



Across the Table

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75th Anniversary of Table Tennis New Zealand

75TH JUBILEE DINNER & Hall of Fame Inductions
(In conjunction with the TTNZ AGM)

Reminder
Saturday 14th November 2009
ASB Lounge ASB Leisure Centre
Western Hills Drive, Whangarei

5.30pm Pre-dinner drinks & sharing of memories
7.00pm Dinner

\$50 per person includes buffet meal & entertainment

Please email Brent Davies biandi@xtra.co.nz or ph 09 4027695
if you wish to order tickets or if you have any queries

Tickets will be forwarded on receipt of payment to Table Tennis Northland
c/- Brent Davies 7 Tui Grove Paihia 0200

The evening dinner incorporates:

Hall of Fame Inductions - Six new inductees
Presentations to some new Life Members
Annual TTNZ Awards
Some Special Presentations
Memorabilia
Slide Show

**Come along for a great night of
TTNZ celebrations, get-together
and catch up with previous playing
mates, hosted by James Morris
and the Northland Team.**

Board Members

Nominations have been called for 3 Board members for election at this year's AGM in November. The positions held by Tim Seaholme and Alan Moore, both valuable members of the Board, come up for re-election. There has been a third vacancy this year.

The Board comprises five elected members (2 one year and 3 in alternate years) and up to two appointed by the Board. The Board has a governance role, but that does not stop Board Members being active on committees. TTNZ Constitution, item 15 sets out the function of the Board.

Persons interested in serving on the Board should advise their association (or any other association) that they are interested and wish to be nominated. A CV will be required.

Nominations close with TTNZ Monday 19th October 2009.

If you want any information please contact
Ron Garrett.

From the Chair

A number of changes have occurred since the last *Across the Table* in February. I was not Chair then, in fact I had just finished visiting South Island associations in my role as Participation Manager and putting together reports and suggestions for associations. This was funded by New Zealand Community Trust for which we are grateful.

I took on the Chairman’s position in May following Alan Moore’s resignation. Alan of course remains on the Board and is a very valuable member.

Not an ideal time to take on the Chair’s role (perhaps one could ask “is there an ideal time?”) when four days later Ngaire and I left New Zealand for two months in Canada and Alaska. I am grateful for the work of Gina, our Administration Officer and fellow Board members during this period.

I would have preferred it if emails were not invented and I could not be contacted at all, but that is life. Nothing like a dozen or so emails each and every day.

The major tournaments of the year have now been completed, with the Nationals being blessed with the presence of Korean and Australian players.

Top players had their opportunity to attend various tournaments overseas, starting with the World and Commonwealth Championships, Junior Circuit events, Cadet Challenge, World Junior qualifying, Australian Senior Champs and Australian Junior Champs. Others were or are to be involved in Oceania teams.

Next year will be a big year with players competing for places in the team to Commonwealth Games in India, the Oceania Championships in Auckland including World Junior Circuit, Junior Qualifying, Cadet Challenge, Youth Olympic Games Qualifying.

Auckland association have also taken on a big task next year in holding the Oceania/Junior Circuit events etc over 14 days during April and later the proposed NZ Junior Open, International Open and NZ Senior Closed.

I am sure with Shane Warbrooke heading the team all events will be a success.

Ron Garrett

Northern Region Selector

As a result of Murray Finch’s appointment as High Performance Director, TTNZ is calling for applications for a Northern Region Selector.

Full details are on the TTNZ web site. Applications close 27th October 2009

Change in High Performance Director

Shane Warbrooke resigned from the position of High Performance Director at end of September after almost two years in the job.

I can speak highly of Shane and the breath of fresh air he brought to the position in a part paid role.

I was Executive Director when Shane took on the position, and I can vouch for the tremendous amount of time, thought and investigation into new ways to improve the high performance in New Zealand he put in.

The High Performance Plan had some new ideas, not always agreed to by some, but which Shane was able to back up with sound reasoning and convince people of the benefits. He was prepared to listen to other views and make changes where necessary.

With Auckland having a big year ahead I can understand his decision to resign and put his efforts into his association.

On behalf of TTNZ I thank Shane for his time as HP Director.

The Board has appointed **Murray Finch** of Waikato to replace Shane. Murray has a passion for the sport at the higher level, having been involved in coaching and management of teams.

While Murray may have a different approach, he agrees in the main with the thrust of the HP Plan. He also intends forming a team of people with experience at International level for advice, similar to the approach John Stapleton took a few years ago.

Murray is known to NZOC and SPARC which will be an advantage leading into the Commonwealth Games next year.

Ron Garrett (Board Chairman)

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