

The 2007 season is underway and a very warm welcome to everyone. It was great to see a large number of school teams enjoying their first night of competition. There have been some changes made to timetables for this early part of the season. **THE SCHOOL COMPETITION COMMENCES AT 6.30PM WITH THE SENIOR COMPETITION NOW COMMENCING AT 8.00PM**



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The TTSC AGM was held on Sunday 11th March. These people were elected to office for the 2007 season

There will be no table tennis on the following Monday nights:

Schools	9 April	16 April	4 June
Seniors	9 April	4 June	

DID U KNOW?

Table tennis was also known as Gossima and Whiff Waff

DID U KNOW?

Top table tennis players can smash the ball at speeds exceeding 100mph

DID U KNOW?

Table tennis was banned in the Soviet Union from 1930-50. It was allegedly harmful to the eyes

Table Tennis South Canterbury now has a website. Check out www.tabletennissc.org.nz for all the latest news. Special thanks to Robin Radford for establishing the site and offering to maintain it. If you have any ideas about content for the site please let either Gay or Mike know. Check out this site showing a trailer for a funny movie involving table tennis <http://movies.yahoo.com/feature/ballsuffuryqt.html>

A very successful evening was held at the stadium on Monday 19 March for international students. We had a total of 69 students enjoying a bit of a hit (as well as a few more watching) with students from as far away as Geraldine. Some pictures will soon be on our website. Don't forget to check them out.

FRIDAY NIGHTS COME ALONG TO THE STADIUM ON A FRIDAY NIGHT 7.00PM UNTIL 8.30PM AND HAVE A PRACTICE. BRING ALONG A FRIEND. ONLY \$2 PER PERSON. BATS AND BALLS PROVIDED

WORLD TABLE TENNIS

Current World Rankings

Men

1. MA Lin (CHN)
2. WANG Liqin (CHN)
3. WANG Hao (CHN)
4. BOLL Timo (GER)

Women

- ZHANG Yining (CHN)
- WANG Nan (CHN)
- GUO Yan (CHN)
- GUO Yue (CHN)

Current World Champions

WANG Liqin (CHN) ZHANG Yining (CHN)

Current Olympic Champions

RYU Seung Min (KOR) ZHANG Yining (CHN)

TOURNAMENTS DATES TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR

2 - 3 June	South Island Teams in Christchurch
30 June	South Canterbury Open in Timaru
27 - 28 Aug	NZ Secondary Schools in Christchurch
26 Sep - 6 Oct	NZ Open in Cambridge

The South Canterbury Secondary Schools date has yet to be set. Schools will receive entry forms for this once a date is known.

Is there anything you want to see in the newsletter? All ideas welcome. See Gay/Mike.

Our vacuum cleaner has broken. Does anyone have a spare one we can use?

SUBS: FOR THE SCHOOLS THESE HAS BEEN INCLUDED AS PART OF THE TEAM ENTRY FORM. FOR THOSE THAT HAVE NOT PAID AN ACCOUNT WILL BE SENT TO YOUR SCHOOL. FOR OTHER PLAYERS PLEASE PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SENIORS \$25 AND JUNIORS \$20

ENJOY YOUR SEASON