



The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

May 2025

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH TTS - WAYNE MCEWAN

We have been getting good numbers on club nights - if you have a friend - introduce them to the game of table tennis. We still have more access cards available if people want to buy them - contact me for details.

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.

AUTUMN COMPETITION, 19 MARCH - 23 APRIL 2025

The annual autumn competition has just completed with six weeks of enjoyable, competitive play. Players were grouped into three grades and players at the top and bottom of each grade were moved up or down respectively for the next week's play. As such it is a bit difficult to decide who the top players were in each grade except for the A grade.

Andrew was the best player overall in the A grade. Nathan won the first round but was unable to play after that. Greg and Richard were also mid table while Deb, Wayne and Isaac also competed strongly with Tom, Yuliya, Jeremy Smith and Mark coming up from the B grade to play there too.

In the B grade Jeremy, Tom, Mark and Isaac were always at or the near the top, when they were not promoted to the A grade and Peter, Ken, Aatman, Slade and Maurice played there too, coming up from the C grade.

C grade was evenly contested with Vaughan, Keith, and Alex always giving the others a good tussle.

Our young players; Slade, Ken, Peter and Aatman are improving fast, obviously benefitting from the coaching Nathan is giving them.

It was a very enjoyable competition with all games played in a good spirit.

Maurice Rodway – Convenor

ILT SOUTHLAND OPEN 2025 - 17-18 MAY 2025

The ILT Southland Open table tennis tournament took place over the weekend and some great games took place through the 1½ days.

11-year-old Lucas Alexandre from Auckland beat Ben Duffy Otago by 4 games to nil to become the youngest ever male Southland Open holder. Using skill and precision he showed the attributes of a future champion to upset the older wiser Ben Duffy. He also won the U13, U15 and U19 boys singles titles, over William Hsia from Canterbury being the runner up in all these 3 events. Tracey Hsia from Canterbury won the Women's Open title over former Southlander Gemma Buzzard by 4 games to 1 in a hard hitting final. Lucas also teamed up with his father and coach Josh Alexandre (Auckland) to take out the Men's Open final over Ben Duffy and Grant Wilson from Otago. The Open Women's final was won by Gemma Buzzard and Tracey Hsia from Canterbury, with Gemma teaming up with Josh Alexandre to take out the Open Mixed title. It was pleasing to see Southlanders taking out various titles as well, with Evie Rout showing her potential in winning the U13 Girl's title. Willie Brocks showed his skill and experience to win both the O40 and O60 Men's titles.

A full listing of placings and full results can be found on the TTNZ Tournament Planner

<https://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=89774f7b-bf0f-4978-916c-cf02ac30cea0>

Table Tennis Southland wish to acknowledge the support from its sponsor Invercargill Licensing Trust and to thank the volunteers who made this event happen over the 1½ days. Tournament Manager - Megan, with support from Richard, Gillian, Deborah, Maurice with assistance as well from Gemma. A lot of organising, planning and time made this event happen. Nathan ran our canteen over the 1½ days and did an admirable job and we thank him for his time here. Finally, Table Tennis Southland would also like to thank all the players that entered including the players that travelled from Otago, Canterbury and Auckland. This made this tournament a very special and high-quality event with some highly fought matches over the 1½ days.

Open Men's Singles

1st Lucas Alexandre
2nd Ben Duffy
3rd/4th Willie Brocks
3rd/4th William Hsia

Open Women's Singles

1st Tracey Hsia
2nd Gemma Buzzard
3rd/4th Deborah Cooper
3rd/4th Jill Liu

Open Men's Doubles

1st Josh Alexandre / Lucas Alexandre
2nd Ben Duffy / Grant Wilson
3rd/4th Willie Brocks / Barry Ellis
3rd/4th Matthew Fogarty / Robin Sew Hoy

Open Women's Doubles

1st Gemma Buzzard / Tracey Hsia
2nd Megan Parkinson / Yuliya Shalina
3rd Emma Bathurst / Lynley Routhan

Open Mixed Doubles

1st Josh Alexandre / Gemma Buzzard
2nd William Hsia / Tracey Hsia
3rd/4th Willie Brocks / Lynley Routhan
3rd/4th Ben Duffy / June King

2nd Grade Men's Singles

1st Robin Sew Hoy
2nd William Sew Hoy

2nd Grade Women's Singles

1st Yuliya Shalina
2nd Lynley Routhan

2nd Grade Combined Doubles

1st Peter McIntyre / Yuliya Shalina
2nd Slade Fordyce / Isaac Lindsay
3rd Maurice Rodway / Ian Rout

Over 60 Combined Singles

1st Willie Brocks
2nd Barry Ellis
3rd/4th Tom Giller
3rd/4th Lynley Routhan

Over 60 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Barry Ellis
2nd Tom Giller / Lynley Routhan
3rd Maurice Rodway / Ian Rout

Over 40 Combined Singles

1st Willie Brocks
2nd Matthew Fogarty
3rd/4th Grant Wilson
3rd/4th Ben Cummings

Over 40 Combined Doubles

1st Mark Corson / Matthew Fogarty
2nd Richard Cavanagh / Megan Parkinson
3rd/4th Maurice Rodway / Ian Rout
3rd/4th Willie Brocks / Barry Ellis

Over 30 Men's Singles

1st Josh Alexandre
2nd Willie Brocks
3rd/4th Richard Keen
3rd/4th Matthew Fogarty

Over 30 Women's Singles

1st Gemma Buzzard
2nd Yuliya Shalina
3rd Megan Parkinson

Over 30 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Gemma Buzzard
2nd Richard Cavanagh / Matthew Fogarty
3rd/4th Ben Cummings / Megan Parkinson
3rd/4th Jeremy Gibson / Yuliya Shalina

Over 21 Combined Singles

1st Gemma Buzzard
2nd Andrew Fleming
3rd Carl Rodmell
4th Ben Cummings

Over 21 Combined Doubles

1st Gemma Buzzard / Ben Cummings
2nd Andrew Fleming / Isaac Lindsay

Under 21 Combined Singles

1st Peter McIntyre
2nd Emma Bathurst
3rd Slade Fordyce

Under 21 Combined Doubles

1st Slade Fordyce / William Hsia
2nd Emma Bathurst / Peter McIntyre

Under 19 Boy's Singles

1st Lucas Alexandre
2nd William Hsia
3rd/4th Ken Liu
3rd/4th Peter McIntyre

Under 19 Girl's Singles

1st Tracey Hsia
2nd Emma Bathurst
3rd Athena Garcia

Under 19 Combined Doubles

1st Tracey Hsia / William Hsia
2nd Lucas Alexandre / Peter McIntyre
3rd Emma Bathurst / Slade Fordyce
4th Athena Garcia / Ken Liu

Under 15 Boy's Singles

1st Lucas Alexandre
2nd William Hsia
3rd/4th Slade Fordyce
3rd/4th Ken Liu

Under 15 Girl's Singles

1st Tracey Hsia
2nd Lara Wallace
3rd/4th Athena Garcia
3rd/4th Jakaya Lonneker

Under 15 Combined Doubles

1st Tracey Hsia / William Hsia
2nd Slade Fordyce / Ken Liu
3rd Athena Garcia / Jakaya Lonneker

Under 13 Boy's Singles

1st Lucas Alexandre
2nd William Hsia
3rd/4th Andy Chen
3rd/4th Dori Li

Under 13 Girl's Singles

1st Evie Rout
2nd Athena Garcia
3rd/4th Melody Li
3rd/4th Marissa Wang

Under 13 Combined Doubles

1st Lucas Alexandre / William Hsia
2nd Athena Garcia / Evie Rout
3rd/4th Thomaz Newey / Marissa Wang
3rd/4th Andy Chen / Dori Li

HELLO CLUB

Access card holders must book their times through Hello Club and a reminder it is for off-peak times only. Hello Club has a full listing of TTS events online.

Hello Club has recently updated TTS to Hello Club V2. As part of this process, TTS members need to provide their email and update their password to activate their accounts.

CARD HIRE:

Remember card hire options are available. If interested, contact Wayne McEwan for details. Mobile 0274 363 322 (in the afternoons and evenings only) or email office@tabletennissouth.org.nz

COACHING WITH NATHAN

Coaching Sundays 12 noon to 1 pm and Tuesdays 5.30 to 6.30 pm. Each session is \$5.00 per player.

E-mail Nathan at itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com to book and get more information.

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS, CHRISTCHURCH, KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

There is a training camp for selected players from **1pm to 3pm Saturday 24 May 2025** at Garrett Stadium being run by head coach Nathan Kennedy.

Reminder to players to enter directly into the Canterbury Grand Prix tournament if you are up there through Tournament Planner. This closes **Wednesday 21 May**.

Good luck to all those players who are playing in the Canterbury Grand Prix on Saturday and teams on Sunday, 1 June and Monday 2 June. Go Southland.

SELECTION OF SOUTHLAND TEAMS FOR NATIONALS

Our selectors will be approaching juniors/seniors over the next few weeks on availability for the **New Zealand Open Nationals**: 20-28 September 2025 (teams and individuals in Auckland).

ANY QUESTIONS

First point of call is Wayne McEwan but if you have any questions, you can ask the Committee members who are:

Maurice Rodway (Chairman), Richard Cavanagh, Deborah Cooper, Nathan Kennedy and Kevin Toomey.



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

Congratulations to all those Southland
players selected for
2025 South Island Teams in Christchurch

Head Coach -- Nathan Kennedy

Open Men's A Team

- Willie Brocks, Team Captain
- Karoly Erdeli
- Mark Corson

O40 Men's Team

- Mike Morus, Team Captain
- Tom Giller

Open Men's B Team

- David Liu, Team Captain
- Isaac Lindsay
- Peter McIntyre
- Hayden Fordyce

U15 Boys Team

- Ken Liu, Team Captain
- Slade Fordyce
- Zander Muller

Open Women's A Team

- Megan Parkinson, Team Captain
- Yuliya Shalina
- Emma Bathurst

U13 Girls Team

- Evie Rout, Team Captain
- Athena Garcia

King's Birthday Weekend
Sunday 1 June to Monday 2 June
For those who are entering the
Canterbury Grand Prix on Sat -- good luck

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Some photos taken of winners / runners up at the Southland Open Championships



**Open Men's Singles
Ben Duffy (2nd) / Lucas Alexandre (1st)**



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



**Open Men's Doubles
Josh and Lucas Alexandre (1st)**



**Open Men's Doubles
Grant Wilson / Ben Duffy (2nd)**



**Open Women's Doubles
Gemma Buzzard / Tracey Hsia (1st)**



**Open Women's Doubles
Yuliya Shalina / Megan Parkinson (2nd)**



Open Mixed Doubles
Josh Alexandre / Gemma Buzzard (1st)



Open Mixed Doubles
Tracey Hsia / William Hsia (2nd)



2nd Grade Singles
Robin Sew-Hoy (1st)



2nd Grade Singles
William Sew-Hoy (2nd)



O21 Combined Singles
Gemma Buzzard (1st) with Chairman Maurice Rodway



O21 Combined Singles
Andrew Fleming (2nd)



Over 30 Combined Doubles
Gemma Buzzard / Willie Brocks (1st)



Over 30 Combined Doubles
Richard Cavanagh / Matthew Fogarty (2nd)



Over 40 Combined Doubles
Mark Corson / Matthew Fogarty (1st)



Over 40 Combined Doubles
Megan Parkinson / Richard Cavanagh (2nd)



O60 Combined Doubles
Barry Ellis / Willie Brocks (1st)



O60 Combined Doubles
Tom Giller / Lynley Routhan (2nd)



U21 Combined Singles
Peter McIntyre (1st) / Emma Bathurst (2nd)



U21 Combined Doubles
William Hsia / Slade Fordyce (1st)



U19 Combined Doubles
William Hsia / Tracey Hsia (1st)



U19 Combined Doubles
Peter McIntyre / Lucas Alexandre (2nd)



U15 Combined Doubles
Tracey Hsia / William Hsia (1st)



U15 Combined Doubles
Slade Fordyce / Ken Liu (2nd)



**U13 Girl's Singles
Evie Rout (1st)**



**U13 Girl's Singles
Athena Garcia (2nd)**



Ian Rout and Maurice Rodway



**Junior Umpire
Bronson Waters**

CALENDAR FOR 2025

Sunday Coaching	12 noon to 1 pm with Nathan. E-mail Nathan: itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com
Tuesday Coaching	5.30 pm to 6.30 pm. E-mail Nathan: itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com
Tue 6 May to 24 June	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
Wed 7 May to 23 July	Winter Interclub Competition (12 weeks)
Thur 8 May to 26 June	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
Thur 8 May to 26 June	Secondary Schools Competition Term 2 – 8 weeks
31 May - 2 June	North Island Teams Championships, Palmerston North, U13, U15, U19, Open (Grades)
31 May - 2 June	NZ Para Team preparation camp, Manurewa - For NZ Para Team
31 May	Canterbury Grand Prix, Christchurch
1 - 2 June	South Island Teams Championships, Christchurch, U13, U15, U19, Open (Grades), O40's
6 - 11 June	ITTF-Oceania Senior Championships, Christchurch
7 June	Counties Manukau Para Open, Manurewa
7 - 8 June	NZ Junior Team preparation camp, TBC - For ITTF Oceania Junior Team
12 - 16 June	ITTF-Oceania Junior Championships, Christchurch
Wed 18 June	Southland Secondary School Champs, Invercargill
21 June	Hawkes Bay Open, Napier
22 June	TTNZ - Central Region Training Camp (1), Napier, U15, U19, Open
28 June to 13 July	Term 2 school holidays
28 - 29 June	Counties Manukau Open, Manurewa
2 - 4 July	TTNZ- Southern Region Training Camp, Dunedin, U15, U19, Open
4 - 5 July	Otago Open, Dunedin
5 July	Whanganui Open, Whanganui
5 - 6 July	Northland Open, Whangarei
6 July	TTNZ - Central Region Training Camp (2), Whanganui, U15, U19, Open
11 - 13 July	North Island Open Championships (Individual & Para), Wellington, U13, U15, U19, Open (Grades), O40, O60, Para Classes 1-11.
19 - 20 July	Wellington Open, Wellington
Tue 22 July to 2 Sept	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 3 - 8 weeks

Thur 24 July to 4 Sept	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 3 - 8 weeks
26- 27 July	Nelson Open, Nelson
26- 27 July	TTNZ - Northern Region Training Camp, Auckland, U15, U19, Open
2 - 3 August	Canterbury Open, Christchurch
Wed 6 August	Handicap Points Singles Tournament
9 August	Marlborough Closed, Blenheim
9 - 10 August	Waikato Open, Hamilton
9 - 14 August	ITTF-Oceania Hopes Week, Noumea, New Caledonia
Wed 13 Aug to 17 Sept	Spring Interclub Competition (6 weeks)
16 - 17 August	TTNZ Top 8 Tournament - TBC
23 - 24 August	Women & Girls Only Teams Challenge & Training Camp -2, Nelson Social, Junior and Open
25 - 27 August	New Zealand Secondary Schools Cup, Hamilton, U15, U19
29 - 31 August	Auckland Senior Open, Auckland
30 August - 5 September	AIMS Games, Tauranga, Born in 2012, 2013 + Para
5 - 6 September	NZ Para Team preparation camp, TBC - NZ Selected Para team
6 September	Waitemata Senior Open, Waitemata
6 - 7 September	Nelson Closed, Nelson
Sat 13 September	Southland Residentials Closed Invercargill
13 September	Otago Closed, Dunedin
13 - 14 September	Manawatu Open, Palmerston North
20 Sept to 5 October	Term 3 school holidays
20 - 28 September	New Zealand Open Championships, Auckland, U13, U15, U19, Open (Grades); Seniors followed by Juniors
24 - 25 September	International Para Classification, Venue TBC, Auckland
26 - 28 September	2025 ITTF-Oceania Para Championships, Rosehill College, Auckland
2 - 4 October	New Zealand Para Open Championships, Rosehill College, Auckland, Para Classes 1-11
Wed 8 Oct to 12 Nov	Ping Pong Competition
18 - 25 October	Australian National Veterans Championships, Moreton Bay, Queensland O30+, Players MUST play teams to play individuals. Teams to be selected and endorsed by TTNZ
15 November	Waitemata Closed, Waitemata
16 November	Auckland Spring Open, Auckland
10 - 14 December	National Summer Games - Special Olympics, Christchurch
19 December	Term 4 school holidays