

# EMPIRE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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Newsletter

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## FROM THE CHAIR

It is with considerable relief on my part that I am able to report that we now have a full complement of Board members again. Thank you Arthur Lee and Belinda Harter for responding to my clarion call! Arthur is going to take on the finance portfolio and Belinda is going to take on the promotions portfolio. On behalf of the Board I would like to welcome Arthur and Belinda to the Boardroom where they will join John Allardyce, Maggie Dyer, Ron Menchi and me.

Another round of winter interclub is almost here. If you want to take part in this year's competition, please make sure that you register your interest with John Allardyce so that you are included in a team. If you are going to represent the Club at interclub, please do ensure that you wear the Club's shirt – this is a mandatory requirement of the Association and teams can be penalised if club attire is not worn during match play. Be proud of your Club and pick up a shirt from the shop – they look good and are not particularly expensive. Good luck to all and remember –don't worry about nets and edges – move on and play fair but play hard!

Russell Buchanan

## ACTIVITIES

**Monday Club:** Senior club is ticking along, with some good numbers attending.

**Midweek Club:** Not a lot of news from midweek at this stage. Thanks to Graham Sole who took over the running of the club for two weeks and to Eddie Moore is doing the honours at present while Lois is away. All is going well and each week just ticks over as normal, shortly some of our bowlers should be back to join us again.

**Friday Club:** Junior club is back in business, numbers are small at this stage.

**Butterfly:** The club now has the agency for Butterfly table tennis equipment in Wellington region. Some gear will be available at Monday club and orders can also be made through John 971 2028.

**Winter Interclub:** The TTW Winter Interclub competition commences on 17-18 May. Entries close on 7th May, if you are intending to play please call John on 9712028. A reminder that you need to have paid your sub and to wear the club shirt!! Also the interclub night fees have increased this year to: Seniors: \$7; Pensioners/Unemployed: \$6; Juniors/students: \$5

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### Tournament Results:

#### NZ Veterans Tournament held at Whangarei 24 – 28 March.

Over 70 men's singles bronze Eddie Moore.

#### Wanganui Masters 7-13 Feb

Over 45 teams	gold	Chris Talbot & Ian Talbot
	silver	Malcolm Wong Tony Rutledge Martin Young
Over 35 teams	gold	Chris Talbot, Ian Talbot, Depak Patel
	bronze	Malcolm Wong et al
Over 35 men's singles	gold	Ian Talbot
Over 35 men's doubles	silver	Depak Patel Tony Rutledge
	bronze	Malcolm Wong & Martin Young
Over 55 men's singles	bronze	Tony Rutledge
Over 55 men's doubles	bronze	Eddie Moore
Over 45 men's singles	gold	Ian Talbot
Over 45 men's singles	bronze	Chris Talbot
Over 45 men's doubles	gold	Chris & Ian Talbot
	bronze	Malcolm Wong & Martin Young
Over 65 men's doubles	gold	Eddie Moore Jim Jarmin

#### Summer Nationals held at North Harbour 20-24 April 2005

Under 17 boys teams runners up James Harter & Hayden Tapp

## FINANCE

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** a reminder that subs need to be paid pronto as a pre-requisite to playing winter interclub. A pat on the back for the Midweekers as most of their members have paid! Not so good for the Monday Club - about 19 have paid. Subs are due by 31st May. Anyone who has not paid by then will be treated as a visitor and asked to pay \$5.00 per session. However it needs to be pointed out that anyone playing winter interclub, which commences on the 17th May, should have paid their subs in full before playing.

The subs are:

Seniors and working juniors	\$35
Superannuitants and beneficiaries	\$30
Midweek members	\$30
Married couples – Less 15% (rounded down to nearest \$)	
Tertiary students	\$25
School juniors – pay only the night fee	

In addition members pay an attendance fee of \$2.50 per night (or day) Casual members pay \$5 per night. Subs can be paid on club nights and club mornings. A reminder to any members who have moved, please advise any change of address or telephone number to the club.

## SERVICES

### Raffles

We are pleased to announce that Oea Burnett has won the picnic set raffle, some of the goodies donated by Metro Ford last year. Congratulations Oea! All the tickets have now been sold for the night for two and breakfast at the James Cook and the winner is Maria van Noorden ticket 64.

The next raffle will be the All Black shirts donated by Jackie Upchurch - tickets \$2.00 each and it will be drawn once all 100 tickets are sold. We really appreciate your continued support of these raffles. Money is to go towards kitchen redevelopment in the new stadium.

### Shop Help at Winter Interclub!

Winter interclub commences on Tuesday 17th May and we **desperately** need some volunteers to assist with the running of the shop during the winter interclub season. It can be a reasonably pleasant night out as you can watch some good table tennis, catch up on reading or whatever and help your club out at the same time. There is a heater in the room for cold nights! The shop provides valuable revenue for the club as well as a good service to interclub players. It is not a difficult or arduous task so it would be very much appreciated if you could give up a little of your time to give something back to the club. Please see me on Monday nights or ring 5899 140 (home) or 5704 820 (work).

### Club Shirts

Those of you intending to play winter interclub must have a new club shirt - cost \$35.00 and available at the club. Interclub players should wear black or navy shorts, pants or skirts as this is the club uniform. Of course shirts are available to all players - just ask next time you are at club or ring me (numbers above). It is good to see people wearing these at club sessions.

Maggie Dyer

## Items of Interest

O.K. then - How many readers remember the "items of interest" section in the last newsletter? The Empire Song will be premiered on Monday night, 9th May at approximately 8 p.m. by Wanda Menchi and her group. So for this world first, another one for Empire; be down at the Club and share the occasion. The name is tentatively "The Ping Pong Song". One thing to be made clear, this is not going to be a song to be played every time Empire teams play, or used as a ceremonial fanfare. Just a bit of fun and a challenge to club members - If you or anyone you know has a talent for music or composing music, by all means, put pen to paper and come up with something. This first is just that, and if we get more than one song, who knows? A C.D? Yet another first for Empire!!! Oh dear the standards we continue to set for ourselves ---- SIGH.

Ron Menchi

## Calendar of Events

May 8, 15, 29 .....	Wellington U 16 Progressive Singles Tournament, Upper Hutt
May 17 - 18 .....	TTW Winter Interclub commences
May 21-22 .....	Wellington Autumn Open
June 12 .....	Wellington Junior Age Group Tournament, Petone
June 16 .....	Entries close for the North Island Open