



# Empire Spin

September 2010

For junior and senior members

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### Midweek Tournament Attracts Mercedes Sponsorship

The annual midweek invitational doubles tournament attracted prime sponsorship from Wellington Star, dealers of Mercedes Benz. ...More on page 2.

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### Husband and Wife Team Departs

Diane and Stephen Hope are departing for greener pastures across the Tasman. ...More on page 4.

### Annual Dinner & Prizegiving

Saturday 5 November. Nominations are needed soon. ...More on page 4.

### TTW Interclub finals

Finals for all grades will be played at Empire Stadium from 7pm on Tuesday 14 September. Come and support our teams.

## Calendar



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**Junior Club Champs** Starts Friday 10 Sept

Finals on Friday 17 Sept

**TTW Winter Interclub Finals** Tuesday 14 September

From 7pm at Empire Stadium

All grades (P1, P2, P3)

**TTW Interclub Grade Championships**

Premier 3 Tuesday 21 September

Premier 2 Wednesday 22 September

Play commences at 7pm. Please register early.

**Feilding Trip** Sunday 26 September

Places available – any ability

**NZ Open Champs** October 5 - 10

Auckland

**Special Trophy Nominations** Oct 13

Nominations close

**Junior Club Prizegiving** Friday 4 November

Empire Stadium

**Annual Dinner & Prizegiving** Saturday 5 November

Venue TBA

## Volunteers

### Diane & Stephen Hope moving to Australia

The board is in urgent need of some helpers with the imminent departure of two board members. Stephen has been offered a job opportunity in Canberra, so he and Diane will be moving to the other side of the 'ditch' at the end of September. They will be leaving something of a 'hole' in the club's administration so we need others to step up and fill these gaps. A list of volunteer opportunities can be found below. Members and friends are invited to Stephen and Diane's 'open home' between 11am – 4pm on Saturday 18 September to say farewell.



The following positions are currently vacant:

#### Chairperson (until March 2012)

Chair board meetings, strategic planning.

#### Activities Convenor (until March 2011)

Oversight of all club sessions, tournaments, interclub, coaching and training, attend board meetings

#### Promotions Convenor (until March 2012)

Sponsorship, advertising, promotion, attend board meetings

#### Information Officer

Club database, mailing list admin. (Need good IT skills).

#### Newsletter Editor

Compile club newsletters (at least quarterly)

## Midweek Doubles Tournament

A total of 74 players from five clubs competed in the annual Midweek Doubles Tournament held at Empire on Thursday 2 September 2010. Pairs were divided into 7 groups, with the better players in group 1. Results are as follows:

Group	Winners	Runners Up
1	Wai Chung David Chow (Empire)	Ji Liang Tan William Yang (Empire)
2	Alfie Chin Stan Joe (Empire)	Merv Allardyce Tina Ng (Empire)
3	Kevin Tse Buck Chan (Empire)	Anna Chung Nancy Chan (Empire)
4	David Wong Moy Leong (Empire)	Joyce Skinner Joy Mozer (Empire)
5	Awhina McDonald Gordon Baker (Levin)	Bill Wong Bill Hoon (Empire)
6	Maureen Karipa Julie Sheard (Wainuiomata)	Linda Hurst Kay Thorn (Kapiti)
7	Shirley Chandler Colin Chandler (Waikanae)	George Wright Shirley Ruddel (Wainuiomata)

Wellington Star sponsored the table prizes and have agreed to sponsor the tournament again in 2011.



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Congratulations to Arthur Lee, Norman Chan and all their helpers for a well run and successful tournament.

## Interclub Results

The second series of winter Interclub started on 27 & 28 July. A finals night for all grades is being held on Tuesday 14 September.

Grade	Team	Names
P1	Empire Boomers <i>Currently 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Ian Talbot Chris Talbot Tony Rutledge
P1	Empire Strikes Back <i>Currently 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Raewyn Young Depak Patel Jason Giles
P1	Empire/Titan <i>Currently 6<sup>th</sup></i>	Paul Solt (Empire) Keith Aldersley (Titan) Win Nguyen (Titan)
P2	Empire Advancers <i>Currently 7<sup>th</sup></i>	Tristian Alay-Ay Kai Xu Tim Hills
P2	Empire Hurricanes <i>Currently 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Bruce Connolly Uy Tang Diane Hope
P2	Empire Penholders <i>Currently 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Graham Sole Tai Zu Norman Chan
P2	Empire 2 <i>Currently 6<sup>th</sup></i>	Russell Buchanan Richard Dalziel Tom Davey Hayden Kirkbeck
P3	Empire Golden Girls <i>Currently 5<sup>th</sup></i>	Margaret Cloughley Maggie Dyer Dawn Dorresteyn
P3	Empire Tornado <i>Currently 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	John Kane Stephen Benfell Vladimir Vysotskiy
P3	Empire Tsunami <i>Currently 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	Chris Palmer Craig Bailey Elias Villanueva

## Club Champs Results

The 2010 Empire Club Championships were held on Sunday 25 July 2010. A total of 31 entries were received. Many thanks to Chris Williams for a well run tournament and to Maggie Dyer for providing catering.

Results are as follows:

Event	Winner/s	Runner/s up
Open Singles	Depak Patel	Chris Talbot
Open Doubles	Chris Talbot & Ian Talbot	Tony Rutledge & Dzung Nguyen
Division 2 Singles	Dzung Nguyen	Martin Young
Division 3 Singles	Tom Davey	Tai Zhu
Division 4 Singles	Graham Sole	Richard Dalziel

## Annual End of Year Dinner and Prizegiving

This will be held on Saturday 5 November. Club champs and interclub award will be presented as well as the special trophies:

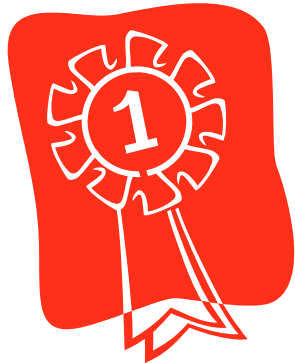
- Best Club Member
- Best Sports person
- Most Improved
- Most Outstanding Individual Performance
- Team of the Year

Nominations for the special trophies are now open. Please complete the nomination form attached and return to Rose Douglas - services@empirett.org.nz by 13 October.

## ETTC Junior Club News

### Organisation

Welcome to Russell & Louise Stoupe who have offered to take over the responsibility for running junior club. A big thank you to our current helpers: Jackie Upchurch, Merv Allardyce, Mornain King, Ron Menchi.



### Club Champs

The junior club champs will start on Friday 10 September and run over three weeks as follows:

**Friday 10 Sept:** Grade champs round robins

Players need to register by 7pm and play will start at 7:30pm.

Players will be divided into A (groups 1-4), B (groups 5-7), C (groups 8-9) and D (groups 10-12) grades. Matches will be best of 3 games to 11. There will be 4 or 5 players per group and the top 8 results for each grade will go through to the finals.

**Friday 17 Sept:** Grade champs finals – a knock out draw.

Finals will commence at 7:30pm. Alternative games will be arranged for those not involved in the finals.

**Friday 24 Sept:** Under 13 boys; under 18 boys and girls

Entries required by end of Fri 17 Sept. These will be seeded knock out draws.

### Closing night and Prizegiving

The final night for the year will be on Friday 4 November.

This will include supper, prizegiving and award of certificates.

## Social News

### Feilding Visit

Empire members have been invited to take part in a visit to the Feilding Club on Sunday 26 September. Approximately 12 – 15 members can participate and it is best if a range of abilities are represented. We have had a long standing relationship with Feilding and had similar visits many years ago. This is a great opportunity for a social table tennis outing to play against players you may not have met before. Feilding's slogan is '*Friendly Feilding*'. This will be an annual event with matches alternating between the two venues. Please contact Rose Douglas if you are interested in playing in this friendly match.

An annual friendly match has also been arranged with Wanganui and will be played in March each year.

### Key Hire

Not able to get enough practice?

If the club sessions are not enough for you then members do have the option of hiring a key to the stadium. This costs \$20 per month and allows you to practice at the stadium whenever it is not being used for other events.

If you are interested, please contact John Kane (Building Convenor) on 589 6625 or [building@empirett.org.nz](mailto:building@empirett.org.nz).

Key hire requires a \$50 deposit and monthly payments must be done by automatic payment.

### Coaching

Depak Patel has been offering coaching to members on Monday and Thursday nights. We have seen good improvement in some of his regular pupils so get your name down on the list before the season ends.



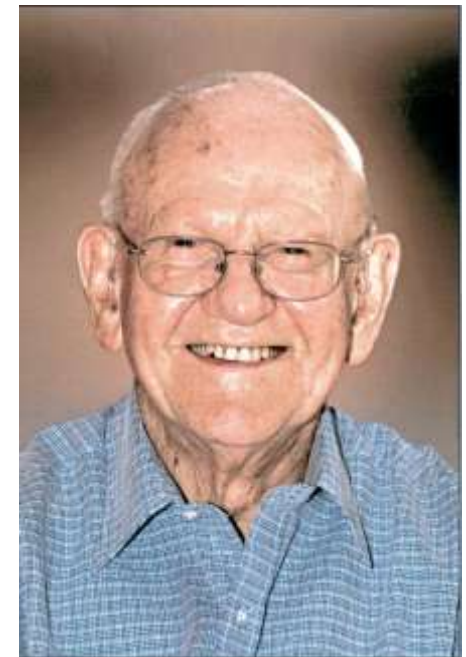
## Obituary

### Fred Pycroft 22 March 1920 – 20 July 2010



Midweek club member Fred Pycroft (90 years) was tragically killed in a car accident recently. Fred had been playing at Empire for two or three years. He responded to a newspaper advert, and came along knowing no one and enjoyed the friendship and

exercise the Empire midweek club offered. Fred had been interested in sports all his life. His parents and sister were also into sports. His sister was a Hawkes Bay table tennis champion as a youngster. Fred's success came in running the ½ mile. He was Hawkes Bay age group champion over this distance for three consecutive years as a teenager. RIP.



## Club Contact Details

If you need to contact the club:

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### Stadium

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### Mailing List

The club has an email list for our members.

You can join this list by giving your email address to the session organisers.

### Editor

Your editor for this edition was Stephen Hope.

Please let me know if you would like to take over this role.

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