



Empire Newsletter

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Happy New Year

Welcome to 2018! Our casual summer clubs operating in January were well attended with plenty of people wanting to keep playing. There were definitely times when the heat was a challenge.

Subscriptions and fees...

Fees : We are pleased to say that the session fees for 2018 remain the same.

Members / school students : \$5.00

Multicard: \$50.00 for 12 sessions (member only concession)

Non-members : \$8.00

Subs: There is a small increase in these this year as follows:

Adult sub: \$75.00

Concession sub: \$45.00. Eligibility for this reduced amount is by producing a Super Gold card (65 years of age and older); valid student ID for Tertiary students or a Community Services Card.

School students do not need to pay a sub, regardless of whether they attend on a Monday or Friday, instead just pay the member rates.

Subs are due for payment by 31st March 2018, after this date all non-member players will need to pay \$8.00 per visit.

Bats

There are some more **bats** on hand for sale – these will suit beginners and intermediate players and can be purchased for \$40.00 from session organisers.

Coaching

Once again we are pleased to announce that there will be coaching on Monday nights until the end of November with Depak Patel. Depak runs 6 15 minute sessions from 8.30 - 10.00 pm. Registration each week is by putting your name down on the list when you arrive. Depak is the Club's most experienced coach so we hope that a lot of our members will take up the offer of coaching with him. Even better, the sessions are free to our Club members. You can elect to have longer sessions with Depak outside of club nights which are not free. If you are interested talk to Depak and also see other advertising on the noticeboards for coaching information.

Junior Club

We have now sorted out the date for the start of our Junior Club this year. We will **open** on Fridays 16th March and 23rd March, then have a break for Easter and the school holidays reopening on Friday 20th April.

A slowish start to the season with the way the holidays work out but we are aware some of our members are very keen to get back to playing. Martin will look forward to seeing you all on the 16th March. Parents if you can help out for the first 2 weeks please let us know by return email (see below too)!

Volunteers

It is early in the year, so a good chance for you to think about whether you can help in any way to spread the load for our administrators who are also volunteers. There are ways you can help without joining the Board.

1. **Monday night session organisers.** We are still keen to recruit some assistance to help Martin run Monday nights. With a pool of volunteers everyone would still get plenty of game time and may be able to keep the Club open on some holiday weekends. If you can help please talk to Martin or Andrew, our Activities Convenor.
2. **Parents for Friday night juniors.** Parent / guardian volunteers will be required to help each Friday. A shop is run each week and having extra adults on the premises is essential for health and safety reasons. Helping out, even once or twice a term is appreciated. Look out for further updates.
3. **People with time or skills to help progress building redevelopment.** Now the Board is in a better state, we are keen to start working on the promised redevelopment - nothing will happen quickly but we would like to start planning. Do you have skills or time that may help us to move forward with this project?
4. **Dishes.** Yes I believe Midweek has this under control so that the "load" of doing the dishes is spread around. Thank you to all who help with this. On Monday Martin does the dishes each week – it would be great to change this and have volunteers each week so that Martin can get a chance to have a game or two. Can we have some volunteers please – next Monday?

Coming up

TTW Summer Interclub

Summer Interclub is the 2 person club team competition held every year. It is to be played Wednesdays at Empire for 6 weeks commencing Wednesday 7th March (finishing 11th April). Players can enter as a team or as an individual to have a partner matched. Entries are due Thursday 1st March so get in quick if you would like to play - let session organisers know or email secretary@ttwellington.org.nz. For more details see <https://ttwellington.org.nz/2018/02/14/summer-interclub-wednesdays-march-7-april-11/>

TTW Vets Tournament

Empire Table Tennis Club, Saturday 17th March. This tournament is for anyone over the age of 40 whether you are wanting serious practice for the National Vets or just a few games. There are several age groups – keep an eye out on the TTW new website for more information.

NZ Veterans Tournament

This is to be held in Taupo this year, 29th March - 2nd April (Easter Weekend). Much closer than some venues for Wellingtonians get to. For entry forms see TTNZ <http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/>

TTW Autumn Open

More details later but pencil in the weekend of 21/22 April at Empire for this event.

ETTC AGM

This will be **Monday 26th March, 8.00pm**, Empire Club Rooms. See the attached notification for more details. The Annual Report is being worked on now and we hope to have it to you soon.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Finally a few pictures from the Midweek Xmas Lunch 2017 - thanks Phillip Yee

