



WkTTA Newsletter August 2024

Waikato Open August 17 – 18 2024

Wow what an awesome weekend of table tennis at the recent 2024 Waikato Open event on 17th and 18th August. There was a massive total of 141 entries in the Seniors events on Saturday and the Juniors and Para events on Sunday. There were some top NZ athletes competing with entries from as far afield as Northland down to Southland. It was good to see a great number of 11 entries in the family doubles event.

Our patron, Mark Donovan from Hamilton City Council was present to declare the main event open.

Mathew Britz, the first NZ Paralympian Table Tennis player in 48 years to be competing in the Paralympics in Paris shortly played in the Mens Open on Saturday and the Para event on Sunday along with our own para players.

Some of New Zealand's top women players were competing on Saturday and Sunday. Defending Champion Yelena Yi who is a NZ rep at Junior World Champs, her team mate rep Jocelyn Lam, Ayoumi Moriyama-Picard also a NZ rep at Junior World Championships this year. They have also been selected to compete at the upcoming Oceania Championships in September.

Barb Shepp - Gold in O40 Women Singles, O50 Women Singles, O40 Combined Doubles

Kerry Allen - Gold in O60 Women Singles

Joy Wong - Gold in U19 B Grade Girls Singles

Sarah Clarke - Gold in Para Wheelchair Combined Doubles 1-5

Heather Stringer - Silver in O60 Women Singles.

Logan Lin - Gold in U11 Boys Singles, U11 Boys Doubles, Silver in C Grade Men's Singles.

John Page - Gold in O60 Men's Singles and O50 Combined Doubles, Silver in O60 Combined Doubles.

Daniel Delbourgo - Gold in O50 Men's Singles and O50 Combined Doubles.

Eric Lin - Gold in O40 Men's Singles

Hyrum Sunnex - Gold in O40 Combined Doubles

Graham Duthie - Gold in O19 Combined Doubles

Mark Page - Gold in Open Combined Doubles

Teina Hara-Liu - Gold in U11 Boys Doubles

Bo Nikara - Silver in O40 Men's Singles

Neil Hoolihan - Silver in O60 Men's Singles

Jayden Forshaw - Silver in D Grade Men's Singles.



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Ray Sheath - Silver in O60 Combined Doubles.

Mark Liddle - Silver in Para Standing Combined Doubles 6-11.

Kion Hara-Liu - 1st in U13 Boys B Grade Singles and U15 Boys B Grade Singles.

Matai Moorfield - 1st in U19 Boys B Grade Singles and 2nd in U15 Boys B Grade Singles.

Isaac Dewar - 2nd in U11 Boys B Grade Singles.

Along with these medallists, 26 WkTTA members reached the semifinals.



Logan Lin and his mum Lina Wang in the family doubles event

Para doubles players



Kerry Allen Gold and Heather Stringer Silver in the Over 60s womens singles

John Page and Daniel Delbourgo gold medals in the Over 50 combined doubles



Hyrum Sunnex and Barb Shepp Gold in the Over 40 combined doubles

Left foreground: Para player Arthur Murfitt (Waikato)

Background: Mark Liddell (Waikato) and Mathew Britz



Teina Hara Liu and Logan Lin Gold in under 11 boys doubles



TTNZ Womens and Girls Teams Event

A team of ten from Waikato travelled to Palmerston North 13/14 July to play in the 2024 Women's and Girl's Teams Tournament. Some of the team attended the Training Day run by female coaches and gained valuable knowledge.

Results:

Silver in O40s: Kerry Allen and Sandra Piper

Bronze in O40s: Heather Stringer.





Waikato Players at the Women and Girls teams event




TTNZ 2024 Community Clubs Tournament

This event was held at the Te Awamutu Events Centre on 20 July hosted by Kihikihi Club and run by the hard working Jessica Macaskill from TTNZ.




Competitive Grade:

-  Calvin Kwong / Dave Kilmister (Taupo)
-  Barb Shepp / Hyrum Sunnex (Kihikihi)
-  Paul Whitehead / Monique Neal (Kihikihi)

Competitive Social Grade:

-  Andrew Leonard / Ray Sheath (Hamilton Social)
-  Dave Scott / Tony Smith (Taupo)
-  Neil Hoolihan / Alan Au (Te Rahu)

Social Grade:

-  Philip Daisley / Heather Stringer (Manawaru)
-  Zion Sunnex / Lucas Sloan (Kihikihi)
-  Lee Harper / Vivienne Mikkelson (Kihikihi / Manawaru)



Competitive Grade winners



Competitive Social grade winners



Social Grade winners

Auckland Centenary Open

Three Kihikihi Club's athletes competed over the weekend of 24-25 August. Here are the outstanding results:

Barb Shepp



O40s Women's Singles



O40s Women's Doubles with Yumin Lin

Hyrum Sunnex






O40s Men's Doubles with Craig Dye



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Logan Lin

-  Novice Doubles
-  Novice Singles
-  U11s Doubles



Barb Shepp and Yumin Lin



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