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**75th Jubilee**

The club will celebrate it's 75<sup>th</sup> jubilee next year.

The jubilee dinner and main celebrations will probably be held on September 18-20, 2009.

The web site will have a jubilee page up and running soon with all the latest news and confirmed dates.

Please let all former members know about this event and ask them to contact:

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## Presentation Dinner

The club is holding its inaugural presentation dinner on Saturday November 8. The dinner is being held at the Petone Working Men's Club from 7pm. Tickets must be purchased before the night and will be available at all club sessions. The cost is just \$20 per person.

At this dinner, the club trophies will be presented and we will reflect on what has been a successful year with a computer presentation and perhaps a few speeches.

There have been some outstanding achievements this year. Our P1 team won the winter interclub title for the first time in 14 years. Yotam Bar-Shalom won the Wellington Open and Thom Nguyen won the Open Men's Singles Club Championship at age 13.

This year also saw the opening of the stadium extension in March. The improved playing facilities have attracted more people along to club sessions. The



Friday night junior session had 104 juniors present recently.

Please help us celebrate these successes and have a fun time on November 8.

## Thom Nguyen wins at age 13

Thom Nguyen triumphed over Yotam Bar-Shalom in the Men's Singles Final at the 2008 Club Championships. It was great to see two of the clubs up and coming stars battle it out for the title. Thom won 3-2 (8-11, 11-5, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9).

The club championships format was a little different this year with the finals being held the week after the preliminary rounds. On September 7, we had 2 hours

of finals in which some very good table tennis could be enjoyed by the small group of spectators.

No veterans championship was played this year but we may conduct this next year in March as a warm-up for the National Veterans to be held at Easter. Another new feature of this year's club championships was a social grade. This was an opportunity for those who don't often play in

tournaments to have a "serious" game or two.



Thom Nguyen

Club Championship Finals		
Event	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Thom Nguyen	Yotam Bar-Shalom
Women's Singles	Diane Hope	Margaret Cloughley
Men's Doubles	Yotam Bar-Shalom & James Harter	Ian Talbot & Chris Talbot
Women's Doubles	Jeanette Stanley & Dawn Dorresteyn	Maggie Dyer & Margaret Cloughley
Mixed Doubles	Diane Hope & James Harter	Margaret Cloughley & Yotam Bar-Shalom
Div 2 Singles	Ping Chui	Dong Jiang
Div 2 Doubles	Allen Tso & Norman Chan	Merv Allardyce & Chas Wong
Social Singles	Arjun Sundareshwar	Kiyo Nakagaki
Social Doubles	Maggie Dyer & Margaret Cloughley	Arjun Sundareshwar & Jeffrey Dorresteyn



### Coming Events

#### Tournaments & Champs

P2 & P3 Grade Champs

21-22 October

Composite Teams Comp

November

#### Other Events

Presentation Dinner

8 November

Midweek Club Lunch

27 November

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



## Victory after 14 Years!

Our young Premier 1 team of Yotam Bar-Shalom, James Harter and Thom Nguyen were victorious in the winter interclub competition. They

defeated the more experienced Titan/Kapiti team 6-3 in the final. Empire had not won the P1 title since 1994.

Empire also tasted victory in Premier 2 and B Grade.

Team results and player percentages are shown below.



Empire Typhoons  
(L-R):

James Harter, Thom Nguyen, Yotam Bar-Shalom

### Final Results of Premier One and Two Winter Interclub

Grade	Team	Players (individual percentage)	placing
Premier One	Typhoons	Yotam Bar-Shalom (85%) James Harter (81.4%) Thom Nguyen (80%)	Winners
Premier One	Storm	Chris Talbot (57.1%) Ian Talbot (52.4%) Stephan Gerschewski (45.2%)	5th
Premier One	Tempest	Paul Solt (42.9%) Noam Bar-Shalom (11.9%) Malcolm Wong (6.7%) John Nguyen (4.2%)	7th
Premier One	Whirlwind	John Gan (31.1%) Jason Giles (26.2%) Martin Young (9.5%)	8th
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%)	5th

### Final Results of Second Competition for Premier Three & B Grade

Grade	Team	Players (individual percentage)	placing
Premier Three	Tornado	Isaac Noanoa (88.9%) John Kane (55.6%) Hayden Kirkbeck (46.7%)	3rd
Premier Three	Tsunami	Dong Jiang (66.7%) Russell Buchanan (55.6%) Chris Palmer (33.3%)	5th
Premier Three	Thunder	Graham Sole (40%) Jeanette Stanley (33.3%) Dawn Dorresteyn (26.7%)	6th
B Grade	Crusaders	Arjun Sundareshwar (94.1%) Margaret Connolly (90.9%) Stefan Vrecic (58.3)	Winners
B Grade	Invaders	Maggie Dyer (100%) Michael McDowell (33.3%) Jeffrey Dorresteyn (16.7%)	3rd
B Grade	Trojans	Luke Falvey (27.3%) Cameron Smith (23.5%) Emma Smith (6.7%)	6th



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### Subs

**Reductions for remainder of the year:**

\$30 per adult player

\$20 (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

#### Flip Charts

Please don't be tidy! Surprising as it seems, the scoring flip charts are best left open as they can be damaged by being closed.

#### Sunday Club

Since October 5, Sunday Club has been up and running. These sessions run from 9:30 to 11:30 on Sunday mornings.

The format is very informal with no organized games at the moment but it is usually easy to find a partner.

## Midweek News

by Nola Borrell and Eddie Moore

### **Midweek Tournament**

96 players from Kapiti, Levin, Wairarapa, Palmerston North, Tawa, Wainuiomata and Empire contested the midweek tournament on September 4.

Games were played in a fine spirit, The event was very well organized by Eddie Moore who still managed to win on Table 1 whilst keeping the event running smoothly. As was reported in the Hutt News, Empire had a great day and won on 7 of 8 tables.

The winners were:

Table 1: Eddie Moore, Wai Chung

Table 2: Ji Liang Tan, William Young

Table 3: Buck Chan, Kevin Tse

Table 4: Nancy Chan, Anna Chung

Table 5: Bill Wong, Phillip Yee

Table 6: Willip Ngan, Perry Joe

Table 7: Jean Chung, Diane Lai.

Willie Wong won one of the grocery prizes and donated the prize to be shared among the ladies who worked in the kitchen, one of whom donated her portion back to the Club.

### **Raffle Winner**

The French Perfume Raffle donated by Glenys Simpson our Avon Lady raised \$59 and was won by Peter Philipsen

## Empire's Got Talent!

For those not playing table tennis on Monday nights, tune in to Prime at 7:30pm and watch our very own Leo Barnett compete in New Zealand's Got Talent.

On October 13, Leo is singing in the semi-finals.

Leo is one of 32 semi finalists competing for the \$100,000 first prize. Your vote might help keep his chances alive so get dialling.

<http://www.nzsgottalent.co.nz/finalists.aspx>



## NZ Nationals – hot off the press

Event	Winner	Runner/s up
Over 70 Men's singles	Eddie Moore	
Over 70 Men's doubles		Eddie Moore & Leo Barnett
Over 70 Mixed doubles	Eddie Moore & Lois McStay	
Over 70 Men's plate	Leo Barnett	
Over 55 Men's plate	Tony Rutledge	
Over 45 Men's doubles	Chris Talbot & Ian Talbot	
Under 15 Boys doubles	Thom Nguyen & Martin Murdoch	

For the latest results go to [www.tabletennis.org.nz](http://www.tabletennis.org.nz)

### **Donation:**

Anne Henry has kindly donated some table tennis equipment by way of bats and bat covers. Some of it is in good order and will be used for prizes when we have our breakup doubles tournament at the end of the year. The other gear will be used for casual midweek players.

### **Levin Visit**

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

Taking part were

Table 1: Wai Chung, Ping Chui, Norman Chan

Table 2: Eddie Moore, Allen Tso, Leo Barnett

Table 3: Anna Chung, Nancy Chan, Joy Mozer

Table 4: Fay Ngan, Len Ngan, Nola Borrell

### **Club Championships**

12 midweek players contested the Empire championships, 8 in the open and 4 in the social section.

### **End of Year Lunch**

This is being held on Thursday, November 27 at the Petone Working Men's Club.