

# EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2016



## EMPIRE TABLE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER – JULY 2016

### Empire Fundraising

At the movies this year we went to **Florence Foster Jenkins**. This was a bit different but I think quite enjoyable. Thank you to everyone who came along. The Club made a profit of \$586.00 from the event, a good start to our fundraising. One of the lucky number tickets, winning a bottle of wine was Dyk and Vicky won the 2 movie tickets (both sold by Maggie). The other bottle of wine was won by a ticket sold by Midweek. Thanks to all those who helped provide the supper.

**Our Raffle** yes it is still going! Thank you to everyone who has purchased a ticket to date – we have now sold about 120 tickets so not many to go!. Given many people have purchased multiple tickets, this suggests that a good number of our 140 members have not as yet purchased a ticket. If you are one of these people how about helping out so that we can say all sold and draw it. Remember there is a warm bed underlay in the prizes and it is the right time of year for that now! Many thanks in advance.

### Announcing Two Great Tournaments!!

#### 1. TTW Wellington Open, 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July

Enter for a good chance to play different players from other parts of New Zealand. We are hosting a regional Oceania Cup qualifying event for TTNZ squad members so even if you don't want to play, come along and watch. Click the links below for more details and to enter.

#### [2016 New World Wellington City Table Tennis Wellington Open Championships](#)

(July 30-31) [click](#) for the entry form and conditions documents. Total cash prizes over \$1250 including \$500 *each* for the New World Men's and Women's singles and there will be other non-cash prizes.

There are entry forms at the club or [online here](#), please send to Kevin Haines on [tournament@ttwellington.org.nz](mailto:tournament@ttwellington.org.nz) or 04 478 0841, or if mailing, ensure they reach us by 9pm Wednesday 27 July.

Please mark your diaries and enter now! For our Juniors if you have been playing awhile the age group events provide another opportunity to get some practice and potentially against different players.

**Sunday Club.** Players note Sunday Club will not operate on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Wellington Open Sunday. Please ensure that you let other players who may not be members know about this. All players can of course enter the tournament!

#### 2. Manawatu Veterans Tournament, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

This is a doubles tournament suitable for players of all abilities, over the age of 40. See the **Poster** on display at the Club.

Play in the morning or afternoon or both! You can nominate your own partner for the morning and in the afternoon partners are arranged. The emphasis for this tournament is fun – see the attached form for details and entry information.

## Results

### Junior Development

This tournament was held at Empire in June and we had some good successes from our players.

Congratulations to all our Empire players.

**Under 12 singles** : Winner Ryan O'Leary; Runner-up Josh Corby

**Under 14 singles** : Winner Jackson Stewart

**Under 14 doubles** : Runner-up Jackson Stewart

**Under 17 singles** : Winner Olly Evans



Josh Corby & Ryan O'Leary



.... In action

### Interclub

There were several Empire teams playing on the final night.

#### Premier

Empire Entertainers (Depak Patel, Paul Brown and Ian Talbot) finished 3rd beating Titan Trailblazers. Waterloo Wasps beat Titan Terriers in the final.

#### Division 1

Empire Enforcers (Tony Rutledge, Andrew Maguire, Brendyn Shaw) finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. They finished top of the Round Robin but on the night Onslow-Titan were too strong.

#### Division 2

Empire Egrets (Kaz Witko, Pete Lowe, Graham Sole and Maggie Dyer) beat Empire Elms (Vladimir Vysotskiy, Yudi Yudistira and Tony Pearson filling in for So Eguichi) in the final.

The Elms had finished at the top of the pool but only just, however the author must acknowledge that they beat the Egrets in the round robin games!

For 4<sup>th</sup> place Waterloo Whales beat the Empire Echoes (Ian Grace, Anita Crowe with Julian Vickers and Aswanth Varun being unable to play).

### Interclub Grade Champs

These were held on one night with the following Empire players achieving successes:

Premier: Winner Depak Patel

Division 1 : Winner Tony Rutledge; runner-up Darrell Brown

Division 2 : Winner Vladimir Vysotskiy; runner-up Ian Grace

### Junior Club School Holiday Closure

Fridays 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July no table tennis.

We wish all our junior members a nice holiday and we'll look forward to seeing you back on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

All parents please note the **roster for Term 3** has been written up so please fill it in. Your help is essential for the functioning of the Club. It is expected that the popular coaching sessions operated by Depak and his helpers will continue most Friday nights this term. Look out for more details on a parent /child night, to be held Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### Coaching programme in School Holidays

This is scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm.

A good chance to improve table tennis skills and have some fun. This is running now and we hope all the players are getting something out of it.

### Winter Interclub Series 2

Yes Series 1 has finished and we would like to know if there are more players who would like to join in for the next series.

We are also interested in hearing from any **Junior** members or **adults new to the game** who would be interested in playing in a competition on Wednesday nights from 6.00 – 8.00 pm (or 7.00-9.00 pm). Teams will be 2 players and provide a chance for an introduction to Interclub. This will go ahead if TTW gets enough entries.

Please contact Maggie ASAP if you are interested in playing or hearing more (adults and juniors). [Maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com) or 021 161 2150.

### Other dates for your calendar

**Club Champs** : Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Junior Development** : Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

### Volunteers for Monday night

We still need some people to come forward to help running games and collecting money on a Monday night. The ideal is to have several volunteers so involvement is only about 1 in 5-6 nights. Have a think about it and see if you can give something back to the Club. Contact Martin or Ian on Monday for more information.

### Some Interclub Action



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