



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## September 2023

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

Not long until the TTNZ Nationals in Invercargill. Special thanks to Megan Parkinson who has updated our website who has done a great job:

<http://tabletennisouth.org.nz>

### 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.

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR NATIONALS

Additional training sessions for players in Southland Junior teams practice will be at 4-30 to 5.30 every Thursday. Other juniors are also welcome to attend.

### 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 (taking score boards from control to tables and return results - mainly during individual events), computer results operators (anyone who can input results) and umpiring (mainly individual knockout events). Let's make this the best Nationals ever.

### Junior Teams for NZ Nationals

Congratulations to all those juniors who have made it into the junior teams:

- Under 19 Girls - Lauryn Fleming for draft
- Under 19 Boys - Keegan Jackson, Sean and James Bath
- Under 15 Girls - Emma Bathurst, Bailey Jamieson plus request one from draft
- Under 15 Boys - Peter McIntyre, Alex Samson, Tehan Perera
- Under 13 Girls - Abigail Bottger, Evie Rout, Athena Garcia
- Under 13 Boys - Ken Liu, Slade Fordyce, Zain Jaleeludeen

A snap shot of some of the juniors picked for the Southland Teams at Nationals:

**Lauryn Fleming started tt in 2016. Lauryn has won the Junior Excellence Award and represented Southland at tournaments. Go Lauryn!**



**Keegan Jackson started tt in 2020. Keegan has gone from strength to strength. He has represented Southland and also won the Secondary School sports awards. Go Keegan!**



**Emma Bathurst started tt in 2018. Emma has won titles at the Southland Open and represented Southland at tournaments. Go Emma!**



### Senior Teams for NZ Nationals

Congratulations to all those seniors who have made it into the junior teams:

- Open Men's Team No. 1 - Willie Brocks, Nathan Kennedy, Andrew Fleming, Richard Cavanagh
- Open Men's No. 2 - Mark Corson, Jeremy Gibson, Karoly Erdelyi, Daryll King
- Open Men's Team No. 3 - Conor McAuliffe, Tom Giller, Mark Moore
- Open Women's Team No. 1 - Gemma Buzzard, Deborah Cooper, Lauryn Fleming
- Open Women's Team No. 2 - Jacqui Bathurst, Lynley Routhan, Megan Parkinson, Thara Abeysasinghe

A snap shot of some of the seniors picked for the Southland Teams at Nationals:

**Willie Brocks** has been playing table tennis since he was a junior. He has won many singles and doubles titles over the years in the age group categories.  
Go Willie!



**Mark Corson** has been playing tt since he was 12 years old. He came back to tt in 2020. He helps out on Thursday afternoons with the TT Toppers.  
Go Mark!



**Karoly Erdelyi** has been playing tt since 2010. He plays in the Gore Town & Country Club and this team won the A Grade competition for 2023.  
Go Karoly!



**Jacqui Bathurst** started tt in 2014. In 2021 she won the most improved female player. She had played for Southland at tt events.  
Go Jacqui!



**Tom Giller** started tt in 2008. Tom along with Mark Moore recently took out the 2023 B Grade title. He has also played in the Residentials.  
Go Tom!



**Mark Moore** came to Southland in 2021. Mark led the averages in the B grade competition this year. He has also played in the Residentials.  
Go Mark!



### SPONSORSHIP FOR TT NATIONALS

Attached at back of newsletter is a sponsorship form for the NZ Nationals. The work involved in running this event involves many hours prior to event.

We have a brochure available setting out conditions of sponsorship. If you are able to assist please contact Ron 027 2019 059 or Richard 027 4916 904.

Thanks to Craigs Investment Partners, Waste Management NZ Limited and Blair Davies Building Limited for their sponsorship.

### TT KIDZ PROGRAMME

Term 2 TT-Kidz programme, run by Jacqui Bathurst and Keegan Jackson for beginners has just ended. The Term 3 programme started last Sunday with Jacqui and Emma Bathurst running it. This is a TTNZ initiated programme involving fun, skills and learning the game with a bigger ball.

Term 4 TT-Kidz programme will start week one. Details shortly out to schools.

### SOUTH ISLAND INDIVIDUALS - 12-13 AUGUST 2023 CHRISTCHURCH

Podium finishes for Southlanders were:

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| 1st     | B Grade Women's Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Maia Cavanagh (O)   |
| 2nd     | Open Mixed Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Vladimir Ivanov (C)      |
| 3rd/4th | C Grade Women's Singles - Gemma Buzzard                       |
| 3rd/4th | D Grade Combined Doubles - Keegan Jackson / Star Richens (C)  |
| 2nd     | Over 30 Women's Singles - Gemma Buzzard                       |
| 3rd/4th | Over Combined Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Michael Kamson (M)    |
| 3rd/4th | C Grade Men's Doubles - Richard Cavanagh / Michael Kamson (M) |



**Vladimir Ivanov (C) / Gemma Buzzard 2nd**  
**India Buchanan (C) / Griffin Buchanan (C) 1st**  
**Open Mixed Doubles**



**Shino Yonei (N) / Ana Vasquez Ramirez (N) 2nd**  
**Maia Cavanagh (O) / Gemma Buzzard 1st**  
**B Grade Women's Doubles**



**Gemma Buzzard 2nd / Anny Li (C) 1st**  
**030 Women's Singles**



**Gemma with her medals**

## **WINTER INTERCLUB**

Our main Winter Interclub competition finished on Wednesday 9 August and some fantastic games took place to finalise placings for 2023.

In A grade Gore Town & Country took out the title for the second straight year, beating IWMC Red by 5 matches to 0. Both teams were on the same points leading up to the final week, so this result decided the winner for 2023.

Both Willie Brocks and Edwin Nieman finished unbeaten for 2023 with 100%. Blair Davies from IWMC Red finished in third place in the averages with 82.6%.

In B grade we had a finals night for week 15. The top two teams met in the final, in an upset Eagles 3 narrowly won by 3 matches to 2 with the game going to the final doubles for a result.

The team of Mark Moore and Tom Giller proved too strong on the nights for their counterparts Luke Harvey and Michael Mackway Jones.

Leading averages for B grade were Mark Moore on 93.8% only losing one game all season, Keith Pyne 81.3% and Luke Harvey in third place on 80%.

Table Tennis Southland would like to acknowledge Richard Cavanagh and Conor McAuliffe for their help in running the competition for 2023.



**Willie Brocks / Karoly Erderli / Edwin Nieman**  
**Winners A Grade**



**Blair Davies / Barry Ellis**  
**Runners-up A Grade**



**Tom Giller / Mark Moore  
Winners B Grade**



**Luke Harvey / Michael Mackway Jones  
Keith Pyne (absent)  
Runners-up B Grade**

### **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.**



Full results and up-to-date averages are available for viewing at stadium and on our TTS website  
<http://www.tabletennissouth.org.nz/interclub-2023>

### **RESIDENTIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The date for the Residentials is now set for **9 September**. Entry forms available on TTS website. Come along and have some fun - good practice for the NZ Champs. Entries close on **1 September 2023**.



# TABLE TENNIS NEW ZEALAND 2023 OPEN JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Stadium Southland**  
**23 September to 1 October 2023**

## BECOME A SPONSOR

ILT, ILT Foundation and Community Trust South -  
have provided funding for stadium hire and 10 new tables for the event.



We are looking for amazing sponsors for this event, last held in Invercargill in 2002

### OPEN EVENT SPONSOR (Teams and Individuals)

#### Craigs Investment Partners

- Name on all Open Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles
- Ability to promote your company prior to trophy presentation
- Bring along your promotional material
- Name on two main courts being "live streamed"
- Present trophies / medals to winners
- Name included on draws and results



### JUNIOR EVENT SPONSOR (Teams and Individuals)

#### Waste Management NZ Limited

- Name on all Under 19, 15 and 13 events
- Bring along your promotional material
- Present trophies / medals to winners of junior events
- Name included on draws and results



### B, C AND D GRADE EVENTS

**\$500.00**

- Name on all B, C and D Grade events
- Bring along promotional material
- Present medals to winners of graded events
- Name included on draws and results



### VETERAN EVENTS (Over 45 and 55 age group events)

#### Blair Davies Building Limited

- Name on all veteran age group events
- Bring along promotional material
- Present medals to winners of veteran events
- Name included on draws and results



### UNDER 21 and OVER 30 EVENTS

**\$300.00**

- Name on these events
- Bring along promotional material
- Present medals to winners of these events
- Name included on draws and results



### TABLE SPONSORS

**\$150.00**

- Name on a table / court area (except two main tables)



### Additional Funding required to make the event proud of Southland

Table Tennis Southland thanks all sponsors in helping us to make this event a success. If you are unable to help as a main sponsor for events listed we will be pleased to accept help in following areas:

- Provision of clipboards for matches (50)
- Provision of pens for scoreboards and officials (80)
- Provision of copy paper and toner
- Engraving of trophies (approx. 18)
- Meals for officials and local helpers
- Transport of equipment TTS Stadium (Garrett Stadium) to ILT Stadium Southland and return
- Vehicle hire for officials



### A bit of history in running National Table Tennis events in Invercargill:

Southland has successfully hosted:

- New Zealand Open Championships 1992 and 2002
- New Zealand Veteran Championships 1997, 2006 and 2011
- South Island Championships 13 times since 1939
- International - Hungary (2), England, Japan (2), Australia and Czechoslovakia (from 1939 to 2000)

### Where will teams / players come from:

We expect players from Northland, Auckland, Waitemata, Counties- Manukau, North Shore, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawke's Bay, Manawatu, Whanganui, Wellington, Marlborough, Nelson, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago and Southland

Event Hosts:  
Table Tennis Southland



Event Managers:  
Table Tennis New Zealand



Sunday Club from 30 April	10am - 11.30am
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
Wed 16 Aug - Wed 20 Sep	Spring inter-club competition (6 weeks), Invercargill
Mon 28 Aug - Wed 30 Aug	New Zealand Secondary Schools, Hamilton
Mon 4 Sep - Fri 8 Sep	Aims Games (Year 7/8), Tauranga
Sat 16 Sep - Sun 17 Sep	Nelson Open, Nelson
<b>Sat 9 Sep - NEW DATE</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 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	New Zealand Ping Pong Finals, Invercargill, TBC