

Veterans Championships Christchurch Easter 2003

	<u>Winner - GOLD</u>	<u>Singles Runner Up</u>
<u>Over 40 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Malcolm Darroch (C)	Maurice Burrowes (O)
Women's Singles	Roma Chambers (AUS)	Therese Chappell (AUS)
Men's Doubles	M Darroch & D Scott (C/NH)	
Women's Doubles	V Beaver & A Roberts (NH/W)	
Mixed Doubles	M Darroch & R Chambers (C/AUS)	
<u>Over 50 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Mick Wright (AUS)	Horst Frohlich (AUS)
Women's Singles	Val Beaver (NH)	Joylene Morgan (AUS)
Men's Doubles	M Ede & M Wright (AUS)	
Women's Doubles	V Beaver & A Roberts (NH/W)	
Mixed Doubles	M Ede & A Roberts (AUS/W)	
<u>Over 60 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Mick Wright (AUS)	Horst Frohlich (AUS)
Women's Singles	Merle Sneddon (Man)	Margaret Mulcahy (AUS)
Men's Doubles	H Frohlich & M Wright (AUS)	
Women's Doubles	A Robottom & M Sneddon (Man)	
Mixed Doubles	T Herbert & M McGregor (AUS/WT)	
<u>Over 65 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Tony Herbert (AUS)	Cornelis De Bondt (AUS)
Women's Singles	Beryl Davies (AUS)	Prisca Rosario (AUS)
Men's Doubles	C De Bondt & G Nesbitt (AUS)	
Women's Doubles	B Davies & P Rosario (AUS)	
Mixed Doubles	C De Bondt & P Rosario (AUS)	
<u>Over 70 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Tom Boyd (AUS)	Bill Otene (WT)
Women's Singles	Prisca Rosario (AUS)	Joyce Woodward (AUS)
Men's Doubles	D Galvin & B Otene (WT)	
Women's Doubles	A Croccolo & P Rosario (AUS)	
Mixed Doubles	T Boyd & P Rosario (AUS)	
<u>Over 75 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Ron Lynch (AUS)	
Women's Singles	Nancy Brant (CM)	Alice Stevenson (MN)
Men's Doubles	B Joker & R Lynch (C/AUS)	
Mixed Doubles	B Joker & A Stevenson (C/Man)	

VETERANS HAVE A BALL

The opening ceremony of the NZ Veterans Championships was held just prior to the New Zealand v Australia Test Match on Thursday 17 April with young singer, Emily Laing, singing both national anthems very movingly prior to the start of play. The ceremony also featured a Maori welcome and haka which I'm sure had the Australians trembling in their boots though it wasn't enough to stop them beating New Zealand 6-2, with only the over 50 and over 70 women winning for the Kiwis.

The tournament proper got under way with the teams events the following morning amid torrential rain that didn't just fall outside the stadium. A couple of tables were out of action while a leak was found and dealt with, which meant the first day's games finished later than scheduled. Also it seems that you can't hurry Vets – there are too many choppers amongst us!

Saturday saw the end of the teams events and the start of the singles, doubles and mixed doubles. There was a large entry – 169 players, 41 from Australia. The competition was extremely strong, but New Zealanders managed to grab a few of the titles. The Australians use a large array of long and short pimples and antispin, leaving some of us wondering just where the ball was going to go next. They are strong players and certainly added an exciting dimension to the tournament. All the games were played with good sportsmanship and there were some first class games to watch, including a few cliff-hangers.

About 150 players, partners and officials attended the after-match function at Twiggers on Monday evening. A wonderful smorgasbord meal was followed by an entertaining speech from Selwyn Maister, CEO for Sport Canterbury, who then assisted Chris Ford, tournament secretary, to dish out all the medals to the worthy winners. It was surprising, after such a rigorous few days, that we managed to dance till midnight.

It was a great tournament, really friendly and the Ozzies seemed to enjoy our Christchurch stadium. Many commented that they were keen to return.

Table Tennis Canterbury's thanks go to our sponsors, Keith and Diane Miles of Blenheim Road Tavern in conjunction with the Canterbury Foundation, whose contribution helped to make the tournament such a success.

Raina McKechnie

The Teams Events GOLD medal winners.

O70	Men	Waitemata: Bill Otene, Dennis Galvin
	Women	Manawatu 2: Joyce Woodward, Elsie Spooner, Betty Meads
O65	Men A	Victoria 1: Cornelis De Bondt, Geoffrey Nesbitt
	Men B	New South Wales 1: Tom Boyd, Ron Lynch
	Women	New South Wales 1: Prisca Rosario, Beryl Davies
O60	Men A	Victoria 1: Horst Frohlich, Mick Wright
	Men B	Canterbury 2: Denver Glass, Bert Thompson
	Women	Victoria: Margaret Mulcahy, Prisca Rosario
O50	Men A	Victoria 1: Horst Frohlich, Mick Wright, Michael Ede
	Men B	Canterbury 3: Glenn Haszard, David Williams
	Women	Waikato: Val Beaver, Pauline Bennyworth
O40	Men A	Canterbury 1: Malcolm Darroch, William Stewart
	Men B	Otago: John Fogarty, Heinz Kombayer
	Women A	Victoria 1: Roma Chambers, Val Crumble
	Women B	Victoria 2: Kathryn Beggs, Jeanne Strong

Action at the Vets!

Right: Two against one! L/R:
Val Beaver, Lynley Barker (NZ) and
Margaret Mulcahy (AUS)



Left: **Tom Boyd & Tony Herbert** (Aus) warming up with **Bill Otene & Eddie Moore** (NZ) (in the dark at the back).

Top 10 Ratings - We had intended publishing these but regretfully as TT INFO went to print all the Vets results had not been received for processing and we decided forgo publication as the ratings would not be up to date.

Letter to the Editor

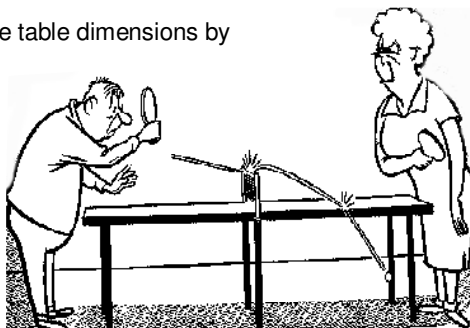
Nets and Edges

With the advent of the eleven point game some people have complained that nets and edges can have an undue influence on the outcome. Since any service that hits the net and is otherwise good is a let under the present rules, I propose that this be extended to include all points played. The downside is that it will tend to prolong some games, and of course the ball that hits the net and bounces high, offering an easy point to the opponent, will still be a let.

The situation with regard to edges is slightly more difficult because there is no clear dividing line between a "thick" edge and a fair bounce. One possibility would be to give the umpire discretion to declare a let if the outcome was thought to be affected by an untrue bounce. This would still allow the opponent to hit a winner off an edge ball. Another solution would be to glue a thin co-axial cable to the table edge and use electronics to light a lamp etc. This could also be used on the net.

An extension of this idea would be to increase the table dimensions by 40mm. Then any ball that was an edge would become a fault, while balls that were previously edges would now give a fair bounce. Or you could use this rule with the existing table dimensions.

What do other players think of these proposals? Replies to TT Info ttnz@tabletennis.org.nz or direct to the writer at halpin@ihug.co.nz



Brien Halpin

Referees, Umpires – What's the Difference?

It goes without saying that the rules of Table Tennis (readily accessible through either the TTNZ or ITTF websites) need to be fully understood by umpires and referees at all tournaments from major championships to modest club events. There is frequent reference in the rules to umpires, assistant umpires, and referees. The duties of each are clearly spelled out but as regular players (ie, non-qualified umpires) are often called on to umpire, and remembering everything in the entire rule book is a big ask for the average player, it's worth examining the question of just where the umpire's authority ends and the referee's begins.

In general, the umpire judges the facts. His/her version of exactly what happened (whether the ball grazed the top edge of the table or not, for example) cannot be challenged, not even by the referee. The umpire also interprets and applies the laws, but the referee can overrule in this area if an incorrect interpretation has been made. The umpire may consult the referee during a match if in doubt about any rule or its interpretation.

The actual duties of the Tournament Referee are wide-ranging. We invited International Umpires, **Averil Roberts** and **David Jackson**, to list them for us and this was their response:

Duties of Tournament Referees

- Check eligibility of players
- Decide whether play may be suspended in an emergency
- Decide whether players may leave the playing area during a match
- Decide whether Statutory practice periods may be extended
- Decide whether players may wear tracksuits during a match
- Decide any question of interpretation of TT Laws or Regulations, including the acceptability of clothing, playing equipment and playing conditions
- Decide whether and when players may practise during an emergency suspension of play
- Take disciplinary action for misbehaviour or other breaches of regulations
- Is the only person who can default a player
- Delegate, with agreement of competition management committee, any duties of the Referee to other persons, and make known the specific responsibilities and locations of each of these persons to participants and, where appropriate, to teams
- Ensure the Referee or a responsible deputy appointed to exercise authority in the Referee's absence is present at all times during play
- Has the right, where satisfied that it is necessary to do so, to replace a match official with another at any time, but may not alter a decision already made by the replaced official on a question of fact within that official's jurisdiction.

International Regulations require the Referee to also do the following:

- Conduct the draw
- Schedule matches by time and table
- Appoint match officials
- Conduct pre-tournament briefing for match officials.

These last four tasks are usually delegated to other officials in New Zealand but would be the responsibility of the Referee in any international event held here.

John Kiley

Rankings for 2002

To qualify for a New Zealand ranking, players must have competed in a minimum of four rating events in any particular category, excluding B and C grades. Allowance is made for players who were unable to compete in rating tournaments due to overseas commitments.

The rankings are compiled by the Selectors. Results from Under 18, 17 and 16 events were considered as well as Under 19 for the Under 19 list; and results from Under 15 and all younger age-categories were considered for the Under 15 list. All other age-category results were considered for the Open lists.

There are some notable omissions from some lists caused by not enough performances in a particular category. The selectors could only justify ranking 4 girls in the Under 19 age group which is a sad reflection on women's table tennis in New Zealand.

Men

1. Aaron Li (Canterbury)
2. Peter Jackson (Overseas-based)
3. Andrew Hubbard (Overseas-based)
4. Shane Laugesen (Overseas-based)
5. Andy Huang (Auckland)
6. Simon Wallace (Canterbury)
7. Alan Pedley (Manawatu)
8. Chen Lei (Nelson)
9. Peter Craven (Auckland)
10. Wayne Gear (Auckland)

Under 19 Boys

1. Simon Wallace (Canterbury)
2. Adrian Soh (Auckland)
3. John Cordue (Canterbury)
4. Josh Alexandre (Auckland)
5. Karl Samson (Canterbury)
6. Misty Jones-Middleton (Wellington)
7. Anthony Wilson (Southland)
8. Simon Buchanan (Wellington)
9. Malcolm Moore (Canterbury)
10. Yi-Ching Yuen (Waikato)

Under 15 Boys

1. Binbin Zhu (Auckland)
2. Chris Erskine (Nelson)
3. Nathan Lowe (Auckland)
4. Jack Wells (Nelson)
5. Blair Paterson (Manawatu)
6. Rhys Van Stipriaan (Auckland)
7. Matthew Lowe (Auckland)
8. Geoffrey Smart (North Harbour)
9. Brodi Smith (Bay of Plenty)
10. Boris Trifunovich (Wellington)

Women

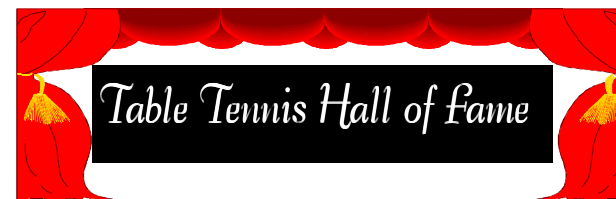
1. Li Chunli (Overseas-based)
2. Karen Li (Manawatu)
3. Tracey McLauchlan (Wellington)
4. Sabine Westera (Wellington)
5. Sarah Ho (Waikato)
6. Raewyn Young (Wellington)
7. Sophie Shu (Auckland)
8. Laura-Lee Smith (Canterbury)
9. Monique Neal (North Harbour)
10. Andrea Gosney (Canterbury)

Under 19 Girls

1. Sarah Ho (Waikato)
2. Katie Roddis (Nelson)
3. Jacqui Wood (Canterbury)
4. Leanne Ridder (Southland)

Under 15 Girls

1. Jiani Hu (Nelson)
2. Sophie Shu (Auckland)
3. Jenny Hung (Canterbury)
4. Hanna Squire (Wellington)
5. Michelle McCarthy (Wellington)
6. Kelly Samson (Canterbury)
7. Katie Stretton (North Harbour)
8. Sally Ho (Auckland)
9. Kirsten Wallace (Canterbury)
10. Armindeep Singh (Waikato)



Bob Jackson

Though popular enough with those who knew him, Bob presented a dour image on the table. He displayed phenomenal anticipation with a near perfect temperament. His total dedication to winning every point made him virtually unbeatable for several years after he began using thick grey Dolinar sponge on the forehand and black sponge on the backhand.

1956 saw him win the Australian open men's singles, the first New Zealander to do so. In 1957 he defeated both Tanaka (World Champion) and Ogimura (World number 2) during the Japanese tour of NZ.

National Titles:

New Zealand Open

Men's Singles - 1950, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58
Men's Doubles - 1953, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59
Mixed Doubles - 1954, 55, 56, 57
Boys' Singles Under 18 - 1949

North Island Open

Men's Singles - 1950, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58
Men's Doubles - 1950, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58
Mixed Doubles - 1953, 54, 55

South Island Open

Men's Singles - 1955
Men's Doubles - 1955



Bob in 1969

See also "Reporting briefly" - page 28.

The **Table Tennis Hall of Fame** was inaugurated at North Harbour in April 1999. The first inductees had to be players (not coaches or administrators) and have reached the high point of their careers prior to 1970.

Origins of Table Tennis:

UMPIRE is an example of a word that has developed by mistake. The original word was *noumpere* which meant "without peer or equal" but by a process known as metanalysis "a noumpere" became "an umpire".

ITTF urges, KEEP IT SIMPLE – when applying the new service rule.

ITTF official Aly Salam has written an open letter to all table tennis umpires. Here is an edited version.

Dear fellow umpires,

Over the last few months I have received numerous emails regarding the new service rules. Most were asking for guidance on how to apply the section stating "The ball shall not be hidden from the receiver by any part of the body or clothing of the server or doubles partner".

Our objective should be, "Keep it Simple" - there is no need to add personal interpretations or elements that are not written in the rule. Applying a worldwide standard that is consistent with the written words is absolutely critical.

The ball must be visible to the receiver at all times from the moment it leaves the free hand to the moment it is struck. That is it - no more and no less.

In applying the rule, when there is an umpire and assistant umpire, one of them surely will see the entire path of the ball. If in the judgment of either the ball is not completely visible to the receiver, then a fault must be called and an explanation given. With two umpiring officials, there is no allowance for a warning as previously permitted.

When there is only one umpire, then it must be *judged* whether the receiver sees the ball at all times, even if the umpire does not fully *see* the ball. If in doubt, then the umpire can give a warning and explain to the player why the service is doubtful. Whenever there is a clear failure, no warning shall be given and the receiver shall score a point.

The ways to judge whether a service is legal when the umpire cannot see the ball are contained in the official "interpretation of the rule":

1. As soon as the free hand and arm has projected the ball upwards, the free hand and arm must be immediately removed to the side. The free arm must not remain in any area between the ball and the receiver.
2. If the server could imagine a triangular space created by the ball and both net posts, then extend this space upwards to head level, the server must then ensure that no part of his body or clothing enters this space (or remains in this space) after he projects the ball upwards in service.



The ITTF website (www.ittf.com/service) gives the official text and the purpose and intent of the rule. It supplements this with pictures and sample videos of proper and improper service actions. Please pay particular attention to gallery photo 6. That is a legal service. Even though the free hand is within the imaginary triangle between the ball and the net posts, it is above the ball and the ball is always visible to the receiver.

Keep it Simple -Umpires Cont.

In the events played since the new rules were implemented most players were complying with the wording and intent of the new rules. A few were pushing the window by going as close as possible to the limits - that is acceptable. However, it is when a player exceeds the limits that the umpire must act. Otherwise the umpire is providing a disservice to the sport.

Umpires should pay close attention to all elements of a proper service - not only what is new. Just because the ball is visible to the receiver it does not mean that it can be thrown backwards or tossed less than 16cm.

Aly Salam
Secretary of Umpires,
Umpires and Referees Committee



Further Achievement by Kali Stratford on the Science Front.

Readers may recall the *Table Tennis Info* article (April 2002), reporting on **Kali Stratford's** in-depth study into the effect of the new 40mm ball and the array of Science Fair prizes it won for her.

She has again excelled and in February took first prize in the international physics class of the Taiwan Science Fair. Her effort this time was an investigation into the effect of raising the net. She found that increasing the height by up to 10cm decreased speed and spin and therefore increased the length of rallies.

Her study won the IPENZ Award at the 2002 *Genesis Energy Science and Technology Fair* which provided her with travel to the Taiwan Fair, and her win there netted a trophy and a digital camera.

What next we wonder!

REPORT ON SURVEY PUBLISHED ON WEB

The responses to the questionnaire included in Issue 20 of *Table Tennis Info* magazine have been collated and a full report is now on the website.

The questionnaire surveyed readers' opinions on such questions as:

- Why do you play table tennis?
- What influences whether or not you play interclub and tournaments?
- What social events or activities associated with tournaments would you support?
- Are other cultural groups adequately catered for?
- Why do you think people drop out of table tennis?
- How can communication be improved?

As well as summarising all the answers received, the report comments on the overall trend and draws conclusions.

It was written by the compiler of the questionnaire, John Stapleton. To access it, visit <http://www.tabletennis.org.nz>; click on "What's New".

Thanks to all those who responded.



TABLE TENNIS INFO NEEDS HELP

There is a vacancy for a person to source material for the *Table Tennis Info* magazine in 2003.

The suitable person will:

- Have an interest in all aspects of the sport from casual social play to international competition.
- Enjoy working with volunteers.
- Have the ability to encourage table tennis enthusiasts in various regions (or with specialist expertise) to spot topics, situations, people or achievements which could be the subject of magazine articles.

The successful applicant will appoint people to write articles, make final choices on what material is included, and in general set the editorial policy for the magazine. Assistance Available

Support for the appointee will be available in the following areas from people who have been previously involved with the magazine, in some cases since its inception in 1996:

- **Desktop Publishing**
Robin Radford is available to continue all desktop publishing and to embellish articles with artwork, cartoons, and various decorative devices to give the magazine a professional look, and to liaise with the printer.
- **Editing and Sub-editing**
John Kiley is available to continue receiving submitted articles, writing introductions to them, enhancing them where possible, reducing them in length if required, and giving the finished magazine a final proof-read.
- **Dispatch of completed magazine**
A team of volunteers has been built up for this task and is available to continue, but a Dispatch Captain to oversee it is required.

More information is available on request.

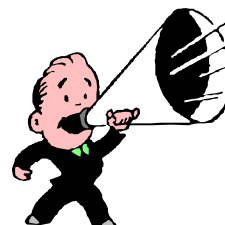
World Individual Championships

As the magazine went to press and dispatch, our team was preparing to attend the World Individual Championships in Paris from 19th to 25th May (other serious world events not interrupting it!).

The NZ team selected is:

Men: **Peter Jackson, Shane Laugesen, Andrew Hubbard.**
Women: **Li Chunli, Karen Li.**

Simeon Cairns is attending as Team Coach and a NZ delegate to the ITTF AGM, **Averil Roberts** is an invited International Umpire, and **Helen Codlin** will be there with the video analysis system. **David Jackson** is our other delegate to the AGM and will attend other meetings in his various ITTF official positions.



Reporting briefly.....

The **Player Liaison** role is vacant and the Board is seeking to fill the position which is the players link to the Board and is the vehicle for taking any concerns, suggestions etc. to them. Anyone interested should contact the National office. (It's an unpaid position).

Did you read 21 April issue of **TIME** magazine? In a 2 page photo American Service personal are shown **playing table tennis in a presidential palace in Baghdad.**

Dennis Galvin has been confirmed as **Publicity Officer** for 2003. Dennis would like associations to provide him with the name and short profile of their publicity officer for this year.

2004 National Championship allocations were confirmed by the Board:

NZ Open	Auckland
NZ Veterans	Manawatu
South Island Open	Southland
Summer Nationals	Nelson

The North Island and Secondary Schools have still to be allocated.

Video Analysis: James Morris, at the last AGM, suggested that associations make use of this facility. Either he or **Helen Codlin** can be contacted for more info. (See the High Tech article in TT INFO October 2002 issue).

It would appear that the **Chinese** people in NZ are keen to start a new association and the situation is being monitored by the national body. It will be interesting to see if and how it will fit into the TT structure in NZ.

Are you keeping in touch with your association?

Affiliates with web pages within the TTNZ web site are: **Canterbury, Manawatu, Nelson TT Academy, Empire Club Petone.** These can be accessed from the "What's New" and Associations contacts page. Associations with their own web sites are: **Auckland, Counties Manukau, North Harbour, Wanganui, Wellington.** These can be accessed from Associations contact page.

Manawatu is a recent addition.

Over the past 12 months, the national office has **received enquires from Lithuania, Tanzania,** and very recently **Nigeria** (the Federation and a club) regarding coming to NZ for Championships or coaching. The first two never turned up and so recent enquires are being treated with utmost caution.

One wonders if there have been ideas in these countries to use TT as a means of gaining entry into our country?



Previous Table Tennis Master **Bob Jackson** (7 times NZ table tennis singles titleholder between 1950 and 1958 plus many other national titles), collected his 14th NZ Open Croquet singles title earlier this year. The Croquet master too!

Congratulations to **Averil Roberts**, who was specifically requested by the ITTF to be NZ's representative umpire to officiate at the World Championships in Paris. Her talent as an umpire is clearly recognised on the world scene. NZ Community Trust is assisting Averil to attend the Championships.

Sadly, it would seem as though **Ron Garrett** will be lost to the Board as he has indicated this will be his last year thereon. Let's hope he changes his mind!

The Halberg Trust *Say When* - New Zealand Sports Awards Held in Auckland, February 2003

Sports people gathered to recognise the achievement of New Zealand's premier athletes and to select the 2002 Sports People of the Year. It was thrilling for table tennis as Li Chunli was nominated as a Sportswoman of the Year finalist. This was the first time table tennis has been nominated at these awards. Simeon Cairns and James Morris attended on behalf of TTNZ.

Chunli sat at the finalists' table with all NZ's sporting heroes. It was especially great to see a video clip showing her excitement on winning gold.

A great night was had and it provided a tremendous profile for table tennis.

From North to South

OLD HANDS WARM HEARTS

Wayne Gear Looks Around the North Island

The 2002 Nationals saw many new faces and a welcome return of some old ones. It was great to see old hands such as Malcolm Darroch and Alan Pedley go head to head. Alan Pedley, who had not picked up a bat for 12 years up until 2002, showed he still had plenty of skills and nous, taking his fair share of scalps and spearheading his Manawatu side to a fourth placing in the Open Men's teams event. His opponent, Malcolm Darroch, is an icon for his sportsmanship and the great attitude he has towards the game.

These two players showed their expertise in the fundamentals of the game and their tactical "warfare" produced a high quality match - one of the highlights of the tournament for me. These **old hands warm hearts**. Let's hope we see them at many more Nationals.

BOYS ON TOUR

As one of the few tournament "junkies" of 2002, I had the pleasure of playing at both ends of the North Island. From Whangarei, where the organisers consistently manage to produce well run and well attended tournaments, to Wellington, where they really get behind their local heroes with great support from the local papers.

On the home front, North Harbour impress as the innovators of tournament schedules and formats, thanks primarily to John Stapleton. Auckland along with Taranaki have enticed some of New Zealand's top players at times with great prizes and prize money. But nowhere I've been looks after its visitors the way Manawatu does. With Shona Cudby at the helm and Andrew Gordon alongside (at the time), they go out of their way to make the tournament memorable for everyone, particularly the visitors.

So to all you players out there, I urge you to take up the challenge and try your hand at some of New Zealand's hot spot table tennis centres - you may be pleasantly surprised.

Auckland

BEN COLLINS REPORTS

LOCAL TOURNAMENT

The tournament season kicked off a little earlier than normal this year in Auckland, with the first ever Auckland Summer Open being held on March 1, 2. Usually the first tournament at Auckland is the ANZAC Day Open. However, the ATTA decided to hold this competition as it felt it hosted too few tournaments last season.

The organisers were very pleased with the turnout of around 90 players.

Taking advantage of cheap flights, Canterbury players Yi-Sien Lin and Lark Brandt made the trip to Auckland. While Lin was the first seed for the Men's Open, Brandt was playing in only his seventh tournament. Despite suffering early in the day from nerves, he enjoyed the opportunity to compete against an array of different players and styles.

The Men's Open group play followed the seeding with the five top players qualifying. After beating Craig Dye in the only quarterfinal match, Wayne Gear then lost in seven games to Lin. Adrian Soh seemed to improve throughout the day and, having survived two five game matches in the best-of-five group play, then beat Josh Alexandre in the second semi.

Lin against Soh was an excellent final for spectators, with extensive forehand loop-to-loop rallies and back-from-the-table play. Soh proved too strong winning four games to one.

The Women's Open was one-sided with Olympian and Commonwealth Games medallist Karen Li not dropping a game. Florence Li and Sophie Shu were rapt not only to get the chance to compete against Karen Li, but also with the unusually high number of entrants in the Women's Open. There were six competitors!

UPDATE ON NZ PLAYERS IN FRANCE

There are four New Zealand men currently playing in the domestic competition in France. Andrew Hubbard, Shane Laugesen and Andy Huang play for the Beauchamp Club in Paris, and Peter Jackson for the Bruille Club in Lille, northern France. The top Beauchamp team, in which Hubbard and Laugesen both play, is leading its pool in National division 1. This is one level below the elite Super division.

See page 35 for the latest overseas players rankings.

Manawatu

Table Tennis, 2003 and beyond, in the M.A.N.A.W.A.T.U.

Making sure of future development. This is a focal point of Table Tennis Manawatu's 2003 Executive Committee. With an ever increasing variety of activities available for young and old, positive action is required to ensure a playing base in the future.

Announcing table tennis. This has been aided by local media assistance and intermediate schools hosting local juniors for promotional demonstrations. In the pipeline and ready to run soon are a business house competition and promotions at other schools.

New programs. Young players set their own goals in achieving the TTNZ Skills Awards – Bronze, Silver and Gold – in their pursuit of moving through the playing ranks. This lets players know what is required to progress, reducing subjective judgments on player placement.

Accessibility. This has vastly improved by securing a seven day a week lease on the Waldegrave Lounge. We now have at least six tables permanently set up. More programs can be implemented, with even more in the future as our structure develops.

Willingness within the Association to work hard. There has been a major turnaround from the rather shaky state a few months ago. This is beginning to develop a stronger foundation, and with continued patience, communication and understanding will keep growing.

Achieving positive growth in an unstable environment. This may sound like the blurb from an investment statement - it is also the challenge for Table Tennis Manawatu. Fortunately, TTM's passion and vision for table tennis as a sport for anyone is gaining acceptance.

Training opportunities. This is just one small way of encouraging people to continually develop their game. Such a major shift in the culture of Table Tennis Manawatu is a prerequisite to cultivating a steady stream of higher calibre players.

Unveiling table tennis in the Manawatu. As player numbers increase, resources will be enhanced and at times stretched. This will provide the positive challenges of a growing organisation, which sure beats the shrinking situation facing many sporting bodies worldwide. Table Tennis Manawatu must break the shackles of being a closely held secret and become accessible to anyone!!

For further details of Table Tennis Manawatu activity, view our monthly newsletter and other data on the Manawatu page in the TTNZ Website.

What to do to get selected in rep teams:

Manawatu spells it out.

Table Tennis Manawatu's latest newsletter includes an item explaining to their players the criteria they are expected to meet to be eligible for selection in their representative teams.

The requirements include training squad membership, regular competition play, and participation in a set number of tournaments from an approved list. They must also enter the individual events at the NZ Championships, attend practice sessions for 12 weeks prior to the nationals, and demonstrate maturity and an acceptable standard of etiquette on and off the table.

The newsletter item lists the approved tournaments players can choose from (other tournaments may be attended by arrangement), and urges players keen to be considered for rep teams to contact the selectors (Jim Jarmin, Murray Holdaway and Alan Pedley).

The full newsletter is on the TT Manawatu page in the TTNZ website
www.tabletennis.org.nz

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Wellington



CLUB ABUZZ WITH ANTICIPATION

Petone's **Empire Club** is keenly anticipating its new facilities (artists impression left) with fundraising in full swing and construction due to start this year. The "red tape" stage was completed last year with approval granted by the Hutt City Council, although the siting of the original hall in an area later designated as a reserve had caused concerns between Club

officials and City Hall. Resource consent was required and depended on the support of neighbouring organisations. As reported in our October issue, the necessary consent was obtained late last year.

"Final plans, layout, etc. are being put to paper and the project will result in an impressive playing facility," said Life Member Ron Menchi. "Club usage is ballooning out and the extra tables and member comforts are now a top priority."

Titan Table Tennis Club, Wellington

Titan is one of the larger clubs in Wellington, with 8 tables available for play. The club, based in the Wellington Table Tennis Stadium, Alexandra Road, Newtown, meets from 9.30am to 12.30pm every Sunday throughout the year except for a one month break from mid-December to mid-January. Members range in age from 10 to 77. The oldest is Norm Bishop - still playing interclub and a fine all-round athlete (he has run 33 marathons!) Coaching is provided by Brian Neale and Malcolm Wong, and Malcolm also runs a junior club on Sunday afternoons. Top players Robert Chung, Jie Zhang and Catherine Zhou also coached during the latter part of 2002. The club contact is the President, Jack Blackmore, phone (04) 477-9914.

The club, formed when the stadium was opened in 1972, was originally called the Wellington Table Tennis Stadium Club. Initially it could not enter interclub teams as other clubs feared they would lose members to the new club. This rule remained until 1976 when the name was changed to Titan on the suggestion of the late Ivan Houghton, then a Wellington Association Life Member. He was one of the main workers behind Wellington table tennis's campaign to acquire its own stadium, and was instrumental in setting up the Titan Club to increase the stadium's use.

In 1978 Lindsay Ward, Adrian Lust and Warren Mak took Titan to the final of the Rothmans National Club Team Championship where they finished runner up to Manurewa. These three players plus Nha Nguyen won the Wellington A grade interclub title in 1980. It took until 2002 before the club next tasted success in the top grade when the Titan Terriers (Lindsay Ward, Harry Singh and Robert Chung) won the Wellington/Hutt Valley combined Premier One interclub, beating the Belmont Beast 6-3 in the final. Jie Zhang, David Pui and Nha Nguyen had also played for the team that season.

Lindsay Ward has represented Titan since 1976 and has been its dominant player throughout. Ranked number one in Wellington nineteen times, he has won the Men's Singles at the Wellington, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Wairarapa and Manawatu Open Championships. His fifth Wellington Men's Singles title was achieved in 2002. He is also a very good tennis player and still plays Wellington Regional One interclub. His ability in both sports was shown by his success in winning the NZ Veterans Tennis Over 45 Men's Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles in 2000, and the NZ Table Tennis Over 45 Men's Singles in 2001.

Malcolm Wong

Wairarapa

RED STAR TABLE TENNIS CLUB, MASTERTON

The club is holding their 40th Jubilee on 20 September 2003 and wishes to contact as many past members as possible. Can you help?

For more Info contact the club c/o 22 – 140 Chapel Street Masterton, email them at rsttc@clear.net.nz or give them a ring on (06) 378 7823, (06) 377 4453 or (06) 377 3488.

SOUTHLAND

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY FOR SOCIAL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Members of the **Invercargill Social Table Tennis Club** celebrated their 10th anniversary over lunch at the White Heron on Tuesday 15 April.

The social club has been one of the great success stories of local table tennis since its introduction in 1993.

The concept of a morning club came about when Janet Leach, a player in the Annual Business House Competition, expressed a desire to play during the day and local Table Tennis stalwart June King agreed to assist in the formation of a social daytime club if Mrs Leach was prepared to help co-ordinate it. On Tuesday, 20 April 1993 the social morning club got underway with a healthy attendance at the Table Tennis Stadium in Lindisfarne Street.

Foundation members Janet Leach, Val Davidson, Nancy Foley, Chris Luker and Eileen Connell are still regular attendees.

Initially it was proposed that the group meet only through the main table tennis season but members could see no reason to stop so the decision was made to continue throughout the year. More expansion followed at the end of 1994 when the club decided to meet twice a week (Tuesdays and Fridays).

Everyone is very welcome and the wide cross section of players includes retired people and shift workers. The friendliness and camaraderie of the group is obvious and any newcomer is immediately made to feel at home. A former member of the group who moved to Christchurch and still plays in his adopted province summed it up best on a trip home recently. "I really enjoy playing in Christchurch, but in Invercargill it's like family," he reported.

While the club is primarily an enjoyable social outlet that is not to say members have not experienced their share of competitive success. Many have won medals at various New Zealand and South Island Masters Games while several have enjoyed success at Table Tennis Southland events.

Doreen Humphries, the oldest current member, still plays a very, very, good game of table tennis while over 80 years of age.

Each year the group enjoys a mid-winter lunch plus a Christmas dinner at the Stadium. Club members do the catering and supply talented entertainers and interesting speakers, generally from within their own ranks.

At the Anniversary, past and present members relaxed in the pleasant surrounds of the White Heron and celebrated ten memorable and enjoyable years while at the same time reinforced all the best qualities of sport and recreation.

Lindsay Beer

Summer Nationals Christchurch Jan 2003

<u>Open</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Singles Runner Up</u>
Men's Singles	Aaron Li (C)	Johnny Liang (N)
Women's Singles	Mi Ryung Chun (C)	Yukiko Koyama (N)
Men's Doubles	A Li & Simon Wallace (C)	
Women's Doubles	M Chun & M Li (C)	
Mixed Doubles	Simon Wallace & Jiang Yang (C)	
<u>B Grade</u>		
Men's Singles	Michael Warren (C)	Terry Zeng (A)
Women's Singles	Yukiko Koyama (N)	Kelly Cha (C)
Men's Doubles	L Brandt & J Li (C)	
Women's Doubles	K Cha & J Hung (C)	
Mixed Doubles	B Keane & Y Koyama (N)	
<u>Over 50 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Dave Samson (C)	Alan Alabaster (C)
Women's Singles	Marie Okamoto (C)	Valda Smith (C)
Men's Doubles	S Crow & D Samson (C)	
Women's Doubles	V Smith & A Williamson (C)	
Mixed Doubles	A Alabaster & V Smith (C)	
<u>Over 40 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Alan Alabaster (C)	Alistair Armstrong (C)
Women's Singles	Flora Lin (C)	Marie Okamoto (C)
Men's Doubles	A Armstrong & D Samson (C)	
Mixed Doubles	S Crow & S Jung (C)	
<u>Over 20 & Under 40 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Johnny Liang (N)	Han Jin Guang (N)
Women's Singles	Mi Ryung Chun (C)	Linda Chen (C)
Men's Doubles	Han Jin Guang & J Liang (N)	
Women's Doubles	M Chun & Jiang Yang (C)	
Mixed Doubles	Y Lin & Jiang Yang (C)	
<u>Under 20 years</u>		
Men's Singles	Simon Wallace (C)	Steven Zeng (A)
Women's Singles	Wu Chen (C)	Mornica Li (C)
Men's Doubles	K Samson & S Wallace (C)	
Women's Doubles	M Li & Wu Chen (C)	
Mixed Doubles	S Wallace & Wu Chen (C)	
<u>Under 17 years</u>		
Boys' Singles	Steven Zeng (A)	Luke Tough (C)
Girls' Singles	Wu Chen (C)	Mornica Li (C)
Boys' Doubles	S Zeng & T Zeng (A)	
Girls' Doubles	M Li & Wu Chen (C)	
Mixed Doubles	S Moore & K Wallace (C)	
<u>Under 14 years</u>		
Boys' Singles	Steven Zeng (A)	Terry Zeng (A)
Girls' Singles	Jiani Hu (N)	Jenny Hung (C)
Boys' Doubles	S Zeng & T Zeng (A)	
Mixed Doubles	T Davey & J Hung (C)	

WORLD RANKINGS

NZ Players
(as at 1 May 2003)

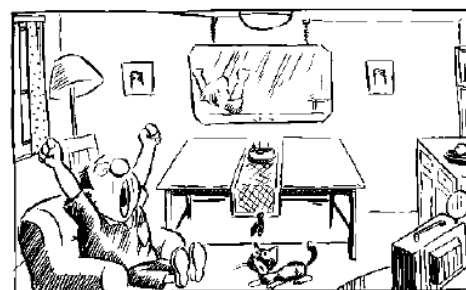
Women

Li Chunli	50
Karen Li	137
Tracey McLauchlan	581

Men

Peter Jackson	234
Aaron Li	237
Shane Laugesen	401
Andrew Hubbard	422
Andy Huang	741
Simon Wallace	769
Yi-Sien Lin	774

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