



The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

July 2023

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH TTS - WAYNE MCEWAN

Just been overseas for a few weeks and now back into the swing of things in Invercargill.

CLUB NIGHTS

The Eagles Club is open from 7 to 9pm on Monday and Lindis Club is open from 7 to 9pm on Tuesday. (Anyone is welcome to come along to Eagles and Lindis clubs). Cost is \$5.00 per player.

SUNDAY COACHING AND TRAINING

This is from 10am to 11.30am on Sundays. Sessions are \$5 and are not limited to juniors. All players interested and available for Southland teams are requested to attend where possible.

NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS

The dates are Saturday 23 September - Sunday 1 October. This will be great for Invercargill and local players not having to travel far. TTNZ will run the event, with TTS being the host, with the event being held at Stadium Southland. Ron Garrett is coordinating arrangements with TTNZ, and Richard Cavanagh is coordinating volunteers in setting up Stadium Southland.

Help will also be required in setting up tables/barriers/stands etc at the stadium the day before the event and dismantling everything at the end of the tournament (with thanks to ILT Foundation for its help with funding 10 new Donic tables). Please contact Richard 027 4916 904 to offer your assistance. Contact Ron Garrett 027 2019 059 if you can assist with being table runners, computer results operators and umpiring. Let's make this the best Nationals ever.

TT KIDZ PROGRAMME

Term 2 TT- Kidz programme in conjunction with TTNZ, started on 31 May 2023 and continues to 2 August with coaches Jacqui Bathurst and Keegan Jackson. Entries have closed for this session.

Term 3 TT-Kidz programme will again be held in this term starting 30 July (Sundays 9 -10am) and running for 8 weeks. Online registration with: www.tabletennis.org.nz/tt-kidz.

This programme is for 6-11 year beginners. Full details have been sent to schools and available on TTNZ and TTS websites.

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS - CHRISTCHURCH, 3 JUNE

Team results for Southland:

- 4th Open Men's Team - Willie Brocks, Andrew Fleming, Ingamar Siegruhn
- 5th Open Women's A Team - Gemma Buzzard, Lauryn Fleming
- 7th Open Women's B Team - Jacqui Bathurst, Vaishnavi Vaghela
- 4th U19 President's Girls Team - Emma Bathurst, Jennifer Hsia (C)
- 2nd U13 Girls' Team - Abigail Bottger / Amaya Swale-Jones

CANTERBURY OPEN, CHRISTCHURCH - 4-5 JUNE 2023

Podium finishes for Southlanders were:

- 3rd/4th Open Mixed Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Willie Brocks
- 1st **Over 50 Men's Doubles - Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman (O)**
- 2nd Over 50 Men's Singles - Willie Brocks
- 1st **Over 40 Men's Doubles - Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman (O)**
- 2nd U21 Boys' Doubles - Ingamar Siegruhn / Christopher Fenwick (C)
- 3rd U15 Girls' Doubles - Abigail Bottger / Emma Bathurst
- 2nd U13 Girls' Singles - Abigail Bottger
- 2nd U13 Girls' Doubles - Abigail Bottger / Amaya Swale-Jones

WINTER INTERCLUB - UPDATE

Nine weeks have passed out of the 15 weeks for Winter Interclub. Gore Town & Country and IWMC Red are tied in first place in the A Grade competition with both teams on 14 points. Both of these teams come head-to-head this Wednesday with both Willie Brocks and Edwin Nieman unbeaten for Gore Town & Country.

In B Grade IWMC Blue lead the B Grade on 14 points closely followed by the Eagles 3 team on 12 points. Mark Moore remains unbeaten in this grade.

Updates with team positions and averages are put on the noticeboard on outer wall opposite office area at the stadium and also put on our website. Information is updated regularly - remember to have a look to see how teams/players are going.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITIONS

Table Tennis New Zealand (TTNZ), recognise the vital part that volunteers play in assisting associations to deliver table tennis opportunities to all. We acknowledge that unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds communities together, with volunteering allowing individuals the chance to connect to their community and make it a better place. Even helping with the smallest tasks can make a real difference. As such, TTNZ asks all associations to find a way to recognise your local volunteers for the 2023 National Volunteer Week 18-24 June.

TTNZ ask each Association to nominate three volunteers who are positively contributing to your local table tennis community, so that they can be recognised.

At the Committee meeting held on Sunday, 11 June it was decided to nominate:

- Ron Garrett
- Richard Cavanagh
- Gemma Buzzard

Ron, Richard and Gemma are worthy recipients and have put a lot of time and effort into table tennis. The Committee recognise the hard work each one has contributed. Well deserved guys!

Ron Garrett spends hours of volunteer time doing budgets and spreadsheet breakdowns for TTS. He has helped with sorting various grants and doing a lot of pre-work for the NZ Nationals being held in Invercargill. He has organised the Sunday Club, helped run the Secondary Schools one-day event, and Years 7/8 and Secondary Schools competition. He has been instrumental in getting the TT Kidz programme running in Invercargill. Ron has also helped with junior coaching. His vast knowledge and commitment to table tennis is second to none and he regularly attends most TTS committee meetings in which he is a life member.

Richard Cavanagh runs and organises our Winter Interclub, Spring competition, Ping Pong competition, and various other competitions. Also assisting with the Southland Open and Southland Residentials, doing write ups etc. Also involved with coordinating set-up for Nationals, Chairing TTS meetings, organising agenda, website information, and running the Eagles TT Club. Also helping with Treasurer duties cash bankings, competition data, averages etc. He is the current Chairman of Table Tennis Southland.

Gemma Buzzard is fantastic, very keen and helps as required. She is qualified and trained in Tournament Planner and has run our Southland Open the past two years and also our Southland Residentials and New Zealand Ping Pong event. She is a selector for Table Tennis Southland, a current Southland Woman's player, and has helped with schools as well.

She has also put her hand up to help where she can with the New Zealand Nationals. Gemma also embraces and encourages more female participation in our sport.

Link to Table Tennis New Zealand's website on volunteer week:

<https://www.tabletennis.org.nz/newsarticle/130297?newsfeedid=380106>



Without volunteers, putting it simply, TTS like other Associations would struggle to survive. TTS also wants to thank other volunteers who are helping in various aspects of table tennis.

TTNZ WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' TOURNAMENT, WELLINGTON, 24 JUNE 2023

Gemma Buzzard attended and helped run this event.



Teams Challenge Open Women's Teams

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| 1st | Sal / Sabine |
| 2nd | Michelle / Anh |
| 3rd | Gemma / Olga / Yumin |
| 4th | Armindeep / Rachel |



TABLE TOPPERS

We have had good numbers for the Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Special thanks to Anthony Sia, Gemma Buzzard and Mark Corson for helping to run the Tuesday and Thursday afternoons while I was on leave.

Dates for Term 3 are:

- Tuesday - 1 August to 19 September
- Thursday - 3 August to 21 September

This information has been sent to primary schools in the Invercargill area.

SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAMS FINALS, 28 JUNE 2023

Ron Garrett ran the tournament. There were 10 teams this year. James Hargest College team The Goonies retained the Boys title in the Table Tennis Southland Secondary Schools final. Led by Southland senior representative Ingamar Siegruhn with fellow team members Sean and James Bath, who all played in the final last year, they only managed to defeat a very good Fiordland College team of Callum McMurtrie, Riley Carter and Henrik Bruecher 4-3 in the final.

The Girls title went to James Hargest College No. 1 led by top Southland U18 player Lauryn Fleming supported by Ruby Bath. Bath had a very good win of Southland top U15 girl Emma Bathurst of SGHS. James Hargest Gold comprising Holly Cunliffe and Caitlin Hartley finished second.



**Sean, James and Ingamar
Gold - JHC The Goonies**



**Ruby and Lauryn
Gold - JHC 1**



SOUTHLAND YEAR 7/8 SCHOOL TEAMS FINALS

Mark your diaries for **Wednesday 26 July** for the school teams. This event starts at 9am and finishes around 3pm. Please contact your school's Sports Coordinator for details.

2023 SCHOOLS TERM 3 SINGLES COMPETITION - YEARS 7-8 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Thursday 3 August to 14 September 6.30pm to 8pm approximately for seven weeks (\$35). Come along and make this happen. This entry form has been sent to all relevant schools.

Entries Close: Thursday 27 July 2023 with Wayne McEwan, Operations Manager: Please send entries to: southland@tabletennis.org.nz

Any further info contact Wayne 0274 363 322 or Ron Garrett (Junior Selector) 0272 019 059
No phone entries accepted.



2023 CALENDAR

Some dates are still to be advised - once they are known we will let you know.

ANY QUESTIONS

First point of call is Wayne McEwan but if you have any questions, you can ask the Committee members who are:

Richard Cavanagh, Deborah Cooper, Renata Jackson, Kelly Martin, Conor McAuliffe, Maurice Rodway and Kevin Toomey.

Cheers from operations manager Wayne McEwan and the TTS management committee team.



Term 2 - a snapshot of some Tuesday players in action





Term 2 - a snapshot of some Thursday players in action



Sunday Club from 30 April	10am - 11.30am
Wed 3 May to 9 Aug	Winter Interclub Competition (15 weeks)
1 May (8 weeks excl. school holidays)	TTNZ Kids Programme
Wed 5 July - Thur 6 July	Southern Region Training (U19,17,15,13), Dunedin
Fri 7 July - Sat 8 July	Otago Open, Dunedin
Sat 1 July - Sun 16 July	Term 2 school holidays
Wed 26 July	Southland Year 7/8 School Teams, Invercargill - 9am to 3 pm
Sat 29 July	South Canterbury Open Championships, Timaru
Sun 30 July - Sun 17 Sept	Term 3 TT-Kidz
Tue 1 Aug - Tue 19 Sept	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds - Term 3, Invercargill
Thu 3 Aug - Thu 21 Sept	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds - Term 3, Invercargill
Thur 3 Aug - Thur 14 Sept – 6.30pm	Years 7/8 and Secondary School Singles Competition - 7 weeks
Fri 11 Aug - Sun 13 Aug	South Island Open Championships, Christchurch
Wed 16 Aug - Wed 27 Sep	Spring inter-club competition (7 weeks), Invercargill
Mon 28 Aug - Wed 30 Aug	New Zealand Secondary Schools, Hamilton
Sept date TBC	Southland v Otago Juniors, Invercargill
Mon 4 Sep - Fri 8 Sep	Aims Games (Year 7/8), Tauranga
Sat 16 Sep - Sun 17 Sep	Nelson Open, Nelson
Sat 16 Sep	Southland Residential Champs, Invercargill
Sat 23 Sep - Sun 1 Oct	NZ Open Senior and Junior Champs, Invercargill
Sat 23 Sep - Sun 8 Oct	Term 3 school holidays
Sat 30 Sep - Sat 7 Oct	Australian Veteran Championships, Canberra
Wed 11 Oct - Wed 8 Nov	Ping Pong Competition (5 weeks) - Invercargill
TBC	NZ PARA Camp and Open Champs, TBC
TBC	NZ PARA Open Championships, TBC
Sat 18 Nov - Sun 19 Nov	New Zealand Ping Pong Finals, Invercargill, TBC