



EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

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Hi all

Welcome to an update from the Empire Table Tennis Club. All Club sessions are up and running now for the year. There have been quite a few potential new members on **Monday** nights which is good to see. **Midweek** Tuesdays and Thursdays are seeing good numbers already – some new members and a lot of “older” members returning. **Friday night junior club** has had a slow start but it is very early days being only a few weeks into the new season. So as summer sports finish up we'd love you to encourage your younger household members and friends to try table tennis - being indoors it makes for a great winter sport!

Topics covered in this newsletter are

- Subscriptions
- Volunteers for Monday and Friday nights
- Fundraising – raffle and movie
- Interclub
- Tournaments
- Coaching
- Holiday closures

Subscriptions

These are now overdue! Prices are as follows:

Adults up to the age of 65 \$50.00

Adults 65 and over / beneficiaries \$35.00

Juniors under 18 – no sub necessary, just session fee payment

Please pay your session organiser next time you are at the Club. Otherwise, unless you're a junior you will find yourself paying \$7.00 per visit.

Monday Volunteers

We need someone(s) to help Martin organise the play on Monday nights. The work is not that difficult and if we have more than one person volunteering, a roster can be set up so maybe taking turns like only once a month? This would be great – talk to Martin to find out more please. Note you will get a free night and the chance to play every second game. Martin can be contacted at martin.young@printlink.co.nz.

Friday Volunteers

Pep is also short of help for Friday nights – if you can help out on occasional Friday nights this would be very much appreciated. The duties vary from helping take money and enter names onto the computer for the draw, to running the shop and a general supervisory role. Please let Pep know ASAP if you can help out – even once a term is appreciated. Pep can be contacted at pepoconnor@gmail.com or phone 938 2562.

Fundraising

We have two fundraising events on the go now so we would like to see some effort put in by members to support these events please. It is likely that this will be the major fundraising for the year, although if the need or opportunities arise we will schedule more activities.

A raffle has been started with the prizes largely being donated by the James Cook Hotel in Wellington. Tickets cost \$2.00 each and you get the chance of winning 4 prizes as follows:

1. Night and breakfast at the James Cook
2. Bottle each of red wine and white wine and 2 Empire Jubilee wine glasses (the very last 2!!)
3. Bottle each of red wine and white wine
4. Two Empire jubilee beer glasses

Get your ticket at the next session – remember you can't win if you have not bought a ticket. The club needs your support – those who read the annual report will have seen that fundraising helped us to make a small profit last year. Without this we would barely have broken even. As a reminder we need funds to keep the hall functioning on a daily basis and to look to the future.

The **movie fundraiser** for the year will be **The Grand Budapest Hotel**. This promises to have something for everyone with murder, drama and comedy in it. It will be screened as follows:

Tuesday 29th April 8.00 pm at the Lighthouse, Petone

Tickets \$20.00 each including supper. Drinks (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) can be purchased from the Lighthouse.

Get your tickets from any Board member, session organiser or email Maggie maggie.dyer@paradise.net.nz. All help to sell the tickets is very much appreciated – we would like a full house please to maximise the profit!

For more information about the movie see <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2278388/>

Interclub

Summer interclub is well under way and may be finished when you get to read this! We will be taking names very soon for **winter interclub** so have a think about whether you would like to play in this competition. Play will be back to the 3 person format preferred by many.

TTW Veterans Tournament

This will be held on Saturday 12th April. Originally this was an Empire tournament but TTW are now organising it for us. Players need to be turning 40 this year (or older) to be eligible to play. Entry forms are available at the Club or from the TTW blog <http://ttwblog.wordpress.com/>

TTW Autumn Open

Saturday 3rd May / Sunday 4th May. Details still forthcoming and as well as being at the club it is expected that the TTW blog will provide the needed information.

Coaching

Depak Patel is the Club's Coach. In addition to the coaching provided on Monday and Thursday nights, Depak is available for private sessions. The cost is \$35.00 per hour (includes a \$5.00 table hire fee to the club). If you are interested ring Depak on 027 662 7268.

Holiday Closures!

Yes there are some of these.

Friday Night Juniors – the last night for play this term is **Friday 11th April**. Play will break for Easter and the school holidays and commence on **Friday 9th May** for Term 2.

Monday Nights – There will be no play at Easter **Monday 21st April** and also none on Queen's Birthday **Monday 2nd June**.