



Across the Table

Newsletter of Table Tennis New Zealand

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Issue 1

Welcome to the first issue of our regular newsletter *Across the Table* which is available via email. The inspiration for the name comes from the 50th Anniversary book by the late Ken Wilkinson BEM *50 Years Across the Table*. Ken was the National Secretary/CEO for some 36 years, retiring in 1985 and this naming is a tribute to him.

Across the Table Options to Receive:

This first issue is being sent to all those who have opted-in, members who have supplied their email addresses with their registration or National Championship entry form, others who have been in communication with TTNZ, affiliates, and volunteers assisting TTNZ.

If you do not want to receive newsletters us please email: registrations@tabletennis.org.nz
Please include your name in the body of the email.

To those who subscribed to the newsletter some time ago, we apologise for the delay in its commencement.



From the Executive Director

Welcome to 2008.

I hope you all had a good break and are raring to go for this year. Many associations will have recently had their Annual General Meetings or will have in the next few months. If you can advise us of any major changes in your association, new proposals etc. please let us know and we will let everyone else know.

As you can see from the vacancies below I will be stepping down from the Executive Director role. I originally took the position for three months (so I thought) in May last year. It has been an interesting time with many challenges.

Averil Roberts, our Administration Officer also finishes next month. I know you will join with me in wishing her well for the future. She will still be around the tournaments, playing or umpiring.

While all events on the 2008 Calendar are important, the biggest event will be the World Junior Finals to be held in the North Shore Events Centre. This will involve around 400 from overseas. More in Issue 2.

At the AGM last November I was asked if I would give my views on future direction of table tennis. I will start this in the next issue with Championships and follow on with other areas of our sport.

Ron Garrett
Executive Director

New Zealand Open Veterans Championships 2008

Palmerston North

**Thursday 20th March
to
Monday 24th March**

**Entries Close
Thursday February 21st 2008**

Entry Forms available TTNZ web site

Employment and Volunteer Job Vacancies

TTNZ is seeking applications for the following:

**Executive Director
Administration Officer
High Performance Director
Director of Coaching
National Men's Coach**

**Full details, job descriptions are
available on the ttnz web site**

Applications close Thursday
7th February 2008

Applications, accompanied by a current CV shall be forwarded to Alan Moore, Chairperson, Table Tennis New Zealand, 48 Buchanans Road, Christchurch or alan@tabletennis.org.nz

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WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Dec 2007 PALO ALTO, California, USA

Stanford University saw the world's best junior table tennis players fighting it out at the 5th World Junior Championships. The New Zealand Under 18 Girls team punching above their weight hoped to emulate the success of 2006 and go even better than 13th place.

Outclassed and outgunned against Romania and Japan New Zealand stepped up against France almost creating the upset of the team events. Taking on the more favored, more experienced French side the NZ girls lost by the narrowest of margins after looking good to go up 2-0. France eventually came in at 9th place.

In the post section New Zealand put in some good individual performances but it didn't all come together until the match against the USA where New Zealand won 3.1 putting them into 15th spot.

In the individuals **Sophie Shu** on her last outing as a junior led the way with some great individual wins and combined with Trent Carter from Australia took out some good scalps in making the last 32 in the mixed doubles.

Jenny Hung and **Villa Yang** also had some good individual wins and combined with **Helen Chen** to perform with distinction. They did New Zealand proud and relished the opportunity in 2008 to take on the world once again in our own patch.

Wayne Gear

Note: The 2008 World Junior Championships will be held at North Harbour on December 6-13th.

Ratings

The ratings currently displayed on the web site are the final for 2007 with all tournament results up to date for the year.

The change of IT Strategy means the Board has formed a subcommittee to investigate urgently a replacement system.

<http://www.tabletennis.org.nz>

Our web site has been reviewed and slightly redesigned. As expected it is now much faster to download and following the change of hosting arrangements is now much easier and faster to maintain.

We are always open to suggestions so if you have any ideas let us know.

The home page is usually the first one seen by viewers and we look forward to contributions of news items and other information of interest to other visitors.

Membership Database

Following a review by the Board of the financial situation of the national body, and with some other considerations, the **Individual Member Registration** system (IMR) has now been bought in house again and will be administered centrally.

Associations have been advised of the procedures. All members must register through their associations.

Our web site page - <http://www.tabletennis.org.nz/registration.htm> gives details together with appropriate registration forms.

Unfortunately registration numbers have had to be changed (now a 5 digit one) and the new numbers are available from association secretaries and can be seen from the above registration page. Please quote them on all tournament entry forms. (The old numbers may be used on the NZ Vets entries).

The lists as displayed will be updated from time to time with the current and previous years registrations (name, number, assn & year only).

Be currently registered - it helps TTNZ and Associations.

Member registration is important to TTNZ and District Associations - it aids in the communication to members, applications for funding from SPARC and the various gaming trusts, the selectors for contacting players and age verification.

Suggest to your friends to go to the membership menu of the TTNZ web site and opt-in to this Newsletter:

<http://www.tabletennis.org.nz>

Contributions to the Newsletter especially club news Welcome

We hope to publish bi-monthly

World Junior Championships Umpires Wanted

National and International Umpires who are interested in umpiring at the World Junior Champs at North Harbour in December 2008 are asked to contact Alan Moore (ascjmoore@yahoo.com)

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