



# Waikato Table Tennis Association NEWSLETTER November 2025

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## 2025 Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. We now have new executive officers and committee members for 2026 as follows:

**President:** Barbara Hodge.  
**Treasurer:** Jonathan Graddon.  
**Secretary:** Neil Hoolihan.  
**Committee:** Tom Liu, Mark Page, Sandra Piper, Heather Stringer, Rachel Ball.

## 2025 Annual Prize Giving

Immediately prior to the AGM we held the Annual Prize Giving.



Congratulations to the following members:

**Player of the year:** Monique Neal  
**Senior man of the year:** Neil Hoolihan  
**Senior woman of the year:** Monique Neal  
**Veteran man of the year:** Paul Whitehead  
**Veteran woman of the year:** Heather Stringer  
**Closed champs mens singles:** Logan Lin runner up Jimmy Caunter  
**Closed champs B Grade mens singles:** Jonty Cleland runner up Lu-Dong Fu



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**Closed champs womens singles (Anderson Cup):** Rachel Wu runner up Krystelle Hui

**Junior girl of the year (Cooke Cup):** Krystelle Hui

**Junior boy of the year:** Jonty Cleland

**Most improved girl:** Krystelle Hui

**Highly Commended certificate:** Harsahej Singh

**Most improved boy:** Jonty Cleland

**Highly Commended certificate:** Manawa Nathan

**Administrator of the year:** Jonathan Graddon

**Volunteer of the year:** Sandra Piper

**Athol Attwood cup:** Mark Page

**Para player of the year:** Sarah Clarke

**Daytime Club player of the year:** Liu Li

### Competition Night

Starting in 2026 our Competition Night (formerly known as "Interclub") will be shifting from Tuesday to Thursday night with an earlier start time of 7pm (Silver Squad Coaching will now be held on Tuesday night).

The format of the **Thursday Competition Night** remains the same, being graded matchplay for individuals. Please remember that booking at the Stadium is not allowed for this event, you must register on Hello Club every Thursday before 6:30pm if you are going to attend (this gives the organizer time to arrange the draw).

### **In conjunction with the Thursday Competition Night we are introducing a new initiative.**

From our Senior and Junior players that meet the following requirements:

- Have chosen Waikato as their Association and have made themselves available for selection to represent Waikato at the NZ Vets, NI Teams and Nationals.
- Are regular attenders of the Thursday Competition Night.
- Have proven themselves as elite Waikato players, or through hard work and commitment are closing in on that status.

An intensive selection process, confirmed and authorised by the Committee every month, will be undertaken to identify our best-performing players for inclusion into a "Platinum Squad". Members of this squad will receive the opportunity for free sessions with Tom Liu. Membership of this small squad will be fluid throughout the year, changing in accordance with match-play results at the Thursday Competition Night and each players demonstrated effort and commitment. This elite group of individuals will be small in number (only 3 or 4 people) and the group **will be fluid**, continually changing and having to compete for this valuable incentive.

### Bits & Pieces

Shout out and congratulations to Ray Sheath for being voted onto the TTNZ Board at their AGM that was held on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November.



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