



## Empire Spin

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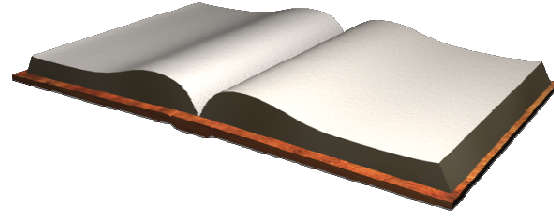
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### Raffles

Midweeker, Allen Tso kindly donated 2 sets of autographed Rugby Sevens merchandise to the club to be raffled. The first of these raffles was won by Tom Greally, who attends junior club with his grandson. You can see him pictured on page 2 at junior club. (He is the older guy amongst the children.)

## Jubilee Book Launch



It is now just 1 month until the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Book is launched. To celebrate the occasion, a wine and cheese event will be held at the stadium on Wednesday, July 8, starting at 7:00pm.

This event is free to members but you must RSVP by June 30 if you wish to attend. Please address all RSVPs to Diane Hope (activities@empirett.org.nz or 977 6486). You may also add your name to the list at the club.

The jubilee book is an 84 page publication containing biographies, anecdotes, pictures and lots of facts and figures that captures the club's history to date. John Kiley and his assistant, Yvonne Airey, have put in an enormous amount of work to prepare this book and they have received many good contributions from current and former club members and the occasional "outsider". I am sure all members, new and long-time, will thoroughly enjoy reading this book.

Books will be available for sale from the day of the launch.

Book Price           \$30

If you wish to ensure that you receive a copy of the book at the launch then pre-orders are being taken. Contact Diane or Stephen Hope (see above) to place your order.

At the launch we will hear from a few selected speakers and possibly some book contributors. We also hope to open the club's hall of fame. This will be a gallery of those valuable members who have earned life membership. Books will be available for sale and we will also have other jubilee merchandise on display.

### Jubilee Registration

Save \$10 if you register and pay for the jubilee before July 1.

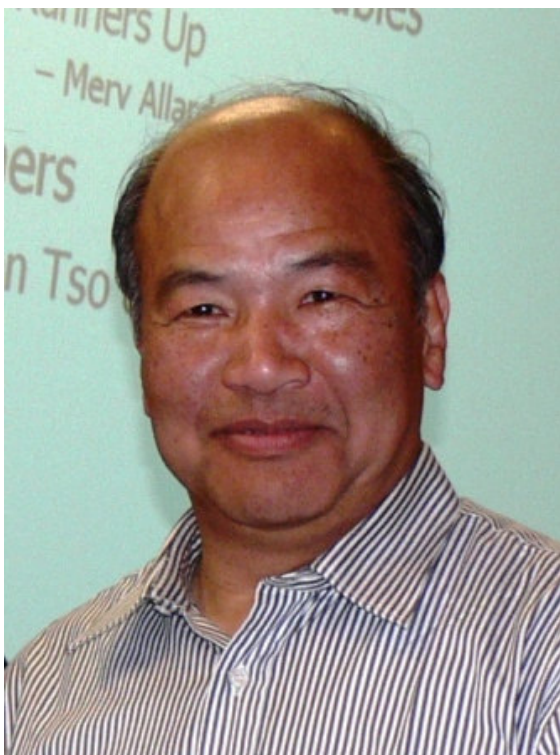
A registration form has been included in this newsletter or you can download one online.

## Volunteers

### Midweek

Norman Chan has now joined our team of helpers by becoming a midweek club organiser. He has taken over from former chairman, Graham Sole. Thank you to Graham for his service to the club.

Norman and his wife, Nancy, are keen midweekers. Norman also plays Premier 2 interclub.



Eddie Moore has also indicated that he wishes to retire as a midweek organiser at the end of this year. I am sure Eddie will help train any new person that wishes to fill his shoes.

### Junior Club

We can never have too many helpers at Junior Club. From registering names, serving in the shop, having a hit with juniors to coaching, there is a role for anyone. You don't even need to come every week but a bit of help every now and then would be much appreciated. Let Ron, Merv or Diane know if you can help.

We have been fortunate to have some parents and grandparents of our junior players having a hit most weeks.



Junior Club in action.

### Hall Of Fame

Sadly, the club does not even have an honour board to recognise those members who have earned the status of life member. This will be rectified during the jubilee year when we create a hall of fame for our life members.

We do have a list of life members on our web site but for those who haven't looked there, the people who have been granted life membership at Empire are:

Elected	Name	Joined Club
1949	Alf Harding	1934
1949	Jack Capstick	1934
1959	Ron Menchi	1950
1961	Keith Pointon	1937
1984	Merle Harding	1962
1984	Dick Lynn	1963
1984	John Kiley	1964
1986	Mervyn Allardyce	1969
1986	Margaret Allardyce	1970
2009	Maggie Dyer	1995

When the hall of fame opens, you will be able to read about the contributions made by each of these people.

You should note above that it is 50 years since our current chairperson, Ron Menchi, received his life membership. He hasn't stopped contributing in any of those 50 years!



## 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

Except July 12

### Jubilee Events

#### Book Launch

Date: Wed, 8 July

Venue: Empire Stadium

Time: 7pm for 7:30pm

RSVP by June 30

Wine and cheese, book & merchandise 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 at Jetty  
Café, Petone

Sunday: Open day at Empire from 9am

#### Social Events

100 people attended the movie night on April 29. Thank you to everyone who attended, sold tickets or contributed supper.

#### Prizegiving Dinner, Sat 7 Nov

Venue: To be advised

## Competitions

### Open Club Champs

Date: Sat-Sun, 4-5 July

### Winter Interclub

In progress.

New competitions for B grade and Premier 3 start in July.

## Tournaments

### Around the Region (Jun-Aug)

TTW Junior Development Tournament,  
Empire (21 June)

Nelson Open (June 27-28)

North Island Champs, Palmerston North  
(July 16-19)

Wellington Open, Empire (August 15-16)

Manawatu Vets Open, Palmerston North  
(August 22)

*Please support the Manawatu Vets Open as a number of them came and supported the Empire Vets Open.*



## Empire Club Champs

The Empire Club Championships will be held on the weekend of July 4-5. Our goal is to provide an event for everyone and for everyone to have the opportunity for a reasonable amount of competitive play.

We will use a similar format to last year. Preliminary rounds will be held on Saturday. Finals for the open and division 2 events will be held on Sunday morning.

Events will be held for open and social grade players. Social grade players are B grade interclub and below in standard.

Doubles and singles events will be held.

Entry forms will be available from June 16.

## Table Tennis Results

### Summer Interclub

The final results for Summer Interclub were:

A Section	P	W	F	A	Pts
Waterloo Wasps	6	5	49	17	10
Empire Storm	6	5	45	21	10
Empire Typhoons	6	4	40	26	8
Empire Tempest	6	4	40	26	8
Empire Hurricanes	6	1	23	43	2
J'ville Aces	6	1	18	48	2
Waterloo Whirlwinds	6	1	16	50	2
B Section	P	W	F	A	Pts
Empire Tornados	6	6	59	7	12
Karori Kometz	6	5	49	17	10
Empire Tsunami	6	4	35	31	8
Empire Gales	6	3	36	30	6
Waterloo Wolves	6	2	26	40	4
Titan Topspins	6	1	16	50	2
Waterloo Whales	6	0	10	56	0

### Individual results

Empire players who played 10 games or more:

#### A Section

#	Name	Team	P	W	L	%
2	C Talbot	Storm	18	17	1	94.4%
3	I Talbot	Storm	18	16	0	88.9%
4	D Patel	Typoons	18	14	4	77.8%
5	C Williams	Hurricanes	12	9	3	75.0%
6	J Giles	Tempest	18	12	6	66.7%
8	R Young	Typoons	15	10	5	66.7%
11	F Sternagel	Tempest	18	11	7	61.1%
14	S Higham	Tempest	18	8	10	44.4%
16	G Jackson	Typoons	15	6	9	40.0%
25	M Wong	Storm	18	5	13	27.8%
28	M Xiong	Hurricanes	18	2	16	11.1%

#### B Section

#	Name	Team	P	W	L	%
1	A Phillips	Tornado	17	17	0	100.0%
4	H Kirkbeck	Gales	14	13	1	92.9%
7	M Aldred	Tornado	17	15	2	88.2%
8	K Xu	Tornado	14	11	3	78.6%
10	G Sole	Tsunami	18	13	5	72.2%
14	M Dyer	Gales	12	7	5	58.3%
15	C Palmer	Gales	17	8	9	47.1%
23	L Xie	Gales	14	3	11	21.4%
25	J Cho	Tsunami	12	2	10	16.7%

### Winter Interclub

Winter Interclub started on May 26-27 for Premier grade teams. B Grade started on June 3. We have 13 teams playing this year, 1 more than last year. The teams are as follows:

#### Premier 1

<b>Empire Storm</b> Depak Patel (c) Chris Talbot Ian Talbot	<b>Empire Tempest</b> Paul Solt (cc) Graeme Jackson (cc) Tony Rutledge Felix Sternagel
<b>Empire Typhoons</b> Raewyn Young(c) John Gan Jason Giles	<b>Empire Whirlwinds</b> Martin Young (c) Malcolm Wong Dzung Nguyen

#### Premier 2

<b>Empire Hurricanes</b> Bruce Connolly (c) Chris Williams Uy Tang	<b>Empire Cyclones</b> Norman Chan (c) Russell Buchanan Jim Pandelidis
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#### Premier 3

<b>Empire Tornado</b> Graham Sole (c) Hayden Kirkbeck Mike Aldred	<b>Empire Tsunami</b> Chris Palmer (c) Craig Bailey Tristian Alay-Ay
<b>Empire Thunder</b> John Kane (c) Dawn Dorresteyn Stefan Vrecic	<b>Empire Gales</b> Margaret Cloughley Margaret Connolly Maggie Dyer

### B Grade

<b>Empire Trojans</b> Hayden Brown (c) Justin Cho Lesley Xie	<b>Empire Crusaders</b> Stephen Hope (c) Tony Seymour Daniel Qin Angelo Miranda
<b>Empire Invaders</b> Richard Dalziel (c) Cameron Smith Luke Falvey	

### Other Events

The Wellington Autumn Open was held on May 23-24. Results have not been published yet.