



## Empire Spin

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### Welcome

Happy New Year to all Empire members and friends. Club sessions for 2009 are all back up and running except for junior club which resumes in late March. Later in this new-look newsletter you will find a calendar of events for 2009. This year includes celebration of the club's 75<sup>th</sup> jubilee so it will be a very busy year.

As well as the jubilee, we have the same social events as last year, will be testing the water with a corporate competition and have added a separate club champs for age groups to complement the open club champs. Hopefully the board's ambitious plans for 2009 will make it our best year ever.

Much help will be needed to make the year a success. This newsletter contains

a "Positions Vacant" section advertising a number of small jobs that will make life easier for our board. Offers of help are always welcome.

The club's annual general meeting is being held on March 16 from 8pm. As usual three board positions come up for election – the activities, building and finance portfolios. Some of the incumbents are looking for a break so we would welcome some new blood.

### New Technology



Visitors to Monday club in recent weeks will have seen our new technology in action. We have invested in a data projector and laptop to help with running games and club administration.

It is intended that these will be used by all club sessions, although we are focussing on Monday sessions initially.

Please be patient with us we get the software up and running.

### Club Sponsor

In addition to offering you a great deal, King Toyota will donate \$100 to the club for every vehicle that is purchased by a club member. Contact club member, Anne Zhou, with your vehicle requirements.

*Anne Zhou*

New Vehicle Sales Consultant

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## Positions Vacant

Contact Maggie Dyer, (589 9140 or [services@empirett.org.nz](mailto:services@empirett.org.nz)) about these:

**Board Positions – see web site**

**Activities Convenor**

**Building Convenor**

**Finance Convenor**

For these, contact Diane Hope, (977 6486 or [activities@empirett.org.nz](mailto:activities@empirett.org.nz)):

**Junior Club Helpers**

Supervision and shop help

**Junior Club Organisers**

Open up, take names, organise games

**Interclub Selector**

Select and maintain interclub teams

**Monday Night Helpers**

Shop, record attendees, make games

**New Session Organisers**

After school or another midweek session?

**Corporate Comp Helpers**

General assistance

**Coaches or Trainee Coaches**

For these, contact Stephen Hope, (977 6486 or [promotion@empirett.org.nz](mailto:promotion@empirett.org.nz)):

**Web Master**

Web updates every 1-2 weeks

**Newsletter Editor**

5 newsletters to prepare

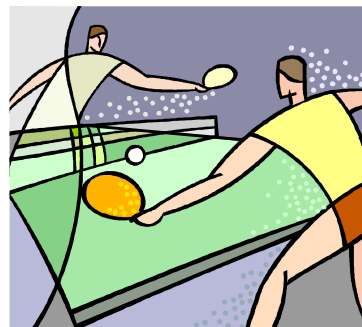
**Sponsorship Coordinator**

Contact and look after sponsors.

**Jubilee Helpers**

Lots of things to do.

## Corporate Competition



This new competition is aimed at social and semi-serious players. If you have some workmates that play table tennis in the lunch room or have a table at home then get them involved in our corporate competition. Members can participate too! The competition starts on Tuesday 3 March and runs for 8 weeks. Start times will be 4:00 and 5:30pm.

All team members must come from the same workplace.

2 player teams will contest each round with 2 singles and 1 doubles per player. Each match will be best of 5 games to 11.

The cost is \$80 per team and must be paid before the competition starts.

Registrations close Thursday 24 February  
Enquiries and registrations:

Diane Hope

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Situations in table tennis that look weird to outsiders:

# 34 - A player asks his opponent: 'So, what kind of rubber are you using?'

## 2009 Calendar



### Club Sessions

Monday Evening from 6:30pm  
Tuesday Morning 9:30am-11:30am  
Thursday Morning 9:30am-11:30am  
Friday Juniors from 6:30pm  
(starting Mar 27)  
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  
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

#### Corporate Competition

2 person teams, social competition  
Date: Tue, 3 March – 21 April (8 wks)  
Cost: \$80 per team  
Time: 4pm-7pm

### Social Events

#### Quiz Night

Date: Sat, 21 March  
Venue: Empire Stadium  
Time: 7:30pm  
Cost: \$10 pp

#### Movie Night

Date: Tue, 28 April  
Venue: Cinema TBA

#### Prizegiving Dinner

Date: Sat, 7 November

### Competitions

#### Club Age Group Champs

Under 18 and Veterans  
Date: Sun, 29 March

#### Open Club Champs

Date: Sat-Sun, 4-5 July

#### Summer Interclub

Wed, 25 February – 8 April

#### Winter Interclub

From 12 May (to be confirmed)

### Tournaments

#### Around New Zealand (Feb-Apr)

Auckland Summer Open (28 Feb-1 Mar)  
Waikato Summer Open (14-15 Mar)  
NZ Veterans Champs (9-13 April)  
(Christchurch)  
Wanganui Open (25 April)  
Auckland Anzac Day Open (25 April)

#### Empire Open Days

Sunday, 22 February, 9am-12pm  
Sunday, 20 September, 9am-12pm

#### Empire Annual General Meeting

Mon, 16 March, 8:00pm

## Allardyce Family recognised with New Trophy

A new trophy was unveiled at the prize-giving dinner last year for "Team of the Year". The criteria for this award are:

- Achieve competitive success
- Demonstrate team spirit
- Act as ambassadors for the club

The trophy was donated to the club and has been named in honour of the Allardyce Family. Three members of the family were present at the dinner to see the trophy awarded to the Empire Typhoons.

Merv Allardyce

- Member since 1969, life member since 1986
- 31 years on committee/board, 21 years as chairman
- 35 years coaching at Junior Club
- Project managed stadium extension

Margaret Allardyce

- Member since 1970, life member since 1986
- Established midweek club in 1974
- 14 years on committees, including 5 years as secretary
- 19 years of catering for club and major events

Diane Hope

- 6 years on committee/board
- Helped with junior club and catering
- Youngest person to win Dick Gray Cup

David, Andrew and John (not present)

- Also represented the club and served on the committee/board.

## Club Prizes 2009

### *Interclub Awards*

#### **Alf Harding Cup**

- Best Interclub Record (Male)  
Tony Rutledge (100%)

#### **Merle Harding Cup**

- Best Interclub Record (Female)  
Maggie Dyer (96%)

#### **Landmark Interclub Appearances**

Jason Giles (50)  
Graham Sole (100)  
Ian Talbot (150)

### *Special Awards*

#### **Best Sportsman (R E Mitchell Cup)**

Don Phillips

- Knows the art of playing the game to suit the opposition
- Very genuine

#### **Most Improved Player (J.R. Capstick Cup)**

Thom Nguyen

- P1 percentage improved from 39% in 2007 to 80% in 2008

#### **Best Club Member (Dick Gray Cup)**

Eddie Moore

- Organises Midweek club and tournaments, plays in range of events locally and nationally.

#### **Most Outstanding Performance (Empire Table Tennis Cup)**

Yotam Bar-Shalom

- Won the Wellington Open in August. The first Empire player for years to win this event.

#### **Team of the Year (Allardyce Family Trophy)**

Empire Typhoons - James Harter, Thom Nguyen, Yotam Bar-Shalom