

# Empire Table Tennis Club Newsletter

May 2007



## Variety Concert

Russell has gathered a great lineup of acts for the inaugural **Empire Variety Concert**. It will be held in the Lower Hutt Little Theatre on **Saturday 23 June**. Supper is included in the ticket price. Proceeds aid the stadium redevelopment.

The following acts have been confirmed:

- Leo Barnett - Baritone
- Dixie Lix - Bluegrass band
- Magpies – A cappella (no instruments, just voice)
- Jerome - Stand-up comic
- Bach Choir - Large Wellington based choir celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday next year
- Tangerines - Middle Eastern musicians and belly dancers
- Dargaville - Folk duo

Check out our website ([www.empirett.org.nz](http://www.empirett.org.nz)) for more info as it becomes available. Fun and entertainment for everyone. Tickets will be available soon. Mark it in your diary now.

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## TT Wellington Winter Interclub

Competition commences on Tuesday 15 May for Premier 1, & Premier 3 grades and on Wednesday 16 May for Premier 2 grade. The B Grade competition is envisaged to start on 23 or 30 May.

There will be no interclub play during the school holidays (July 3/4 & July 10/11) and the week of July 17/18 (except for premier 1).

Final rounds – Premier 2 & 3 September 5/4

Premier 1 semi finals September 4

Premier 1 Final/Play offs Tuesday September 11

Table fees are as follows:

Seniors \$7, beneficiaries \$6, Juniors/students \$5 per night

Entries close on Tuesday 8th May, so if you are interested in taking part please contact Russell Buchanan ASAP on 472 8269 (work) or [rbuchanan@terracelegal.co.nz](mailto:rbuchanan@terracelegal.co.nz)

## TTW Autumn Open Tournament

Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 May at the Newtown Stadium

Saturday - Open events, Division 2 events, Veterans (O40, O50, O60) Events and Under 21 events

Sunday - Junior - under 13, 15, 17 (graded) and Under 18 events

Entry forms available at the club and entries close on Wed 16 May.

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## NZ Veterans Champs – Auckland 5-9 April 2007

The "oldies" (and not-so-oldie's) annual pilgrimage takes them from one end of the country to the other, such is the attraction of the annual New Zealand Veterans Table Tennis Championships. Last year Invercargill - this year Auckland was the venue for this Easter clash. Popularity has increased over it's 20-odd years especially from our neighbours from across the "ditch". This year there were 168 participants including 45 from all around Australia. Competition is tough. We go for the challenge, the competition and the camaraderie. It's a fun time meeting up with all those friendly people each year and doing a bit of socialising.

The weekend kicked off on the Thursday evening with the annual Test Match between Australian and New Zealand with teams competing in each age group. And who should sing moving unaccompanied renditions of the two National Anthems but our own Leo Barnett. What a voice! Well done Leo. Empire players who represented NZ were: Ian Talbot in the O50 Men, and Eddie Moore and Merv Allardyce in the O70 Men.

The Tournament went like clockwork and the Auckland Association and Organisers are to be congratulated on their excellent running of the Tournament.

The following Empire Club Members attended:

Merv Allardyce, Leo Barnett, Nola Borrell, Bruce and Margaret Connolly, Ron Menchi, Joy Mozer, Eddie Moore, Ian Talbot and Chris Williams.

### Medal Winners were:

Eddie Moore	3 gold:	Over75 Men's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles
	Bronze:	Over70 Men's Doubles
Merv Allardyce	Silver:	Over75 Mixed Doubles
	2 Bronze:	Over75 Singles and Doubles
Leo Barnett	Silver:	Over75 Men's B-Grade Teams event
Chris Williams	Gold:	Over60 Men's B-Grade Teams event
Bruce Connolly	Gold:	Over60 Men's B-Grade Teams event
Ian Talbot	Bronze:	Over50 Men's Doubles




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### Upcoming Events

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Winter Interclub starts	Tues 15 May
TTW Autumn Open	19-20 May
Entries Close NI Open	Mon 18 June
Variety Show	Sat 23 June
North Island Open	11-15 July

### North Island Open Tournament

The North Harbour Association is hosting this years North Island Champs in the North Shore Events Centre from 11 – 15 July. Entry forms are available at club and entries close on Mon 18 June.

### Activities Reports

#### MONDAY CLUB

Monday club is ticking along with an average attendance of 31 for the year so far.

#### JUNIOR CLUB

Junior club is now underway. New members are very welcome. The evening runs from 7-9pm on Fridays.

#### MIDWEEK CLUB

Numbers are consistent with a few players returning after a long absence. Additional table numbers have been made, we now have enough for up to 16 tables so that when the building is completed we will be able to have 64 people on tables with few sitting out.

The next Info Mag issue will include a Photo of the Midweek Group and some details of our program for home and away matches.



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