



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## May / June 2024

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

Hi folks, it has been a busy time. We had the Southland Open, cheese roll fundraiser, South Island Teams and Southland Secondary Schools competition. Special thanks to the Social Club players – Glenda, Janice, Nola and Maurice and parent helpers who have helped with the Term 2 Tuesday and Thursday schools' programme.

Next month I will be away overseas. Deborah, Ron and Richard and other helpers will be organising events in my absence.

### CLUB NIGHTS

The Eagles Club is open from 7 to 9pm on Monday. Tuesday club nights are also open from 7 to 9pm (Anyone is welcome to come along). Cost is \$5.00 per player.

### CARD HIRE FOR 2024

The cost for a player who is playing with a cardholder is \$4 per hour. If you want to get a card, contact Wayne McEwan.

### CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Thanks to Gemma Buzzard who did a fantastic job of organising the cheese roll fundraiser - some very long hours were put in getting everything organised.

Many thanks to all who helped on the day - Gemma, Megan, Yuliya, Renata, Keegan, Sonya, Amaya, Chris, Debbie, Wille, Nathan, Marissa, Victoria, Melanie McIntyre and Robyn Rout.

There were very favourable comments of the cheese rolls and thanks to all those who brought cheese rolls and also sold them. Slade had a great effort selling cheese rolls. Every effort to help with fundraising makes it easier to send players to TT tournaments.

### SOUTHLAND OPEN 25 AND 26 MAY 2024

Special thanks to Gemma Buzzard who ran Tournament Planner - this was a well-run event. Thanks also to the helpers - Richard for arranging the prize money and setting up the new tables, nets and score cards, Renata for her wonderful work in the canteen and delicious soup, savouries and cheese rolls which were supplied by Kelly and Sonya who helped supply baking and support in the canteen.

Thanks to Deborah and Nathan who helped umpire numerous games. We had 41 entries which was up from last year. There were some awesome matches and some were lived streamed. Well done to everyone who entered the Southland Open.

### Results and some photos taken at the Open:

#### Open Men's Singles

1st Simon Fenwick (C)  
2nd Edwin Nieman (O)  
3rd / 4th Ben Duffy (O) / Tim Lam (CO)



Simon Fenwick / Edwin Nieman

#### Open Men's Doubles

1st Willie Brocks (S) / Edwin Nieman (O)  
2nd Ben Duffy (O) / Grant Wilson (C)  
3rd / 4th Andrew Fleming (S) / Matthew Fogarty (O)  
3rd / 4th Simon Fenwick (C) / Tim Lam (CO)



Ben Duffy / Grant Wilson / Edwin Nieman / Willie Brocks

### Open Women's Singles

- 1st Kris Alisch (C)
- 2nd Anny Li (C)
- 3rd / 4th Gemma Buzzard (S) / Maia Cavanagh (NS)



Kris Alisch / Anny Li

### Second Grade Men's Singles

- 1st Matthew Fogarty (O)
- 2nd Richard Keen (O)
- 3rd / 4th Regieson Cordova (S) / Neill Williams (CO)

### Second Grade Women's Singles

- 1st Debs King-Newell (O)
- 2nd Lynley Routhan (S)
- 3rd / 4th Megan Parkinson (S) / Yuliya Shalina (S)



Debs King-Newell

### Open Women's Doubles

- 1st Gemma Buzzard (S) / Maia Cavanagh (NS)
- 2nd Debs King-Newell (O) / Lynley Routhan (S)
- 3rd Megan Parkinson (S) / Yuliya Shalina (S)



Debs King-Newell / Gemma Buzzard / Maia Cavanagh

### Second Grade Combined Doubles

- 1st Keegan Jackson (S) / Richard King (O)
- 2nd Tim Lam (CO) / Neill Williams (CO)
- 3rd / 4th Emma Bathurst (S) / Megan Parkinson (S)
- 3rd / 4th Regieson Cordova (S) / Yuliya Shalina (S)



Keegan Jackson

### Open Mixed Doubles

- 1st Simon Fenwick (C) / Kris Alisch (C)
- 2nd Willie Brocks (S) / Gemma Buzzard (S)
- 3rd / 4th Ben Duffy (O) / Debs King-Newell (O)
- 3rd / 4th Edwin Nieman (O) / Anny Li (C)



Simon Fenwick / Kris Alisch / Gemma Buzzard / Willie Brocks

### U13 Combined Singles

- 1st Aatman Parashar (S)
- 2nd Ken Liu (S)
- 3rd / 4th Slade Fordyce (S) / Evie Rout (S)



Aatman Parashar / Ken Liu



**U13 Combined Doubles**

- 1st Aatman Parashar (S) / Slade Fordyce (S)
- 2nd Rowan Brannigan (S) / Ken Liu (S)
- 3rd / 4th Athena Garcia (S) / Evie Rout (S)
- 3rd / 4th Marissa Wang (S) / Tina Zhou (S)



Slade Fordyce / Aatman Parashar



Ken Liu / Rowan Brannigan

**U19 Combined Singles**

- 1st Keegan Jackson (S)
- 2nd Emma Bathurst (S)
- 3rd Peter McIntyre (S)
- 4th Amaya Swale-Jones (S)



Keegan Jackson / Emma Bathurst

**U19 Combined Doubles**

- 1st Emma Bathurst (S) / Peter McIntyre (S)
- 2nd Amaya Swale-Jones (S) / Keegan Jackson (S)



Keegan Jackson / Amaya Swale-Jones / Emma Bathurst / Peter McIntyre

**U21 Combined Singles**

- 1st Keegan Jackson (S)
- 2nd Peter McIntyre (S)
- 3rd Emma Bathurst (S)
- 4th Amaya Swale-Jones (S)



Peter McIntyre / Keegan Jackson

**U21 Combined Doubles**

- 1st Keegan Jackson (S) / Peter McIntyre (S)
- 2nd Emma Bathurst (S) / Amaya Swale-Jones (S)



Amaya Swale-Jones / Emma Bathurst / Peter McIntosh / Keegan Jackson

**O30 Combined Singles**

- 1st Willie Brocks (S)
- 2nd Edwin Nieman (O)
- 3rd / 4th Anny Li (C) / Gemma Buzzard (S)

### O30 Combined Doubles

1st Anny Li (C) / Edwin Nieman (O)  
2nd Willie Brocks (S) / Gemma Buzzard (S)  
3rd / 4th Richard Cavanagh (S) / Megan Parkinson (S)  
3rd / 4th Richard Keen (O) / Yuliya Shalina (S)



Willie Brocks / Gemma Buzzard / Edwin Nieman / Anny Li

### O45 Combined Singles

1st Willie Brocks (S)  
2nd Edwin Nieman (O)  
3rd / 4th Richard Cavanagh (S) / Anny Li (C)

### O45 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks (S) / Edwin Nieman (O)  
2nd Matthew Fogarty (O) / Anny Li (C)  
3rd / 4th Karoly Erdelyi (S) / Mike Morus (S)  
3rd / 4th Greg Buzzard (S) / Richard Cavanagh (S)

### O60 Combined Singles

1st Willie Brocks (S)  
2nd Anny Li (C)  
3rd / 4th Greg Buzzard (S) / Deborah Cooper (S)



Willie Brocks / Anny Li

### O60 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks (S) / Anny Li (C)  
2nd Greg Buzzard (S) / Deborah Cooper (S)  
3rd Grant Colbran (S) / Lynley Routhan (S)



Willie Brocks / Anny Li / Deborah Cooper / Greg Buzzard

### SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS, CHRISTCHURCH - 1 JUNE 2024

Southland Table Tennis Association sent teams to the South Island Teams event held at King's Birthday weekend. Team Manager: Gemma Buzzard, Juniors Coach: Chris Jones

- Open Men's Team (Willie Brocks, Regieson Cordova, Karoly Erdelyi) - 7th
- Open Women's Team 1 (Gemma Buzzard and Megan Parkinson) - 7th
- Open Women's Team 2 (Emma Bathurst and Yuliya Shalina) - 8<sup>th</sup>
- U19 Boys Team (Keegan Jackson, Peter McIntyre and Draft Player) - 3rd
- U15 Girls Draft (Amaya Swale-Jones) - 4th
- U13 Girls Team 1 (Athena Garcia and Evie Rout) - 2nd
- U13 Girls Team 2 (Tina Zhou and Marissa Wang) - 5th
- U13 Boys Draft (Aatman Parashar) - 4th

Photos at the back of the newsletter.

### GRAND PRIX, 2 JUNE 2024

This was a new event held in Christchurch.

Jono Wang got 2nd in Division 1 singles for the Grand Prix.

Marissa Wang got into the semi final for Division 6 singles.

Willie Brocks got to the top 5 in the shootout.

Congratulations to Gemma Buzzard and Pietro Cannata who won the second division doubles. Mike Morus and Karoly Erdelyi were second.

### SOUTHLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITION, 19 JUNE 2024

There were 16 boys' teams and 4 girls pairings competing for medals. There were a lot of great shots and enthusiasm on display. Thanks to Ron Garrett and Wayne McEwan for running this event.

#### Boys



#### SBHS The Shooters

Thomas Spain, Duncan Tait, Zach Harrington



#### Fiordland College

Callum McMurtrie, Riley Carter, Max Kempthorne



#### SBHS Blue Ducks

Sam Smaill, Jimmy Taylor, Cooper Mitchell

#### Girls



#### SGHS

Emma Bathurst, Lucia Hughes



#### Menzies College

Zoe Muir, Hollie Kennedy



#### Waiau Area School

Madisyn Gibbs, Sofia Ocena







## THE BIG SHOUT OUT

TTNZ announced recently its spotlight on amazing two volunteers from member associations.

The TTS volunteers who were recognised this year are Gemma Buzzard and Nathan Kennedy. Gemma is on the TTS committee, selector, organises accommodation for travelling teams and drives the fundraising efforts. Nathan volunteers his time by running two weekly coaching sessions for TTS junior players. He is passionate about helping the sport thrive.

Well done to Gemma and Nathan.



TTS thanks all its volunteers who all contribute towards making table tennis work in the south. There is often a lot of work done behind the scenes and this is very much appreciated.

## COACHING

Coaching is available to everyone. Please contact Nathan Kennedy if you want to attend any coaching. \$5,00 per person per time.

Sunday, 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Thursday, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm

(Excluding school holidays)

Nathan's cellphone is: 021 236 4570.

His email address is: itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com

## EVENTS COMING UP - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Otago Open - Fri 19 to Saturday 20 July**, final date for entries - 11 July. Entries via Tournament Planner.
- Term 3 Primary School 4pm to 5pm - 5 to 8 year olds **Tue 30 July to 17 Sept** - 8 weeks, \$40 per person. Entry forms have been sent to the schools.
- Secondary Schools Singles Competition, **Wed 31 July to 18 Sept** - 8 weeks, \$40 per person. Entry forms have been sent to the schools.
- Term 3 Primary School 4pm to 5pm, 9 to 11 year olds **Thur 1 Aug to 19 Sept** - 8 weeks, \$40 per person. Entry forms have been sent to the schools.

- **Years 7 and 8 Table Tennis Championships Wed 4 Sept starting at 9.30am.** Teams to consist of two players (girls) and three players (boys). A combined team may play in the boys' competition if your school does not have a full team. \$45 for boys' entry and \$30 for girls' entry. Entry forms have been sent to the relevant schools. Entries close on Wednesday 28 August by email to: [southland@tabletennis.org.nz](mailto:southland@tabletennis.org.nz) Good practice for the Southland Residential Champs.
- **Southland Residential Champs** - open to all registered Southland players - **Saturday 7 September** - entry forms will be sent out later.

## TTNZ EVENTS COMING UP

### Women and Girls Tournament (1)

📅 Dates: **13 - 14 July 2024**

📍 Location: Palmerston North

To register, please [CLICK HERE](#)

### Women and Girls Tournament (2)

📅 Dates: **10 - 11 August 2024**

📍 Location: Christchurch

To register, please [CLICK HERE](#)

📅 [Schedule for both Women and Girls Tournaments \(estimate timing\):](#)

Saturday, 9am - 6pm: Teams Competition (2-player teams). Sunday, 9am - 4pm: Training Camp for all ages and abilities.

Team categories: Open, Social Grade, O40, U13, and U17. Players enter individually and list their teammate as their partner. If you do not have a teammate, enter 'Partner required' and TTNZ will place you in a team. Players do NOT have to be from the same club or association.

### New Zealand Secondary Schools Cup

📅 Dates: **2 - 4 September 2024**

📍 Location: Palmerston North

📅 Final date for entries: Monday, 12 August 2024

To register, please [CLICK HERE](#)

### Australian Veterans Teams Championships

📅 Dates: **14 - 21 September 2024**

📍 Location: Launceston, Tasmania

📅 Final date for entries: Friday, 12th July. No late entries will be accepted.

💰 Registration fee: \$230 for a 2-player team or \$345 for a 3-player team (The total cost will be evenly split among the players).

Categories Available: O30, O40, O50, O60, O65, O70, O75, O80, O85

To register, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Ron Garrett - second hand bats and blades for sale.

Wayne McEwan - good supply of new rubber in office window. Reasonable price.

Gemma Buzzard - Xiom rubber - coming soon.

### **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, Gemma Buzzard, Deborah Cooper, Conor McAuliffe, Maurice Rodway and Kevin Toomey.



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

A snapshot of Southland players in the South Island Teams, 1 June 2024



Regieson Cordova / Willie Brocks



Karoly Erdelyi



Keegan Jackson



Peter McIntyre



Amaya Swale-Jones



Regieson Cordova





**Tom Giller**



**Willie Brocks**



**Gemma Buzzard / Megan Parkinson**



**Yuliya Shalina / Emma Bathurst**



**Athena Garcia / Evie Rout**

Our team in Christchurch



Athena Garcia and Evie Rout - 2nd in U13 Girls Team 1



Grand Prix Photos, Christchurch



Mike Morus / Karoly Erdelyi 2nd / Gemma Buzzard / Pietro Cannata (absent) 1st in Second Division Doubles



Marissa Wang and Jono Wang



Marissa Wang

## CALENDAR FOR 2024

<b>Thur 2 May to 4 July</b>	<b>Winter Interclub Competition (10 weeks)</b>
28 - 30 June	North Island Team Championships Taupo Events Centre, Taupo
6 July to 21 July	Term 2 school holidays
13 -14 July	TTNZ Women's & Girls Only Tournament, Palmerston North
16 - 19 July + 21 - 24 July	Fa20 Taipei Para Open + Fa40 Thailand Para Open Taipei, Thailand
19 - 20 July	<b>Otago Open</b> - entries close on <b>11 July</b> via Tournament Planner
<b>Tue 30 July to 17 Sept</b>	<b>Primary School 6 to 8 year olds 4 to 5 pm Term 3 - 8 weeks</b>
<b>Wed 31 July to 18 Sept</b>	<b>Secondary School Singles Competition 6.30 to 9pm Term 3 - 8 weeks</b>
<b>Thur 1 Aug to 19 Sept</b>	<b>Primary School 9 to 11 year olds 4 to 5 pm Term 3 - 8 weeks</b>
*10 - 11t August	TTNZ Women's & Girls Only Tournament, Christchurch
2 - 4 September	New Zealand Secondary Schools Cup Barber Hall, Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North
<b>Wed 4 September</b>	<b>Years 7 and 8 Table Tennis Championships, Garrett Stadium, Invercargill - 9.30am</b>
<b>Sat 7 September</b>	<b>Southland Residentials, Garrett Stadium, Invercargill</b>
8 - 13 September	AIMS Games, Tauranga
14 - 21 September	<b>Australian Veterans Teams Championships, Tasmania - Entries close Friday 12 July</b>
28 Sept to 13 October	Term 3 school holidays
5 - 13 October	New Zealand Senior, Junior & Para Open Championships, Saxton Stadium, Nelson
19 October	<b>NZ Ping Pong Open, Invercargill</b>