



# Waikato Table Tennis Association

## NEWSLETTER

January 2026

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### 2026 CLUBS

Our 2026 club sessions are now well under way, with strong numbers already attending the Tuesday and Friday Day Clubs, Wednesday Social Club, and Saturday Community Club. TT Kidz launches at 10.00am on 7 February, followed by the Family Session. Bronze Coaching begins on 9 February with 12 participants already registered.

Thursday Competition Night has also got off to a roaring start, with our first promotion from B Grade to A Grade already completed - and, yes, our first demotion from A Grade to B Grade as well. Full details are available under the **Noticeboard** tab on our website: [wtta.org.nz](http://wtta.org.nz)

### MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2026 - over 90 people have done so to date. A reminder that if you have not yet renewed your 2026 membership at [wkttta.helloclub.com](http://wkttta.helloclub.com) please do so before attending any sessions, as session fees are \$7.50 for members and \$15 for people without a current membership.

### HOPES CHALLENGE

Our stadium was hired by Table Tennis New Zealand from Thursday 15 January to Monday 19 January to host the NZ Hopes Week. The event was very successful, and we received excellent feedback on our venue. This provided valuable income for the Waikato Association, and we hope TTNZ will look to hold the event here again at the same time next year.

### NZ VETERANS OPEN

The NZ Vets Championships will be held in Auckland this Easter. Players who wish to be considered for selection in a Waikato team are asked to email an Expression of Interest to: [waikatotabletennis@gmail.com](mailto:waikatotabletennis@gmail.com)

### WAIKATO AUTUMN OPEN

In addition to the Waikato Open being held in August, we will also be hosting a tournament on 21–22 March. This event, the **Waikato Autumn Open**, will be combined with Qualifier 3, which Table Tennis New Zealand uses to select players for the 2026 ITTF-Oceania Championships. Entries must be submitted online via the TTNZ Tournament Software. Please keep an eye out - entries will be opening shortly.

### BITS & PIECES

Shout out to Kerry and Barbara for tidying and organizing the trophy cabinet in the foyer - be sure to check out their handiwork next time you visit.



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