

# NZ Open Veterans Championships Auckland Easter 2002

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Singles Runner Up</u>
<b><u>Over 40 years</u></b>		
Men's Singles	Horst Frohlich (AUS)	Pat Low (A)
Women's Singles	Val Beaver (NH)	Joan Munn (AUS)
Men's Doubles	M Ede & M Wright (AUS)	
Women's Doubles	V Beaver & A Roberts (NH/HV)	
Mixed Doubles	M Andrews & V Beaver (AUS/NH)	
<b><u>Over 50 years</u></b>		
Men's Singles	Allen Drury (AUS)	Horst Frohlich (AUS)
Women's Singles	Lynley Barker (C)	Carol Hughes (AUS)
Men's Doubles	K Cole & H Frohlich (AUS)	
Women's Doubles	V Crumbie & J Munn (AUS)	
Mixed Doubles	H Frohlich & J Munn (AUS)	
<b><u>Over 60 years</u></b>		
Men's Singles	Werner Borkhardt (AUS)	Chip Eade (WT)
Women's Singles	Carol Hughes (AUS)	Annice Robotom (MN)
Men's Doubles	K Cole & K Sands (AUS)	
Women's Doubles	C Hughes & M McGregor (AUS/WT)	
Mixed Doubles	K Cole & C Hughes (AUS)	
<b><u>Over 65 years</u></b>		
Men's Singles	Anthony Herbert (AUS)	Case De Bondt (AUS)
Women's Singles	Margaret McGregor (WT)	Nellie Milich (NL)
Men's Doubles	A Herbert & E Moore (AUS/C)	
Women's Doubles	E Spooner & J Woodward (MN/AUS)	
Mixed Doubles	A Herbert & J Woodward (AUS)	
<b><u>Over 70 years</u></b>		
Men's Singles	Eddie Moore (C)	Keith Armstrong (C)
Women's Singles	Elsie Spooner (MN)	Joy Ingpen (AUS)
Men's Doubles	M Allardyce & P Bargh (HV/MN)	
Women's Doubles	E Spooner & J Woodward (MN/AUS)	
Mixed Doubles	R Morris & E Spooner (AUS/MN)	
<b><u>Over 75 years</u></b>		
Men's Singles	Jim Coad (A)	Harry Taylor (C)

## Is the Tasman Gap Getting Smaller?

### Dennis Galvin looks at the NZ Veterans Championships at Auckland

After the results from the Thursday night test (Australia 15, NZ 10), it looked as if the gap between New Zealand and Australia was closing. But by the end of the finals night on Easter Monday the Ozzies had been as all-conquering as in previous years.

Horst Frohlich easily won the O40 men's singles against Auckland Pat Low and North Harbour's Val Beaver won the women's singles, maintaining her remarkable success with ease. Val must be approaching the record deeds of John Lelliott and Mary Broadbent, if she has not already reached them.

One of the gutsiest wins in the tournament was Canterbury's Lynley Barker beating Sydneysider Carol Hughes in five after taking out Beaver in four in the semis and

Australian test player Val Crumbie in five in the quarters – a match which featured an 18-20 third game.

After a while off the scene Bill Otene (Waitemata), who reaches the 70's division next year, was put out in the 65 men's singles semi-finals by Australian eventual winner Tony Herbert.

If there was a talking point, it was the lack of Auckland entries on their home track.

## Revisit Draft System for Vets?

Merv Allardyce adds some comments:

If the philosophy is that the teams events are for Association teams it seems strange that a player can represent two Associations at the same championship. I feel the draft system for the Veterans should be revisited - it is a different situation from the NZ Championships. I suggest that the system only operates when a player is not already in an Association team and does not operate when a player is already a member of a team and their second age group requires them to play for another Association. Australian players should be required to play for their State and not enter two age events with partners from different States.

Generally, it was a well run tournament except for a hiccup in the teams draws when some draws originally okay were changed because others were wrong. The canteen was great with some very good, fresh food. The presence of Australian players adds to the championships and it was interesting to note the differing styles of many of the players - all good stuff.

## Veterans Merit Lists – Calculated from the Championships results

Men	Women	Over 65	
<b>Over 40</b>		<b>1</b> Tony Herbert	Barbara Jackson
<b>1</b> Horst Frohlich	Val Beaver	<b>2</b> Case De Bondt	Marg. McGregor
<b>2</b> Pat Low	Joan Munn	<b>3</b> Geoff Nesbitt	Annice Robotom
<b>3</b> Peter de Boer	Lesley Gardner	<b>4</b> Paul Winder	Nellie Milich
<b>4</b> Chris Talbot	Averil Roberts	<b>5</b> Rhys Morris	Elsie Spooner
<b>5</b> Bob Lassen	Chris Cunningham	<b>6</b> Bill Otene	Joyce Woodward
<b>6</b> Kevin Fogarty	Anne McLean	<b>Over 70</b>	
<b>Over 50</b>		<b>1</b> Eddie Moore	
<b>1</b> Horst Frohlich	Lynley Barker	<b>2</b> Rhys Morris	
<b>2</b> Mick Wright	Val Beaver	<b>3</b> Keith Armstrong	
<b>3</b> Allen Drury	Carol Hughes	<b>4</b> Paul Bargh	
<b>4</b> Mike Andrews	Joan Munn	<b>5</b> Hugh McIlwrath	
<b>5</b> William Weinstock	Val Crumbie	<b>6</b> Dave Sherman	
<b>6</b> Pat Low	Chris Cunningham		
<b>Over 60</b>			
<b>1</b> Ken Cole	Carol Hughes		
<b>2</b> Werner Borkhardt	Annice Robotom		
<b>3</b> Chip Eade	Merle Trenwith		
<b>4</b> Tony Herbert	Nellie Milich		
<b>5</b> Case De Bondt	Joyce Woodward		
<b>6</b> Nam Hang Lee	Elsie Spooner		



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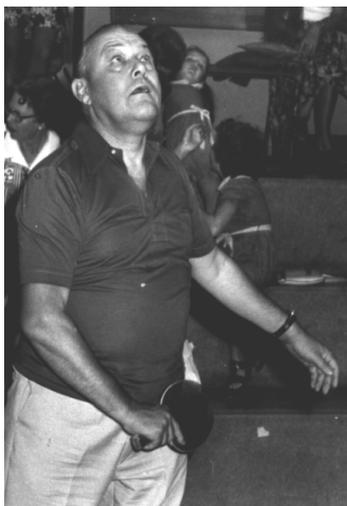


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### Front Cover – Divine Guidance?

Not at all – simply **Rob Muldoon** (Prime Minister of NZ at the time) participating in a **Ping Pongathon** held to raise funds for the Auckland Table Tennis Stadium in 1979.



### SUMMER NATIONALS

#### Manawatu Stage Yet Another Great Tournament

**The weather was great, the atmosphere excellent and the hospitality superb for another great Summer Nationals held in Palmerston North in mid January.**

Many of New Zealand's top players along with a host of talented up and comers and of course the many usual regulars, all had the time of their lives. Some amazing results occurred under the new 11 point format.

A couple of great choppers confronting some of the country's best attackers made for some incredible matches. At times Nelson's **Johnny Liang** and Bay of Plenty's **Sun Yang** were seen in unimaginable positions getting the ball back on the table - always a highlight of any tournament. Nelson's **Ian Alino** played the match of his life to be only the second person in NZ to lower the colours of Liang. He seemed to be able to pick off a winner from almost anywhere during the first day of the teams events. Another star was Nelson's **Chris Erskine** who managed to beat his arch rival **Binbin Zhu** on the three occasions they met. Erskine took the under 17 and under 14 Boys Singles titles.

It all went off without a hitch and all the players and the many spectators were full of praise for the organising committee for staging such a wonderful friendly tournament.

Table Tennis NZ liaison officer **Bryan Keane** said "If all the tournaments were played in such a great atmosphere as this, table tennis would soon become one of the most popular sports in the country."

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### Doubts about 11 point Game

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

I don't know if I agree with the new rules at all. Yes, it may make the game look a little more interesting, but by simplifying the game it gives it a bad image. Now A grade players will look like B grade and the players don't need to be as fit as they should be. Part of the meaning of the sport is the game itself as well as fitness. I think ITTF focus too much on the looks.

Also after all the hard work done on our serve and fitness, now we realise it is not required. Now the sport doesn't need much skill and fitness. I can't see where the entertaining is going to come from. One thing I like about this sport is the amount of skill involved in it. Now I am seeing half the needs of the sport being cut off. Plus the new rules are not good for slow starters like me. By the time I am ready and fully warmed up, I may be too late to catch up or the game is even finished. I don't often get into the match until the second game. Now one game is equal to two.

I know you probably won't be able to do much about the new game. I have spoken to many players and I think you may find a number of players who will drop the sport because of the new rules.

Regards **Tony Law** (Onslow Club Member, Wellington)

### More Democratic

#### Change to the Way the TTNZ Board is Formed

At the Annual General Meeting last November, delegates passed changes to the Constitution which results in some Board members now being elected at the AGM. Previously all were appointed by an Appointments Committee which included people from outside Table Tennis.

Briefly, the new system requires the seven member Board to consist of five members elected at the AGM for a period of two years after which they must retire (they can then be re-elected or re-appointed), and two members appointed by the Board who also must stand down after two years, remaining eligible for re-appointment or re-election.

The four members appointed to the Board under the previous system at the end of 2001 will serve for two years. The remaining three (appointed in 2000) are required to stand down at the 2002 AGM and two replacement members will then be elected and one appointed. In 2003 three members will be elected and one appointed. Thereafter the same two-yearly cycle will be repeated, allowing each member to serve for two years.

It had been felt for some time that, with the lack of attraction of Board members from outside Table Tennis, Associations needed to have their say as to the composition of the Board. The election of five members allows for this while the appointment of the other two still allows some specialist input.

## Summer Nationals Results Palmerston North Jan 2002

<u>Open</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Singles Runner Up</u>
Men's Singles	Johnny Liang (N)	Adrian Soh (N)
Women's Singles	Sun Yang (BP)	Sophie Shu (MN)
Men's Doubles	J Liang & A Soh (N)	
Women's Doubles	B Astwood & Sun Yang (MN/BP)	
Mixed Doubles	T Armstrong & Sun Yang (BP)	
<u>B Grade</u>		
Men's Singles	Ian Alino (N)	Yu-Chih Chang (MN)
Women's Singles	Sophie Shu (MN)	Annice Robottom (MN)
Men's Doubles	I Alino & J Wells (N)	
Women's Doubles	A Robottom & V Scarr (MN)	
Mixed Doubles	Y Chang & S Shu (MN)	
<u>Over 50 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Eddie Millard (MN)	Jim Jarmin (MN)
Women's Singles	Val Scarr (MN)	Annice Robottom (MN)
Men's Doubles	P Bargh & J Jarmin (MN)	
Women's Doubles	B Astwood & A Robottom (MN)	
Mixed Doubles	E Millard & A Robottom (MN)	
<u>Over 40 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Chris Talbot (HV)	Jim Jarmin (MN)
Women's Singles	Annice Robottom (MN)	Val Scarr (MN)
Men's Doubles	E Millard & P Solt (MN/HB)	
Women's Doubles	A Robottom & V Scarr (MN)	
Mixed Doubles	E Millard & A Robottom (MN)	
<u>Over 20 &amp; Under 40 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Ben Collins (A)	Yu-Chih Chang (MN)
Men's Doubles	Y Chang & C McCauley (MN)	
<u>Under 20 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Johnny Liang (N)	Adrian Soh (N)
Women's Singles	Sun Yang (BP)	Tomoe Takahashi (HB)
Men's Doubles	I Alino & J Liang (N)	
Women's Doubles	Sun Yang & T Takahashi (BP/HB)	
Mixed Doubles	J Liang & Sun Yang (N/BP)	
<u>Under 17 years</u>		
Boys' Singles	Chris Erskine (N)	Binbin Zhu (A)
Girls' Singles	Sophie Shu (MN)	Michelle McCarthy (HV)
Boys' Doubles	C Erskine & J Wells (N)	
Girls' Doubles	M McCarthy & H Squire (HV)	
Mixed Doubles	B Zhu & S Shu (A/MN)	
<u>Under 14 years</u>		
Boys' Singles	Chris Erskine (N)	Binbin Zhu (A)
Girls' Singles	Sophie Shu (MN)	Hanna Squire (HV)
Boys' Doubles	C Erskine & B Zhu (N/A)	
Girls' Doubles	S Shu & H Squire (MN/HV)	
Mixed Doubles	B Zhu & S Shu (A/MN)	

## TABLE TENNIS STUDY WINS AT SCIENCE FAIR

A young Marlborough table tennis player with a passion for statistical research has won an array of science prizes for her in-depth study into the effect of the new 40 mm ball.

**Kali Stratford** (14) spent four months conducting her research. She studied speed, spin, control, and spectator visibility. A paper detailing her method and summarising her findings was entered in the Marlborough Girls College Science and Technology Fair where it scooped first prize. That was only the beginning - it went on to win at regional level, qualifying for the national event in Hamilton last December where it won the NZ Association of Science Educators award - travel to the value of \$1,000 to visit scientific or technologically significant events or locations within New Zealand. Kali's regional win netted her a \$1000 tertiary scholarship, other prizes to the value of \$250, a gold science award and a highly commended award for her statistical data. Her success attracted media attention, resulting in great publicity for table tennis.

Kali's research featured practical experiments and a series of questions put to a range of players:

"For the speed and control tests I chose 8 players from each of these groups: beginners, local juniors, local seniors, top NZ juniors and top NZ seniors. My speed test involved a pair of players standing close to the table hitting forehand to forehand for 30 seconds. I did the same for the 38 mm and 40 mm ball and got a rate per minute using a stopwatch.

"My control test involved 2 players playing a game up to 10 points with 5 serves each. I did a rally count and repeated with both size balls.

"My spin test involved the server using Mark V rubber serving to Mark V. I made my servers serve into a small square marked on their side and then into a small marked square on the receiver's side. I held a bat still with the Mark V rubber and repeated with anti-spin. I repeated this with both size balls. I measured the angle the balls went and the length the ball travelled after contact with the receiver's bat. I had chalked where they landed each time.



"My spectator test involved spectators standing 15 metres behind the tables and two games played with different size balls. The spectators had to detect which ball was the easiest to see - they didn't know which was which size.

"I then conducted a questionnaire asking 50 players, excluding beginners:

- ◆ Which ball do you prefer, the 38 mm or the 40 mm?
- ◆ Do you think the rallies are longer with the 40 mm ball?
- ◆ Do you find the 40 mm ball easier to see while umpiring?"

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#### 40mm ball study continued.

Kali's paper included a full and precise set of findings, averaged out over all groups of players, and in summary it concluded that the 40 mm ball showed:

- 13% reduction in both speed and spin
- 20% reduction in length travelled after spin serves were delivered.
- 16% increase in rally length
- 90% of spectators find it easier to see from 15m.



The questionnaire results showed the majority of players prefer the larger ball, feel that rallies are longer with it, and find it easier to see while umpiring.

The thoroughness of Kali's work and the competition success it brought at regional and national level attracted considerable media attention. The Marlborough Express and Greymouth Evening Star both ran stories and there was radio and television coverage as well. Kali has entered Science Fairs annually for several years and has frequently collected cash prizes. She began playing table tennis three years ago and is the daughter of Debbie Stratford, nee Looms – a regular winner of South Island singles and doubles titles between 1978 and 1981, and winner of several New Zealand and North Island titles.

by John Kiley

## No Chance of a Fight-back ??

### Table Tennis Illustrated Editor *Ian Marshall* defends the new 11 point rule....

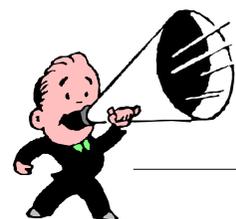
"There is no chance of a fight-back" was one of the most quoted observations heard from established table tennis players when news reached them that their beloved game would no longer be played to twenty-one points but to eleven points.

I would suggest that quite the reverse is true. No longer can a player afford any lapse in concentration when only one point away from success. Having worked hard to establish a lead, the same level of concentration must now be maintained. Two weak services followed by two weak service returns and what appeared to be a comfortable situation is suddenly converted into crisis.

Crisis now comes quicker and more often. The players who succeed must, more than ever before, have the mental qualities to react positively to pressure situations. They are able to raise their game, play at a higher level and dent the confidence of their opponents. Their play draws gasps of disbelief from the assembled spectators. They are the players the crowd comes to watch. Adoring fans take them to their hearts whatever the nationality and they will them to perform the impossible. They are vital to sport.

It would appear that such players go into their own world when defeat looms. They are totally focussed on the task in hand and are oblivious to the rest of the world. If you ask them what they were thinking about in a crisis situation they cannot answer - they simply revel in the challenge of competing when the contest is on a razor edge.

Few in sport have such qualities.



## Reporting briefly.....

### Board member resigns

**Andrew Gordon** has resigned from the Board of TTNZ due to business commitments. Andrew will be missed at Board level. A replacement will not be appointed, rather the vacancy will be filled by the associations at the next AGM.

### Associations Merge

As we go to print, the Wellington and Hutt Valley Associations are well on their way to merging into a single Association, having conducted the necessary meetings to wind up their respective individual Associations in March. The newly merged Association will be known as **Table Tennis Wellington Inc.**

A combined committee has operated over the past year and by the end of April the merger is expected to be complete.

### Asia Pacific Masters Games.

The Queensland Gold Coast is the venue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Pacific Masters Games to be held 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2002. Table Tennis for the 30+ is one of the 41 sports which will be in action. For more information, visit the web site [www.mastersgames.com.au](http://www.mastersgames.com.au).

### World Masters Games.

Melbourne is hosting the 2002 World Masters Games between October 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Averil Roberts has details for anyone who is keen to learn more about this sporting event where 29 sports will be on offer, including Table Tennis for the over 35s. Alternatively the web site for information is [info@2002worldmaster.org](mailto:info@2002worldmaster.org).

### Application for More Table Tennis Events at the Olympics Fails

The International Table Tennis Federation applied to add Mixed Doubles events to the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. As the International Olympic Committee has set a limit of 10,500 athletes and wants to maintain the current level of approximately 300 events, the application was declined.

The objective now of the ITTF is to replace the existing doubles events with team events and it will be applying to the IOC for this in the hope that team events will be a reality at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

### National Office.

Following concern regarding backup in the National office and the increased workload by increasing development and tours, the Board agreed to employ someone on a part time basis. **Averil Roberts** commenced duties on 15 April.



## Wanganui Open

Due to alterations being done at the Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui Association have had to cancel their Open for this year.

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## North Island Open

Following the withdrawal of Taupo these championships will now be hosted by the Auckland Association 11 to 14 July.

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## OneList Chat Group.

The Board agreed that this was not fulfilling the vision that was expected of it, therefore it was not serving any useful purpose to TTNZ. The Group has been closed.

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## Criteria for Representing NZ

The Board clarified that to represent NZ, players must have lived in NZ for at least 3 years and be a NZ citizen.

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## We get messages from everywhere

Here's an extract from an email received recently:

Hello. First let me tell you that your web site is awesome!!! I am a student at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania USA and I am going to school to become a health and physical education teacher. I am currently developing a unit regarding table tennis. While stumbling through the net to look for pictures I found your site. The information you have is great. I was wondering if you had a more detailed and hard copy version of the Kiwi Coaching Manual. If you do I would like to contact someone about getting one. I believe it would be a great asset for both myself and my colleagues.

Thank You,

**Alex Slazek**

He would have surfed the net pretty thoroughly in the course of his research, so ***New Zealand leads the world - again !!***

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## From Pennsylvania again – Golf

Soon after **Craig Perks'** magnificent Golf win in Florida, the National Office received an email from a USA TT enthusiast, asking if the USA newscasts were correct in saying that Craig was a NZ TT Champion. We had to correct that impression with the correspondent but did make it clear that Craig was a good TT player some years ago in the Manawatu.

Craig certainly made the right choice of the sport to concentrate on – sadly for TT!

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## Manawatu Hard Bat Tournament

Manawatu Association have changed the date of their annual novel event.

Their Hard Bat tournament is now on Saturday June 15 starting at 9am. Grades to suit everyone and bats supplied. Prizes Galore! Entry forms available early May.



## Bowls and Barry Wynks

Great news from Barry Wynks (Manawatu). He has been selected to represent NZ at the Commonwealth Games in the Bowls triples team for disabled players. Many members will know Barry as a really good table tennis player (refer to articles in previous issues), and it is great to learn more of his talents.

Good news for the NZ TT team – Barry expects to be able to support them while he is there.

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## Coaching and Training Logbook.

This book is intended for players and coaches to assist in the development of players and monitor their progress.

It is now available on the TTNZ web site (Under Coaching index).

## Selectors Spot

As a newly appointed national selection panel who took office on the 1st January this year, we feel it is timely to communicate with players, coaches, officials and interested parties on our broad selection philosophy.

As most would be aware, table tennis is participating in the Commonwealth Games for the first time this year in Manchester. This is an exceptional opportunity for table tennis to showcase the sport to the New Zealand sporting public. Getting good results at the Commonwealth Games would be a huge boost. The selection processes and issues surrounding the composition of the Commonwealth Games Team have taken the largest amount of our time early in our term. We are also well aware of the need to put in place a selection philosophy for the development of our future senior representatives and have worked on this area as well.

Table tennis will also be part of the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006, and the selection panel is focused on the identification and development of players we believe will be internationally competitive senior players at this event. We are looking for existing and emerging talent committed to working towards this goal. The plan being developed by the Board, selectors and coaches will be detailed in future issues of this magazine. However it is important that players who have the 2006 Games as one of their career goals are aware that we are striving for a team that will produce good results at that event. This means we are looking for players who have good results in junior and, more importantly, senior events within New Zealand - players who can compete at Oceania level and, ultimately, on the international stage. It is important that players realise that natural ability alone is not enough to be competitive internationally - only when natural ability is combined with intelligent application of a strong work ethic is there a chance of success. Players need to demonstrate these attributes to the selectors and will be given the opportunity to do so. We will also be working with coaches at National, Regional and Association level as we search for the players who meet our criteria.

So for those players targeting the 2006 Commonwealth Games, the challenge has been laid down. It's up to you to do the work and get the results. We will be looking!

**Averil Roberts, James Morris, Murray Finch.**  
**National Selection Panel**



## Long Term Plans Made

### International Programme Set for the Next Five Seasons

A meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February was held to determine which international events TTNZ intended supporting up to and including 2006. Board Member John Stapleton has supplied the following report on the meeting:

Present – Alan Hounsell, Ron Garrett, John Stapleton, James Morris, Averil Roberts, Murray Finch, Simeon Cairns, Ric Hyden, Phil Males.

It was noted that in any calendar year opportunities exist for each of the following groups – elite seniors, elite juniors (under 18), elite cadets (under 15), veterans (over 40). It was further decided that one area NZ should focus on was developing talent underneath the current elite top players. In particular, the 2006 Commonwealth Games was seen as a high priority and we need to look now towards developing those players who are likely to represent NZ at this event in Melbourne. In the list below this group is referred to as the NZ Development Squad.

The list agreed to was:

#### 2002

1. Commonwealth Games, Manchester, August
2. Oceania Championships (Open, U20, U17, U14), Fiji, June
3. World Cadet Championships (U15), Hungary, June
4. World Masters Games, Melbourne, October
5. NZ v Australia Veterans Test Match, Auckland, March
6. World Cup: Women, September; Men, November
7. NZ v Australia Cadet Test Match (possible)

#### 2003

1. Oceania Championships
2. NZ Development Squad Tour (Asian Senior Championships or similar event)
3. Olympic Qualifying Tournament
4. World Individual Championships, Paris, May
5. World Junior Championships, December
6. World Cadet Championships
7. Australian Junior Championships (if NZ is allowed to compete), *or* Asian Junior Championships (if NZ is allowed to compete), *or* NZ v Australia Cadet Test Match
8. NZ v Australia Veterans Test Match
9. World Cup for Men and Women

#### 2004

1. World Teams Championships, Qatar, April
2. Commonwealth Championships, March
3. Olympic Games, Athens
4. NZ Development Squad Tour (itinerary to be investigated)
5. World Junior Championships, December
6. World Cadet Championships
7. Australian Junior Championships *or* Asian Junior Championships *or* NZ v Australia Cadet Test Match
8. World Veterans Championships
9. NZ v Australia Veterans Test Match
10. World Cup for Men and Women

#### 2005

- 1 Oceania Championships
- 2 NZ Development Squad Tour (Asian Senior Championships or alternative event)
- 3 World Individual Championships
- 4 World Junior Championships
- 5 World Cadet Championships
- 6 Australian Junior Championships *or* Asian Junior Championships *or* NZ v Australia Cadet Test Match
- 7 NZ v Australia Veterans Test Match
- 8 World Cup for Men and Women

#### 2006

- 1 Commonwealth Games, Melbourne
- 2 World Teams Championships
- 3 Other events yet to be discussed

It was noted that it is highly likely that the Oceania Championships will be a compulsory prerequisite for selection in teams for the World Junior and World Cadet Championships. The World Cadet Championships are to involve an Oceania team and the World Junior Championships would be attended by the top country from the Oceania Federation.

Selection criteria was briefly discussed and the selectors intend to issue a new policy for approval by the Board.

It was agreed that the ITTF rule for eligibility to represent ones country be made clear and apply to all players. This rule is that in order to represent NZ a player must have NZ citizenship with a current NZ passport and must have resided in NZ for at least 3 years.



### WORLD RANKINGS

#### NZ Players

(as at 1 April 2002)

#### Women

Li Chunli	45
Karen Li	121
Tracey McLauchlan	454

#### Men

Peter Jackson	191
Aaron Li	218
Shane Laugesen	311
Andrew Hubbard	364
Johnny Liang	398
Aaron Winborn	417
Malcolm Darroch	544
Paul Innes	569
Simon Wallace	574



# Table Tennis New Zealand

## **A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YOU**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to try and improve the presentation of table tennis and to make it more attractive to current, former or prospective players to want to be involved in. We need your input in order to be able to accurately assess what changes are needed. Please print clearly.

The results will be published in a following TTNZ magazine and on our web site.

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Please tick one or more boxes for each answer or write brief comments where appropriate

### 1. Why do you play table tennis?

- (a) Prize money..... (d) It's fun.....  
 (b) Comradeship/mateship..... (e) Social activity..  
 (c) Fitness, achievement, trophies.. (f) Meet people..

### 2. What do you play in?

- (a) Games with friends.....  
 (b) Social games at club.....  
 (c) Interclub/League.....  
 (d) Weekend Tournaments.....  
 (e) Training/Coaching.....  
 (f) Inter schools.....

### 3. Age Group – are you a:

- (a) junior (U19)  (b) senior (U40)  (c) veteran (40 +)

### 4. What do you best enjoy?

- (a) Team play  (b) Individual events  (c) Doubles only

**5. If you are currently either an inter-schools player, local club player or a social player, would you consider playing inter club or tournaments in the immediate future?**

- (a) Yes  (b) No

**6. Are you interested in watching top players in action in tournament finals?**

- (a) Yes  (b) No

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**7. What negative factors would influence your decision to not play Interclub and Tournaments?**

- (a) Working longer hours..... (d) Entry fees too expensive...  
 (b) Tournament players too good..... (e) Strict drink drive laws.....  
 (c) Too many other choices of leisure.. (f) Tournaments take all day..

(g) Others:


**8. What positive factors would influence your decision to participate in Interclub and Tournaments?**

- (a) A group of your friends formed a team.....  
 (b) Attractive social activities associated with events.....  
 (c) What is needed to make weekend tournaments more attractive?


**9. Do you consider:**

- (a) organised sport to be cool?.....Yes  No   
 (b) organised table tennis to be cool?.....Yes  No   
 (c) that your friends think table tennis is cool?.....Yes  No

**10. Is there sufficient emphasis on social events in your group, club or region?**

- (a) Yes  (b) No

**11. What social events, connected to table tennis, would you support either locally or if staying out of town ?**

- (a) Socials..... (g) Dances.....  
 (b) After event drinks..... (h) Trivial pursuit night...  
 (c) Barbecue teas/ lunches... (i) Wine trail.....  
 (d) Formal prizegiving dinners with guest speaker.....  
 (e) Novelty events e.g. Sumo wrestling or fly on the wall games.....  
 (f) Group outings e.g. Ten pin bowling, laserstrike, Touch games.....

**12. If attending a major tournament what events would you support at the table tennis venue ?**

- (a) Hardbat event.....  (d) Snooker.....   
 (b) Shootout.....  (e) Exhibition matches...   
 (c) Pool.....  (f) Modified fun games...   
 (top town concept)

**13. Would you support any of the following at any tournament lasting more than one day?**

- (a) Organised group walk.....   
 (b) Half day at beach (summer).....   
 (c) Inter island soccer match.....   
 (d) Others.....


**14. A significant number of players from different cultures in particular from Asia now play in NZ. What effect does this have on socialising/ mixing ?**

- (a) None  (b) Some  (c) Considerable

**15. Are these new cultural groups adequately catered for in table tennis ?**

- (a) Yes  (b) No

(c) If you answered no, then what is needed to be done?


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**16. Why do, in your experience, people drop out of table tennis?**


**17. Have you any ideas or suggestions to make table tennis more attractive not otherwise provided for in the above?**


**18. Communication – What extra information would you like to see in:**

(a) TTNZ Web Site?


(b) **TT INFO** Magazine?


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