

Empire Table Tennis Club Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 16 Feb Strategic Planning Session
- 21 Feb Entries close for NZ Vets
- 28 Feb ETTC Board Meeting
- 1 Mar Strategic Planning Session
- 31 Mar Annual General Meeting

Strategic Planning

With assistance from SPARC we are running a series of sessions to develop a strategic plan. This includes a SWOT analysis, purpose/mission/vision/values statement ideas as well as setting key strategic areas and strategic goals. Sessions will be held in the new mix and mingle area at the club rooms on the following dates:

Session 1: Saturday 16 February 10am – 1pm

Session 3: Saturday 1 March 10am – 1pm

This is an opportunity for all club members to have your say on the future direction of the club. Ideally participants will attend both sessions as they cover different aspects of the process but if you find you can only attend one then that is ok. Each session will follow a similar format with an introduction/explanation, break out groups, then feedback to the whole group. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Subscriptions and Fees for 2008

Subs and fees for 2008 are outlined below. Members are reminded that subs are due now.

Subs

\$50.00 per adult player
\$35 (with super card/student ID or other concession)
School Students \$3.00 per session

Session Fees

Members: \$3.00 per session
Non Members: \$6.00 per session

Annual General Meeting

The Club's AGM will be held at 8pm on Monday 31 March. Further information is attached.

Obituaries

It is with sadness that we record the passing of two of our members:

Alby Roberts died on 27 December. Alby had been a member of Empire for a long time and is recorded as playing interclub for the club as early as 1965.

Dick Hince died during the past week. He was a committee member and a long time player.

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Chris 2357379



Building Update

The building addition is almost complete. The flooring is to be installed in the next couple of weeks. An opening ceremony is being planned. Watch this space for details.

Time Capsule

A *time capsule* is a historic cache of goods and/or information, usually intended as a method of communication with people in the future (from *Wikipedia*, the free encyclopaedia).

The club is organising a Time Capsule to commemorate the addition to the club's building.

There are a number of ways you can participate in this venture:

- Contribute your Empire Table Tennis Club memorabilia for inclusion in the time capsule. These need to be handed in at the club by 29 February.
- Purchase a piece of time capsule letterhead (including envelope) to write a personal message to your family/friends (one photo can be included) \$10. These will be available at the club from Monday 4 February and can be handed in any time until the opening.
- Write a message in the guest book \$5. Available at the club from Monday 4 February.

The time capsule will be unearthed at our **100th Jubilee celebrations in 2034.**

Congratulations to . . .

Hanna Squire who won the Hunter Prize for best first year Psychology student at Victoria University

Thom Nguyen who (along with Martin Murdoch) was selected as part of an exclusive South Pacific Junior Talent Team. The boys attended 22 days of intensive training and coaching in China during January.

Club shirts for sale. Start the new year afresh and buy a Club shirt for \$35 - in sizes XS to 2XL.

TTW Summer Interclub

This is due to commence in mid February. If you are interested in playing please contact Russell at activities@empirett.org.nz or leave your name with Diane or Maggie at the club.

Tournaments 2008

The **NZ Open Veterans** Championships are to be held in Palmerton North from 20 – 24 March. Entry forms can be downloaded at <http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/?42,28> along with accommodation information. Entries close on 21 February.

Results

The **Summer Nationals** were held in Nelson from 19-23 January. Below are results of our members:

Open Men's Doubles	Runners Up	James Harter with J Chu (NH)
D Grade Men's Doubles	Runners Up	Malcolm Wong with M Sumner (CT)
Over 50 Men's Doubles	Winners	Malcolm Wong with S Crow (CT)
Under 18 Boy's Singles	Runner Up	James Harter
Under 18 Boy's Doubles	Winners	James Harter and Yotam Bar-Shalom