



Empire Newsletter

October 2011

Winter Interclub: Series 2: Play Offs: 4th October

Winter Interclub concluded with the final play off in all three grades on Tuesday night, 4th October.

Congratulations to Empire Dangerous (Bruce Connolly, Uy Tang and Chris Williams) for winning Premier Two and to Empire Xiong (Martin Xiong, Adam Xiong and Ellen Xiong) for coming runners up in Premier Three.



Midweek Doubles Tournament: 15th September

The annual Midweek Doubles Tournament was held on 15th September and was organised by Arthur Lee and Melanie Armstrong. Arthur has submitted a full report to the Board. Here are the highlights:

- There were 96 participants, of whom 52 were Empire members.
- Teams came from Kapiti, Levin, Wairarapa, Wainuiomata, Tawa and Miramar. Miramar was a newcomer to the tournament.
- Empire winners were Alfred Chin & Stan Joe and Ken Moy & Karl Johnston.
- Empire teams finished runners up on seven of the eight tables.
- There was a cash raffle and a grocery raffle. The grocery items were donated by Empire club members.
- The tournament prizes were again sponsored by Wellington Star, Mercedes Benz dealer, and we thank them for their continuing support. The Empire Board also donated prizes.

Many thanks to Arthur and Melanie and to all the other helpers who contributed to such a successful day. Thanks too to Norman Chan for securing the Wellington Star sponsorship.

There will be no grading nights in November or December 2011.

Raffle Result

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2nd 2011 raffle as follows:

- 1st prize wine and glasses - Audrey St Clair
- 2nd prize wine and glasses – Roger Watkin (Karori)
- 3rd prize beer mugs - Audrey St Clair

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and better luck next time.



Upcoming Raffle

Speaking of which we are pleased to announce the last raffle of 2011. This time a bumper one with 4 prizes and back to the 100 ticket model. Tickets are \$2.00 and available at all club sessions.

The prizes available are as follows:

- 1st prize 2 bottles of wine and glasses
- 2nd prize 2 bottles of wine and glasses
- 3rd prize Yates Vegetable garden
- 4th prize beer mugs



Please support your club and be in to win. Results will be drawn at the annual dinner.

Annual Dinner

This will be held at the Maungaraki Chinese Restaurant, 139 Dowse Drive, Maungaraki on Saturday 19th November at 7.00 pm. Prizes will be given out, special trophy winners announced and the final raffle of the year drawn.

We have booked the restaurant out and at \$20 per head and wine supplied this promises to be a good but cheap night out! So think about coming along and joining the Board to celebrate another good year of table tennis at Empire.

If you are thinking where is Maungaraki don't! Coming along the motorway turn off at the Dowse Drive intersection and drive up the hill to the shopping centre – the restaurant is located at the southern end of the shopping complex.

To attend please RSVP to Rose by Friday 12th November at services@empirett.org.nz or phone 569 9904

Midweek Annual Xmas Lunch

This is to be held at the Petone Working Men's Club on Thursday 24th November. All welcome – cost \$20 each. Come along and have another great socialising event with your table tennis friends! Attendance can be registered with any Midweek session organiser.

Interclub Final results for Premier One Winter 2011 Series 2

Team	Players	Percentage (includes # games played < 10)	Placing
Assassins	Depak Patel Ian Talbot John Gan Chris Talbot	78.6% 64.7% 47.1% 0% (3 games)	3rd
Battlers	Tony Rutledge Paul Solt Chris Williams Elias Villaneuva Rahul Suvarnan	27.8% 26.7% 66.7% (3 games) 0% (6 games) 0% (3 games)	6th
Courage	Jason Giles Harry Chen Kai Xu	27.8% 5.6% 5.6%	7th

Interclub Final results for Premier Two Winter 2011 Series 2

Team	Players	Percentage (includes # games played < 10)	Placing
Dangerous	Chris Williams Bruce Connolly Uy Tang	88.9% 77.8% 61.1%	1st
Executioners	Thomas Perrochaud Norman Chan Graham Sole Rod Weston	77.8% 27.8% 13.3% 0% (3 games)	5th
Fiery	Darren O'Brien John Kane Rahul Suvarnan Graeme Jackson Hayden Kirkbeck Russell Buchanan Silvian Serbanescu	40% 22.2% (9 games) 16.7% 100% (3 games) 0% (3 games) 0% (6 games) 0% (3 games)	6th

Interclub Final results for Premier Three Winter 2011 Series 2

Team	Players	Percentage (includes # games played < 10)	Placing
Xiong	Martin Xiong Adam Xiong Ellen Xiong George Stoupe	90.5% 81% 38.9% 100% (3 games)	2nd
Hurricanes	John Kane Margaret Connolly Maggie Dyer Dawn Dorresteyn	76.2% 66.7% 55.6% 83.3% (6 games)	3rd
Gladiators	Silvian Serbanescu Vladimir Vysotskiy Rod Weston Mariana Proctor Melanie Armstrong	55.6% 47.6% 33.3% 0% (3 games) 0% (3 games)	5th

Visit by Wanganui and Feilding Clubs

On **Sunday 30th October** Wanganui and Feilding are coming down to play some friendly matches with our club.

We intend to start the games at 11.30, have a break for lunch at about 1 pm and then continue until about 4 pm.

We will provide lunch for them to show our hospitality and for this we are asking members to bring a plate to share.

If you are intending to play could you let me know by Monday 24 October.

You can either ring or email me, or fill in the sheet on the desk at the clubrooms.

It would be wonderful to see as many as possible come and participate.

Contact details: Email: services@empirett.org.nz
 Cellphone: 027 5699904
 Home Phone: 569 9904

Closing dates for 2011

A reminder that there will be no grading nights in November or December 2011.

For juniors we are pleased to announce that Friday nights will run a bit longer as we have volunteers prepared to help out. So come along, practice your table tennis and have a nice night out.

The last times for all sessions are as follows:

- Monday night – 12th December (Please bring a plate of food to share and some drink if you like it. Any ideas for the game format of the night are welcome)
- Midweek – Tuesday 20th December
- Friday juniors – 11th November

If you have moved, or if any of your contact details have changed please let a club organiser know and if possible email or ring Maggie as well to ensure the database also gets updated maggie.dyer@paradise.net.nz or ph 5899 140.

Midweek club will operate casually from Tuesday 17th January with Henry Chin running. The official opening for 2012 will be Thursday 2nd February.

Opening dates for the other sessions will be advised when we can confirm people to run the various sessions.

Highlights of the year.....

One non playing "highlight" worth mentioning, was the postponement of one round due to snow, almost certainly the first time this has happened.

What's next? Table Tennis Wellington usually run a short summer competition in November/December and we understand that they will be doing so again this year. Not sure what the format will be but we will keep all informed.