



# Empire Newsletter

APRIL 2017

## Welcome

The year is now well under way and it is good to see playing numbers are good at all sectors of the Club: Midweek, Monday and on Friday nights, the latter club has only being running for 3 weeks of play. Monday night has another playing break for **Easter Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April when we are closed.**

## Friday Night Club - Holidays

Just a reminder we will be closed over Easter and the School Holidays so 3 weeks in total. We reopen again on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

## Board

We have a much more complete line-up of Board Members this year. Although note their role is not to do everything but to co-ordinate and see that the various activities happen. If you have skills or time in any area we would like to hear from you! This includes help at club sessions, especially **Friday nights** where we need parent volunteers to come forward. **Monday nights** we are still looking for people to help run the session and even take a turn at doing the dishes.

Your Board for 2017 is:

**Chairperson** : Russell Buchanan

**Activities:** Andrew Maguire

**Buildings:** Martin Young

**Commercial:** Maggie Dyer

**Finance:** Kevin Haines

**Membership and Communications:** Maggie Dyer

**Services:** Ian Grace

Welcome to all, especially the newcomers or those returning after several years off the Board. Feel free to contact any of us at any time over any aspect of the Club.

## Subscriptions

**These are now overdue as it is after 31<sup>st</sup> March!!** Thanks to those members who have paid your sub – much appreciated. Your subs and fees go towards keeping the club operational eg power, cleaning, rates etc – much the same as running your home.

**Adult sub:** \$60.00

**Concession sub** (over 65, tertiary students, beneficiaries): \$40.00

In theory we should be charging everyone who has not paid their sub \$8.00 and multcards to pay session fees cannot be used as that is a member only privilege. So please pay ASAP and then you won't risk a session organiser asking you for the non-member session fee of \$8.00 per visit.

## Fundraising

### Raffle (new)

This is underway and ticket sales have been steady. However it would be great if sales could go a little faster. How about those of you who have supported the raffle giving your friends and other players a little reminder along the lines “have you supported your club and bought a raffle ticket yet?” While our subs and fees cover most of our costs, we are still interested in building our bank account up so that one day the long awaited redevelopment of the building can begin. Hopefully we will be able to get some grants for this, although these are harder to get these days – a prerequisite of all grant applications is that organisations need to be seen to be helping themselves. Therefore we are also asking you to support our annual...

### Empire at the Movies Night

This year we are going to a screening of ***Going in Style*** starring some great actors you are likely to have heard of. It is a comedy, approximately 90 minutes long:



“Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin team up as lifelong buddies Willie, Joe and Al, who decide to buck retirement and step off the straight-and-narrow for the first time in their lives when their pension fund becomes a corporate casualty. Desperate to pay the bills and come through for their loved ones, the three risk it all by embarking on a daring bid to knock off the very bank that absconded with their money.”

**When?** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6.15 pm

**Where?** Lighthouse Petone

Please think about coming along for what we hope is a great night out and the chance to support your club. We need to get an indication of numbers as soon as possible so please remember to ask friends, neighbours and relatives to see if they would like to come along too. Tickets can be bought through session organisers at the Club or by contacting Maggie [maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com).

## Results

The year is young but we can share some results already.

### TTW Summer Interclub

This finished last week at Empire after a good 6 week competition. Teams were two players as has been the tradition for the last few years. Several Empire players featured in the finals.

**Division One:** Empire Talbot (Ian Talbot (Empire), Lindsay Ward, Chris Talbot (Empire)) finished top of the competition round robin but lost to Young & Young (Martin Young (Empire), Jo Larsen, Bruno Omizu, James Harter) in the final.

**Division Two:** Onslow Budden beat the Misfits (Brendyn Shaw(Empire), Mat Hobbs). A standout Empire performance in this Division was Darrell Brown of Empire Johnston who won 10 out of 10 games.

**Division Three:** Caesar's Pride (Kevin Haines (Onslow) , Pradip Manchanda (Empire) came out in 1<sup>st</sup> place when Waterloo Thomas lost to the Decrebits.

### **TTW Veterans Tournament**

Held Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Empire, there were a good number of Empire players and several from out of town. There was a good atmosphere and spirit of competition and we did have some successes.

**Over 40 singles** Winner Depak Patel

**Over 40 singles:** Runner-up Martin Young

**Over 40 consolation singles:** Winner Andrew Maguire

**Over 40 doubles:** Winners Rob Chung and Paul Solt

**Over 40 doubles:** Runner-up Andrew Maguire and Martin Young

**Over 50 singles:** Runner-up Depak Patel

**Over 50 doubles:** Winner Ian Talbot

**Over 50 doubles:** Runner-up Martin Young

**Over 50 consolation singles:** Winner Wayne Upjohn

**Over 60 singles:** Runner-up Ian Talbot

**Over 60 consolation singles:** winner Kevin Haines

**Over 60 doubles:** Winner Ian Talbot

**Over 60 doubles:** Runner-up Kevin Haines

## **Coming up**

### **TTW Winter Interclub**

Winter Interclub will be starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May so this isn't very far away!

Details coming soon but if you are interested let a session organiser, Andrew Maguire or Maggie know.

### **TTW Autumn Open**

Empire Table Tennis Club, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. This tournament is open for all age groups. See the TTW website for more information and get your entry form in!

<https://ttwellington.org.nz/>

### **NZ Veterans Tournament**

This is to be held in Christchurch this year, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Weekend) and may well be on while you are reading this!

## **Reminders**

### **Friday Night Club**

A reminder for parents / guardians if you can help out during any session in May please let Maggie know [maggie.dyer.nz@gmail](mailto:maggie.dyer.nz@gmail) and we'll write this onto the roster.

**Our Movie night – *Going in Style*** Get in quick to get tickets from session organisers or Maggie and support your Club!

And finally the end ....from your scribe *Maggie*