



# EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2013

## Special General Meeting

The Board of Empire Table Tennis Club would like to notify members of a Special General Meeting to be held at the Club on Monday 2 December 2013 at 8.00 pm. The meeting is expected to be short with normal play beforehand and resuming after the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to pass a resolution to modify clause 13.4 of the Club's Constitution regarding the annual Statement of Accounts to be audited by an appointed auditor. Currently this clause states:

"The annual Statement of Accounts shall be audited by an auditor appointed at the Annual General Meeting, and who shall not hold any other office in the Club".

Munro Benge is the Club's appointed auditor. They have advised that due to the change in NZ Auditing Standards (requiring a lot more robust testing of systems and procedures) that it would be more appropriate if they only conducted a **review** of the Financial Statements when the Finance Convenor is a Chartered Accountant. Auditing Standards are rigorous and not necessarily appropriate for a Club of our size. The practice of a **review** instead of a full audit is becoming common practice amongst not-for-profit organisations around NZ. This will reduce unnecessary compliance costs and time, consuming tests that do not add value to the financial statements of small not-for-profit organisations or clubs.

Therefore the resolution that will be voted on is:

"That clause 13.4 of Empire Table Tennis Club's Constitution be modified by adding:

"If the Finance Convenor is a Chartered Accountant under the rules of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants, the appointed auditor only needs to conduct a review of the annual Statement of Accounts".

## Coming up

### Midweek Xmas Lunch

This year it is at the Petone Workingmen's Club, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Please write your name down on the list at the Club. Further details will be advised at Midweek.

### Prize Giving and Xmas Dinner

This year at Maharaja, Cuba Street Petone at 7.00 pm. Cost \$30.00 each. Mixed vegetarian entrée plates will be provided on the tables and all attendees can choose their own main from the menu. Wine provided, dessert extra if wanted.

We hope that some of you would like to come and join us in congratulating some of the success stories of 2013. There is also a chance to enjoy the company of some of our fellow players out of the table tennis environment.

Please reply to Maggie by Monday 25th November at the latest – email [maggie.dyer@paradise.net.nz](mailto:maggie.dyer@paradise.net.nz) or ring 5899 140

### **Closing Dates for 2013**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – last night for juniors.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – last night for the adult club.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – last day for Midweek.

### **Opening Dates for 2014**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January for the adult club.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February for Midweek club.

Friday – to be advised.

### **Casual Play**

The club will be open on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings from **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** for Midweek players and other members to come along. There will be no organized games and charges apply – concession card or \$4.50 per session.

A further opportunity for casual play will be on Monday nights in January starting from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Again games will not be organized.

### **Results Board**

#### **Winter Interclub**

This has finished and our best results were 3 teams finishing second all to Waterloo teams in the finals!

Division 1 Empire Elders with Chris Williams, Tony Rutledge and Raewyn Young playing (4<sup>th</sup> member Bruce Connolly)

Division 2: Empire Elms with Vladimir Vysotskiy, Arindom Choudhury and Alex Safronov

Division 3: Empire Eagles (Junior) with Olly Evans, Jet Hogan James Lobban and William Molineux-Brown.

Hope everyone enjoyed the season. The Composite tournament is now under way as the season finale.

### **Club Champs**

These were held recently on two Monday nights:

**Open Singles:** Winner Depak Patel; Runner-up Chris Talbot

**Division 2 Singles:** Winner Collin Wallace; Runner-up Dave Cook

**Open Doubles:** Winners Chris Talbot / Ian Talbot; Runners-up Depak Patel / Raewyn Young

**Division 2 Doubles:** Winners Merv Allardyce / Peter Lowe; Runners-up Maggie Dyer / Ian Grace

### Midweek Tournament

The results from the Annual Midweek tournament are below. There were less entries this year. Sponsorship was provided by Mercedes-Benz Wellington, and Paul Solt in the form of donated prizes. Empire Jubilee goods were also used as prizes for the event.

GROUP	WINNER	CLUB	RUNNER UP	CLUB
I	David Chow Warren Mak	Empire	Robert Chung Paul Solt	Empire
II	James Stewart Alfred Chin	Empire	Anna Chung Tina Ng	Empire
III	Awhina McDonald Gordon Baker	Levin	Peter Jones Bob Knight	Kapiti
IV	George Geris George Barris	Empire	Bill Wong Kheng Tang	Empire
V	Maureen Karipa Julie Sheard	Wainui	Joyce Skinner Mary Law	Empire
VI	Des Orange John Van de Loo	Masterton	Jill Upshon Shirley Chandler	Waikanae
VII	Veronica Ducket Shirley Eyre	Masterton	Dennis Kelly Alwyn Kelly	Tawa

### World Veterans Champs

This prestigious event is in Auckland 12-17 May 2014 - the first time held in New Zealand. According to information received the tournament will be limited to about 2,200 competitors. Events will be held for the age groups O40, O50, O60, O65, O70, O75, O80, O85 and will comprise men's and women's singles and doubles. For more information see <http://www.wvc2014.com/>

# Midweek Doubles Tournament



<p>Tables 1 &amp; 2 Group 1</p> <p>Lee Tang Jun Ang Chuan Hin Wai Shing Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>	<p>Tables 3 &amp; 4 Group 2</p> <p>Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>	<p>Tables 5 &amp; 6 Group 3</p> <p>Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>	<p>Tables 7 &amp; 8 Group 4</p> <p>Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>	<p>Tables 9 &amp; 10 Group 5</p> <p>Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>	<p>Tables 11 &amp; 12 Group 6</p> <p>Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>	<p>Tables 13 &amp; 14 Group 7</p> <p>Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai Wong Wai</p>
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