



EMPIRE NEWSLETTER

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Empire at the Movies

We've been to the movies twice this year – first to see **The Great Gatsby** and then **Ping Pong**. The Great Gatsby night was Thursday 13th June at The Light House Cinema, Petone and we managed to sell all the tickets for the 100 seat theatre. Lucky number tickets for bottles of wine went to Ian Talbot, Anita Crowe, Beryl Anderson and Merv Allardyce.

The chance to see a movie about table tennis and fundraise for the Club was too great an opportunity to miss. Ping Pong was viewed on Thursday 22nd August and we almost filled the 80 seat cinema this time. We sold raffle tickets at this event and prizes were won by Graham Sole, Alisa Hogan, Dawn Dorresteyn, Sommee Gee, Margaret Connolly and Frances Cottle.

We very much appreciate the support in attending these events from members and their friends and families. Both events raised some much needed funds for the Club : \$1063.00 Gatsby and \$985.00 Ping Pong which included the raffle. Also there needs to be special mention and thanks to those who helped out by making a donation, large or small. In particular we'd like to thank Anne McCarthy who personally bought 10 tickets to Ping Pong as a donation, even although the tickets were not all sold. All this support is very much appreciated as you are all aware the Club is facing expenses with the fact the new building has some leaking issues. We also want to redevelop by replacing the oldest hall but with the current problems cannot make any progress on this goal.

Results (Lots!!)

Summer Interclub

Yes this seems a long time ago now! However this was not reported in the last newsletter. We had a lot of players in this competition, both adult and junior. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves – we had some good results as follows:

Division 1: 2nd Empire Brown Boys (Paul Brown, Depak Patel)

Division 2: 1st Empire F (Paul Solt, Martin Young with Zhidong Yu also playing)

2nd Empire E (Tony Rutledge, Harry Chen with Tai Zhu, Bryan McConnochie also playing)

Division 3: 1st Empire H (Isaac Noanoa, Graham Sole)

Division 4: 1st Empire K(arori) (Reg Feuz, Ian Grace with Danny Yee also playing)

Division 5: 1st Empire N (Jack Hammond, Hugh Pawson, Adam Archibald-Mason and Cayden Larson also playing)

Winter Interclub

Premier Division plays right through but all other Divisions have two competitions this year. The results from the 1st competition with the full time team members results only are as follows.

Division 1:

2nd Empire Elders (Chris Williams, Tony Rutledge and Bruce Connolly)

3rd Empire Evils (Mat Hobbs, Isaac Noanoa, Brendyn Shaw, Darren O'Brien)

6th Empire Earls (Norman Chan, Russell Buchanan, Graham Sole)

Division 2:

3rd Empire Euphoria (John Kane, Collin Wallace, Maggie Dyer, Dawn Dorresteyn)

6th Empire Elms (Vladimir Vysotskiy, Arindhom Choudhury, Alex Safronov)

7th Empire Echoes (Martin Kantor, Ian Grace, Peter Lowe)

Division 3:

1st Empire Engines (Vlassi Benaki, Terry Hooper, Sunil Kunjappen, Murray McLeod)

4th Empire Erasers (Merv Allardyce, Margaret Connolly, Conor McCarthy, Cayden Larson)

6th Empire Elves (Jack Hammond, Travis Dyer, Oliver Davidson, Jimi Nelson)

8th Empire Extras (Tyron Curtis, Chris Beeston, Jacob Rattray)

Junior Development Tournaments

Both events had low numbers in terms of attendees, but were well organised and players seemed to enjoy themselves as well as getting some more practice, at times against different opponents.

June

Under 12 doubles Runners up – Jimi Nelson and Travis Dyer

August

Under 12 singles Winner – Sam Wright

Under 12 singles Runnerup – Cayden Larson

Under 12 doubles Winners – Cayden Larson and Jet Hogan

Under 12 doubles Runners up – Sam Wright (with Emma Hansen Waterloo)

Under 14 doubles Winners – Ben Wright (with Andy Yu Onslow)

Under 14 doubles Runners up – Olly Evans (with Liam Buckrell Titan)

Wellington Open

Again an event not well attended in terms of numbers, but there was a good atmosphere and I think all enjoyed the games. Comments from a couple of players were that there were quite a few people from out of Wellington providing new opponents. TTW were successful in getting grants for venue hire so Empire was well paid for all the above events, as well as making some money from catering and shop services.

Winner B Grade doubles – Depak Patel (with Matt Hetherington Waikato)

Winner C Grade doubles – Paul Solt (with Gareth Telfer Waterloo)

Over 40 singles Runner-up – Depak Patel

Over 40 doubles Winner – Depak Patel (with Lindsay Ward Titan)

Over 50 singles Runner-up – Depak Patel

Over 50 doubles Winner – Depak Patel (with Bryan McConnochie Titan)

Coming up...

Empire Midweek Doubles Tournament

This is to be held on Thursday 26th September at Empire. This is open to all Empire players with entries closing Monday 23rd September. Players can enter in teams of two or as individuals to be paired with another suitable player.

There are prizes for the various grades and also raffles.

To enter contact:

Arthur Lee -arthurlee@xtra.co.nz or phone 586 6003

Norman Chan - phone 479 6288.

Senior Club Champs

We'd like your opinion please as to whether we should hold the Club Champs on a Sunday or on a few Monday evenings.

Option A

Sunday 13th October - Open event and Division 2 and below singles and doubles

Option B

Monday 7th October - Open and Division 2 and below singles

Monday 14th October - Open and Division 2 and below doubles

Monday 21st October – Possibility of a handicap event

Contact Maggie - maggie.dyer@paradise.net.nz or phone 5899 140

Junior Club Champs

At this stage the events will run as follows, although we may change the format slightly to work better with the numbers of players:

Friday 1st November : Grades 9-12

Friday 8th November: Grades 5-8

Friday 15th November: Grades 1-4

Friday 22nd November: Elborn Cup for under 13 boys

Prize giving and the final night for 2013 will be Friday 29th November.

Working Bee

This will be held on Sunday 22nd September at 10.00 am. There is a storage room to clean out and a few other little jobs. Please let John know if you can attend – phone 589 6625. Morning tea will be provided. Come along – many hands make light work!

Help

Yes we cannot let a newsletter go out without reminding you we are very short of volunteers. This applies at Board level – 5 of us is not enough and also for general help including at Club sessions. WE are missing a Chairperson and Activities Convenor on the Board – remember you don't have to do the whole role, tasks can be delegated and there is plenty of support from other Board members. Contact Maggie or any other Board member if you would like to know more.

Any offers of help for specific sessions would be appreciated too – let the people know at the particular session and they can talk about what would be useful.

We do very much appreciate the help of those who are making our lives easier – this includes all club session organisers and those helping to run the shop.

If anyone out there has experience with **Websites** too we'd love to hear from you – Wellington Community Net who hosts the club at present is not stable and we need to set up a new site.

Chapelli's Eatery and Wine Bar

This is owned by Steve Chapman, a well known Hutt man and table tennis player. He is very supportive of table tennis so if you are looking for a place for a drink or meal in the Hutt please consider supporting Chapelli's. I can personally recommend the Pizzas – very yummy!!

For more information see....

<http://www.chapellis.co.nz/>