



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## June 2023

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH TTS - WAYNE MCEWAN

We recently held the Southland Open on 20 and 21 May 2023. Unfortunately due to sickness, players had to pull out. Thanks to Gemma Buzzard for her hard work redoing draws on Tournament Planner and running the two-day event with help from Richard. Special thanks to Renata for organising the canteen and providing delicious food over the two days.

It was a good weekend with some fantastic games taking place. Ben Duffy won the Open Men's singles against Otago Junior Isaac Hobbs. This was Ben's 10th Southland Open individual title. This equals the record held by former Southlander John Catto.

Maia Cavanagh won the Open Women's singles against Gemma Buzzard in four sets. She also won the Open Women's doubles with Gemma and the Mixed Doubles with Isaac Hobbs against Gemma and Ben in a very exciting mixed doubles final.

Willie Brocks (Southland) and Edwin Nieman (Otago) won the O21, O30 and O45 double titles going through the tournament in doubles unbeaten.

Willie Brocks also won all three singles titles in the above age groups with Edwin coming in at 2nd place. Kelly Martin won the O60 singles in a close fought match against Barry Ellis who finished 2nd.

James Catto (Bay of Plenty) beat Maia Cavanagh to take out the title in the U21 singles. Isaac Hobbs won the U19 singles title against Kevin Tang (Otago).

In the U15 and U13 singles the brother-sister duo of William and Tracey Hsia took out the 1st and 2nd place over both events.

In the second grade singles Cameron Singh (Otago) beat Neill William (Central Otago), Abigail Bottger (Southland) beat Ella Woodward (Otago).

In the second grade doubles Southland's Mark Moore and Keegan Jackson beat Karoly Erdelyi and Mike Morus.

Photos at back of newsletter.

### 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

Ron Garrett has started Sunday coaching and junior training from 10am to 11.30am. Sessions are \$5 and are not limited to juniors.

### NZ PARA SPORT COLLECTIVE



Table Tennis Southland congratulate Keegan Jackson and James Goulding, Para athletes, who have been selected to be in the Paralympics New Zealand Para Sport Collective. They will be participating in three national in-person camps and bi-monthly virtual connections over the coming 12 months. Well done Keegan.

### 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

Southland will be running a TT Kidz programme in conjunction with TTNZ, starting on **31 May 2023** and running for 8 weeks (not in school holidays). This will involve skills, games, fun for beginners from 5 to 11. This programme is for raw beginners. Entries will be online via Table Tennis New Zealand website. Schools have been sent details. Ron Garrett is coordinating this, and the coaches involved are Jacqui and Emma Bathurst and Keegan Jackson.

### SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS - CHRISTCHURCH, 3 JUNE

Southland will be represented at King's Birthday in senior and junior teams. See previous newsletter for members selected.

### SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAMS FINALS

This is being held on **Wednesday 28 June**. Entries close **21 June**. Please contact your school's Sports Coordinator for details. Make sure entries are in early. Last year entries were at the limit.

### 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 2 SINGLES COMPETITION - YEARS 7-8 AND SECONDARY SCHOOL

Unfortunately this has been cancelled. We will send out information for Term 3.

### TERM 3 - TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS - 3.30 TO 4.30 PM

Entries will be sent out shortly for next term's Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions.

### 2023 CALENDAR

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

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





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Some photos taken of winners / runners up at the Southland Open Championships



**Open Men's Singles**  
Isaac Hobbs 2nd / Ben Duffy 1st



**Open Women's Singles**  
Gemma Buzzard 2nd / Maia Cavanagh 1st



**Open Mixed Doubles**  
Willie Brocks / Gemma Buzzard 2nd  
Isaac Hobbs / Maia Cavanagh 1st



**Open Men's Doubles**  
Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman 1st  
Ben Duffy / Grant Wilson 2nd



**2nd Grade Singles Men**  
Cameron Singh 1st Neill Williams 2nd



**2nd Grade Singles Women**  
Abigail Bottger 1st Ella Woodward 2nd





**2nd Grade Doubles**  
**Keegan Jackson / Mark Moore 1st**  
**Mike Morus / Karoly Erdelyi 2nd**



**Photo of Luke and James Catto standing in front of their grandfather's John Catto's plaque**



**O60 Singles RR**  
**Barry Ellis 2nd / Kelly Martin (absent) 1st**



**O60 Doubles**  
**Greg Buzzard / Barry Ellis 1st**



**O45 Singles**  
**Willie Brocks 1st / Edwin Nieman 2nd**



**O45 Men's Doubles**  
**Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman 1st**  
**Greg Buzzard / Richard Cavanagh 2nd**



**O30 Singles**  
**Willie Brocks 1st / Edwin Nieman 2nd**



**O30 Doubles**  
**Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman 1st**  
**Gemma Buzzard / Jeremy Gibson 2nd**



**O21 Singles**

**Willie Brocks 1st, Edwin Nieman 2nd,  
Andrew Fleming 3rd, Gemma Buzzard 4th**



**O21 Doubles**

**Andrew Fleming / Jeremy Gibson 2nd  
Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman 1st**



**U21 Singles**

**James Catto 1st, Maia Cavanagh 2nd,  
Ingamar Siegruhn 3rd, Kevin Tang 4th**



**U21 Doubles**

**Isaac Hobbs / Maia Cavanagh 1st  
Kevin Tang / James Catto (absent) 2nd**



**U19 Singles**

**Kevin Tang 2nd / Isaac Hobbs 1st  
Ingamar Siegruhn 3rd, Keegan Jackson 4th**



**U19 Doubles**

**Kevin Tang / Isaac Hobbs 1st  
Ingamar Siegruhn / Keegan Jackson 2nd**



**U15 Singles**

**William Hsia 1st, Tracey Hsia 2nd,  
Abigail Bottger 3rd, Luke Catto 4th**



**U15 Doubles**

**Abigail Bottger / Amaya Swale-Jones  
(absent) 2nd  
William Hsia / Tracey Hsia 1st**



**U13 Singles**

**William Hsia 1st, Tracey Hsia 2nd,  
Abigail Bottger 3rd, Luke Catto 4th**



**U13 Doubles**

**William Hsia / Tracey Hsia 1st  
Luke Catto / Brianna Coleman 2nd**

Sunday Club from 30 April	10am - 11.30am
Tue 2 May to 27 June	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 2
Wed 3 May to 9 Aug	<b>Winter Interclub Competition (15 weeks)</b>
Thur 4 May to 29 June	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 2
31 May (8 weeks excl. school holidays)	TTNZ Kids Programme - entries online via Table Tennis New Zealand website.
Sat 3 June	South Island Teams, Christchurch
Sun 4 June - Mon 5 June	Canterbury Open Christchurch
Wed 28 June	<b>Southland Secondary Schools Teams, Invercargill - 9am to 3pm</b>
Wed 5 July - Thur 6 July	Southern Region Training (U19,17,15,13), Dunedin
Fri 7 July - Sat 8 July	Otago Open, Dunedin
Sat 8 July - Sun 23 July	Term 2 school holidays
Wed 26 July	<b>Southland Year 7/8 School Teams, Invercargill - 9am to 3 pm</b>
Sat 29 July	South Canterbury Open Championships, Timaru
Fri 11 Aug - Sun 13 Aug	South Island Open Championships, Christchurch
Tue 15 Aug - Tue 26 Sept	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds - Term 3, Invercargill
Wed 16 Aug - Wed 27 Sep	Spring inter-club competition (7 weeks), Invercargill
Thu 17 Aug - Thu 28 Sept	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds - Term 3, 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
<b>Sat 16 Sep</b>	<b>Southland Residential Champs, Invercargill</b>
<b>Sat 23 Sep - Sun 1 Oct</b>	<b>NZ Open Senior and Junior Champs, Invercargill</b>
Sat 30 Sep - Sun 15 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
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Sat 18 Nov - Sun 19 Nov	New Zealand Ping Pong Finals, Invercargill, TBC