



The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

March 2024

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH TTS - WAYNE MCEWAN

Hi everyone, we are now into the new table tennis season. Here are a few things that are coming up.

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

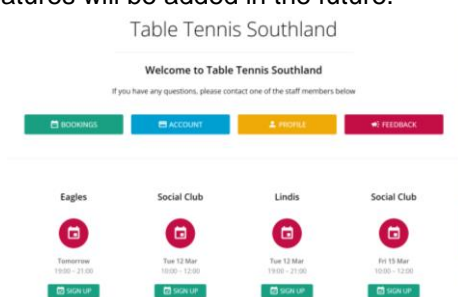
The Annual General Meeting was held on **Wednesday 31 January 2024**. Renata and Kelly have resigned from the committee and we thank them for all their hard work. We welcome back Gemma Buzzard. We still have one place open if anyone might be interested in coming on to the committee. Please talk to Richard if interested.

HELLO CLUB

Table Tennis Southland has initiated a new secure system through Hello Club, which is a membership partnership system with lots of other features including managing our database, bookings, events, future online payments etc. Table Tennis New Zealand has put things in place with the idea of having all Associations in New Zealand connected here. Around 7 or 8 associations have taken up this offer so far, with the remainder in the pipeline over the next year.

This system is **very secure** and to get started we have had to share the email addresses of our members in conjunction with Hello Club.

You will have received an email from Hello Club regarding this, where you can complete your profile and join accordingly. You can look at the Southland site. If you want to check if there are times that you can go and have a hit, you can click on stadium bookings. This is still a work in progress and a lot of other features will be added in the future.



NEW TTS WEBSITE

We challenge everyone to have a look at the new TTS website, we endeavour to get as much information as possible on here including entry forms, results, photos and information. The site is very upmarket and looks great, Megan Parkinson runs this site on behalf of TTS.



SOUTHLAND VERSUS OTAGO MATCH - SOUTHERN SHIELD CHALLENGE FOR JUNIORS

Remember the clash between Otago and Southland juniors will be held in Invercargill on **Saturday, 16 March 2024**. The match begins at 12.30pm with the hall open for junior teams at 11.30am. Come down and support our local players against Otago.

AUTUMN SINGLES COMPETITION

An entry form has gone out for this singles competition. It will be held on **Thursday nights 21 March until 25 April (6 weeks)**. Players will be placed into Grade A, Grade B, Grade C etc on their rating (players not rated shall be given a rating). Six players per grade. (This may vary slightly depending on entries). After each week's play the top two players in each grade shall move up and the bottom two players shall move down.

TTS has decided to run this first tournament of the year at a reduced rate in the endeavour to get more players playing in our first competition of the year. Total fees per person shall be \$30.00 payable by internet banking for all six weeks in advance before our first night, SBS Bank, 03 1355 0537733 00. Our a/c name; Table Tennis Southland. Please put your name in Reference field. (Note no refunds if you can't make a certain week).

Entries close on **Monday 18 March** with Maurice Rodway, maurice.rodway@gmail.com.

COACHING 2024

The second session of coaching will begin on:

Thursday 21 March to 22 May (17 and 24 April school holidays) (5.30 to 6.30pm) \$40 for 8 weeks.

Sunday 24 March to 19 May (31 March Easter) (21 and 28 April school holidays) (10 to 11.30am) \$30 for 6 weeks.

Details are being sent to previous attendees and posted on hall noticeboard.

NEW ZEALAND VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, TAUPO

Best wishes to Willie Brocks, Mike Morus and Karoly Erdelyi who will be playing at the Veteran Champs in Taupo.

CARD HIRE FOR 2024

The cost is \$4.00 per hour to hire a table for non-card holders. If you want to get a card, contact Wayne McEwan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Winter competition - **Thur 2 May to 8 Aug**
- Term 2 Primary School 4pm to 5pm - 6 to 8 year olds **Tue 7 May to 25 June**
- Secondary Schools Singles Competition, **Wed 8 May to 26 June**
- Term 2 Primary School 4pm to 5pm, 9 to 11 year olds **Thur 9 May to 27 June**

Forms will be sent out closer to the dates but mark your calendars.

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.

CALENDAR FOR 2024

Wed 20 March to 24 April	Autumn Competition (6 weeks)
Thursday 21 March - 23 May	Thursday Coaching 5.30 to 6.30pm (8 weeks)
Sunday 24 March - 19 May	Sunday Coaching 10am - 11.30am (6 weeks)
24 - 25 March	TTNZ Qualifier 3, Marlborough
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28 March - 1 April	New Zealand Open Veteran Championships Taupo Events Centre, Taupo
13 April to 28 April	Term 1 school holidays
14 -17 April	TTNZ Para Teams Challenge + National Development Camp 1 Manurewa
15 to 18 April	TTNZ National Hopes Camp - - Location TBC
19 - 21 April	TTNZ Individual Tournament #1 Edgar Centre, Dunedin
19 - 21 April	Halberg Games, Kings College, Auckland
Thur 2 May to 8 Aug	Winter Interclub Competition (15 weeks)
Tue 7 May to 25 June	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
Wed 8 May to 26 June	Secondary School Singles Competition Term 2 - 8 weeks
Thur 9 May to 27 June	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
11 - 12 May	Country Clubs - Location TBC
Sat 25 May	Southland Open Invercargill
1-3 June	South Island Teams Tournament - Location TBC
1 - 3 June	TTNZ Individual Tournament #2 Auckland
Wed 19 June	Southland Secondary School Champs, Invercargill
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 - Location TBC
16 - 19 July + 21 - 24 July	Fa20 Taipei Para Open + Fa40 Thailand Para Open Taipei, Thailand

Tue 30 July to 17 Sept	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 3 - 8 weeks
Wed 31 July to 18 Sept	Secondary School Singles Competition Term 3 - 8 weeks
Thur 1 Aug to 19 Sept	Primary School 9 to 11 year olds Term 3 - 8 weeks
*10 - 11t August	TTNZ Women's & Girls Only Tournament - Location TBC
2 - 4 September	New Zealand Secondary Schools Cup Barber Hall, Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North
Sat 7 September	Southland Residentials Invercargill
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