



## WkTTA Newsletter September 2024

### 2024 AGM and prize giving

Please note this important date in your calendar.

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 5.45pm**

The prize giving is a celebration and recognition of our members achievements this year. At the AGM, the new committee for 2025 is elected. If you would be interested in serving on our committee, or helping out as a volunteer in some way, please talk with one of our current committee members to find out how you can contribute.

### Waikato Closed event October 19 – 20 2024

Players must be Waikato table tennis association members.  
Members of affiliated clubs Kihikihi and Manawaru are eligible to enter

Saturday 19 October  
9am to 1pm

#### **JUNIORS**

9am start - U13 and U19  
10.30am start – NOVICE (under 15 years and first year of playing tournaments)  
11.30am start – U15

Sunday 20 October  
9am to 1pm

#### **SENIORS**

WOMENS SINGLES  
MENS SINGLES (to be split A and B grades after round robin play)  
SENIOR COMBINED DOUBLES (fun event, no award)

#### NOTES:

- Entrants must be members of the Waikato Table Tennis Association
  - Fees of \$5 per event will apply, payable on the day
  - The 'Senior Combined Doubles' event is a fun event only, and no awards will be presented for this event
  - Junior awards will be presented on the day
  - Senior awards will be presented prior to the Annual General Meeting
  - Entries by e-mail to [waikatotabletennis@gmail.com](mailto:waikatotabletennis@gmail.com) quoting name, events entered (with partner name for doubles) and D.O.B (juniors only)
- Alternatively, a sign-up sheet is also available in the reception booth at the stadium

**[Closing date Sunday 13 October at 5pm](#)**

## **Coupons on Hello Club**

If you haven't done so already, please try using the coupons on Hello Club to pay for your club sessions. They are a very convenient way to pay and you get 11 sessions for the price of 10 at \$60

## **Australian Veterans National Championships Launceston 14 – 21 September** *Item provided by Ray Sheath*

On Friday the 13th September Mark Page, Neil Hoolihan and Ray Sheath left NZ to attend the Australian Veterans National Championships that were being held in Launceston, Tasmania.

We arrived into Launceston at 8.30pm on Friday night.

The tournament began with play at 9am for the O30 team that comprised Mark, Barry Griffiths and Craig Dye from Canterbury. These guys made the final of this grade, eventually losing to Victoria in the final. They played extremely well and lost 6-5. Mark played unbelievably. There were 12 teams also in this grade. A former French professional played for South Australia and was undefeated.

The O60 team comprised Neil Hoolihan, Ray Sheath (capt) and Gregg Davey from Canterbury. Some days we played matches against different states 2 in a row, meaning we started at 1pm, finished the first match at 4.50pm and then commenced our 2nd match at 5pm and finished just after 9pm !!! There were 12 teams entered in our division, we qualified to play off for places 5-8 We played Victoria for the right to play off for 5th and 6th, they beat us, however the match was tight and Gregg Davey injured his tricep. This caused us to default for the 7th and 8th place, so we came 8th. The standard of play was extremely high, with numerous players having represented Australia at Elite level previously and were ranked extremely high.

All teams matches comprised 3 singles each and 2 doubles. So loads of matches !! Pool play saw both Ray and Neil qualify out of the pool with some great wins. In the first round Ray was drawn against Sharad Pandit, who beat Barry Griffiths last year and again this year. A former pro player in Germany ! Barry had me watching youtube for hours before my match, I eventually lost 12/10, 11/3, 11/9. Neil won his first round, but lost in the following round.

In the O30, Mark lost in the 1/4 final to a player from Victoria. The players that made the final, Mark had beaten one in the teams and lost an extremely close match in the teams to the eventual winner!!

We all thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and have vowed to return again next year with a few more of our Waikato players !! We played circa 50 matches in the tournament each, so we returned to NZ a little worse for wear, but proud of our efforts.

## **Interclub results**

Wow !!!! Three teams have all won 6 matches each – Teams 1, 5 and 7

Having gone through the details to separate them, the final positions are:

1st : Gold : Team 1 – Eric Lin , Aaron & Adam

2nd Silver : Team 5 – Nathan Metzger, Jongsig Jeon & Krystelle Hui

3rd Bronze : Team 7 – Rachel Wu, Matai Moorfield & Viren

For the most individual wins, the 4 top placed players are Eric, Nathan, Neil and Xander.

Congratulations to all the medal winners. Medals will be presented during the first Inter Club session in Term4 in a few weeks time. Please look out for the reminder to sign up to this event.

Thanks also to those who stepped in as subs – Trevor, Bruce and Kerry amongst others.

### **Nominations for the Athol Attwood Cup 2024**



The Athol Attwood Memorial Cup was commissioned in 2023, by the committee, to be presented in honour of Athol Attwood who passed away in late 2022 aged 96

He was basically Hamilton table tennis in the late 1960s and 1970s, and it was largely through his drive and initiative that the current Stadium, that we all use today, was built. Our Stadium, opened in 1975, is named after him. Even though he did not play much himself, he had an incredible capacity for work and attention to detail, which ensured everything he was involved with ran smoothly. WkTTA are immensely grateful for his contribution to table tennis in Hamilton and the wider Waikato region.

The criteria for the successful recipient is “In recognition of the individual’s outstanding contribution in promoting, enhancing and inspiring table tennis within the Waikato”.

We would like you, as our members, to nominate a person who you believe will be a worthy recipient of this award. Please email your nominations by Thursday 31 October to [waikatotabletennis@gmail.com](mailto:waikatotabletennis@gmail.com)

### **Table Tennis at the NZ Masters Games at Whanganui February 2025**

Please note that if you would like to attend this event, accommodation is filling up fast. Registrations are open shortly. There is an early bird discount available.

It is a very enjoyable tournament with a good turnout of competitors in all age groups.

There are several WkTTA members going, so come along and be part of this event.

If you would like more information, contact Kerry on 0274 839 963

#### **SCHEDULE**

Wednesday 5th February – Social Grades, 8.30 am 35+,70+ individual events

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Thursday 6th February – 55+ 2-person mixed teams

Friday 7th February - 35+ 3-person mixed teams and 70+ 2 person mixed teams

Saturday 8th February 8.30 am – 35+, 70+ individual events

Saturday 9 February 12.30 pm – 55+ individual events

Sunday 9th February 8.30 am – 45+, 75+ individual events

Sunday 9th February 12.30 pm 65+ individual events

**VENUE Jubilee Stadium, London Street, Wanganui.**

Stadium is west and diagonally opposite to the BP service station.

TIME Daily: 8.00am practice: 8.30am Start: 5.30 – 6.00 pm finish.

AGE POLICY All players age as of 4th February 2025

SPORTS FEE \$20.00 Singles

\$7.00 Doubles per player. Teams \$25.00 per player.

NOTE Teams are Mixed and therefore open to players of any gender.

Only enter one age group per time slot.

Entries close Friday 17 January 2025.

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