



# The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

## March 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. It is for all ages, let us know if you are interested in playing in the **Otago vs Southland match**. This is for juniors only. It is a great day and a chance to test your tt skills against Otago in Dunedin on 30 March.

### 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 TTS

The AGM for TTS was held on Wednesday, 12 February 2025. We are pleased to announce that Nathan Kennedy has been elected to the committee. The 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements have been completed and copies will be available at the stadium and on the website.

### Change of Roles

As from 9 March Maurice is going to be the Chairman of TTS, Richard is going to be the Minute Secretary, Deborah will continue set up newsletters and annual report and Kevin will be the Treasurer. Nathan will be helping with coaching along with input from Wayne and Ron as Life Member.

Richard has done a great job of being the Chairman for TTS over the past seven years which takes a lot of personal time. TTS would like to thank him for everything he has done in his role and wish Maurice every success.

If anyone is prepared to help in various roles, please contact Wayne or Maurice.

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

### BANK ACCOUNTS

Table Tennis Southland has now changed bank accounts from SBS to Westpac.

If you are paying online the new details are as follows:

**Name of account:** Table Tennis Southland Incorporated.

**Westpac:**

**Account Number: 03 1750 0532369 000**

### 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](mailto:itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com) to book and get more information.**

### AUTUMN COMPETITION

2025 Autumn individual singles competition, our first six week tournament of the year, starting Wednesday 19 March. Entries have been extended to Friday, 14 March. Get your entries in asap this will be great practice for other tournaments coming up.

Entry forms available on our website and down at Garrett Stadium.

### CALENDAR EVENTS FOR 2025

At the back is a calendar for TTS and also TTNZ. Some items will be added once Wayne has confirmed dates for the coaching on Sunday and Thursday evenings, secondary and Years 7/8 schools' weekly competition. Note your diaries.

An email has been received from TTNZ:

*This email is to inform you of a date change for the Regional Qualifier 2 and South Canterbury Open. This event will now be held on **22 and 23 March**, instead of 15 and 16 March. This change is necessary due to a scheduling conflict with another event in Timaru, which has impacted accommodation availability. We believe this new date will better accommodate players.*

### **NZ VETERAN OPEN CHAMPS, 18-21 APRIL 2025**

Entry forms are out for this event. If anyone is interested in the NZ Vets in Christchurch, go to TTNZ website for details.

#### Please note the following:

- Individual entries to be submitted online via Tournament Planner.
- Entries close at 11:59pm, **14 March 2025**.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

If you have any queries on this tournament, please contact Shane Laugesen via [entries@tabletennis.nz](mailto:entries@tabletennis.nz)

#### **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.**

## CALENDAR FOR 2025

Sunday Coaching	<b>12 noon to 1 pm with Nathan. E-mail Nathan: <a href="mailto:itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com">itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com</a></b>
Tuesday Coaching	<b>5.30 pm to 6.30 pm. E-mail Nathan: <a href="mailto:itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com">itsallaboutnath@hotmail.com</a></b>
22 - 23 March	TTNZ Regional Qualifier 2 + South Canterbury Open, Timaru - includes U15, U19, Open
22 - 23 March	Wellington Veteran Open, Wellington
23 - 24 March	TTNZ Qualifier 3, Marlborough
30 March	ANZAC Auckland Open
<b>30 March</b>	<b>Southland vs Otago Match held in Dunedin</b>
<b>Wed 19 March to 23 April</b>	<b>Autumn Individual Singles Competition (6 weeks)</b>
5 - 6 April	TTNZ Regional Qualifier 3, Wellington U15, U19, Open
12 April to 27 April	Term 1 school holidays
12 - 15 April	NZ Hopes Week & Challenge, Auckland, U12, U13
12 -16 April	Para Teams Challenge + National Development Camp 1 Counties-Manukau, Para Classes 1-11
17 April	New Zealand vs Australia Veteran Test Match, Christchurch O30, O40, O50, O60, O65, O70, O75, O80
18 - 21 April	<b>New Zealand Veteran Open Championships, Christchurch</b> O30, O40, O50, O60, O65, O70, O75, O80
24 - 26 April	Halberg Games, Auckland
25 - 27 April	South Island Open Championships (Individual & Para), Christchurch U13, U15, U19, Open (Grades), O40, O60, Para Classes 1-11. TTNZ Qualification Event
3 - 4 May	Marlborough Open, Blenheim
3 - 4 May	Wellington Autumn Open, Wellington
Tue 6 May to 24 June	Primary School 6 to 8 year olds Term 2 - 8 weeks
<b>Wed 7 May to 23 July</b>	<b>Winter Interclub Competition (12 weeks)</b>
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
10 - 11 May	Women & Girls Only Teams Challenge & Training Camp -1, Whanganui Social, Junior and Open
10 - 11 May	NZ Team preparation camp, For ITTF Oceania Junior & Senior Team + World Champs Team
<b>Sat 17- 18 May</b>	<b>Southland Open Invercargill</b>
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
<b>Wed 18 June</b>	<b>Southland Secondary School Champs, Invercargill</b>
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
<b>Wed 6 August</b>	<b>Handicap Points Singles Tournament</b>
9 August	Marlborough Closed, Blenheim
9 - 10 August	Waikato Open, Hamilton
9 - 14 August	ITTF-Oceania Hopes Week, Noumea, New Caledonia
<b>Wed 13 Aug to 17 Sept</b>	<b>Spring Interclub Competition (6 weeks)</b>
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
<b>Sat 13 September</b>	<b>Southland Residentials Closed Invercargill</b>
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
<b>Wed 8 Oct to 12 Nov</b>	<b>Ping Pong Competition</b>
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