



Empire Newsletter

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Welcome

Hello again it must be time for another update!

Empire TTC Website

We hope this will be updated soon. In the meantime most playing details are still correct – do note the update in subs for this time of year noted below for any potential new members.

Empire Facebook Page

Yes we do have one of these! Is there anyone out there who would like to manage this? We wouldn't expect a lot of updates as the Website is the usual "go to" site only occasional. Do we have anyone who would be prepared to take this on for the Club?

Friday Night Junior Club

Coming up is a parent – child night on Friday 29th September. Please come along with your child and be prepared for a doubles tournament paired up with your child! There has been coaching on how to play doubles this term so the children will be prepared.

Thanks to everyone who has helped as a parent help – your support is appreciated. Going forward we need to ensure there is parent help every week. Please check the Board and add your name. If you can't do a rostered day please try and find a replacement or email Maggie if really stuck.

Just a reminder for parents to please ensure they come inside or at least to the door to collect children. We don't want children walking around outside as we are responsible for them during the Club session. The organisers are busy and can't always see what is happening. Thanks for this consideration and your support with this part of our Club.

Subscriptions

These have now been reduced for the rest of the year. This only applies to new members not any "members" / regular attendees who have overlooked paying this year. The rates are as follows:

1st July – 30th September : adult \$50.00; concession \$35.00

1st October – 31st December : adult \$40; concession \$30.00

Subs for 2018 will be due from 1st January and payable by 31st March or members will need to pay \$8.00 each time as a casual member. This is still a good option for anyone who can only attend occasionally.

Note 2018 subs have not been set as yet.

Multicards can be purchased by members only to use in any session – cost \$50.00 for 12 sessions – a saving of \$10.00. This is a member only privilege ie for those who have paid a subscription. The only exception to this is school juniors, who can buy a card even although subs are not charged.

Table Tennis Balls

Yes an essential part of our game! However we seem to go through an enormous number of them. While there is a natural attrition rate, we suspect some balls are going out the door with members. Can you please make sure the balls stay at the club for everyone to use. After you've played, leave them on the table ready for the next players. If it is at the end of a session your co-operation with returning them to the front desk is appreciated.

Many thanks everyone!

Fundraising

Raffle

It is great to be able to announce that we have finally sold all the raffle tickets. Arthur and Merv organised a draw for a recent Thursday. Thank you to everyone who supported it by buying a ticket and Congratulations to our winners.

1st prize - Harry Lee (hotel night)

2nd prize - Rob Chung (multi session ticket)

3rd prize - James Harter (red wine)

4th prize - Bruce Law (white wine) (Bruce is son of Mary Law, Bruce was visiting)

5th prize - Len and Fay Ngan (white wine)

Results

Winter Interclub series 1

Premier saw an exciting match between Empire Entertainers and Titan Terriers with the games being tied at 5-5. We are pleased to say Bruno Omizu won the last match for Empire so we are the victors. Well done Bruno, Depak Patel and James Harter). Thanks also to Daniel Rosner for helping by playing for the team in a couple of matches.

Division 1 saw the Onslow Ogres beat the Empire Enforcers 6-5. Hard luck for Darrell Brown, Ryan Cronin and Brendyn Shaw. There's always series 2. Good luck for that.

Division 2 also featured and Empire team the Egrets who were lucky on the night to beat the Waterloo Wapitis 7-4. The Egrets team was Leigh (Grinlinton) and Maggie (Dyer) who played every match. Pradip Manchanda . Amit Saboo and Michael Stechman also played for the team with Michael playing the last few matches after Pradip and Amit both went overseas!

TTW Wellington Open Tournament

Held Saturday / Sunday 29th/ 30th July at Empire, another successful tournament all round. Several people from TTW worked very hard over the weekend to help make the tournament a success, and of course there was some great table tennis to watch as well!. Well done all competitors and special congratulations to all the Empire winners here.

Open men's doubles: Winner – Bruno Omizu (with Lindsay Ward)

C Grade doubles: Runner-up - Darrell Brown (with Scott Higham)

D grade mixed singles: Runner-up – Om Thakur

Over 40 mixed singles: Runner-up – Depak Patel

Over 30 doubles: Winner – Rob Chung (with Jason Granville)

Over 40 doubles: Winners - Rob Chung and Paul Solt

Over 50 doubles: Winner – Ian Talbot (with Lindsay Ward)

Over 50 doubles: Runner-up – Paul Solt (with Dave Scott)

Over 60 singles: Runner-up – Ian Talbot

Under 13 doubles : Runner-up – Yufeng Wang (with Anna Wilson)

C Grade mixed consolation singles: Winner – Darrell Brown

D Grade mixed consolation singles: Runner-up – Amit Saboo

Over 30 mixed consolation singles: Winner – Andrew Maguire

Over 30 mixed consolation singles: Runner-up – Simon Jung

Over 50 mixed consolation singles: Winner – Paul Solt

North Island Open

Paul travelled to the North Island Champs, July in Auckland and had some success as follows:

D grade men's singles: Winner Paul Solt

Over 40 men's doubles: Runner-up Paul Solt

South Island Open

Hot off the press! A few Wellington players travelled to Nelson this last weekend with Depak having some success:

Over 40 singles: Runner-up – Depak Patel

Over 40 doubles: Runner-up – Depak Patel

Over 50 singles: Runner-up – Depak Patel

Coming up

TTW Junior Development

Sunday 17th September – details coming soon! However this is a good tournament for our juniors to enter and try out playing in a little more competitive environment.

Club Champs

Saturday 28th October – just a head's up to keep the date free! More information soon.

And finally the endfrom your scribe *Maggie*