

EMPIRE

TABLE TENNIS CLUB (Inc)

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MONDAY CLUB

The Monday club is steaming along with good numbers, and lots of new members. The club is open from 6.30pm until late each Monday night, with organised play between 7.30 – 9pm. A reminder that coaching is available, please notify the office on arrival.

MIDWEEK CLUB

The numbers average 60 on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. Twelve players are going up to Kapiti on 21 Aug to take part in a tournament, this is an annual event, next year we will host them. On 31 Aug the big Midweek tournament will be held with up to a hundred people taking part, and up to 30 prizes, invitations will go out to the various clubs soon. This is a great time to meet other people who have the same interest.

JUNIOR CLUB

Friday club is going well with number in excess of 50 each week.

BUTTERFLY AGENCY

The club is an agent for Butterfly Table Tennis Equipment. If you want a new bat, rubber or other table tennis gear contact John on 971 2028 or see the display at the club on Monday nights.

NEWS FLASH

Our very own **Hanna Squire** was a member of the victorious U18 New Zealand Girls team at the Oceania Championships in Geelong, Australia last month. They beat Australia 3-0 (Yay!!) in the final. They have now qualified for the World Champs in Egypt in December.

TTW WINTER INTERCLUB

Results after the first round of the Winter Interclub competition are below. The second round commences on 25-26 July.

Premier One

3rd Empire Thunder (Chris Talbot, Depak Patel, Ian Talbot)

6th Empire Storm (Hanna Squire, James Harter, Juno Huang, Yotam Bar Shalom)

Premier Two

1st Empire Tempest (John Nyugen, Stephan Gerschewski, Thom Nyugen, Tony Rutledge)

3rd Empire Hurricanes (Bruce Connolly, Graeme Sole, Uy Tang)

4th Empire Typhoons (Dan Fu, Jason Giles, Noam Barshalom)

Premier Three

1st Empire Whirlwind (Chris Nightingale, Petar Vrecic, Russell Buchanan)

4th Empire Cyclones (Alan Collings, Dawn Dorresteijn, Graeme Sole, Margaret Connolly)

A new B Grade competition will begin on Wed 26 July. If you are interested in playing in this competition, please contact Russell Buchanan.

NZ VETERANS TOURNAMENT Invercargill 13 – 17 April 2006

Teams Results

The following Empire members represented the Wellington Association
Over 40 Mens A Grade

6th Depak Patel & Ian Talbot

Over 60 Men

6th Bruce Connolly & Chris Williams

Over 65 Men

8th Eddie Moore (& R Ammundsen)

Over 70 Men

2nd Eddie Moore (& Hugh McIlwrath)

4th Merv Allardyce & Ron Menchi

Over 60 Women's teams

Margaret Connolly played in a Presidents team which was placed 6th

Individual Results

Gold Over 75 Years Men's Doubles: Mervyn Allardyce (& Hugh McIlwrath)

Silver Over 75 Years Men's Singles: Merv Allardyce

Bronze Over 70 Years Men's Singles: Eddie Moore

Bronze Over 70 Years Men's Doubles: Eddie Moore (& Hugh McIlwrath)

Bronze Over 70 Years Mixed Doubles: Eddie Moore (& Joan Prisk)

Congratulations to Ian Talbot & Chris Williams who were selected to play in the Over 50 Men's team and Eddie Moore in the over 70 Men's team in a test match against Australia.

FINANCE

The Club received a \$15,000 grant from the Hutt-Mana Charitable Trust in June 2006. The grant will contribute towards the costs of the Club's new development. The Club is grateful to the Hutt-Mana Charitable Trust for its generosity and support. We are one of the first grant recipients. Thanks also to Ron Menchi for his tireless effort to solicit funding for the Club's building project from all sources. Membership subscriptions are very much up to date. Thanks to all the members who made prompt payments.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11-16 Jul	North Island Open	Palmerston North
25 Jul	TTW Winter Interclub resumes	
12-13 Aug	Wgtn Open (entries close 9 Aug)	Wellington
29 Sep – 7 Oct	New Zealand Open	Auckland