

Club Captains Report 2016

Another successful and enjoyable year for Tawa District Midweek Table Tennis Club.

This has been proved once again by the large number of members attending each week, an average of 32 in the winter season and 30 in the summer season. On our singles days during the winter season the average attendance was up by 50% on last year.

Our Interclub Season was popular with a large group of our members wanting to play in the competition. We had 6 home and away games resulting in 2 wins and 4 losses. It is worth mentioning that a majority of games were very close with Tawa only losing by a slim margin. Well done everybody involved. Thank you to Jeff Kidd for the organization of teams and transport.

Six doubles teams played in the tournament held in September at the Empire club in Petone. Four members had success on the day. Well done to Terry Roche, Jenny Turner, Peter Highsted and Graeme Bamford.

We had two social events this year which were well attended. These events are always a great way to get together and enjoy each others company and have a chat.

July saw us heading off by bus into Te Papa to see the Gallipoli Exhibition. The queue was long but many of you endured the wait and thought it well worthwhile as the exhibition was extremely well done. Others looked around Te Papa at the many and varied exhibits they have. Back on the bus and out to the 1841 Bar and restaurant in Johnsonville for lunch. A lovely end to an interesting morning.

Christmas came around quickly as it always tends to do and our celebration this year was a fun activity morning then up to the Fishermans table at Paekakariki for a delicious lunch. The food, and organization of the restaurant was excellent and a great morning was enjoyed by all.

Thank you once again to Rusty Norris for organizing piggy orders and also testing us all with a quiz at the Fisherman's table. We can always rely on Rusty to come up with fun ideas to keep us on our toes.

Now to the most relevant and important part of this report: The people who keep this club ticking over every week.

Terry Roche, Thank you for your tireless efforts and dedication to not only your duties as treasurer but all the other tasks you undertake such as setting up the hall every Tuesday, running singles mornings, supporting me in my job as Club captain and keeping club records, and that everyone is just the tip of the iceberg, OH and a job I forgot to mention, making sure I don't use too many tea bags when making morning tea. Terry your support and help is invaluable to us all.

Graeme Munro our secretary. Thank you Graeme for always having minutes of meetings out promptly, and your help on computer, technical and committee duties is much appreciated.

The Committee Patsy Madigan, Alwyn Kelly, Jeff Kidd, Annette Adams, Janet Shrive and Jude Gibson. What a great group of people. You are a wonderful committee to work with and support the club in various ways. Patsy - another very successful year organizing the raffles. Jeff as mentioned for his work on the interclub programme, Alwyn for her work as Almoner and Annette, Janet and Jude for your ideas and help with our social functions and odd jobs that have to be done.

Other members who deserve a big thank you for various tasks they undertake are Gay Kerr for her ongoing work on the History Book, Joe ten Broeke for his building knowledge and help with projects that arise, Robin Radford

for his excellent photography, Keith, Ernest, Jeff, John and Joe who regularly arrive early to help set up the hall and last but not least all members who assist with board duty and the clean up at the end of the morning. Without all this help the club would not be what it is today.

2016 is a significant year for our club. We celebrate fifty years since the club began in the basement of Margaret Mason's house in 1966.

I want to thank all our past and present members, office holders and committee members for their commitment and loyalty. The fact that the club is still thriving after fifty years is a testament to the support the club has had. The future looks bright for the Tawa District Midweek Table Tennis Club.

Enjoy the 2016 season, here's to great table tennis, great friendships and great fun.

Thank you everyone.

Cheryl Ransom
Club Captain