

Tawa & Districts Mid Week Table Tennis Club

Club Captains Report 2014 AGM

It only seems like a few months since I sat down to write the 2013 Captains Report, but no it is a year and what a great year it has been.

One of the items high on our agenda this year was to renew our tables. The old ones had done us proud but it was time to get into the 21st century.

The decision to purchase new tables was not taken lightly so our thanks must go to Terry for all the time and when I say time I mean many hours he spent collating and researching all the different options that were available.

The results of this research plus suggestions and comments from members were discussed at length by the committee to ensure we made the right choice.

I am sure you will agree that with the new tables and in addition the barriers our playing conditions have improved immensely.

Thank you also to all the willing helpers who arrived at the club very early in the morning to help with the assembly of the tables.

We have had great attendance over both the winter and summers seasons.

The average attendance of the winter season was 29. The summer season has been especially busy with an average attendance of 26, and we also welcomed 9 new members during that time.

Two coaching sessions with Merv Allardyce, were organized and well attended. Overall we have had 65 table tennis events held over the year.

I think we can say this year that our Interclub season was an improvement on past results. Although we didn't come away with any wins we did have one draw and a lot of games were very close fought matches.

The interest in playing interclub has grown and I even have members asking me when the interclub season is going to start.

I look forward to the 2014 matches.

Our social events this year were well attended and a good time was had by all.

Bingo and lunch at Monteiths in Mana was great fun. After a couple of hours of intense concentration and the excitement of winning a bar of chocolate we all enjoyed delicious food and wine.

Our thanks go to the famous bingo caller Bryan Thompson. We were very privileged to have him at this function as his voice is in high demand and he told me his appointment book is very full. I think he was telling me the truth.

Christmas once again was celebrated with food, wine, fun and laughter. Everyone had to work for their lunch by answering some pretty difficult quiz questions. Some teams definitely did better than others and some did nothing at all, but there was lots of laughter around the tables. We then enjoyed a beautiful roast dinner with all the trimmings catered for by Kerry Rose Catering.

Once again we had great support from Rusty with very successful raffles of Ham and Bacon. I must also mention the ongoing saga of the three little pigs. We wait with anticipation for the next instalment. If there is not another instalment you better make one up Rusty. No pressure.

Our thanks also go to Robin Radford for capturing all these events with his great photography.

The history book is progressing and we are on target to have it completed for our 50th Anniversary in 2016. Thank you Gay for your continuing involvement in this project. Your input is much appreciated.

It is now time for me to write about the wonderful people who help run this club.

Our committee - who meet on a regular basis to make sure all is going smoothly and everything is organised so that we can come and enjoy playing table tennis . Patsy, Helen, Alwyn, Dorothy and Graeme thank you for your ongoing support and hard work.

Our Secretary - who keeps a record of all our correspondence and minutes. Thank you Bryan for always having this work up to date and recorded correctly.

Our treasurer - who keeps our bank accounts functioning and our financial records accurate. Terry we are very fortunate to have you in this position as you go well beyond the actual tasks a treasurer is assigned to do. The extra work you take on is too great to mention but thank you so much for your dedication, commitment and time. I am sure your loyalty to the club is an inspiration to everyone.

Our Members - you are the people who come along every week to enjoy and play table tennis. It is you members that keep this club going. We are successful because you participate in club activities and functions. Thank you for coming.

I would also like to say thank you to the members who consistently arrive early to help set up the hall and stay after play has finished to put away the tables. It is members like you that make this club function seamlessly week after week.

This year I am going to finish off my report with a recipe.

5 grams of sweet sugary committee members
1 treasurer cracked and lightly beaten
1 cup of secretary (sifted)
1 club captain stirred until smooth
450 grams of club members softened not melted

Mix ingredients together and pour into the Highland Pipe Band Hall.

Play for 2 and a 1/2 hours and you have the fabulous Tawa District Midweek Table Tennis Club.

Enjoy.

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