



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## November / December 2023

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

It's almost the time for the festive season. We have had a successful year - hosting the TTNZ Nationals in Invercargill was a real highlight. I thank all the Committee members and volunteers who contribute many hours in time to keep table tennis alive in the south.

### 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 has finished for the year.

### DISPOSAL OF STAG TABLE TENNIS TABLES

A condition of receiving a grant from ILT for new tables was that we offer old Stag tables to schools within the ILT area. Thanks to Maurice Rodway who coordinated the disposal of the Stag tables.

Six tables have been given to five primary schools in Invercargill - two to St Patricks and one each to St Theresa, New River, St Johns and Newfield.

Here are some photos supplied from Newfield and New River.



St Theresa's School has sent some photos of the kids enjoying the Stag table.



### OCEANIA PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Keegan Jackson along with Matthew Hall, James Goulding and Matthew Britz competed at the 2023 ITTF Oceania Para Championships in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 17-20 November. John Tuki was the coach and Jessica Macaskill, manager. Congratulations to Keegan for achieving a bronze medal in the Class 9-10 singles. Keegan also won a bronze medal in men's doubles with Matthew Britz. Great results Keegan.



Keegan's bronze medals





## END OF YEAR FUNCTION

This was held at Garrett Stadium at 7pm on Friday, 24 November - supper was provided by Clifton Catering. A great night enjoyed by all.

### 2023 Winners are:

#### Most Improved Girl

Abigail Bottger

#### Most Improved Junior Boy

Alex Samson

#### Most Improved Adult Male

Steve McVicar

#### Most Improved Adult Female

Megan Parkinson

#### President's Cup

This award is by the President only - Eagles 5:  
Emma Bathurst and Yuliya Shalina

#### McLeay Jewellers Junior Excellence

Keegan Jackson

#### McLeay Jewellers Volunteer of the Year

Kelly Martin

Some photos of winners at back of newsletter.

## JUNIOR RANKINGS

Rankings are based on results 1 November 2022 to 31 October 2023)

This includes Southland Open, Southland Residential, SI Teams, NZ Nationals, SI Champs, Other Open events, Secondary Schools Comp, Winter Inter-club, Secondary Schools one day event only included if players involved.

### JUNIOR BOYS (U19)

1. Ingamar Siegruhn
2. Keegan Jackson
3. Sean Bath
4. James Bath
5. Peter McIntyre
6. Alex Samson
7. Tehan Perera

### JUNIOR GIRLS (U19)

1. Lauryn Fleming
2. Emma Bathurst
3. Abigail Bottger
4. Brianna Coleman
5. Amaya Swale-Jones
6. Bailey Jamieson

### JUNIOR BOYS (U13)

1. Tehan Perera
2. Zander Muller
3. Will Godsell-Folster
4. Xavier Brown
5. Zain Jaleeludeen
6. Jia Jia Zhang
7. Slade Fordyce
8. Ken Liu

### JUNIOR GIRLS (U13)

1. Abigail Bottger
2. Amaya Swale-Jones
3. Brianna Coleman
4. Evie Rout
5. Athena Garcia
6. Amelia Liang
7. Shania Corson



## FIVE WEEK PING PONG COMPETITION

This was a fun event but unfortunately entries were low. The finals of the ping pong competition were played on 15 November and the rankings were:

Placing	Wednesday 15 November 2023	Wins
1st	Deborah Cooper	4
2nd =	Kelly Martin	2
2nd =	Vibhas Sofat	2
2nd =	Richard Cavanagh	2
5th	Megan Parkinson	0

### **SOCIAL GROUP - GLENDA DUTHIE**

Social Table Tennis continues to be very popular with seniors. Our eight tables are full both Tuesdays and Fridays, and we regularly find ourselves having to put up a ninth table. We have a few new members starting, who had been on our waiting list once we have had a vacancy.

We enjoy the camaraderie amongst the players, and much laughter is heard during play. Competition is not top of our list, but fun and enjoyment is, and that's what we provide.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Please note your diaries - the AGM will be held at Garrett Stadium on **Wednesday 31 January 2024**. Have a think - would you be interested in coming on a committee?

We are looking for volunteers to help in various aspects of table tennis for 2024, what can you do, what area can you help in e.g. coaching, tournaments, interclub. We are looking for coaches. Please let Richard know if you have any interest here or what area you can help with. [rgcavanagh146@gmail.com](mailto:rgcavanagh146@gmail.com)

### **CHRISTMAS CLOSURES FOR EAGLES AND LINDIS CLUBS**

Eagles Club will be closed from **Monday 18 December to 8 January 2024**.

Lindis Club will be closed from **Tuesday, 19 December to 9 January 2024**.

The table tennis office will be closed from **18 December to 8 January 2024** - please make sure your cards are up to date.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:**

On behalf of myself and the management committee we wish everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable Christmas break.

Hope to see you all back at TT in the new year.



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







**Most Improved Girl - Abigail Bottger**



**Most Improved Boy - Alex Samson**



**Most Improved Women - Megan Parkinson**



**McLeay Jewellers Junior Excellence - Keegan Jackson  
Renata accepted the trophy for Keegan**



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



**President Cup - Eagles 5:  
Yuliya Shalina / Emma Bathurst**



**2023 Residential Women's Winner  
Gemma Buzzard**

# CALENDAR FOR 2024

13 - 20 Jan TBC	Para Classifier Course + Auckland Para Camp, Manurewa
22 - 25 January	TTNZ National Hopes Camp - Location TBC
27 - 28 January	TTNZ Club Coach Course + TTKidz Activator Course
<b>Wed 31 January</b>	<b>TTS Annual General Meeting, Garrett Stadium at 7pm</b>
9- 11 February	ITTF Level 1 Coach Course
Sunday Club	<b>10 am - 12 noon - TBC</b>
2- 3 March	TTNZ Qualifier 1, Waitemata
9 - 10 March	TTNZ Qualifier 2, Wellington
24 - 25 March	TTNZ Qualifier 3, Marlborough
Wed 20 March to 24 April	<b>Autumn Competition (6 weeks)</b>
28 March - 1 April	New Zealand Open Veteran Championships Taupo Events Centre, Taupo
13 April to 28 April	Term 1 school holidays
14 -17 April	TTNZ Para Teams Challenge + National Development Camp 1 Manurewa
15 to 18 April	TTNZ National Hopes Camp - - Location TBC
19 - 21 April	TTNZ Individual Tournament #1 Edgar Centre, Dunedin
19 - 21 April	Halberg Games, Kings College, Auckland
Wed 1 May to 7 Aug	<b>Winter Interclub Competition (15 weeks)</b>
Tue 7 May to 25 June	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
Thur 9 May to 27 June	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
11 - 12 May	Country Clubs - Location TBC
<b>Sat 25 May</b>	<b>Southland Open Invercargill</b>
1 - 3 June	TTNZ Individual Tournament #2 Auckland
<b>Wed 19 June</b>	<b>Southland Secondary School Champs, Invercargill</b>
28 - 30 June	North Island Team Championships Taupo Events Centre, Taupo
28 - 30 June	South Island Teams Tournament - Location TBC
6 July to 21 July	Term 2 school holidays
13 -14 July	TTNZ Women's & Girls Only Tournament - Location TBC
16 - 19 July + 21 - 24 July	Fa20 Taipei Para Open + Fa40 Thailand Para Open Taipei, Thailand
Tue 30 July to 17 Sept	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 3 - 8 weeks
Thur 1 Aug to 19 Sept	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 3 - 8 weeks

10 - 11t August	TTNZ Women's & Girls Only Tournament - Location TBC
2 - 4 September	New Zealand Secondary Schools Cup Barber Hall, Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North
<b>Sat 7 September</b>	<b>Southland Residentials Invercargill</b>
8 - 13 September	AIMS Games, Tauranga
28 Sept to 13 October	Term 3 school holidays
5 - 13 October	New Zealand Senior, Junior & Para Open Championships, Saxton Stadium, Nelson

Once we know other dates we will add them into the calendar.