



# Empire Newsletter

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## Hello again!

Apologies for the delay in getting the next newsletter to you! However left handed typing as a result of my broken arm is proving a little limited - still a bit longer with the plaster too.

## Subscriptions and fees...

**Subs:** These have mostly been paid now, although there are a few people to chase up - this will be done individually, and of course there are always people who have only just started to play as winter arrives.

**Fees:** There has been a few questions about multiscard use so we would like to confirm that non club organised sessions at the Club can have a different pricing structure. Multiscard use is not possible at these sessions.

## Winter Interclub

This is well under way now and we are halfway through the first series! Remember to give Andrew or me plenty of notice if you can't play on a particular night. With Empire having so many teams and few reserves available, it can be very challenging finding reserves at times. If you would like the occasional more competitive match and can help us out by filling in from time to time we would like to hear from you! We welcome Midweek and Monday players please - simply reply to the email the newsletter was sent from OR let a session organiser know. Thanks in advance.

## Building Fund

At the AGM we announced that we had formally created a building fund category in the Accounts, and that it was starting with \$125,000 from our funds. From now on all fundraising profit will go in to this fund - \$332.61

from the movie - **Sweet Country** is the first amount. Thanks to everyone who attended this - we filled the 45 seat theatre, but unfortunately couldn't get into a larger one. I'm sure everyone will agree a sobering experience but beautifully scenic set in the Australian outback.

The last Board meeting also thought of an excellent way of growing the building fund and that is allocating a few dollars from the subs paid. As you are all aware these increased slightly this year with the intention of growing our resources so this makes good sense. *We are intending to put the full 2018 increased subscription amounts into the building fund - \$5.00 for the concession sub and \$15.00 from the full sub. This gives us another \$935.00 + \$332.61 = \$1267.61 in the fund now.*

## More fundraising

**We would welcome your ideas for fundraising please.** The discussion at the recent Board meeting suggested food fundraising always went down well. For a start

- perhaps I could come one lunchtime after Midweek and do a Tournament style fundraising lunch eg Toasted sandwiches, filled rolls, muffins and slices to purchase??
- is there anyone / group of people who would like to prepare some Chinese food for people to buy??

The Board talked about redevelopment at our last meeting, with new member Wayne Upjohn presenting a possible model. We hope to be able to report back more formally once the Building subcommittee has met.

## Henk Lazet

It is with a touch of sadness that we announce that Henk sadly passed away recently. Henk was a member of the Club for many years - both Russell and I can remember having several good playing "battles" with him on a Monday night. He also looked after our Emergency lighting for many years, coming down specially to check once he retired. Henk had been ill for a long time, so while we pass on our condolences to his family, I'm sure they are pleased he can now rest in peace and they can remember the happy times.

## Results

### Summer Interclub

The Division 1 winners were the favourites, Waterloo's Sean Hanson and Vance Kelly against the Empire HD team of Daniel Rosner and Harry Chen, with Daniel claiming the only win against Vance. However there was a very entertaining doubles which Waterloo won 28-26 in the 4th set - this is a game normally played to 11 and this score would have been entertaining in a 21 point match! The competition only had Waterloo and Empire teams this year in Division 1.

In Division 2 Mat Hobbs and Ryan Cronin (Empire) were also clear favourites and they beat Empire 6, Liam Johnston and Om Thakur. Again aside from Mat the rest of the competition were Empire and Waterloo players.

Division 3 saw a change of fortunes in the final with Empire 8, the competition's leading team of Ram Sitaram and Graham Sole losing to Waterloo's Ooshkebab 4-1. This was helped by Anna Wilson beating Ram! In this Division Titan joined Empire and Waterloo.

An interesting season, at times entertaining, although also affected by issues in getting replacements for teams.

### Wellington Vets

This was held on Saturday 17th March at Empire. The entry was not huge but players had some good games and were fed by the usual Empire catering services. Prices this year have remained low for tournament coaching but with careful shopping and donated baking a reasonable profit is made. Our winners were:

Over 40 singles: Winner - Depak Patel; Runner-up - Zhidong Yu

Over 40 doubles: Winners - Depak Patel and Darrell Brown; Runners-up Chris Talbot and Zhidong Yu

Over 40 consolation singles: Runner-up - Andrew Maguire

Over 50 singles: Winner - Depak Patel; Runner-up - Chris Talbot

Over 50 doubles: Winners - Chris Talbot (with Lindsay Ward); Runners-up - Darrell Brown and Depak Patel

Over 50 consolation singles: Winner - Zhidong Yu

Over 60 singles: Runner-up - Ian Talbot

Over 60 doubles: Winners John Gan (with Lindsay Ward)

Over 60 consolation singles: Runner-up - Leigh Grinlinton

## Autumn Open

A great weekend! Held at Empire on 21st / 22nd April there was an excellent entry with players from outside the area and a good contingent of local players. Due to some quick thinking by Gabrielle Telfer from TTW The event was advertised on the sports programme on 2ZB so this meant we had a few more spectators in addition to family / club and people walking by. The Open events were won by the next generation with Wellington's Hui-Ling Vong and Auckland's Nathan Xu taking the events.

Congratulations to both of you! Some consolation to others in that it will be some time before they can enter most age events. Our winners were:

Women's doubles: Runner-up - Leigh Grinlinton (with Lisa Xue)

B Grade singles: Runner-up - Daniel Rosner

C Grade singles: Winner - Paul Solt

D Grade singles: Winner - Shubham Chhabra; Runner-up - Sahil Soni

Over 25 singles: runner-up - James Harter

Over 25 doubles: winner - James Harter (with Yuhan Gao); Runners-up - Depak Patel and Daniel Rosner

Over 35 singles: Winner - Depak Patel; Runner-up - Daniel Rosner

Over 35 doubles: Runners-up - Depak Patel and Daniel Rosner

Over 45 singles: Runner-up - Depak Patel

Over 45 doubles: Runners-up - Depak Patel and Daniel Rosner

Over 55 singles: Runner-up - John Gan

Under 12 singles: Winner - Yufeng Wang

Under 14 boy's singles: Runner-up - Yufeng Wang

Under 14 doubles: Winner - Yufeng Wang (with Callum McKinnon)

Over 45 singles plate: Runner-up - Andrew Maguire

Over 55 singles plate: Winner - Zhidong Yu

## Mini Updates...

### Coaching

This is continuing 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 and is free to members.

### Club Sessions

The adult sections of our Club, both **Midweek** and **Mondays** are going well with good numbers - over 60 at some Midweek sessions! However **Junior Club** numbers are struggling this year. If you have friends, neighbours, family with children aged 10-15 how about suggesting Table Tennis to them. The club operates during term time from 6.30 - 9.00 pm.

## Reminders

### 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.

### Volunteers

if you can help in any way to share the workload of running the Club please advise. Help can be in many ways including;

- **Monday nights** - some assistance to help Martin. A pool of volunteers would mean the helpers can still get plenty of game time. If you can help please talk to Martin or Andrew, our Activities Convenor. Having a turn washing up after supper would also be appreciated - is this a big ask?

- **Parents for Friday night juniors** - parents / guardians to help each Friday eg with the shop and general supervision. Helping out, even once or twice a term is appreciated and there will be chances to have a hit with you child.

## Coming up

### **TTW Winter Interclub Series 2**

Before we know it Series 1 will be over and we will be asking for names for the 2nd series. TTW will seek feedback from Premier players before deciding on continuing with 2 player teams or the more traditional 3 person format.

We are interested in hearing from players who haven't played in Series 1 as well as those who have. Please talk to Andrew (or me).

### **TTW Wellington Open Tournament**

The big tournament on the local calendar is at Empire Table Tennis Club, **Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th July**. All age groups will be catered for - see the TTW new website for more information.

*Entries are due online at TTW <https://ttwellington.org.nz/> or to Kevin Haines at [tournament@ttwellington.org.nz](mailto:tournament@ttwellington.org.nz) or 04 478 0841 by 9pm Wednesday 25 July*

### **World Table Tennis Vets**

We would like to wish the members at the Las Vegas world games an enjoyable time.

## Website

Remember to check out our Website to keep up to date on current happenings. Note the archival content is being updated as time permits. <http://www.empirett.org.nz/>

### **Unfortunate News**

Sadly there has been some vandalism to our building recently. If anyone knows anything at all please let us know ASAP - either by reply email or to a session organiser.



Thank you for your support and hope you have enjoyed the chance to keep up to date with our "happenings".

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