



# Empire Newsletter

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We thought it was well time to update our members on the year at Empire!

## Happening now....

There are plenty of opportunities to play table tennis before the end of the year – come along to any of our Club sessions or play in one of the following competitions:

### TTW New Competition

This year instead of the usual composite tournament which normally runs before Xmas there will be a competition for individual players running Wednesdays in November. The top 13 will be placed in one group with hopefully sufficient entries to make up a further two groups, also of 13 players. A round robin will run over 3 weeks, with four singles matches (best of 5 sets) per week, the order of the draw being generated on a random basis. There will be no doubles matches. Four tables would be used for each group ensuring a reasonable finish time.

Please consider giving this a go as it will be nice to try something a little different. For more information see the TTW blog entry at <https://ttwblog.wordpress.com/2015/10/01/november-competition-announcement-wednesdays-aka-spring-interclub/>

If you would like to play you can let session organisers know at the club, or email [treasurer@ttwellington.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@ttwellington.org.nz). Entries close 28<sup>th</sup> October.

### Veterans Super League

This competition is open to players over the age of 40 only and will run at the Empire Stadium on Tuesday nights before Xmas. One of the aims of the competition is to give Wellington players further opportunities to play and work towards the NZ Veterans tournament at Palmerston North, Easter 2016. If you are interested get in quick as games start Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Depak [depak.patel@xtra.co.nz](mailto:depak.patel@xtra.co.nz) or 027 662 7268 or Raewyn 0274 888 819.

### Sileni Wine Fundraiser

Instead of another raffle we have decided to try something different for the end of the year and are offering a chance to buy some wine for Xmas. Members who have email will have had the details emailed out to them. There are also print order forms at the Club which include details of the wines available. Please consider supporting this fundraiser and remember no order is too small (or big)!! We need to get a minimum order collectively of 10 dozen - hopefully with more than 150 members this is an easy ask. Orders are due in by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October please. Any questions or for an order form please contact Maggie at [maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com) or 021 161 2150. **We really do need your support to make this a success – the club needs more funds urgently to cover the building work – see the next heading. Thank you in advance.**

## New Building Repairs

The Board are very pleased to advise our members that Kiwispan have finished the much needed repairs to our newest building. For those of you who are interested, the flashings which were not put on correctly are now right, and battens and longer screws have been added to improve the cladding. We believe that the building will now serve us well for many years to come.

The next stage will be to start investigating replacing the original building which is well past its use by date. This will involve a significant amount of money, hence **any support** you can give us for our fundraising activities is very important.

## Fundraising Report

With a lot of thanks to the Midweek Club in particular for selling the last tickets the **Raffle** was finally sold! Thanks to everyone who helped by purchasing a ticket(s). The Club made \$300.00, a useful contribution to our building work. Congratulations to our winners:

James Cook night : Vladimir Vysotskiy

Cook Book : Merv Allardyce

Two Bottles of Wine : Fay and Len Ngan

Empire Multicard : Chris Williams

**Empire at the Movies** saw us attend **Mr Holmes** on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. As usual we had some people who really liked the movie and others who found it wasn't really to their taste. It was unfortunate also that we did not fill the cinema as this event is key to our fundraising efforts each year. A big thank you to all ticket purchasers for coming along and supporting us – much appreciated. Some people managed to go home with more than they came with too...there were two lucky draws for wine won by Merv Allardyce (his lucky month) and Anita's friend, Jojo. Maia Nelson was fortunate to win the two movie tickets to the Lighthouse.

## Results

### Midweek Tournament

This popular doubles tournament was held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September with a good entry using all 16 tables. Thanks to Merv Allardyce in particular for organising and to all those who helped him. Philip Yee once again took a good number of photos – check out the website to view. The results were:

Group 1: Winners: Robbie Chung/Paul Solt (Empire); Runners Up Wai Chung/William Yang (Empire)

Group 2: Winners: Alfie Chin/Ji-Lang Tan (Empire); Runners Up Norman Chan/Allen Tso (Empire)

Group 3 : Winners: Buck Chan/Kevin Tse (Empire); Runners Up Peter Jones/Bob Knight (Kapiti)

Group 4: Winners: Harry Lee/Kheng Tang (Empire); Runners Up Graeme Bamford/Peter Highsted (Tawa)

Group 5: Winners: Heather Paul/Paul Michi (Kapiti); Runners Up Jenny Turner/Terry Roche (Tawa)

Group 6: Winners: Bill Kilmartin/Moy Leong (Empire); Runners Up Rod Cavaye/John Schrama (Kapiti)

Group 7: Winners: Jill Upshon/Chris Holland (Waikanae); Runners Up Fiona Tan/Kim Yee (Empire)

Group 8: Winners: Trevor Plaisted/Diana Winn (Mt Victoria); Runners Up Shirley Ng/Enid White (Mt Victoria)

## Winter Interclub

In Series One it was a great achievement to have **Empire Eveready**; Depak Patel, Chris Talbot and Paul Brown in the Premier final playing Titan Terriers with the latter winning 7-2. In Division Three the **Empire Eskimos** Jess and Diana D'Audney beat the **Empire Eels** team of Simon Jung and Tom Owda.

We also had a couple of teams in the Series Two finals. In Division 1, the **Empire Elders** : Tony Rutledge, Bob Leeming and Bruce Connolly with Russell Buchanan in support lost to the Waterloo Wolves 6-4. The Chris Williams Cup, awarded to the Elders for Series 1 when they beat the Wolves 6-2, now goes to the Waterloo Wolves.

Division 2, the **Empire Egrets** : Graham Sole, Darrell Brown and Simon Jung lost to the Waterloo Whales 7-4. The Egrets team were the title holders after Series 1 with Graham Sole, Kaz Witko, Basil Kanaghinis and Maggie Dyer when they beat the Combo team (Karori-Empire) of Reg Feuz, Om Thakur and Roger Watkins.

Congratulations to all winners and to everyone who played and represented Empire in 2015.

## Club Champs

The **Friday Night Junior Club champs** were held over several Friday nights.

### Under 13 **Elborn Challenge Cup**

Winner : Alex Yan; Runner-up : Jimi Nelson

Plate Winner: Alex Hamilton; Runner-up : Jackson Stewart

### Under 17 **BNSW Cup**

Winner : Travis Dyer; Runner-up : Alex Yan

### **Grades 9-12**

Winner : Sochetra Ly; Runner up : Dominic Reiner-Clarke

Plate winner : Mitchell Williams; Runner-up : Aryan Sanghvi

### **Grades 5-8**

Winner : Alex Hamilton; Runner-up : Ravi Sukha

Plate winner : Jackson Stewart; Runner-up : Lloyd Dyer

### **Grades 1-4**

Winner : Travis Dyer; Runner-up : Brendan Gee

Plate winner : Alex Hamilton; Runner-up : Nikin Sukha

The **Adult Club champs** were held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, and although we could have had more entries, there were enough to make a good tournament in both the Open and Division Two events. It was great to see some junior members participate in Division Two – this made it a good competition. The social grade did not go ahead owing to a lack of entries.

### **Open Singles**

Winner : Depak Patel ; Runner-up : Paul Brown

Winner plate : Paul Solt; Runner-up : Zhidong Yu

### **Open Doubles**

Winners : Chris and Ian Talbot; Runners-up : Depak Patel and Paul Brown

### **Division Two Singles**

Winner : Darrell Brown : Runner-up : Om Thakur

No plate event was held as the 6 person round robins took a long time to complete.

### **Division Two Doubles:**

Winners : Om Thakur and Maggie Dyer; Runners-up : Darrell Brown and Brendan Gee

Congratulations to all players who entered the competitions, whether you ended up a winner or just enjoyed the games. Thank you to all the organisers who made the events happen too.

## **Coming up**

**Junior Club term four** – this runs for seven weeks, from Friday 16 October to Friday 27 November.

New players are welcome.

Annual Xmas dinner – details to be advised

Midweek Xmas Lunch – details to be advised.

## **End of Year Dates**

Midweek official closing day is **Thursday 17 December**... and the official reopen date is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.

Monday night official closing is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and the official reopen date is likely to be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January (to be confirmed).

It is very likely that there will be casual play in January for Midweek and probably Monday nights – this will be advised later.

**Remember to** keep an eye on our **website** for the latest happenings, results and news

<http://www.empirett.org.nz/> and you can also check out our two Facebook pages.