



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## November 2025

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

With the recent damage caused by strong winds in Southland, we are happy to say table tennis is up and running after being closed down for four days. Here is some photos taken around the stadium.



The ICC has now cut down some macrocarpas and removed fallen branches. It is a timely reminder to be careful around trees especially in strong winds.

### 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.

### 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.

### TABLE TENNIS AWARDS, SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

This awards event started at 7pm. Special thanks to Wayne and his wife Caroline who ordered the food, helped in the kitchen and put on a great spread for the evening. Thanks to David Liu for bringing hot chips.

It was a very enjoyable night and good to see a variety of ages at the hall.

Maurice Rodway presented the certificates and awards to the following recipients:

**Most Improved Girl:** Emma Bathurst

**Most Improved Junior Boy:** Slade Fordyce

**Most Improved Adult Male:** Jeremy Smith

**Most Improved Adult Female:** Yuliya Shalina

**Volunteer of the Year:** Megan Parkinson

**2025 McLeay Jewellers & Engravers - Junior Excellence:** Athena Garcia

A big thank you to all other volunteers especially Nathan Kennedey for his dedication to coaching tt players and being head coach in Auckland and all the others who have helped in some way over the 2025 calendar year.

### CONSTITUTION

The Committee has been working on the TTS Constitution. This will be ratified at the AGM next year.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The date for the **Annual General Meeting is Wednesday, 11 February 2026** at 7pm at Garrett Stadium.

### 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](mailto:office@tabletennissouth.org.nz)

### SOCIAL CLUB

The social club is still going strong on Tuesday and Friday mornings. See photo at the back.

### PING PONG PARKINSON'S GROUP

This group has been enjoying having a hit on Friday afternoons. There was a good article on Facebook recently regarding the fun and laughter from the regular Ping Pong Parkinson's Group.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2026

Annual General Meeting, Garrett Stadium, 7pm – **Wednesday, 11 February 2026.**

Otago versus Southland match is to be held on **Saturday 28 March 2026** in Invercargill.

Southland Open **Saturday 9 May and Sunday 10 May 2026.**

Secondary Schools Championship is to be held on **Wednesday 17 June 2026.**

Southland Residential Championships is to be held on **Saturday 15 August 2026.**

### 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 and Kevin Toomey.



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





**A very happy group of players enjoying their table tennis on Friday afternoons**



### **Southland Table Tennis Social Club 2025**

**Insets Top Row:** Maurice Rodway, Ian Cope, Robin Laing, Di Bonish, Jill Howe, Maree McKenzie, Flo Fraser, Paul Morris, Val Glasson, Bill Cribb, Barrie Sheehy, Ray Jack, Kathy Jack, Forrester Norman.

**Second Row:** Jeanine Cassar, Ray Cassar, Ruth Menlove, Grant Colbran, Diane Gilchrist, Norman MacLean, Dianne Williams, Carolyn Rout, Janice Smith.

**Seated Top Row:** Brian Stroud, Alister Harvey, Russell Sinclair, Adrian Halliday, Ian Rout, Matt Nieuwlands, Di McEwan, Roger Baillie, John Glasson, Christine Simpson.

**Second Row:** Wendy Clark, Judith Rutledge, Eileen Cleaver, Anne-Marie Colbran, Nola Faulkner, Merren McKay, Devon Baillie, Margaret Baillie, Coral Rennel, Ivan Coster, Lorraine Stewart.

**Third Row:** Daphne Salter, Gill Poplur, Glenda Duthie, Lesley Holder, Helen Muirhead, Nolene Grieve, Rosie Blue, Ray Taylor, Kevin Fletcher, Ann Conahgan.



**2025 Awards Ceremony, Sunday 16 November**



**Maurice and Emma - Most Improved Girl**



**Maurice and Slade - Most Improved Boy**



**Maurice and Yuliya - Most Improved Female**



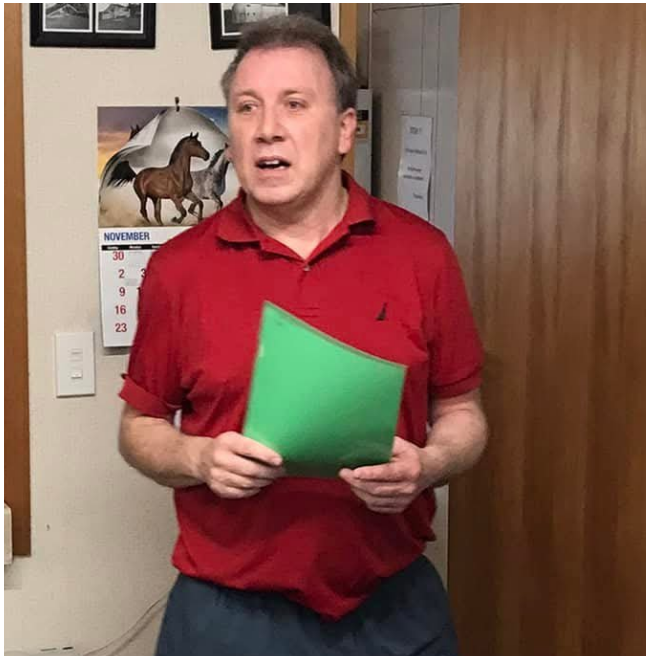
**Maurice and Jeremy - Most Improved Male**



**Maurice and Athena - Junior Excellence**



**Maurice and Megan - Volunteer of the Year**



Wayne doing the speeches



Maurice presenting a hamper to Deborah



## CALENDAR FOR 2025

Sunday Group Coaching	<b>Cost \$5</b> - 12 pm to 1 pm. Wayne: 0274 363 322 (in the afternoons / evenings only)
Tuesday Group Coaching	<b>Cost \$5</b> - 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Wayne: 0274 363 322
Tue 14 Oct to 9 Dec	Table Toppers Term 4 - 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 year olds
Thu 16 Oct to 18 Dec	Table Toppers Term 4 - 4 to 5 pm, 9 to 11 year olds
Thu 16 Oct to 18 Dec	Secondary School High School competition
19 December	Term 4 school holidays