

EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

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Empire Table Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting

This was held on Monday 18th March with approximately 25 people in attendance – thanks to those who came along. Newly elected to the Board was Pep O'Connor (Services Convenor) and re-elected were Raewyn Young (Finances), John Kane (Buildings) and Martin Young (Communications). They are joined by Maggie Dyer (Commercial). We thank Rose Douglas for all her work over the 3 years she held the role as Services Convenor. It was a pleasure to have you on the Board, Rose.

We desperately need someone to take on the role of **Chair** of the club. This role has the lightest workload of the Board positions, and basically involves keeping the club on track strategically, chairing meetings and co-ordinating fundraising – in other words seeing that things happen. This role is essential to ensuring an ongoing positive future for the club and would suit anyone with a definite interest in table tennis and the club's future.

We are also missing a person to take on the **Activities Convenor**. This is very important and much needed. Currently Midweek and Friday have good volunteers to run those sessions, although more are welcome. Monday night has been short for some time. However despite these few issues we can say that the playing part of the Activities role is working. Other tasks are being carried by some of the other Board members. With their existing workloads this is not sustainable, so we need someone to fill this role or at least some volunteers to take on parts of it: for example the **booking agent** role and **interclub selector and co-ordinator**. Talk to a Board member to find out more about these roles.

It is important to remember we are all volunteers and we very much want to see the Club continue as you all do. However if we don't get more help soon, we may need to take more drastic action.

Fundraising

*We also need your support with fundraising. The old hall needs rebuilding and we need to increase the amount of revenue we make each year to give ourselves enough backing to then be able to apply for grants for redevelopment. Subscriptions are mostly used to pay the affiliation fees to Table Tennis Wellington. Playing fees are used to cover our normal running costs, including increases in power and insurance. The money we do make each year largely comes from Hall hire, but we need to **supplement** this. When we are ready to apply for grants we also need to demonstrate that the club does try and help itself by fundraising.*

*We are asking your support with the current **Raffle** – a great first prize of a **night and breakfast at the James Cook** and the second prize of two tickets to a **Circa Theatre play** of your choice. And as a bonus there is a 3rd **mystery** prize. Tickets are only \$2.00 and with 90 adult members and over 50 juniors with parents / guardians it should not be a hard ask to sell 150 tickets.*

Coming up we are having our annual trip to the **Movies at the Light House, Petone**. This time we are going to the new version of **The Great Gatsby**. Date is Thursday 13th June at 6.30, with nibbles available from 6.00 pm. We have booked the large theatre as the movie should be good – last time we had a really good movie with *The Reader* we sold all the tickets. It would be great to repeat this so come and have a great night out – bring family, friends and neighbours along too!

Subscriptions

These are now OVERDUE for both Monday and Midweek Clubs. If you have not paid please do so on your next visit to the Club, or if you really cannot afford to pay the amount all at once please talk to the session organisers. They will be happy to set you up to pay in \$10 instalments (with a final one of \$5.00 for those paying \$35.00). Otherwise you will need to pay \$8.00 per every session attended and your concession card will not be able to be used.

Interclub

Summer interclub is well on the way through now. There is a good number of players and healthy but fun competition – see the next news item for a list of the juniors participating. We are now calling for names for **Winter Interclub**. Please advise Raewyn (or another Board member) if you would like to play ASAP as the deadline is early May.

Junior Club Update

The season has started well with a mix of new and experienced players. We are getting about 35 players attending each week, and would be happy to have more girls and boys attending. Friday night Juniors is suitable for children from about years 3-4 through to high school, so if you know someone in this age range that might like to try table tennis encourage them to come along.

We currently have nine players representing Empire at the Summer Interclub. Adam Archibald and Mason Tangatatai are playing in Grade Four, and Chris Beeston, Hugh Pawson, Jack Thompson, Jacob Rattray, Jimi Nelson, Oliver Davidson and Travis Dyer are playing in Grade Five.

Starting from 17th May, once a month coaching will be available. Give your name to the session organisers on the night – first in first served, 8 children per night.

Results

The year has been busy already!

Several Empire members went along to the **Masters Games in Wanganui** and we had some good results as follows:

Over 35 Teams event:

Gold – Larn Sweeney (with Shane Wilson and David Rowan from Wanganui)

Silver – Paul Brown, Depak Patel and Raewyn Young

Bronze – Chris and Ian Talbot (with Bryan McConnochie)

Over 45 Teams event:

Gold – Chris and Ian Talbot

Bronze – Depak Patel and Raewyn Young

Over 55 Teams event:

Gold - Ian Talbot (with Bryan McConnochie)

Over 35 events:

Mens Singles: Bronze - Paul Brown

Womens Singles: Gold - Raewyn Young

Mens Doubles: Silver - Ian Talbot (with Bryan McConnochie)

Mens Doubles: Bronze - Paul Brown and Depak Patel

Womens Doubles: Bronze - Raewyn Young (with Kaye Power, Australia)

Mixed Doubles: Gold - Depak Patel and Raewyn Young

Mens Plate: Silver - Tony Rutledge

Mens Plate: Bronze - Raewyn Young

Womens Social Doubles: Silver - Nola Burrell (with Joy Mozer, now Wanganui)

Womens Social Plate: Bronze - Joy Mozer

Over 45 events:

Men's Singles: Gold - Depak Patel

Men's Singles: Bronze - Ian Talbot

Women's Singles: Gold - Raewyn Young

Men's Doubles: Gold - Chris and Ian Talbot

Men's Doubles: Silver - Depak Patel (with Bryan McConnochie)

Men's Doubles: Bronze - Tony Rutledge (with David Scott, North Harbour)

Women's Doubles: Gold - Raewyn Young (with Gladys Halford, Manawatu)

Mixed Doubles: Gold - Depak Patel and Raewyn Young

Men's Plate: Bronze - Tony Rutledge

Over 55 events:

Men's Singles: Gold - Ian Talbot

Men's Doubles: Silver - Ian Talbot (with Bryan McConnochie)

Men's Doubles: Bronze - Tony Rutledge (with Jim Jarmin, Manawatu)

Over 65 events:

Men's Doubles: Silver - Tony Rutledge (with Jim Jarmin, Manawatu)

TTW Veterans Tournament at Empire

Held on Sunday 24th March and some Empire people definitely had a good day! Results are as follows:

Over 60s events:

Singles: Runner-up – Graham Sole

Over 50s events:

Singles: Winner – Depak Patel

Singles: Runner-up – Ian Talbot

Doubles: Winner – Depak Patel (with Bryan McConnochie)

Doubles: Runner up - Chris and Ian Talbot

Over 40s events:

Singles: Winner – Depak Patel

Singles: Runner-up – Paul Brown

Doubles: Winner – Paul Brown and Depak Patel

Doubles : Runner-up - Harry Chen and Martin Young

National Veterans Tournament at Christchurch (Easter weekend)

Over 80 Men's Doubles: Gold - Hugh McIlwrath (with Ken Johnson)

Over 80 Men's Doubles: Silver – Merv Allardyce and Eddie Moore

Over 75 Men's Doubles: Bronze – Merv Allardyce and Eddie Moore

Over 60 Men's Doubles: Bronze – Ian Talbot (with Bryan McConnochie)

Over 40 Men's Singles Plate: Gold – Depak Patel

Over 40 Women's Doubles: Bronze – Raewyn Young (with Sabine Westenra)

Over 40 Women's Teams Event: 3rd Raewyn Young and Sabine Westenra

Over 50 Men's Teams Event: 3rd Depak Patel and Ian Talbot

Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday 25th April (Anzac Day) – No Midweek Table Tennis

Friday 26th April (School holidays) – No Junior Club Table Tennis

Friday 3rd May (School holidays) – No Junior Club Table Tennis

Monday 6th May – Monday Night Club Grading Night

Tuesday 7th May – Final date for submitting interclub teams to TTW for Winter Interclub

Friday 10th May – Junior Club starts for Term 2

Saturday 18th May / Sunday 19th May – TTW Autumn Open – details to follow

Tuesday 21st May / Wednesday 22nd May – TTW Winter Interclub starts

Monday 3rd June (Queens Birthday Monday) – no Monday night club

Thursday 13th June – our fundraiser *The Great Gatsby* screens at Light House, Petone

Sunday 16th June – TTW Junior Development tournament – designed for all junior players,
more details to follow very soon.

Reminders

Please think about what you can contribute to your table tennis club in the way of helping to run the club and also with supporting our fundraising, currently the raffle and movie – all offering the potential for a great night out!

Photo Shoot 2012 Midweek Xmas Lunch

The Midweek club celebrated the end of the year with a lunch at Andrew's Chinese Restaurant, Lower Hutt. This was organised by Phillip Yee and held on Thursday 29th November. 50 members/partners attended and enjoyed a delicious and plentiful array of Chinese cuisine.



