



# Empire Newsletter

December 2019

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2019, a short one this time!

## Important Dates for 2019 and 2020

**Friday Night Club:** This has already closed for the year. The final night was celebrated with the usual prize giving and shared plates of supper.

**Monday Night Club:** The last official night will be Monday 16th December. Bring a plate (with food) to share OR pay normal fees. *Note if there is demand we may open on Monday 23rd December?*

**Midweek Club:** The last day will be Thursday 19th December.

*And the information you are keen to read:*

**Sundays December-January:** Open as normal from 9.30 am

**Monday 6th January:** Andrew will open for casual play about 6.45 pm.

**Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th January:** Midweek casual play.

**Monday 13th January:** Maggie will open for casual play about 6.45 pm.

**Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th:** Midweek casual play.

**Monday 20th January:** First official club night and welcome back Martin.

**Tuesday 21st January:** Midweek Club official opening.

## Club Champs

These were held on Saturday 23rd November. The entry was small and only the open was run, but the day can be said to have been very successful. 16 players competed in the singles with the results as follows:

**Alf Harding Singles:** Winner - Heath Murdoch; runner-up - Harry Chen

**Plate:** Winner - Andrew Maguire; runner-up Michael Stechman

**McPhee Cup Doubles:** Winners - Darrell Brown and Paul Brown; runners-up - Heath Murdoch and Depak Patel

**Plate:** Winners - Michael Stechman and Om Thakur; runners-up Peter Bloor and Josh Brown

## Junior Club Champs

The events were run on Friday nights at the end of the year. The 2019 junior club year did not have high attendance records but there were a lot of very keen players who came regularly, some playing in interclub and the junior development tournaments in the year. Our 2019 champions are:

**BNSW Cup Open Boys singles:** Winner - Kyle Stapelberg; runner-up - Oscar Craig

**Elborn Challenge Cup (under 13):** Winner - Kieran Robinson; runners-up - Nikhel Patel and Kyros Repia

**Grades 1-6:** Winner - Kyle Stapelberg; runner-up - Oscar Craig

**Grades 7-12:** Winner - Kieran Robinson; runner-up - Aadi Kapoor

## TTW 4 Wednesdays Interclub Competition

This was played over the 4 Wednesdays in November . Our club members were well represented in the competition with several players having excellent results.

1st place: Depak Patel

2nd place: John Gan

## Xmas Functions

Yes two of these were held this year.

### **Saturday 30th November - Xmas Dinner**

A small group of 12 people enjoyed a dinner at the Ayutthaya on Saturday 30th November.

### **Thursday 12th December - Midweek Xmas Lunch**

About 70 people went to Naenae Bowling Club for the annual Midweek Xmas lunch. For the first time your scribe attended and can report from first hand experience that a good time was had by all. Thanks to the organising team.

## Subscriptions and Fees 2020

These will remain the same for 2020.

\$75.00 adults

\$45.00 concession (tertiary students, gold card and community service card holders)

Session fees \$5.00 for members and juniors, \$8.00 for casual.

## Trophies 2018 and 2019

***Anyone who has a trophy from this year could you please return it to the Club in January. They will be engraved for 2019 and given to our winners and to anyone earning a special award early in Februar.***

***All that remains now is to wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.***

*For more information on membership, remember to also direct people to our Website. and keep an eye on this yourselves! <http://www.empirett.org.nz/to-play.html>*

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