trojans).

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A New Look for the Club Champs

The 2008 Club Championships are being held on Sunday, August 31 and Sunday, September 7.

The second Sunday is for finals only and lasts just 2 hours (play starts at 10am). We hope that many of you will come along and see the club's best players in action at this session.

To make the championships as convenient as possible, there will be dedicated singles and doubles sessions on the first Sunday. Singles play will be held in the morning and doubles in the afternoon so you do not need to attend all day unless you want to play in both.

To cater for all levels of player there will be a social grade competition as well as the open division. The Open division will split into elite and second division after the first round. The social grade is intended for B/C and lower grade players. It will not be possible to play in both open and social events.

All preliminary sessions will involve round robin pool play to give everyone maximum opportunity to play. Entry forms are available at club and on the website.

Rolls and toasted sandwiches will be available for purchase during the lunch break.



Entries close on Wednesday, August 27 and the fee is \$10 (payable on the day) which covers all events you wish to enter. A box for entry forms is available at the stadium. Alternatively you can email entries to activities@empirett.org.nz

Multisession Tickets

Save money!

The club now has multi-session tickets for sale. Save up to 10% on the regular price and avoid the hassle of finding change for each session. \$20 and \$30 tickets are now available. \$30 tickets

allow you to come to 11 sessions. \$20 tickets can be used for 7 sessions.

You must bring your ticket along to get "clipped" at each session. Ask the organisers of club sessions if you want to purchase one.



Open Day – September 14



Bring all your friends, workmates and family members along to the stadium on Sunday, September 14 for an Open Day.

We will also need members on hand to show people how to play, play demonstration games, and

talk about the club.

Any old bats that people are willing to lend or donate will also be very useful.

The open day will start at 9:30 and run until about 12:30pm.



Coming Events

Tournaments & Champs

- Secondary Schools
22 August
- Junior Development
24 August
- Empire Club Champs
31 Aug, Sep 7
- Midweek Invitational
September 4
- Wellington Spring Open
September 13
- New Zealand Open
October 1-11

Other Events

- Empire Open Day
September 14
- Next Board Meeting
25 September
- Quiz Night
September 27
- Prizegiving Dinner
November 1

The web site has a calendar of events that is regularly updated



Volunteer Profile – Eddie Moore

Hard-working volunteers are the reason our club keeps thriving. In this newsletter we profile Eddie Moore who will be well known to our midweek players and some of our interclub players.

Eddie has been the organiser of Tuesday midweek sessions for about 3 years. Although he played table tennis at a young age he was absent from the game for much of his working life. Having given the game up at 25, he came back to table tennis at age 60. When he retired from work in 1992 he became secretary at Empire but family commitments drew him back to his home town in Canterbury for 10 years (1993-2003).

Eddie was very involved in table tennis administration during these 10 years. He was secretary of Avonside TTC for most of this time and involved in the purchase and renovation of a building that became the Canterbury table

tennis stadium. His efforts were recognised by Life Membership of Table Tennis Canterbury and a Summer Sports Award from Sport Canterbury in 2000.

Eddie and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April this year. They had lived in Wellington since 1972 before their return to Canterbury. By 2003 they were drawn back to Wellington and the connection with Empire resumed.

Outside of table tennis, Eddie was an accountant with Westpac for 35 years. In his younger days he also played cricket.

Eddie and Dorothy have 4 children. In 1999, Eddie took the opportunity to visit his son in Perth and play in the Australian Veterans TT championships. At this tournament Eddie achieved one of the highlights of his table tennis career when he beat Ken Cole in a team's



event. Ken had just arrived back in Australia from winning the NZ O40 title. At this time, Eddie was number 85 in the NZ open men's ratings. He has remained competitive and still plays interclub. In 2006, his over 70 rating for NZ was number 3, a fine achievement.

In the next newsletter we will feature another of our hardworking volunteers.

Quiz Night – September 27

A social event at the stadium.

Put together a team of up to 6 for the 2008 Empire Quiz. Match wits against your table tennis mates.

This will be held on Saturday, September 27. Register from 7pm and the quiz will kick off at 7:30pm.

If you can't find enough friends to make up a team, come along anyway and we

can find a team for you.

The cost for the evening is \$10 per person. Supper will be provided during the night but drinks are BYO.

We would welcome any donations of prizes or contacts that might help sponsor a category. Please contact Stephen Hope on 977 6486 or promotion@empirett.org.nz.



Privegiving Dinner – November 1



Another change to this year's calendar is the introduction of a Prizegiving dinner.

This will be held at the Petone Working Men's Club on

November 1. More details will be announced later but please keep this date free in your diaries.

The cost is expected to be \$25-30.



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Tournament Results

North Island Champs

Auckland 17-20 July

Yotam Bar-Shalom was runner up in the B Grade Men's singles

Thom Nguyen with Martin Murdoch were runners up in the Under 15 Boy's doubles.

James Harter & Yotam Bar-Shalom with Andrew Rieper were 5th out of 8 teams in the Open A Grade Teams

Thom Nguyen with Martin Murdoch were 1st out of 8 teams in Open C Grade Teams.

James Harter, Paul Solt, Yotam Bar-Shalom, Malcom Wong and Ian Talbot were losing semi-finalists in various events.

Wellington Open

Empire 9-10 August

Empire players featured in a number of finals.

Yotam Bar-Shalom won the Mens Open Singles.

Yotam was also runner up in the Under 21 Singles.

Yotam and James Harter were runners up in the Under 21 Doubles.

Ian and Chris Talbot were runners up in the Over 40 Doubles.

Ian Talbot was runner up in the Over 50 Singles.

Ian was also runner up with Brian McConnochie in the Over 50 Doubles.

In an all empire contest, Bruce Connolly beat Chris Williams in the Over 60 Singles before the teamed up to win the Doubles.

Nola Borrell and Mary Law were runners-up in the Second Division Doubles.

James Harter won the Under 18 Singles.

James and Yotam combined to win the Under 18 Doubles.

Thom Nguyen won the Under 15 Singles and teamed with Martin Murdoch to win the Doubles.

Manawatu Veterans Doubles

Palmerston Nth, August 2

Leo Barnett, Len Hunter. Eddie Moore, Merv Allardyce attended

Midweek News

by Nola Borrell and Eddie Moore

Peter Chong

Former midweeker and respected member of the Chinese community, Peter Chong, died on June 25. A member recalls him as pleasant and well-liked.

At the Olympics

Chairperson Leo Barnett spoke on our behalf to wish Averil Roberts well in her Olympic umpiring. Averil has been attending midweek lately and so we claim her as one of us. TV3 featured Averil, August 1. Willie Wong is bound for Beijing too.

Wellington Open

At TT Wellington Open Tournament, 9 - 10 August, the only midweekers present were Nola Borrell, Mary Law & Alan Tso. Hey, midweekers, where were you! A regional tournament right in our own

fine stadium. Yes, an over 60s' section and an Open Division. I would like a women's only 60+. That needs more women to attend.

Levin Visit

Levin visited Empire, 11 August, for our annual tussle.

Kapiti Visit

On Monday 28 July, 12 members were hosted by the Kapiti Club at Raumati. Ron Menchi, Chang Zhou, Nola Borrell, Joy Mozer, Joyce Skinner, Mary Law, Perry Joe, Don Phillips, Graham Sole, Len Hunter, Leo Barnett, and Malcom Howat.

Kapiti provided Lunch.

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This is an Annual Event and we will host Kapiti next year.



Attending Nationals

Several members - Eddie Moore, Leo Barnett, Norman Chan and Lois McStay - have indicated their intention to play at the Nationals in October, at Lower Hutt. Note: Entry deadlines: August 21.

Midweek Tournament

Coming up, Sept 4: Empire hosts a regional midweek tournament, thanks to organisers Eddie Moore & Graham Sole. Be there!

Raffle

Current Raffle: French perfume (value: \$60), donated by Glenys Simpsen.

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

Club Lease Extension

The club was recently granted a 33 year extension to its lease.

Jubilee Committee

We are recruiting volunteers to help organise the club's 75th jubilee next year. All helpers are welcome. So far we have 10 offers of assistance, many of them just wanting to do a small amount. If you can help, please contact Stephen Hope.

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