



Empire Newsletter

October 2018

Hello again

Newsletters have been a bit thin on the ground this year! However I'm pleased to say that I'm back to two handed typing, although playing table tennis is still a bit challenging...

Winter Interclub

Now completed for another year. Empire are once again the holders of the Premier Division top prize, the Tommy Williams Cup with the Enforcers beating Waterloo / Titan in the final. Well done James Harter, Bruno Omizu, Depak Patel and Daniel Rosner- a great result and a repeat of 2017. We had no other winners this year, but from a spectator point of view there was some excellent table tennis to watch at times. Thanks to everyone who played, and also those who filled in sometimes at short notice.



Very happy Empire players Daniel, Depak, Bruno and James pictured with the Tommy Williams Cup, photo taken by one of the proud supporters, Yasmin (Daniel's wife).

Fees

A reminder please that **Multicards are a member only benefit** and are not transferable. They can only be purchased by a club member for their own use - please do not purchase on behalf of others.

Multicards are generally available, and if they have run out at one particular club session, they are usually there at the next. Casual players on Sundays and Thursdays are not eligible to use multicards, although members attending the Sunday session can use their card. Hope this clarifies card use.

Subs

The subs for 2019 remain the same as this year:

Adult : \$75.00

Concession (Gold card, Student or Community Services card holders): \$45.00

The Empire subscription year is the calendar year 1st January to 31st December. Subs can be paid in January - there will be a sheet available for anyone opening a session to complete (receipts will come

later). All subs need to be paid by 31st March, after that individuals will need to pay the casual session rate of \$8.00 each time they attend.

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. This is free to members, just put your name down on the list when you arrive. Our aim is to fill all the spaces and get a range of people benefitting so if there are some spaces on a particular night, non members can participate.

Bats

We have **bats** on hand once again for sale – these will suit beginners and intermediate players and can be purchased for \$40.00 from session organisers.

Results and Events

Wellington Open

Once again held at the end of July at Empire. There was a good entry and we were pleased that Wellington put on a slightly warmer weekend than some years for this event. TTW organisers put a lot of time into running this tournament and it was pleasing it ran well. Our winners were:

Open men's doubles : Winners - James Harter (with Matthew Ball)

B grade men's singles: Winner - James Harter

B grade doubles: Winners - James Harter (with Toshi Yasuda)

C grade doubles: Winner s- Tony Rutledge (with Reddyn Wallace); Runners-up - Paul Solt (with Gareth Telfer)

D grade singles: Winner - Martin Young

Over 30 singles: Winner - James Wang; Runner-up - Depak Patel

Over 30 doubles: Winners - Depak Patel and Zhidong Yu

Over 40 singles: Winner - Depak Patel

Over 40 doubles: Winners - Depak Patel and Zhidong Yu

Over 50 doubles : Winners - John Gan (with Sabine Westenra); Runners-up - Wai Chung and William Yang

Over 60 singles: Runner-up - Tony Rutledge

Over 60 doubles: Runners-up - Tony Rutledge (with Dave Scott)

Over 50 consolation singles: Winner - Leigh Grinlinton; Runner-up Bayu Sampurno

Under 18 doubles; Runners-up - Casey Pearson (with Abilash Sivasith)

Under 15 singles: Winner - Yufeng Wang

Under 15 doubles; Runners-up - Casey Pearson (with Abilash Sivasith)

Under 13 singles: Winner - Yufeng Wang

Under 13 doubles: Winner - Yufeng Wang (with Aaron Lan)

Midweek Visits

In August a few Empire players travelled up to Kapiti for a casual competition. Then in September Empire hosted a few players from Shona MacFarlane. Some of our members who live at the Shona MacFarlane played for them on the day; including one of our former member's, Leo Barnett. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Empire Mercedes-Benz Midweek Tournament

This popular annual tournament was held on Thursday 20th September at the Club. There was an excellent entry this year with the tournament almost being at full capacity, with players coming from all round the region. The results are:

Group 1		
Wai Chung / William Yang	Empire	1st
Wayne Daly / Alan Sharp	Manawatu	2nd
James Harter / Ji Liang Tan	Empire	3rd
Ping Chui / Warren Mak	Empire	4th
Charles Chun / Uy Tang	Empire	5th
John Alexander / Funing Xuan	Empire	6th
Group 2		
Jim Jarmin / Wayne Upjohn	Manawatu / Empire	1st
Norman Chan / Allen Tso	Empire	2nd
Alfie Chin / Bayu Sampurno	Empire	3rd
Kaz Witko / Maarten Romijn	Tawa	4th
Anna Chung / Tina Ng	Empire	5th
Hoi Joe / Yvonne Chin	Johnsonville	6th
Group 3		
David Wong / Ken Moy	Empire	1st
Peter Jones / Val Scarr	Kapiti	2nd
Kheng Tang / Harry Lee	Empire	3rd
Awhina Macdonald / Patrick Albert	Levin	4th
Alan Cuthbert / Geoff Brown	Upper Hutt	5th
Peter Highstead / Roger Pedersen	Tawa	6th
Group 4		
Les Edwards / Peter Fogarty	Waikanae	1st
Diana White / Peter Jackson	PPC	2nd
Kevin Tse / Lois McStay	Empire	3rd
Robin Clarke / Paul Maunsell	Empire	4th
Ian White / Steve Knaap	Levin	5th
Anita Bhasin / John Norton	Tawa	6th
Group 5		
Viv Weaver / Heather Paul	Kapiti	1st
Chris Hanrahan / Jill Upston	Waikanae	2nd
Penn Pattison / Nigel Westerby	Empire	3rd
Sonny Kamariera / Gavin Mickel	PPC	4th
Glen Payne / Alan Everson	Upper Hutt	5th
Ken Chung / George Geris	Empire	6th
Group 6		
Judy Pore / Shirley Ng	PPC	1st
Fee Chin / Chu Joe	Empire	2nd
Nancy Chan / Grahame Delaney	Empire	3rd
Alan Wright / Michael Hanrahan	Tawa	4th
Bill Wong / Perry Joe	Empire	5th
Jan Nauta / Mary Muir	PPC	6th
Group 7		
Avis Gardner / Mirin Perinpanayagam	Tawa	1st
Edgor Keenan / Colin Fairly	Red Star	2nd
Jan De Lisle / Sylvia F St Amand	PPC	3rd
Stefan Schmit / Hans Zeitler	PPC	4th

Group 8		
John Maindonald / Dario Matson	PPC	1st
Janet Schriver / Graeme Munro	Tawa	2nd
Stan Lun / Elsie Chin	Empire	3rd
Richard Acey / Rhys Watson	PPC	4th

Thank you to Merv Allardyce for organising and running the tournament, Arthur Lee for collecting entry fees and selling raffle tickets, Mary Law and Sommee Gee for organising the morning tea, Ken Chung for taking photos (a small selection appearing here), Kevin Haines for helping with the clean-up and Mercedes Benz for supplying prizes. We look forward to next year!

Manawatu Open

A small contingent of Wellington players, including our Empire members went up to the Manawatu Open at the end of September. Our winners were:

Over 60 men's doubles: Winners - Martin Young (with Miko Kirschbaum)

Over 60 men's singles: Runner-up - Martin Young

Over 40 men's doubles: Winners - Daniel Rosner and Depak Patel

Over 40 men's singles: Winner - Depak Patel; Runner-up - Daniel Rosner

Under 40 men's doubles: Winners - James Harter (with Mark Page)

Men's doubles: Runner-up - James Harter (with Mark Page)

Men's singles C grade: Runner-up - Om Thakur

Reminders

Volunteers

if you can help in any way to share the workload of running the Club please advise. Help can be in many ways. We would still welcome some regular assistance with organising games on **Monday nights** to help Martin. The ideal would be 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 super is another way people can help on occasion.

Coming up

Labour Day Monday

No Monday Club on Monday 22nd October as it is a Public Holiday. However you can instead play in the Club Champs on Saturday as an alternative!

Empire Club Champs

Our annual Club Champs will be held on **Saturday 27th October**. Keep the date free - more details soon.

Empire Junior Club Champs

The grade events will be held on **Friday 9th November** and the cup challenges will be played on **Friday 16th November**. Check your email for full details.

TTW Summer Tournament

TTW will be running a Wednesday November tournament. Full details soon - this will be a chance for some competitive play but in a more casual environment. You will likely to be playing as an individual, not in a team and the competition will run Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 November.

Midweek Xmas Lunch

This annual event is to be held on Thursday 22nd November at Petone Workingmen's Club. Keep the date free - details will follow.

Closing Dates 2018

Friday Night Junior Club - last night and prize giving **Friday 30th November**.

Midweek - **Thursday 13th December** will be the last official session. Play may well continue if there are people to open up over the summer. This is still to be confirmed.

Monday - Last night **Monday 17th December**. There may be some casual play in January - also to be confirmed. The official re-opening date is Monday 28th January 2019.

Website

Remember to check out our Website to keep up to date on current happenings. Archival content is still very much a work in progress as time permits.

<http://www.empirett.org.nz/>

Thank you for your support and hope you have enjoyed the chance to keep up to date with what is happening at your club.

Finally hot off the press - Congratulations to Yufeng Wang - Silver medals in the under 11 boys singles and doubles at the Nationals. Well done Yufeng!

Maggie Dyer

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Some pictures from the 2018 Midweek

Tournament

