

Empire Table Tennis Club Newsletter

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8pm

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Building Redevelopment

If you have been to the club lately you have probably noticed the structure that is taking shape on the southern side of the building – our new extension is underway and is planned to be completed in the near future.

Subscriptions 2007

Subscriptions for 2007 are as follows:

\$50 per player per year

\$35 per player with a concession card (i.e. tertiary students, beneficiaries and senior citizens)

Subs are due now but may be paid until 30 April after that non member rates will apply.

School students pay just the session fees, there is no extra sub.

Session fees remain the same at \$2.50 per session for all members.

Non member session fees are \$5.00 per session

Activities Reports

MONDAY CLUB

Monday club has started for 2007 with increasing attendances.

JUNIOR CLUB

Play will resume for the juniors after daylight saving ends at the end of March. You will be notified of the date in due course.

MIDWEEK CLUB

Midweek is underway for the year with smaller numbers than usual due to the time of year. Last month we lost one of our long time members. Thomas **Grieg Henry** passed away on 5 January. He was a regular member from 1991 until 2005. We extend our sympathies to Anne and family.

Umpires Course

Funding has been obtained for an Umpires course to be held in Wellington (11, 12, 13 April, days or evenings according to availability of participants). It will be conducted by Graeme Ireland, an International Referee from Melbourne. Graeme will lead you through the Laws and Regulations and prepare you for the practical requirements of umpiring. There is **NO CHARGE** associated with attendance at this course. This is an opportunity not to be missed by anyone wishing to be better equipped to umpire at any level. It is part of the pathway to a better future for the game throughout New Zealand.

Please register your interest, including availability, with Diane Hope 977 6486 diane@hope.net.nz by 7 March

Congratulations

To **Yotam Bar-Shalom** who was judged the **Most Improved National Player of the Year** Yotam has had some incredible results at tournaments in the lower North Island and has carried on this form at the 2006 North Islands and Nationals. Yotam last year had discipline and attitude problems, which cumulated in events at the National Championships in Christchurch and Hamilton National under 15 training camp October 2005. Yotam this year has been a revelation in his whole perspective towards the game. His discipline has been exemplary and effort in training has been an example for the entire Wellington training group as a whole. This change in attitude has been reflected in Yotam's recent results, runner up in the Wellington Spring Open event (he beat several highly rated seniors), and his performance in the 2006 National Champs, where he reached the quarter finals of the under 17's and under 15's and became National under 15's doubles champion along with Myles Collins.

(Source TTNZ web site)

Fundraising

A **Variety Show** is being planned with professional acts including a soprano, a folk singer, a country and western band, a stand up comic and our very own Leo Barnett (baritone). Fun and entertainment for everyone. The date has been set for Saturday 9 June in the Little Theatre, so mark it in your diary now and watch this space for more!

Bumper End of Year Raffle Results

The last raffle was a big one with 5 prize draws consisting of the bags Joy Mozer made and donated to the club, some Metro Ford gear donated by a friend of Russell Buchanan's and bottles of bubbly. The successful winners were Merv Allardyce (ticket number 57), Russ Arden (ticket number 97), Len and Fay (ticket number 144), Jim Delahunty (ticket number 41) and Tony Rutledge (ticket number 43). Thanks to all who bought tickets.

Table Tennis Wellington Summer Interclub

Summer Interclub is starting on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to take part please contact Russell Buchanan ASAP on 382 9363 or rbuchanan@terracelegal.co.nz

Tournament Results

ITTF World Junior Championships

Last December Hanna Squire went to Egypt to play for New Zealand in the Girls' Team event at the 4th ITTF World Junior Championships in Cairo. The team finished two places higher than last year.

Good luck to those playing in the Masters Games in Wanganui 10-18 Feb



BUTTERFLY AGENCY

We have a new Butterfly agent – welcome to Chris Talbot.

If you want a new bat, rubber or other table tennis gear contact Chris 2357379 or see the display at the club on Monday nights.

Upcoming Events

2007

AGM	Mon 19 Mar
Junior Club starts	Mar
NZ Veterans Auckland	5 – 9 April
Variety Show	Sat 9 June
Club Champs	