



Empire Spin

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Winter Interclub

Winter Interclub will start next month. If you are interested in playing, contact Diane Hope. activities@empirett.org.nz or 977 6486

Maggie Honoured

At the Annual General Meeting on March 30, Maggie Dyer was the tenth member of the club to be awarded life membership. This is the first life membership awarded in 23 years.



Maggie's efforts have been recognised previously as winner of the Dick Gray Cup for best club member in 1997, 1998 and 2005. Her contribution to the club has been enormous:

Joined Empire in 1995

Services Convener since 2000

127 Interclub appearances over 12 years

Regular Monday helper

Friday helper as required



Maggie's strength is her willingness to "fill the gap" as required. She regularly helps out in areas outside her services convener portfolio. Maggie is the club's longest serving services convener/secretary and is now in her tenth year in that role.

Maggie has earned her life membership through her fundraising efforts alone – catering at tournaments, running the shop, chocolate drives, movie nights (one coming up soon!), catering and selling tickets to the variety concert and raffles.

Maggie's playing achievements include:

JW Andrews Cup for Women's Doubles (1999, 2002, 2004-2006)

Interclub winning team member

B Grade (2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

C/D Grade (1999)

RE Mitchell Cup for Best Sports person

Congratulations Maggie!

Volunteers

New Board Members

Some new blood was elected to the board at the AGM. Michael Xu was elected to the finance portfolio and John Kane to the building portfolio. Diane Hope was re-elected to activities. She has held that position for the past 12 months. Tony Seymour has also volunteered to help the board with strategic planning but is not an official member of the board.

Since the AGM Leo has stepped aside as chairman to allow Ron Menchi to have this role during the jubilee year. Many thanks to retiring board members Leo and Kirti for their efforts in 2008.

Our new board members were asked to provide a brief introduction of themselves:

Michael Xu



This is Michael Xu, a student of accountancy and a migrant from China. Touching the soil of New Zealand five years ago, I have been through ups and downs of life in this isle country and beginning to enjoy ease and comfort of this graceful land. I am a sports lover, and table tennis is one of them. I am

expecting to see your face and enjoying the practice as well as a game.

John Kane



John is a Painter and Decorator. John is a keen tennis player and table tennis player. He has been an interclub player for a number of years, most recently in Premier 3.

First Aid Qualifications?

This year we started asking new members if they have first aid qualifications. If you are a previous member that has a first aid qualification please let us know.

We want to assess if there is likely to be a first aider on hand if someone has an accident. We may offer a subsidised first aid course if there is enough interest so please also let us know if you are interested in getting a first aid certificate.

Contact: promotion@empirett.org.nz

2009 Calendar



Club Sessions

Monday Evening from 6:30pm

Tuesday Morning 9:30am-11:30am

Thursday Morning 9:30am-11:30am

Friday Juniors from 6:45pm-9:30pm

Sunday Morning 9:30am-11:30am

Jubilee Events

Book Launch

Date: Wed, 8 July

Venue: Empire Stadium

Time: 7pm for 7:30pm

Wine and cheese, book sales

Hall of Fame opening

Book sales at club sessions for next week

Jubilee Weekend

Date: 18-20 September

Friday: Registrations; Mix and mingle from 7pm at Empire

Saturday: Table tennis at Empire
Time capsule burial
Jubilee dinner in evening

Sunday: Open day at Empire from 9am

Social Events

Movie Night, Wed 29 April

Venue: Lighthouse Petone

See detail on this page.

Prizegiving Dinner, Sat 7 Nov

Venue: To be advised

Competitions

Open Club Champs

Date: Sat-Sun, 4-5 July

Winter Interclub

From 12 May (to be confirmed)

Tournaments

Around the Region (Apr-Jun)

Wanganui Open (25 April)

Marlborough Open, Blenheim (May 9-10)

TT Wellington 2-a-side Tournament
(May 10, 17; Jun 14, 21)

Wellington Autumn Open (May 23-24)

Movie Night – The Reader



Date: Wed, 29 April

Venue: Lighthouse Cinema
Beach Street, Petone

Time: 7:30pm supper
8:00pm movie (124 minutes)

Cost: \$20 pp Tickets available now

Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Kate Winslet,
David Kross

USA TODAY

"A TALE OF EROTICISM, SECRECY AND GUILT THAT'S BOUND TO STIR DISCUSSION. Well-acted...it's an absorbing story of sexual awakening and moral dilemmas. 'The Reader' raises thorny questions and avoids simple answers."

Table Tennis Results

Empire Open Veterans

On March 29, 22 players from as far away as Manawatu attended the Empire Veterans Tournament. The tournament was intended as a warm-up for the NZ Veterans Championships held over Easter.

All players had a solid workout with about 5 singles and 5 doubles matches each.

Singles

Over 70 Men's

Name	W	
Jim Jarmin	5	1
Ian White	4	2
Eddie Moore	3	3
Leo Barnett	2	4
Ron Menchi	1	5
Merv Allardyce	0	6

Over 40 Women's

Name	W	
Mary Law	3	1
Joyce Skinner	2	2
Lan Hui	1	3
Melanie Armstrong	0	4

Doubles

Over 40

Bryan McConnochie & Scott Higham	1
Chris Talbot & Ian Talbot	2
Stewart Hickford & Ra Raumati	3
Graeme Jackson & Wayne Upjohn	4
Dzung Nguyen & Nha Nguyen	5
Richard Dalziel & Lan Hui	6
Pavle Mogin & Melanie Armstrong	7

Over 70

Jim Jarmin & Ian White	1
Merv Allardyce & Ron Menchi	2
Eddie Moore & Leo Barnett	3
Mary Law & Joyce Skinner	4

Womens

Melanie Armstrong & Lan Hui	1
Mary Law & Joyce Skinner	2

Over 40 Men's

Name	Div	
Bryan McConnochie	1	1
Chris Talbot	1	2
Ian Talbot	1	3
John Raumati	2	1
Scott Higham	2	2
Stewart Hickford	2	3
Graeme Jackson	3	1
Dzung Nguyen	3	2
Pavle Mogin	3	3
Nha Nguyen	4	1
Wayne Upjohn	4	2
Richard Dalziel	4	3

Summer Interclub

Summer Interclub finished just before Easter. The latest results we have are 2 weeks before last round.

A Section

#	Team	P	W	F	A	Pts
1	Waterloo Wasps	4	4	37	7	8
2	Empire Storm	4	4	35	9	8
3	Empire Typhoons	4	3	28	16	6
4	Empire Tempest	4	3	30	14	6
5	Waterloo Whirlwinds	5	1	14	41	2
6	J'ville Aces	5	0	11	44	0
7	Empire Hurricanes	4	0	10	34	0

B Section

#	Team	P	W	F	A	Pts
1	Empire Tornados	4	4	39	5	8
2	Empire Tsunami	4	4	30	14	8
3	Karori Kometz	4	3	33	11	6
4	Waterloo Wolves	4	2	23	21	4
5	Empire Gales	5	2	26	29	4
6	Waterloo Whales	4	0	7	37	0
7	Titan Topspins	5	0	7	48	0

Master Games, Wanganui

A contingent of Empire players attended the NZ Masters Games in Wanganui. Golds were won by Chris Talbot (3), Depak Patel (1), Ian Talbot (4), Raewyn Young (3) and Tony Rutledge (1)

Social Tournament

Our after-work competition attracted 4 teams. We had hoped for more teams so the proposed 8 week competition was reduced to a 3 week round-robin competition.

All players enjoyed the competition and matches were keenly contested. In a close finish, the Connollys came out on top, just ahead of the 4RF Earlybirds.

Team	pts	matches	place
Connollys	2	10	1
4RF Earlybirds	2	8	2
Hope for More	1	6	=3
"You've been served"	1	6	=3

NZ Veterans Championships

Check the website for results.