



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## July 2024

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

Hi folks, when you receive this newsletter I will be overseas visiting Houston, Graceland, Nashville and Disneyland. We are all set for another term of table tennis.

### 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.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - NATIONALS ARE COMING UP!!

Nationals is coming up quickly, Gemma Buzzard needs to know if you are available and wanting to play teams or individuals.

Would be great to be able to send a full team for seniors and juniors!!!

Gemma has accommodation booked at Saxton Lodge for the Southland cohort which needs to be confirmed before 10 August.

**Please send Gemma a message if you are interested:**

**Cellphone: 022 1975 853**

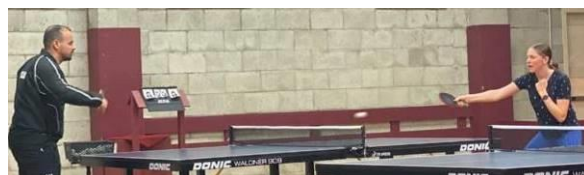
**Email: [tabletennisgem@hotmail.com](mailto:tabletennisgem@hotmail.com)**

- Senior teams: 5 and 6 October (9am-late)
- Senior Individuals: 7 October 9am - 9 October approx mid-day
- Junior Teams: 9 October Approx mid-day - 11 October approx mid-day
- Junior Individuals: 11 October approx mid-day - 13 October 4pm

If you have any questions regarding cost or schedule etc please get in contact with Gemma.

### COACHING WITH JAAFAR MOUSSA, 12, 13 AND 14 JULY

Thanks to Gemma Buzzard who organised the coaching in the school holidays for Jaafar.



Amaya celebrating her birthday with one-on-one coaching with Jaafar on 12 July



Group coaching with Jaafar

### COACHING WITH NATHAN

Coaching is available to everyone. Please contact Nathan Kennedy if you want to attend any coaching. \$5.00 per person per time.

Term 3 dates are

Thursdays 5.30 – 6.30 pm 8 sessions \$40	Sunday 10-11.30 am 6 sessions \$30
1 Aug	4 Aug
8 Aug	11 Aug
15 Aug	18 Aug
22 Aug	25 Aug
29 Aug	1 Sept
5 Sept	8 Sept Residential Champs no coaching
12 Sept	15 Sept
19 Sept	

Please pre-pay into the Table Tennis Southland Bank Account.

Bank Account: **SBS**

Account Number: **03 1355 0537733 00**

Account Name: Southland Table Tennis Association

Reference: **Surname / Coaching**

For those who pay each week, come early and pay Nathan your \$5, so it doesn't run into coaching time.

Nathan's cellphone is: 021 236 4570.

His email address is: itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com

## WINTER COMPETITION 2024

### A Grade

Gore Town & Country took out the final of A Grade in the Table Tennis Southland Winter Interclub for a third successive year. They beat Eagles 2 by 3 matches to 2 in the final. Star player Willie Brocks went through the season unbeaten winning all 14 games. He was ably supported by Karoly Erderli and Mike Morus who played a good part in their title win. Andrew Fleming was second in the averages winning 68.4% of his games with Gemma Buzzard from Eagles 1 coming in at third place with 64.3%.

### B Grade

The vastly improving Eagles 4 team of Megan Parkinson and Yulia Shalina took out the B Grade title. They beat the second placed IWMC 2 team on the night by 3 matches to 2. Megan was also unbeaten winning 20 matches over the season to top the B Grade averages. She was followed by Keith Pyne and Gordon McMillan in second equal place on 78.6%. Table Tennis Southland would like to thank organisers Richard Cavanagh and Conor McAuliffe for organising the competition over the 10 weeks. Full team placings and averages will be able to be found on our website which is being updated shortly.

Some photographs from our final night at the back.

The President's Cup was presented on the night for the team with the best dress, sportsmanship, punctuality, and best approach to the sport. This year it went to the Eagles 4 team of Yulia Shalina and Megan Parkinson.



Steve McVicar who was away at the end of last season received his most improved male award for the 2023 season.



## TTNZ VOLUNTEER AWARDS

TTNZ Volunteer Certificates and \$50.00 vouchers were also presented to Nathan Kennedy and Gemma Buzzard for their valued volunteer work completed over the year. Table Tennis Southland were allowed to nominate two individuals here.



## OTAGO OPEN, DUNEDIN - 19-20 JULY 2024

### Podium finishes for Southlanders were:

- 2nd Open Women's Singles Gemma Buzzard
- 1st **Open Women's Doubles - Gemma Buzzard and Debs Newell-King (O)**
- 2nd Open Women's Doubles - Megan Parkinson and Zixiang Li (O)
- 3rd Open Women's Doubles - Marissa Wang and Aisya Ahmad Zamri (O)
- 2nd Open Mixed Doubles - Willie Brocks and Gemma Buzzard
- 3rd/4th Men's Doubles - Willie Brocks and Nathan Kennedy
- 1st **Second Grade Women's Singles - Megan Parkinson**
- 3rd/4th Second Grade Men's Doubles - Keegan Jackson and Richard Keen (O)
- 1st **Men's Singles Para Class 6-11 Standing - Keegan Jackson**
- 1st **O60 Men's Singles - Willie Brocks**
- 3rd O45 Women's Singles - Megan Parkinson
- 2nd O45 Men's Singles - Willie Brocks
- 1st **O45 Combined Doubles - Nathan Kennedy and Willie Brocks**
- 3rd/4th O45 Combined Doubles - Megan Parkinson and David Middleton (O)
- 1st **O30 Women's Singles - Gemma Buzzard**
- 3rd O30 Women's Singles - Megan Parkinson
- 1st **O30 Women's Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Debs Newell-King**

- 2nd O30 Women's Doubles – Megan Parkinson / Rita Przybilski (O)
- 4th U21 Boys Singles - Keegan Jackson
- 1st U19 Boys Doubles - Keegan Jackson and Eric Kim (C)**
- 4th U15 Girls Singles - Amaya Swale-Jones
- 2nd U15 Girls Doubles - Amaya Swale-Jones and Marissa Wang
- 2nd U15 Mixed Doubles - Amaya Swale-Jones and Zihand Oliver Fu (O)
- 3rd U15 Mixed Doubles - Marissa Wang and Slade Fordyce
- 3rd U13 Girls Singles - Marissa Wang
- 2nd U13 Girls Doubles - Amaya Swale-Jones and Marissa Wang
- 3rd U13 Boys Doubles - Slade Fordyce and Aatman Parashar

**PARKINSONS' GROUP**

This Friday group are really enjoying their hour-long session playing doubles.



Craig Rogers with Teller enjoying the Friday group

**EVENTS COMING UP - MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- 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.

**TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

Ron Garrett - second hand bats and blades for sale as well as table tennis clothing (mainly new).

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

Gemma Buzzard - Selling full range of Xiom gear, currently in stock: 3 ready-made bats, towels, shirts, bat cases, socks, shorts. Please contact her on 022 1975 853 if wanting anything ordered. <https://xiom.global/catalogue.html>

**TERM 2 TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS**

We had a great turnout for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We celebrated the last day with games on the robot and an afternoon tea. Some photographs are at the back.

**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.**



**End of 2 Term Photos - Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons**













**Photos from the Winners / Runner-ups in the A Grade Winter Competition 2024**



**Karoly Erderli / Mike Morus / Willie Brocks  
Winners A Grade Competition**





**Andrew Fleming / Richard Cavanagh  
2nd A Grade Competition**

**Photos from the Winners / Runner-ups in the B Grade Winter Competition 2024**



**Yulia Shalina and Megan Parkinson  
Winners B Grade Competition**





**Gordon McMillan / Keith Pyne  
2nd B Grade Competition**

**Some photos from the Otago Open 19-20 July 2024**



**Open Women's Singles 1st Tracey Hsia (O) / 2nd Gemma Buzzard**



**Open Mixed Doubles 1st John Cordue (C) / Tracey Hsia (O)  
2nd Willie Brocks / Gemma Buzzard**



**Open Women's Doubles - 2nd Megan Parkinson / Zixiang Li /  
1st Debs King-Newell / Gemma Buzzard**



**O60 Men's Singles 1st Willie Brocks**





**O45 Men's Singles 1st Ben Duffy / 2nd Willie Brocks**



**O45 Combined Doubles 1st Nathan Kennedy / Willie Brocks**



**O30 Women's Singles 1st Gemma Buzzard**



**Over 30 Doubles 1st Gemma Buzzard / Debs King-Newell**



**U19 Boys Doubles - 2nd Kevin Tang / Seva Solomatenko (O)  
1st Eric Kim (C) / Keegan Jackson**



**U15 Girls Doubles 2nd Marissa Wang / (absent Amaya Swale-Jones)  
1st Cora Wilson (M) / Liv Earl (M)**



**Second Grade Women's Singles 1st Megan Parkinson / 2nd Ella Woodward (O)**



**Para Singles 1st Keegan Jackson**



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<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 - 11 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>