



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## August 2024

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

Hi folks had a great time overseas, but now back into table tennis. We have had two Tevo heaters installed in the seating area.

### 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 - email address:

[southland@tabletennis.org.nz](mailto:southland@tabletennis.org.nz)

### 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. Please let Nathan know if you can't turn up.

Term 3 dates are

Thursdays 5.30 – 6.30 pm \$5.00 per session	Sunday 10-11.30 am \$5.00 per session
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](mailto:itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com)

### CHRISTCHURCH OPEN, CHRISTCHURCH - 3-4 AUGUST 2024

Podium finishes for Southlanders were:

- 1st Men's Singles Para Open Standing - Keegan Jackson
- 1st O60 Men's Singles - Willie Brocks
- 1st O60 Men's Doubles - Willie Brocks / Abhay Bhalchandr Joshi (C)
- 3rd/4th O50 Men's Singles Willie Brocks
- 2nd O50 Men's Doubles - Nathan Kennedy and Willie Brocks
- 1st Open Women's Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Tracey Hsia (C)
- 3rd/4th Open Mixed Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / Willie Brocks
- 3rd/4th U19 Boys Doubles Keegan Jackson / Joshua Rae (C)



Tracey and Gemma 1st



Keegan 1st



Nathan and Willie 2nd



Tracey and Gemma in action



Nathan with his silver medal



Willie and Nathan in action

**WAIKATO OPEN, WAIKATO - 17-18 AUGUST 2024**

**Podium finishes for Southlanders were:**

- 1st B Grade Open Women's Singles - Gemma Buzzard
- 2nd O19 Combined Doubles - Gemma Buzzard / James Harter (Wanganui)



Gemma and Nathan 3rd



Gemma Buzzard 1st / Kwan Yung Podjursky (NT) 2nd





1st Graham Duthie (Waikato) / Bruce Kaihe-Sayers (Manurewa)  
2nd James Harter (Wanganui) / Gemma Buzzard

#### EVENTS COMING UP - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Secondary Schools Singles Competition, **Wed 31 July to 18 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 now online and at the stadium. Get your entries in. **Entries close on Sunday 1 September.**
- **Thursday Spring Competition 22 August to 26 September** - \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 for students. **Entries close today - 19 August.**
- **Wednesday Ping Pong competition** from 16 October to 20 November - \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 for students.
- **Nathan will be holding a coaching day before the Nationals** - further information will be available later.

#### END OF YEAR AWARD FUNCTION 2004

Mark your calendar for **7 December** for the end of year award at Garrett Stadium. Food will be brought in and people will be able to have fun playing some table tennis.

#### COMMITTEE NEWS

A special thanks to Gemma Buzzard from all your fellow table tennis players and the Management Committee for all the hard work you have put into Southland table tennis. She is moving to Christchurch after the Residential Champs and we wish Gemma and her family all the best. We will no doubt see her at our Southland Open and other tournaments. She has done some wonderful things for Southland, giving coaching advice to juniors and her cheerful smiling face will be missed by us all.

Due to work commitments Conor has also resigned. TTS would like to thank Conor for his time and involvement on the Committee.

If anyone is interested in helping on the committee or even helping with certain areas of table tennis contact Richard.

#### 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>

#### 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, Maurice Rodway and Kevin Toomey.



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

## CALENDAR FOR 2024

<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>
<b>Thur 22 Aug to 26 Sept</b>	<b>Spring Competition - \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 for students</b>
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
28 Sept to 13 October	Term 3 school holidays
5 - 13 October	New Zealand Senior, Junior & Para Open Championships, Saxton Stadium, Nelson
<b>Wed 16 Oct to 20 Nov</b>	<b>Ping Pong Competition - \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 for students</b>
<b>Sat 7 December</b>	<b>End of year award function, Garrett Stadium</b>