



## Dates to remember:

|          |                |   |              |
|----------|----------------|---|--------------|
| Sat      | July 18        | Manawatu <b>Hard Bat</b> tournament   | Palm North   |
| Sat-Sun  | July 18-19     | South Canterbury Open   | Timaru       |
| Sat-Sun  | July 25-26     | Manawatu Senior - Junior Open   | Palm North   |
| Sat-Sun  | Aug 1-2        | South Island Teams Tournament   | Timaru       |
| Sat-Sun  | Aug 8-9        | Auckland Open   | Auckland     |
| Sat-Sun  | Aug 22-23      | Wellington Open   | Wellington   |
| Wed-Sun  | Aug 27-30      | Australian Open   | Melbourne    |
| Sun      | Aug 30         | Northland Open  | Whangarei    |
| Fri-Sun  | Sep 4-6        | Canterbury Open   | Christchurch |
| Sat-Sun  | Sept 5-6       | North Harbour Open  | Nth Harbour  |
| Sat-Sun  | Sept 5-6       | Hutt Valley Open  | Hutt Valley  |
| Sat-Sun  | Sept 12-13     | Waikato Senior - Junior Open  | Hamilton     |
| Sun      | Sept 20        | Hutt Valley Junior Open (U12, 14, 16)   | Hutt Valley  |
| Sat-Sun  | Sept 26-27     | Waitemata Junior Open   | Waitemata    |
| Wed-Mon  | Sept 30 -Oct 5 | NZ JUNIOR OPEN  | Auckland     |
| Tues-Sat | Oct 6-10       | NZ SENIOR OPEN  | Auckland     |
|          |                |   |              |
| Mon      | <b>Oct 12</b>  | <b>NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA</b>  | Auckland     |
| Tues     | <b>Oct 13</b>  | <b>NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA</b>  | Invercargill |
| Wed      | <b>Oct 14</b>  | <b>NEW ZEALAND v AUSTRALIA</b>  | Palm North   |
| Sat-Sat  | Oct 17-24      | Australian Veterans   | Tasmania     |

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### OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

## DOUBLE TRIUMPH for NEW ZEALAND IN TEAM EVENTS

One of New Zealand's biggest international triumphs occurred in the Bendigo Table Tennis Stadium, Victoria, on the evening of 28 April. Both the New Zealand women's and men's teams won the Oceania Championships teams title, each beating Australia in their respective finals.

It was a superb performance, and the first time in all nine Oceania Championships that New Zealand has won both teams titles together.

The women's final was destined to be a nail biter after **Karen Li's** loss to **Miao Miao** in the second singles (**Li Chunli** had won the opening match). **Sarah Finch** all but swung the contest back in NZ's favour when she stole a game from **Yvonne Li** and ran her close in the third. But the loss left NZ down 2-1 and having to win the last two matches. **Chunli** quickly disposed of **Miao**, and **Karen Li** scrambled through against Australian No 2 **Shirley Zhou** 21-16, 22-20 in the decider. The New Zealand camp erupted with delight.

was in fine form and won his two singles to take NZ to an unbeatable 3-1 lead. Another triumph, and the New Zealand men's first since 1993.

New Zealand's build up to the finals included easy wins over Tahiti and New Caledonia.

#### Results:

Men: Beat New Caledonia 5-0  
Beat Tahiti 5-0  
Beat Australia 3-1

Women: Beat New Caledonia 4-1  
Beat Australia 3-2

The Under 20 men's team of **Chen Lei**, **Paul Innes**, **Vincent Ho** and **Stephen Hirst** finished 2nd out of six teams, and the Under 20 women's team of **Tracey McLauchlan**, **Samara Collins**, **Catherine Danby** and **Anna Danby** finished 3rd out of four teams.

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Great results for Li sisters**



Peter Jackson

**Shane Laugesen's** excellent win in the second match over 1994 winner **Paul Langley** ensured a smoother ride for the men, although Laugesen had come uncomfortably close to losing after a brilliant start. **Peter Jackson**

# From the Executive Director

I would like to start off by warmly congratulating the New Zealand teams that competed at the Oceania Championships at the end of April. It was the first time ever that New Zealand teams have won both the Men's and Women's team titles in the same year. Special congratulations should also go to Li Chunli for winning the Women's Individual title, and to Chunli and her sister Karen who won the Women's Doubles title.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Championships, and I was very impressed with the professionalism shown by the players and the coaching staff on the trip. There were a number of comments from other teams about this, and it reflected well on New Zealand Table Tennis. Well done to all concerned at the Championships.

The next 12 months is shaping up to be a big year for international Table Tennis. We are looking at sending teams to the both the Australian Open and Asian Champs this year, followed by the test series against Australia in October.



Then next year we have the Commonwealth and World Championships in April/May. All these events are a real opportunity to build on our success at the Oceanias and to look towards the 2002 Commonwealth Games where Table Tennis will be featured for the first time.

Individual Member Registration has started and most of you will have received a membership form by now. If you haven't, please contact your local Association or TTNZ to get one. All members of clubs and Associations should be filling the membership forms in and joining TTNZ.

While on paper our official membership has shown a decline in recent years, I am convinced this does not represent a true picture of the numbers playing Table Tennis. It is imperative that we sign up everyone playing so that we can truly show the numbers involved in the game.

**Michael Brown**

## PLAYERS RESPOND TO SURVEYS

Excellent responses are being received to questionnaires distributed at national tournaments.

The players at the South Island championships were invited to comment on the hours of play, the desirability of consolation events, and whether they felt anything else could be changed to improve the tournament in the future.

The vast majority were happy with the existing hours of play, despite the elimination of meal breaks, and most wanted Division 2 and Division 3 events to continue. Some of the suggestions for improvements included:

- Making Division 2 and 3 events count for rating points (this is now happening as from 1998)
- Holding the South Island Championships later in the season, as warm-up for the Nationals
- Conducting a separate prize-giving for juniors
- Not allowing losing semi-finalists to compete in Division 2 (at present they are allowed to)
- Re-introducing section play for singles events

All the suggestions will be carefully considered by the Technical Committee.

## OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Continued from front page).

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

#### GOLD FOR LI FAMILY and CLOSE CALLS FOR OTHER TOP NZ PLAYERS

**Li Chunli** won the women's singles and, partnered by her younger sister **Karen Li**, the women's doubles - dropping only one game throughout both events (in the doubles semi-final). It was an opportunity for Chunli to exhibit her world class status (ranked 29 in the world), and her display of speed and power play was impressive.

After **Peter Jackson's** surprisingly early exit at the hands of **Mark Smythe** in the quarter-finals, it was **Shane Laugesen** who all but triumphed in the men's singles. In the semi-final he lost 21-18 in the fifth to **Brett Clarke**. Had he won, he was more than capable of beating Smythe in the final - a player he beat in the 1996 quarter-finals. **Andrew Hubbard** reached the quarter-finals, and **Aaron Winborn** was deprived of a quarter-final spot by **Trevor Brown**. All NZ's Under 20 players won at least one match in group play, with **Chen Lei** and **Paul Innes** progressing to the knock-out stage.

In the women's singles **Karen Li's** quarter-final exit was also a surprise - beaten in a very close match by unseeded **Tammy Gough**. **Sarah Finch** finished second in her group and progressed to knock-out play.

Jackson and Laugesen were top seeds in the men's doubles but lost in the quarter-finals. They led 2-1 and lost the fourth game 22-20 to the fifth seeded pair of Brown and Lavale. The Australian pair were in full cry and powered on through the semi-final and final to win the event. Hubbard and Winborn lost in the quarter-finals to second seeds Moore and Pinkewich, while Under 20 players **Chen Lei** and **Stephen Hirst** extended fifth seeds Quach and Rainouard (New Caledonia) to five games.

In the women's doubles **Sarah Finch** and **Tracey Phillips** played to their fourth seeding and reached the semi-finals, while Under 20 players **Samara Collins** and **Tracey McLauchlan** took 3rd seeds Bran and Gough to five games.

The mixed doubles was a big disappointment for New Zealand with **Peter Jackson** and **Li Chunli** seeded first and highly favoured to win. It wasn't to be - they lost in the final 21-18 in the fifth to second seeds **Paul Langley** and **Shirley Zhou**. Hubbard and Finch, and Laugesen and Karen Li also reached the semi-finals, but despite three pairs in the last four, the gold medal still eluded us.

**Chen Lei's** excellent two-straight quarter-final win over second seed **Trevor Brown** was the highlight of the Under 20 events. He lost the semi-final 21-15 in the third to Australia's **D Zalcberg**.

### "Zhu Hui's unforgettable event!"

After 2 ½ hours fighting in the evening, our men and women players both beat their Australian counterparts in the team finals, in Bendigo, Australia. It is the first time for Kiwi players to win both. As National coach I thank all players for their support and effort, as well as thanks to Murray Finch, Stacey Hooper and Michael Brown for their excellent work.

After the celebration we have to face our problems:

1. Both Peter Jackson and Li Chunli are in their mid 30's and without them our team will be weaker.
2. Have we got a strong juniors group to follow? Compared to Australian juniors our standard is not optimistic.
3. Next year we will compete with Australia to qualify for the 2000 Olympic games in Sydney. We need to improve the standard of our juniors urgently.

**Zhu Hui**

*Zhu Hui is the National Coach of  
Table Tennis New Zealand*

## **KIWI AND AUSSIE HEAVYWEIGHTS SLUG IT OUT AT VETS CHAMPS**

Despite the participation of some of Australia's best, New Zealand veterans remained highly competitive at the NZ Veterans Championships played at Easter in Lower Hutt. Interest was maintained by the high number of Australia / NZ clashes and play was excellent in many of the post-section individual singles matches.

Australian players won both Over 40 singles titles: **Igor Klaf** narrowly defeated **Doug Pattinson** (Auckland) in the men's final (21-15, 20-22, 21-18), while **Pam Tait** had a two-straight win over unseeded **Lynley Barker** (Canterbury) in the women's final. Top seed in the Over 40 women, Australian **Joan Munn**, was prevented by an unfortunate injury from competing in most of the individual events.

Seedings in all events were by and large exceedingly accurate with upset results rare. Among the exceptions were the defeat of top seeds Klaf and Tait by unseeded **Bruce Penberthy** (Auckland) and **Val Beaver** (Counties Manukau) in the Over 50 mixed doubles (they went on to win the event); and a fine win by Canterbury's **Colin Tipper** over top seed **Eugene Herman** (Australia) in the Men's Over 60 singles.

Most players had a feast of matches – there were round robin group matches; second and third division matches, plus two days of teams matches for those who chose to play in them.

*More about the Championships and results are on pages 16/17.*

### **SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION EVENTS – THEY'RE GREAT**

We all know the feeling – we've just lost to a player that normally wouldn't get double figures against us and the best thing our friends can say (suppressing their laughter) is "... well, at least now you can play in the third division..."

It's supposed to be a consolation event, but qualifying for it is no consolation when you arrived at the tournament with your sights on the gold medal. So what happens, you default from the division event....and sulk. We don't blame you. We'd do the same.

But, think again. If you put the shame of your loss to one side and play in the event you'll:

- ◇ Get more play for your money than you would by defaulting
- ◇ Record more results against your name (all selectors see all division results)
- ◇ Have the opportunity to score rating points (all division events are now rated)
- ◇ Possibly emerge from the tournament as a winner, with a certificate to prove it, rather than as a first round default loser
- ◇ Have a chance to regain your form for other events
- ◇ Show the scone-head you lost to how good you really are
- ◇ Get over your original loss quicker
- ◇ Help maintain the atmosphere of the tournament by occupying another table

People have given their time to organise, programme, and draw the division events; other players are keen to play you. If you default, you're letting other people down, as well as yourself.

Division events are extra play and extra practice, at no extra cost.

**They're great.**

## **TELL US ABOUT YOUR CLUB**

We hear lots about our top players, plenty of news about top level decision-making, but where are the club-based stories, items we can all relate to ?

They're all out there. We just don't seem to hear about them. So please, club members or club officials, put pen to paper and tell us about:

- A typical club night (or club morning)
- An amusing incident
- A profile of a hardworking club official or helper
- Any novel idea your club has had for increasing membership or raising money

Any one of those items, or anything else about your club that could be of interest to members of other clubs, would be most welcome.

Post contributions to:

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## **AUSTRALIAN TEST VENUES ALLOCATED**

The three test matches against Australia to be played immediately after the New Zealand Championships have been allocated as follows:

|             |                  |                       |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| First Test  | Auckland         | Monday, 12 October    |
| Second test | Invercargill     | Tuesday, 13 October   |
| Third test  | Palmerston North | Wednesday, 14 October |

Final confirmation of these venues is subject to financial details being finalised.

### **"Small club embraces "Back to the Table" week**

The April issue of Table Tennis INFO highlighted the Table Tennis week and a very small club - the Puramahoi Club in Takaka (Golden Bay, Nelson) did not know a lot about promoting table tennis.

Betty Wilson and others activated more than 25 interested people, mostly children to have a go at the sport in the club's tiny hall.

I was invited to hold a coaching night and for 2 ½ hrs tried to make table tennis interesting and give all players ideas and motivation to carry on playing. The club needs a bigger hall to cater for all their players.

*Joachim Kusche*



"No wit's your turn to play this side!"

## WHAT'S THE SECRET TO MEMBERSHIP GROWTH?

If we all knew, it wouldn't be a secret.

**TABLE TENNIS INFO** is curious nonetheless and is always on the lookout for success stories. We found exciting things happening at North Harbour, especially in the area of development in schools.

Two aspects of their secret were willingly divulged:

- **Fully utilise the local Regional Sports Trust.**

Their wide range of contacts, their professional experience, and their high profile in the wider community, can all be applied to the interests of table tennis – **if it's asked for**. They willingly facilitate brainstorming sessions, are able to warn of some of the pitfalls experienced in the past by other sports, and can act as a focal point to which all the best ideas gravitate.

- **Be imaginative and original when presenting table tennis to schools.**

Exhibitions and visits to schools by top sports people are commonplace these days. Almost every sport does them. Table tennis needs to be different. Education sessions, direct involvement of students, back-up assistance to the school in setting up a school club or a league, sponsored donations of equipment – these are all things which can help, but nothing works better than **experience**. Knowing what works and what doesn't; knowing that just doing an exhibition at a school and handing out a list of clubs to join won't work by itself and that the process is much more subtle. There are people in New Zealand who have this experience, and it needs to be shared.

### Executive Director agrees;

TTNZ Executive Director Mike Brown is mindful of this need and is keen to set up a scheme where administrators are given the chance to be shown the way by someone with hands on experience and a track record of success in membership development. Such a person or persons could travel either regionally or nationally, meeting administrators face to face, helping them to set up schemes which have been shown to work in other areas.

"This would continue the process that IMR has already started," said Brown. "Knitting all table tennis players, coaches and administrators into one family with one common goal – increasing membership. School students and other people wanting to play are out there, our services are needed, it's simply a matter of presenting ourselves in the right way."

In the meantime, the message is clear. Look around you to other areas where membership is growing, and **talk to the people involved**. Something they are doing must be working. Find out what, and do it yourself.

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>From the<br/>BOARD</b> | <p><b>WHOOOPS - NO BOARD NEWS! – IS THE BOARD ON STRIKE ?</b></p> <p>No chance. There's no news because they haven't had a formal meeting since our last issue. By next issue, they will have met again and Table Tennis Info readers will get a full update.</p> <p>Once the plans are in place for the year, the Executive Director gets on with it and not so many meetings are necessary.</p> |
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## 1999 TOURNAMENTS

Confirmed hosts for 1999 national tournaments are as follows:

|                            |           |                |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Summer Nationals           | Nelson    | 9 - 15 January |
| South Island Championships | Southland | 5 - 7 June     |
| North Island Championships | Manawatu  | 9 - 11 July    |

Decisions are still awaited on the NZ Veterans Championships (Easter), and the New Zealand Championships (early October)

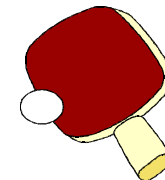
### QUESTIONNAIRE SENT OUT SURVEYING TABLE TENNIS WEEK ACTIVITIES

TTNZ is looking forward to receiving summaries of Table Tennis Week activities from district associations. As well as a summary of their specific activities, they were asked to supply details of press coverage, new member registrations, funds raised, Sports Trust assistance, and whether they would like to see the event held annually.

| <b>WORLD RANKINGS</b><br>(as at May 98) |           |
|---|-----------|
| Li Chunli                               | 29 Peter  |
| Jackson                                 | 127 Shane |
| Laugesen                                | 348       |
| Sarah Finch                             | 362       |
| Aaron Winborn                           | 408       |
| Tracey Epps                             | 409       |
| Andrew Hubbard                          | 429       |

Congratulations to Executive Director **Mike Brown & Wife, Debbie** - A Boy - **Matthew**.

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| Height: | Two bat-lengths |
| Eyes:   | Closed          |



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## FROM ZHU HUI (National Coach)

### Sydney Olympics 2000.

The Chinese Government is seeking training facilities in Australia and New Zealand for their athletes to train before the Sydney Olympics. Zhu met Mr Wu Shaozu, President of the Chinese Olympic Committee during his visit to Auckland in June and invited the Chinese Table Tennis athletes to come to New Zealand before the games.

The Chinese expressed interest and said they will discuss it later this year.

### Coaching Conference - Nelson

A successful coaching conference was held in May attended by 15 people from Northland, Auckland, North Harbour, Waitemata, Waikato, Manawatu, Wanganui, Nelson and Canterbury. Unfortunately it clashed with 2 tournaments.

To Zhu's knowledge it was the first time such an open entry conference has been held, where all attendees had the opportunity to sound off! The feedback was positive and encouraging and peoples attitude and enthusiasm ensured the success of the conference.

The first day, nine people gave talks on a wide range of coaching topics which included "Coaches Education in Germany" and "Training and Selection System in China". The talks were educational and full of discussion.

Sunday morning saw Lyn Johnston, a coaching consultant and former coach for Gymnastics, give a talk on developing a coach education programme, one of our main tasks in 1998/9. Also discussed were proposals on improving the coaching standards and bringing more people into the coaching field.

The contribution and participation by all attendees was appreciated by Zhu as was the hospitality by Bryan Keane. It is hoped to conduct a National Coaching conference each year.



"How about changing ends?"

### TEST YOUR UMPIRING SKILLS.

Player A plays a hard smash; the return lob from player B goes so high that the ball floats between the rafters above the lights. It drops on the correct side of the table but a long cobweb is clinging to it. B claims a let; A claims the point, insisting the ball touched something (a cobweb) before hitting the table, and the rules don't allow that.

**If you were the umpire would you call a let; award the point to A; or allow the rally to continue?**

(Answer on page 15)

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## Back in 1955.....TWO AND A HALF HOUR MARATHON MATCH.

Excerpts from newspaper articles:

"The management committee of NZTTA last night decided to include the time limit rule in the laws covering the annual inter-association tournament.

This was done to prevent repetition of the memorable set of 2 hours and 31 minutes between Misses M. M. Hoar and J Cox at Napier this year. Playing in the final of the Teagle Shield, the two girls probably made word history."

***"Some Hawkes Bay people had a novel experience at the recent N Z table tennis championships at Napier - they left the championships to go to a theatre a mile and a half away and returned after the show to see the same two players on the table in the same match and in the same set.***

The players were Misses M M Hoar (Auckland) and J Cox (Canterbury) and the match was the history making 20-16 set which took 2hr. 31min. at which stage the tournament manager (Mr D Christie) enforced the expedite rule, much to the surprise of the players. His application of the expedite rule was probably the first time in the inter-association, and his action did not have the blessing of the NZTTA as it's application in the inter-association was optional and it seems that an announcement had been made prior that the "clock" would not be used.

The teams met in the final for the Teagle Memorial shield and Auckland won 7-5.



The Hoar-Cox match was a vital one .

Both players knew it; both teams knew it; both players were determined to win for their team and for personal glory. Miss Hoar made no secret of the fact that she expected a marathon and she was less secretive about her intentions. She was prepared to play until 3 am if necessary. But for Mr Christie's action she may well have had to.

The strain was clearly evident on the faces of both players long before the end. Miss Cox was in a state of exhaustion at the finish and neither player was alert. They could not have told anyone the score, nor could they tell whose service it was. They were clearly befuddled.

Under the expedite conditions the match did not last much longer, Miss Hoar winning 21-16, 21-16."

There had been some lengthy matches overseas previously : In 1937 in the final of the World's women's singles, after 1 hour 45 mins, with the match at one set each the umpire invoked the time limit rule and the game between Trudie Pritzi (Austria) and Ruth Aarons (USA) was stopped by vote of a jury. The title was declared vacant. In 1936 a match between Michael Haguenuer (France) and Marin (Rumania) in the world championships, lasted seven hours and was stopped at 2 sets all.

(J Cox - Mrs Joan Prisk is still practising TT in Christchurch!)

(Ron Menchi - witness -says "I remember it well! - how long ago was it?")

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**Men's Open**

1. Aaron Li
2. Shane Laugesen
3. Peter Jackson
4. Chen Lei
5. Aaron Winborn
6. Hu Binquan
7. Hagen Bower
8. Andrew Hubbard
9. Paul Bowman
10. Jared Smith

**Women's Open**

1. Li Chunli
2. Karen Li
3. Sarah Finch
4. Tracey Epps
5. Tracey Phillips
6. Sabine Westenna
7. Hilary Finch
8. Shelley Neal
9. Debbie Garrett
10. Tracey McLauchlan

**Men Under 21**

1. Chen Lei
2. Chris Herlihy
3. Paul Innes
4. Jason Ng
5. Graeme Windley
6. Yi-Sien Lin
7. Mark Stewart
8. Stephen Hirst
9. Vincent Ho
10. Conrad Lee

**Women Under 21**

1. Karen Li
2. Tracey McLauchlan
3. Melissa Beazer
4. Catherine Danby
5. Anna Danby
6. Monique Neal
7. Rachel Griffiths
8. Samara Collins
9. Belinda Beazer
10. Lisa Boaden

**Boy's Under 19**

1. Chen Lei
2. Paul Innes
3. Jason Ng
4. Yi-Sien Lin
5. Stephen Hirst
6. Vincent Ho
7. Paul Stewart
8. Kirk George
9. Peter Craven
10. Shane Warbrooke

**Boy's Under 17**

1. Yi-Sien Lin
2. Paul Stewart
3. Peter Craven
4. Adrian Soh
5. Jeffery Vinicombe
6. Guy Williams
7. Frankie Wong
8. Michael Mullin
9. Jimmy Lin
10. James Chapman

**Boy's Under 13**

1. Andy Huang
2. Anthony Wilson
3. Simon Wallace
4. Hadleigh Bunce
5. Ben Warbrooke
6. Scott Ridder
7. Chris Erskine

# Ratings~Latest Top 10



The Ratings are as at  
**3 July 1998**  
Lists are held by  
Association secretaries.  
There are considerably  
more players rated.

**Girl's Under 19**

1. Tracey McLauchlan
2. Catherine Danby
3. Anna Danby
4. Monique Neal
5. Rachel Griffiths
6. Samara Collins
7. Lisa Boaden
8. Aroha Tam
9. Alison Thomson
10. Amber Johnson

**Girl's Under 15**

1. Jiani Hu
2. Andrea Gosney
3. Kelly Winkley
4. Jennifer Lo
5. Francesca Collins
6. Johanna McCord
7. Seong Un Lee
8. Sacha Welsh
9. Janice Cen
10. Laura Jane Young

**Women's Over 40**

1. Yvonne Fogarty
2. Val Beaver
3. Ulrike Kusche
4. Averil Roberts
5. Chris. Cunningham
6. Lynley Barker
7. Pat McArthur
8. Val Scarr
9. Linda Wynks
10. Jill Murray

**Boy's Under 15**

1. Adrian Soh
2. Andrew Hovey
3. John Cordue
4. Andy Huang
5. Kelsey Fagan
6. Allen Tsai
7. Frank Tsai
8. Anthony Wilson
9. Simon Wallace
10. Adis Kulasic

**Men's Over 40**

1. Lindsay Ward
2. Bob Lassen
3. Doug Pattinson
4. Geoff Rau
5. Maurice Burrowes
6. Warren Evans
7. Barry Wynks
8. Terry Murphy
9. Alan Tomlinson
10. Yigang Zhao

**Girl's Under 17**

1. Rachel Griffiths
2. Lisa Boaden
3. Alison Thomson
4. Deborah Morrison
5. Lydia Burgess
6. Helen Wilson
7. Jenny Brewerton
8. Leanne Wright
9. Jiani Hu
10. Bridgette Carmody

**Girl's Under 13**

1. Jiani Hu
2. Jennifer Lo

**Men's Over 50**

1. Bob Lassen
2. Warren Evans
3. Alan Tomlinson
4. Alan Alabaster
5. Chip Eade
6. Bruce Connolly
7. John Lelliott
8. Nam Hang Lee
9. Peter Bennett
10. Colin Tipper

**Women's over 50**

1. Val Beaver
2. Chris. Cunningham
3. Lynley Barker
4. Pat McArthur
5. Val Scarr
6. Jill Murray
7. Ngaire Garrett
8. Kaylene Findlay
9. Margaret McGregor
10. Oea Burnett

**Men's Over 60**

1. Alan Tomlinson
2. John Lelliott
3. Nam Hang Lee
4. Colin Tipper
5. Bill Otene
6. Albert Roberts
7. Colin Neutze
8. Gerry Doyle
9. Herbert Thompson
10. Orm Collins

**Women's Over 60**

1. Margaret McGregor
2. Annice Robottom
3. Joyce Coleman
4. Betsy Harwood-Heald
5. Elsie Spooner
6. Kath Thompson
7. Nellie Milich

## LI AND PHILLIPS TRIUMPH IN SOUTHS

*Both open singles finals at the South Island Championships were contested between the top two seeds, with both No 1's winning by almost identical scores in four games. **Aaron Li** (Nelson) beat **Shane Laugesen** (Auck) 21-13, 21-11, 16-21, 21-12, while **Tracey Phillips** (Otago) triumphed over **Debbie Garrett** (S'land) 21-11, 16-21, 21-13, 21-11.*

The championships, played in Christchurch over Queens Birthday weekend, had its quota of surprise results – particularly in graded and age group events.

Fifteen year old **Yi-Sien Lin** (Canterbury) proved he is a player to watch by overpowering a strong Men's B Grade field, dropping only one game in five matches in the process. He was seeded eighth. Unseeded **Yan Neo**, also from Canterbury, won the Women's B Grade.

The strength of veteran table tennis in Canterbury was reflected in the veteran entry numbers and local players enjoyed considerable success. Two unseeded Canterbury players (**David McBride** and **Michael Warren**) contested the Over 40 men's singles final with **McBride** prevailing after earlier disposing of top seed **Kevin Fogarty** in an exciting three game semi-final. **McBride** repeated his success in the Over 35 men's event, and was runner-up in the men's doubles in the same two age groups. Canterbury's **Alan Alabaster** and **Ulrike Kusche** also won singles titles.

In the junior events, **Yi-Sien Lin** continued the form shown earlier in B Grade by beating second and third seeds **Stephen Hirst** and

**Jason Ng** to reach the Under 19 boys final where he was beaten in three games by Nelson's **Chen Lei**. **Lin** also defeated top seed **Peter Craven** on his way to winning the Under 17 Boys singles, an event in which Nelson's **Adrian Soh** and **Jeff Vinicombe** also both performed beyond their seeding.

An even more spectacular junior performance came from Hutt Valley's **Lisa Boaden**, who collected both the Under 19 and Under 17 girls singles titles. Fifteen year old **Boaden's** string of beaten opponents included five players with higher seedings, NZ representative players among them. **Andrea Gosney** (Canterbury) also performed well in the Under 17 girls singles and **John Cordue** (Wellington) and **Kelsey Fagan** (Waitemata) topped the top seeds in the Under 17 boys doubles.

Diminutive 8 year old **Jiani Hu** (Nelson) continued to raise eyebrows as she collected both the Under 15 and Under 13 girls singles titles (Auckland's **Francesca Collins** also did well in the Under 15's) and **Adrian Soh** dominated the Under 15 boys event. Unseeded **Andy Huang** (Auckland) was the Under 13 boys star.

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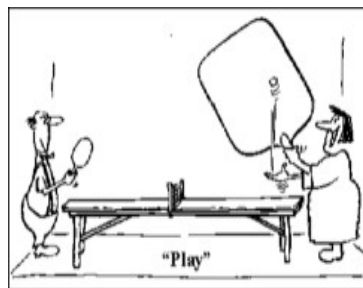
# South Island Championships

Christchurch May 30 - June 1

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| <b>Open</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles<br>Men's Doubles<br>Women's Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles          | <b>Winner</b><br>Aaron Li (Nels)<br>Tracey Phillips (Otago)<br>H Bower & S Laugesen (Auck)<br>D Garrett & T Phillips (Sth/Otago)<br>A Li & D Garrett (Nels/Sthland) | <b>Singles Runner Up</b><br>Shane Laugesen (Auck)<br>Debbie Garrett (Sthland) |
| <b>B Grade</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles  | Yi-Sien Lin (Canty)<br>Yan Neo (Canty)  | Lyndon White (Canty)<br>Raina McKechnie (Canty)                               |
| <b>C Grade</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles  | Stephen Duggan (Canty)<br>Raina McKechnie (Canty)   | Jeff Tattley (Canty)<br>Sandra Mitchell (Sthland)                             |
| <b>Over 60 years</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles<br>Men's Doubles<br>Women's Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles | Colin Tipper (Canty)<br>Annice Robotom (Wang)<br>H Thompson & C Tipper (Canty)<br>B Adamson & A Robotom (S/Wang)<br>E Moore & J Prisk (Canty)                       | John Lelliott (HV)<br>Brenda Adamson (Sthland)                                |
| <b>Over 50 years</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles<br>Men's Doubles<br>Women's Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles | Alan Alabaster (Canty)<br>Val Beaver (Counties - M)<br>A Alabaster & C Tipper (Canty)<br>L Barker & V Beaver (Canty/CM)<br>B Penberthy & V Beaver (Auck/CM)         | John Lelliott (HV)<br>Lynley Barker (Canty)                                   |
| <b>Over 40 years</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles<br>Men's Doubles<br>Women's Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles | David McBride (Canty)<br>Val Beaver (Counties/M)<br>J Fogarty & K Fogarty (Otago/Auck)<br>L Barker & J Stead (Canty)<br>J Fogarty & R McKechnie (Otago/C)           | Michael Warren (Canty)<br>Lynley Barker (Canty)                               |
| <b>Over 35 years</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles<br>Men's Doubles<br>Women's Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles | David McBride (Canty)<br>Ulrike Kusche (Canty)<br>J Fogarty & K Fogarty (Otago & Auck)<br>U Kusche & A Roberts (Canty/HV)<br>K Fogarty & A Roberts (Auck/HV)        | Kevin Fogarty (Auck)<br>Averil Roberts (HV)                                   |
| <b>Under 21 years</b><br>Men's Singles<br>Women's Singles   | Chen Lei (Nels)<br>Amber Johnson (Auck)   | Chris Herlihy (Waikato)<br>Rachel Griffiths (WT)                              |
| <b>Under 19 years</b><br>Boys' Singles<br>Girls' Singles<br>Boys' Doubles<br>Girls' Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles  | Chen Lei (Nels)<br>Lisa Boaden (HV)<br>Chen L & Yi-Sien Lin (Nels/Canty)<br>L Boaden & R Griffiths ((HV/WT)<br>Chen L & R Griffiths (Nels/WT)                       | Yi-Sien Lin (Canty)<br>Samara Collins (Otago)                                 |
| <b>Under 17 years</b><br>Boys' Singles<br>Girls' Singles<br>Boys' Doubles<br>Girls' Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles  | Yi-Sien Lin (Canty)<br>Lisa Boaden (HV)<br>Y Lin & A Soh (Canty/Nels)<br>L Boaden & R Griffiths (HV/WT)<br>A Soh & R Griffiths (Nels/WT)                            | Adrian Soh (Nels)<br>Alison Thomson (Wang)                                    |

South Island Results cont'd~

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| <b>Under 15 years</b><br>Boys' Singles<br>Girls' Singles<br>Boys' Doubles<br>Girls' Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles | <b>Winner</b><br>Adrian Soh (Nels)<br>Jiani Hu (Nels)<br>T Chan & A Soh (Nels)<br>A Gosney & L Young (Canty/WT)<br>A Soh & J Hu (Nels) | <b>Singles Runner Up</b><br>Kelsey Fagan (WT)<br>Francesca Collins (Auck) |
| <b>Under 13 years</b><br>Boys' Singles<br>Girls' Singles<br>Boys' Doubles<br>Mixed Doubles                   | Andy Huang (Auck)<br>Jiani Hu (Nels)<br>A Huang & S Wallace (Auck/Canty)<br>Anthony Wilson & J Hu (Sthland/Nels)                       | Simon Wallace (Canty)<br>Leanne Ridder (Sthland)                          |



“Play”

*As always, the umpire needs to watch the ball closely all the time the ball is in play. Did the ball deviate from the path it would have taken if it had not hit the cobweb? If not, a let should be called to clean the ball. If the obstruction caused the ball to deviate, the last player to strike the ball loses the point.*

**Answer to Page 8 Question**

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# Veteran Championships

Computerisation - Easter Weekend at Hutt Valley

from Ron Menchi

The 12th Veterans Tournament held in the Walter Nash Stadium, Lower Hutt, over Easter was of particular interest as it was the first Tournament to have the individual events controlled by the "Computer Flying Squad" under the direction of David Jackson.

There were some hiccups in setting up the hardware and the full system could not be used. Suitably compatible terminals were not available. Future events should be able to avoid similar problems recurring. Some good marketing of the fixture resulted in a large entry of 20 from Australia. Among the Australian entries was Victorian Igor Klaf, 9 times Australian over 40 champion.

## Composite teams - a problem?

The teams championships proceeded without hitches but it is now apparent that the composite team question needs to be looked at. Initially, composite teams could not win a championship, but the recommendation of a players' committee that they should be able to was adopted. Composite teams are dominating the competition which is really supposed to be an inter-association event. This year, of the 11 groups only 4 of the winners were from associations. Some players were expressing concerns that it was hardly fair for local association teams to be competing with teams made up of top Australian State players from different States. Veterans will need to decide whether or not their teams competition should adopt the same policy as the NZ Junior and Open Teams Championships.

The individual events commenced on the Sunday morning with singles group play. No problems here but once the doubles and post section stage of the tournament got under way, the veterans tendency for slow progress caused some delays.

I was amused by the reactions of a couple of Tournament officials who had little experience with veterans, and had not attended a veterans Championship. David Jackson who prepared the

timetable was amazed at the time it took for so many of the players to prepare for battle. The various body parts that needed last minute taping, rubbing and adjusting prior to play often resulted in delays in getting matches started. Despite this, the finals were fairly close to the scheduled finishing time.

The experiment in having technology play a leading part in running a tournament was successful and it was a pleasure to be able to get instant print outs of player's results to prepare merit lists, which in the past has been a time consuming task.

**“The various body parts that needed last minute taping, rubbing and adjusting prior to play often resulted in delays to getting matches started.”**

## Individual Results:

### Over 40 years

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

### Winner

Igor Klaf (Aust)  
Pam Tait (Aust)  
R Lassen & D Pattinson (Auck)  
V Beaver & A Roberts (CM/HV)  
B McConnochie & J Munn  
(Wgton & Aust)

### Singles Runner Up

Doug Pattinson (Auck)  
Lynley Barker (Canty)

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THOSE SPIRIT-SAGGING, HEART-BREAKING, SPORT-SPOILING, BAT-TWIRLING, BODY-TWISTING, LEG-WAVING— SPIN SERVICES!!!

We stand trembling while our opponent winds up, throws the ball three metres into the air, ties his/her body into knots, twists the bat in every conceivable direction, utters a fearful grunt, and, biceps bulging, serves with such vicious spin that the ball is almost humming as it wobbles towards us. Our doubles partner pulls up a chair while we prod tentatively forward, wondering whether this time the ball will bury itself in the net, land on the next table, or fly over our smirking opponent's head and disappear over the horizon.

For us, there are only two kinds of serve: the ones we can get back, and the ones we can't.

## “How to return difficult spin serves in one easy lesson”

There is one prerequisite to the lesson. The chances of your mastering the art of returning spin serves are minimal if you have not learned to use spin in your own shots. And you'll find things easier still if you have experimented with some spin serves of your own.

That much understood, you've only got two things to learn: how to read the spin: and how to compensate for it.

**Reading the spin.** The ball does not spin by itself. It's not spinning when it's thrown up, and the direction in which it's spinning can't change after the ball leaves the bat. So to establish the direction of the spin, simply watch the bat as it makes contact with the ball. The direction in which the bat is moving at that moment is the direction in which the ball will be spinning.

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## veteran results Continued--

### Over 50 years

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

### Over 60 years

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

### Over 65 years

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

### Over 70 years

Men's Singles  
Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles  
Women's Doubles  
Mixed Doubles

### Over 75 years

Men's Singles

### Winner

Igor Klaf (Aust)  
Val Beaver (C/Manukau)  
E Herman & I Klaf (Aust)  
V Beaver & B Bird (CM & Aust)  
E Herman & B Bird (Aust)

Ken Sands (Aust)  
Betty Bird (Aust)  
E Herman & K Sands (Aust)  
B Adamson & B Bird (S & Aust)  
E Herman & B Bird (Aust)

Tony Herbert (Aust)  
Armida Brugnoli (Aust)  
J Craig & T Herbert (Aust)  
A Brugnoli & R Orange (Aust & Wair)  
J Lelliott & E Spooner (HV & Wang)

John Lelliott (HV)  
Joan Guggenheim (Aust)  
J Delahunty & J Lelliott (HV)  
J Guggenheim & E Spooner (Aust & Wg)  
J Lelliott & E Spooner (HV & Wang)

Harry Taylor (C)

### Singles Runner Up

Bob Lassen (Auck)  
Pat McArthur (NH)

John Lelliott (HV)  
Joan Guggenheim (Aust)

Bill Otene (Wait)  
Joan Guggenheim (Aust)

Harry Taylor (C)  
Elsie Spooner (Wang)

Theo Sandberg (A)

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Don't be fooled by the bat being waved in other directions before and after contact - you're concerned only with the moment when the bat strikes the ball. And you have the opportunity to verify your judgement by watching the way the ball bounces when it hits the table.

Establishing the speed at which the ball is spinning is somewhat more complex. Factors include (1) how high the ball is thrown (a high ball will be travelling faster when it finishes dropping so a faster spin will be imparted by the bat stroke). (2) bat speed across the ball, readable not only by physically watching it but also by observing the follow-through. (3) The point of contact on the bat (the ball which hits the bat near the edge closest to the table will receive more backspin because it has more bat-face to roll over; and the ball that hits the bat near the edge furthest from the handle will spin faster if a pivotal wrist action is used, because that end of the bat moves faster than any other part). (4) How firmly the bat actually makes contact with the ball (among the most difficult to read, but verifiable by the bounce on the table). (5) The length of the serve (a ball landing deep on your half of the table is likely to be spinning faster than one which falls shorter, except in the case of backspin).

Having sorted out what's coming towards you, all that remains is to safely return the serve.

### Compensating for the spin

You do this by simply holding your bat at the "wrong" angle. A conscious effort and a good measure of confidence are required because your internal instinct will be screaming at you to hold your bat in its normal position. As a rule of thumb, angle your bat in the direction from which the server's bat started its movement across the ball. If your opponent's bat swings from left to right (as seen from your end of the table) angle the face of your bat to the left. If the bat begins above the ball and finishes below it, angle your bat in an upward direction. How far to angle it, and how firmly to stroke the ball depend on the speed you have assessed the ball to be spinning at. But to control any spinning serve, the ball must be stroked. Prodding or blocking belong in the hit and miss department.

Some people work on the premise that even if you're not sure exactly what spin is on the ball, you can return it by giving a firm push behind and under the ball. Although this can be useful as a last resort, it is less than satisfactory in that you can easily push the ball too high; and you are also taking most of the spin out of the ball. By accurately reading the spin and compensating for it, you are not only thumbing your nose at your opponent's brilliant serve by decisively returning it but you have also kept the original spin on the ball. Now your opponent has to cope with it.

### Beware the Hollywood Actor



Just because someone tosses the ball up four metres; winds their leg around their neck; jumps in the air and emits a contorted grunt on impact with the ball, don't automatically assume that the ball is spinning. If the bat-face doesn't move across the ball, you can expect a flat serve, whatever the accompanying antics. But flat serves, like any other, still have to be handled correctly. There is no compensatory angle to worry about, but the ball must be stroked more firmly than usual if you don't want to see it float harmlessly off the end of the table.

**Conclusion** Just as we began with two categories of serve, we conclude with two ways of coping with the heavily spun serve.



## FAIR PLAY IN SPORT

"WITHOUT FAIR PLAY SPORT IS NO LONGER SPORT"

**Fair play** is demonstrated in particular by the competitors. It requires as a minimum that they show strict, unfailing observance of the written rule. This will be easier if they appreciate the purpose of the rule and if they recognise that beyond the written rule there is a right spirit in which to engage in competitive sport.

### **Fair play is exemplified by:**

- unquestioning acceptance of the referee's decision, except in those sports where this decision may be followed by an appeal permitted by rule;
- playing to win as an essential first object, but refusing resolutely to seek victory by any means.

**Fair play is a "way of behaving"** which develops from self-respect and entails:

- honesty, straightforwardness and a firm and dignified attitude when others do not play fairly;
- respect for team colleagues;
- respect for opponents, given whether they are winning or losing and with an awareness that an opponent is a necessary partner in sport, to whom one is bound by the companionship of sport;
- respect for the referees displayed through a positive attempt to collaborate with them at all times.

Fair play is embodied in modesty in victory, in graciousness in defeat, and in that generosity of outlook which creates warm and lasting human relationships.

But fair play is not the prerogative of the competitor. Coaches, officials, spectators and all who are involved in competitive sport have necessary and special contributions to make, directly and through the influence which they can bring to bear on the competitor.



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**One**, carefully assemble all the information required to play a shot which correctly compensates for the spin. This includes observing the height of the throw; the length and direction of the serving stroke; the point of contact on the bat; the degree of touch; whether the whole forearm or just the wrist is used and the depth of the ball at your end of the table. Don't be distracted by "shamming" or multiple bat movements, and don't forget to also take into account the type of rubber, and the condition of it, on both your opponent's bat and your own (not gone into here, as that's a whole story in itself). You are now ready to return the serve. *or*, **Two**, if you find that you are unable to establish, collate and apply all the foregoing data in the time available (approx 1/4 second), then you may have to do what everyone else who has learned to return difficult spin serves had to do to begin with: practise, and keep practising - until the art of reading spin becomes instinctive.

The point is, other people have learned to cope with difficult serves, so why not you? It may take weeks or months of practice but if it's going to save eight or nine points in a game, it's surely worth the trouble.

From there it's only a matter of time before you have devised a range of horrific serves of your own and we'll be the ones standing trembling at the other end.