



Empire Newsletter

February 2023

Hi all

A belated Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2023. Newsletters were definitely a bit thin on the ground last year, with email taking over. We will see what happens this year!

Club Sessions

Our five sessions Sunday morning, Monday night, Tuesday and Thursday morning and the practice group on Thursday night have all been running since the beginning of January and are mostly well attended, so hopefully this trend continues .

Trophies

Could anyone who has trophies from last year please return ASAP so they can be engraved for our 2022 winners. Many thanks for your co-operation!

Junior Club

We have a date for our junior club this year - **Friday 10th March**. We hope to see our regulars from last year back and welcome all new players. So if your family, next door neighbours, work colleagues have children from "senior" primary school age on, ask them if they might be interested in playing table tennis. The doors are open from 6.30 pm, with some organised activities from 7.30 - 9.00 pm.

Subscriptions and Fees

Thanks it is great to see a reasonable number of players have already paid subs this year.. The rates are the same as last year:

\$80.00 adults

\$50.00 concession (tertiary students, gold card and community service card holders)

School children do not pay a subscription

Subs are to be paid by 31st March 2023. This year we are very happy for anyone on a "tighter" budget or those who simply prefer to manage finances carefully can pay by instalments - if you would like to do that talk to a session organiser. We are requesting "rounded" amounts such as \$15.00 - \$20.00 a time.

Just a reminder session fees work like this - for Monday and Midweek:

\$6.00 for members and juniors

\$10.00 for casual (and after 31/03/2023 anyone who has not paid any subscription money).

The session rate for Friday juniors remains at \$5.00. Thursday night practice group and Sunday morning charge also \$5.00 as there is no organised play, morning tea etc.

All attendees can buy the multi card - \$50.00 for 10 sessions, although **players must have paid a subscription** by to use them on Monday night and Midweek. This has not always been adhered to, and needs reinforcing this year, as otherwise there are no benefits to paying a subscription. Empire needs to pay affiliation fees to TTW, who pay to TTNZ and the sub helps to cover this, if not paid players need to pay a higher fee to cover this.

TTNZ Veterans Tournament

Scheduled for Nelson at Easter, dates **7th to 10th April** at this stage. Could be worth a trip across the water for eligible players. Details and entries here: <http://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com/#TabUpcoming>

TTW Veterans Tournament

The first tournament of the year on the local calendar, will not require travel or accommodation! Keep **Saturday 18 March** free for this tournament which will be held at Empire. There is one stipulation you have to be at least turning 40 this year to be able to play. You will need to enter through TTNZ Tournament Planner - see the link above.

If you do not wish to play, come and watch! Spectators welcome with the Empire catering service of toasted sandwiches, bread rolls and slices operating too so lunch or snacks can be purchased at a small cost. All support helps towards fundraising, and our eventual building redevelopment. As a bonus you should get to see some good games.

"Empire of Light" - at the Movies!

Starting early this year with a fundraiser! A movie featuring our name and about a cinema seemed too hard to ignore. Details below - it stars Olivia Colman and Colin Firth. Scheduled for a Sunday night at 5.00 pm again, but not Father's Day this time.

<https://www.lighthousecinema.co.nz/schedule/film/empire-of-light>

Date: Sunday 12th March, 5.00 pm

Venue: Lighthouse Cinema, Petone

Tickets: \$20.00 available through the club session organisers or by contacting me maggie.dyer.nz@gmail.com or 021 161 2150.

Interclub Summer

For those of you keen to play more competitively, TTW will run a summer competition likely to start on Wednesday 15th March. Teams will be 2 player and it will run for 4-5 weeks.

Coaching Update

Coaching on Mondays with Depak will start **Monday 20th February**. There will be four 15 minute times available, first in first served each night, with members having preference. On occasions, a non member maybe able to get some coaching.

Our AGM

Yes an annual happening - this year the AGM will be held on **Monday 27th March**, 8.00 pm at the Club.

If you are interested in coming on the Board and helping out please ask any of the Board members for more information and we can talk about options.

Notification of any general business needs to be submitted by **Monday 14th March**.

TTW AGM

The AGM Of our parent body is to be held on **Tuesday 21st March**, 7.30 pm at the Club. Everyone welcome and while new committee members are always a bonus, we would also like to mention that TTW and ETTC work closely together over many aspects of table tennis in our region, so coming along to see what is going on wider than Empire can be beneficial. There will be supper too!

Hutt City Sport Survey

HCC is currently researching sport motivation, participation, and boundaries and have created an online survey to assist in our research. If you live in the Hutt Valley region your input would be appreciated.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MBzn9N1Qp02TYzHu-msrXyr8T3vOejdMptdJZENiVBUMEtZUFIRNE9YSVZMZjQ1T0ZOQ1AyN1A3Mi4u>

Hot off the Press - Masters Results

Held in Wanganui last week and run by Kevin Haines, several Empire members attended with some good results.

Over 35 men's singles - Silver Callum Rusbridge

Over 35 men's doubles - Gold Heath Murdoch / Callum Rusbridge; Silver Depak Patel / Om Thakur; Bronze Darrell Brown (/Ryan Cronin)

Over 45 men's singles - Gold Heath Murdoch

Over 45 men's doubles - Gold Darrell Brown / Heath Murdoch; Bronze Depak Patel (/Ryan Cronin)

Over 55 men's singles - Bronze Depak Patel

Over 55 men's doubles - Silver Depak Patel / Paul Solt

Over 35 women's doubles - Silver Averil Roberts (/Sabine Westenra); Bronze Leigh Grinlinton (/Novi Patterson)

Over 45 women's doubles - Silver Averil Roberts (/Sabine Westenra)

Over 55 women's singles - Bronze Leigh Grinlinton

Over 55 women's doubles - Silver Averil Roberts (/Sabine Westenra); Bronze Leigh Grinlinton (/Val Scarr)

Over 65 women's singles - Bronze Leigh Grinlinton

Over 65 women's doubles - Silver Leigh Grinlinton / Averil Roberts

Over 70 women's singles - Silver Averil Roberts

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

Over 35 mixed doubles - Silver Heath Murdoch (/Sabine Westenra)

Over 45 mixed doubles - Silver Heath Murdoch (/Sabine Westenra)

Over 55 mixed doubles - Silver Paul Solt (/Sabine Westenra)

Over 65 mixed doubles - Gold Averil Roberts (/Russell Winkley)

Over 70 mixed doubles - Gold Averil Roberts (/David Scott)

Over 35 teams - Gold Heath Murdoch / Callum Rusbridge (/Sabine Westenra); Silver Darrell Brown / Chris Talbot / Ian Talbot; Bronze Swapneel Dias / Depak Patel / Om Thakur

Over 55 teams - Gold Chris Talbot / Ian Talbot; Silver Depak Patel / Paul Solt

Over 55 men's social singles - Gold Paul Abbott

Over 55 men's social doubles - Gold Paul Abbot (/Prem Mukerjee)

Volunteers and Contributions to Club Life

Just a reminder you do not have to be on the Board to be a helpful club member! There are many opportunities to help out such as with tea rosters, the dishwasher, help with running sessions and even things like putting the rubbish and recycling in the correct place.

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

Maggie Dyer

Membership and Communications

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NOTICE is given that the 89th Annual General Meeting will be held in the Empire Table Tennis Club Stadium, Marine Parade, Petone, on Monday 27th March 2023, commencing at 8.00 pm.

Your attention is drawn to the following matters, which are part of the Rules of the Club:

Voting at the AGM

- All members are welcome to attend the meeting but only financial members who paid a subscription in the previous financial year (2022) are entitled to vote. Members in arrears in respect of subscriptions, fees and other amounts are not entitled to a vote.
- Board members and life members are entitled to one vote but if any person is both a Board member and a life member he/she is only entitled to one vote.

Submitting matters for discussion at the AGM

Members who wish to raise any matters for discussion or submit any resolutions for the consideration of the meeting are required to give notice in writing of the matter(s) to be discussed including the text of any resolution(s) no later than 14 days before the date of the AGM. There is provision in the Board nomination form for this purpose

A copy of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and Agenda will be sent to all members when finalised.

Notification of business you wish discussed and / or resolutions at the AGM

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Name of member.....Signature.....

Return this form to be received NO LATER than Monday 14th March 2023.

Post to P.O. Box 38-312, Petone, Lower Hutt Mail Centre 5045

or leave in the designated box at the Club.