



Empire Newsletter

May 2021

Hi all

The second newsletter of 2021 and we can now report that all our sessions are operating. There has been a good start to our **Junior Club** with over 20 children attend each Friday so far. Let's hope it continues. Other sessions are all going well with reasonable numbers attending.

Subscriptions and Fees 2021

Thanks to those who have paid their 2021 subs. Rates are the same as last year and are as follows::

\$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.

If you have not paid a sub (or part paid) you are likely to be charged the non-member rate of \$8.00 per visit. Multi cards are a member privilege so if your sub is unpaid you will NOT be allowed to use a multi card until it is paid. Thank you for your co-operation.

Results

Lots already this year. So here we go - congratulations to all players, especially those whose names appear below, but if you went along and your name does not appear, hopefully you still enjoyed the experience.

Wanganui Masters

First tournament of the year was the Wanganui Masters with a very good representation of players from our region. Successes all Empire players unless otherwise stated are as follows - an impressive list:

Over 35 men's singles: Silver - Darrell Brown; Bronze - Heath Murdoch

Over 45 men's singles: Gold - Darrell Brown; Silver - Depak Patel

Over 55 men's singles: Bronze - Zhidong Yu

Over 65 men's singles: Gold - Bryan Mcconnochie (Titan / Empire)

Over 70 men's singles: Gold - Bryan Mcconnochie (Titan / Empire)

Over 35 women's singles: Gold - Sabine Westenra (Waterloo)

Over 55 women's singles: Gold - Sabine Westenra (Waterloo); Silver - Averil Roberts

Over 65 women's singles: Gold - Averil Roberts

Over 70 women's singles: Bronze - Averil Roberts

Over 35 men's doubles: Gold - Heath Murdoch (/David Jarvis Taupo); Bronze - Depak Patel / Om Thakur

Over 45 men's doubles: Gold - Darrell Borwn / Heath Murdoch; Silver - Depak Patel / Zhidong Yu

Over 70 men's doubles: Gold - Bryan Mcconnochie (/Jim Jarmin -Palmerston North)

Over 35 women's doubles: Gold - Averil Roberts / Sabine Westenra

Over 45 women's doubles: Gold - Averil Roberts / Sabine Westenra

Over 55 women's doubles: Gold - Averil Roberts / Sabine Westenra

Over 65 women's doubles: Gold - Averil Roberts (/Valerie Scarr - Paraparaumu)

Over 70 women's doubles: Gold - Averil Roberts (/Valerie Scarr)

Over 35 3 person teams: Gold - Darrell Brown / Heath Murdoch / (David Jarvis); Silver - Depak Patel / Swapneel Dias / Om Thakur; Bronze - Harry Chen / Ryan Cronin / Zhidong Yu

Over 45 2 person teams: Gold - Depak Patel / Ryan Cronin; Silver - Chris and Ian Talbot; Bronze - Heath Murdoch / Sabine Westenra

Over 55 2 person teams: Gold - Chris and Ian Talbot; Silver - Averil Roberts / Sabine Westenra

Over 45 2 person plate: Gold - Darrell Brown / Bryan Mcconnochie

TTW Veterans

Held 13th March at Empire, there was a reasonable turnout and also some spectators. Results of this are as follows:

Over 40 singles: Winner - Depak Patel; runner-up - John Gan

Over 40 consolation singles: Winner - Darrell Brown; runner-up - Zhidong Yu

Over 40 doubles: Winners - Depak Patel / Zhidong Yu; runners-up - Darrell Brown / Heath Murdoch

Over 50 singles: Runner-up - Ian Talbot

Over 50 consolation singles: Winner - Bryan Mcconnochie (Titan / Empire); runner-up - Zhidong Yu

Over 50 doubles: Winners - Darrell Brown / Heath Murdoch; runners-up - Depak Patel / Zhidong Yu

Over 60 singles: Runner-up - Ian Talbot

Over 60 consolation singles: Winner - Peter Bloor; runner-up - Leigh Grinlinton

Over 60 doubles: Winners - Peter Bloor / Martin Young; runners-up - Bryan Mcconocchie / Ian Talbot

Over 70 singles: Runner-up - Averil Roberts

Over 70 doubles: Runners-up - Averil Roberts / Rod Weston

NZ Veterans

Having had the practice at the Masters and Wellington Veterans, a few of our players went to Christchurch over Easter. Here they were able to play a lot of different players, so valuable experience. Winners and runners up are:

Over 60 men's doubles: Bronze - Paul Solt / Ian Talbot

Over 65 men's singles: Runner-up - Ian Talbot

Over 65 men's doubles: Runners-up - Bryan Mcconnochie / Ian Talbot

Over 70 women's doubles: Runners-up - Averil Roberts (/Val Scarr)

Over 50 women's teams: Bronze - Leigh Grinlinton (/Sabine Westenra)

Over 60 men's teams: Bronze - Paul Solt / Ian Talbot / Martin Young (/Bryan Mcconnochie)

Over 65 men's teams: Silver - Ian Talbot (/Bryan Mcconocchie)

Over 70 women's teams: Bronze - Averil Roberts (/Presidents Team)

TTW Autumn Open

Hot off the press! A good turnout this year with 81 entries - players coming from Auckland to Marlborough. The men's open had 45 entries! Fortunately the last 2 Stag tables turned up the week of the tournament so we had 12 good tables for the tournament. A huge thank you to Kevin Haines who did all the pre-event organising, ran the competition both days and also finished off with the follow-up activities like submitting results to TTNZ. A fantastic effort all round! Spectators saw some great games over the weekend and Empire catering services operated once again. Our members featuring in the results are as follows:

Men's C grade singles: Winner - Ian Talbot
Men's D grade singles: Winner - Michael Stechman
Women's Open doubles: Runners-up - Leigh Grinlinton (/Sabine Westenra)
Mixed Open Doubles: Runners-up - Leigh Grinlinton / Depak Patel
Under 14 combined doubles; Runners-up - Jayden Schmidt (/Jacob Andrews)
Under 14 Consolation singles: Runner- up - JJ Historillo
Over 25 doubles: Winners - Darrell Brown(/James Wang); Runners-up - Swapneel Dias / Om Thakur
Over 35 singles: Winner: Callum Rusbridge; runner-up - Darrell Brown
Over 35 Consolation singles: Runner-up - Michael Stechman
Over 35 doubles: Winners - Darrell Brown / Callum Rusbridge; Runners-up - Liam Johnston / Michael Stechman
Over 45 singles: Runner-up - Depak Patel
Over 45 Consolation singles: Winner - Peter Bloor
Over 45 doubles: Winners - Darrell Brown (/James Wang); Runners-up - Ian Talbot (/Lindsay Ward)
Over 55 singles: Runner-up - Martin Young
Over 55 doubles: Winners - Tony Rutledge / Paul Solt; Runners-up - Martin Young (/Malcolm Wong)

Summer Interclub results

This was held over 5 weeks in March / April. The tournament was well supported with 40 players, divided into two divisions - this mean that there was a variety in abilities especially in the 2nd division.

In Division 1 there was a battle to the end with the HYJW (Titan) team of Hugo Yick and Jack Webb beating the Empire Tigers team of Manish Ahlawat and Swapneel Dias 3-2 - the singles doubles games being the decider! In the Round robin games the result had been the other way round.

In Division 2 LJMS team of Liam Johnston and Michael Stechman managed to hold off the challenge of the Daleks team of Peter Bloor and Josh Brown, winning 3-1.

Fundraising - Wine

The Chocolate fundraising went quite well last year, although a lot was sold through the efforts of Board members. Special thanks to Andrew who definitely takes out the honour of selling the most. All profit went to the building fund.

This year we are going to try a **wine fundraiser** again. We ran these a few years ago; the first year with good success. **For every 12 bottles sold the club gets \$40.00** so there is a good return. Your support is very much appreciated - all sales counted from one bottle to full cases. So please get behind this with friends, neighbours, work colleagues and let's see if we can make a good profit this time. There is no need to buy a full dozen as we will combine orders - of course anyone who can of course would be great.

The form will be an attachment in the email.

"Snippets"

Cheques

Westpac our bank, is going cheque free from **Friday 25th June**. So we will not be able to accept any cheques from other banks to bank into our account. If you are in the habit of using cheques, it may be good to stop now, so that when the time comes you will be prepared! Thank you.

Coaching Update

Coaching on Mondays with Depak is underway with 4 15 minute slots per night. First in first served each night, with members having preference. On occasions, a non member maybe able to get some coaching.

Tables

The club now has the use of 12 Stag tables - 9 belonging to TTW and 3 to Empire. Please look after these tables - hopefully they will last for several years.

Volunteers

It has been awhile since we have mentioned volunteers, but it seems timely to do so now.

Midweek Club would welcome anyone prepared to lend a hand on Tuesday or Thursday mornings. Talk to George or Kevin if you can help in any way.

Monday Nights also in need of volunteers to help on the night. We would like to thank John Law who has helped out for some time now, but he has decided he would sooner come to the Club on Sunday mornings instead. Thanks John for all you have done, and also your offer to help when we need it. However this seems a good time to ask again for people to come forward.

The old story is "many hands make light work". A roster to help organise the evening would be the ideal situation. Talk to one of us if you can help or would like to know more.

Winter Interclub

Last on the list, entries are due now - so if you are reading this now please email interclub@empirett.org.nz .

However if you have missed out we would still be happy to hear from you as we are bound to need some reserves from time to time. All the best of luck to all our players.

That's all for now. Enjoy your table tennis and we hope you can support us wherever possible with helping out and fundraising.

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/>

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