



The 2008 season is underway and a very warm welcome to everyone. It was great to see a large number of school teams enjoying their first 2 nights of competition. Competition start times remain unchanged. **THE SCHOOL COMPETITION COMMENCES AT 6.30PM WITH THE SENIOR COMPETITION COMMENCING AT 8.00PM**

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The TTSC AGM was held on Sunday 9th March. These people were elected to office for the 2008 season

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

Schools	21 April	28 April	2 June
Seniors	2 June		

DID U KNOW?
 1) The only food that doesn't spoil is honey.
 2) It is impossible to lick your elbow

DID U KNOW?
 3) If you see a statue in a park of a person on a horse and the horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died from wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes

Have you viewed the latest news and information on the Table Tennis South Canterbury website. Check out www.tabletennissc.org.nz. Special thanks to Robin Radford for his ongoing work maintaining the site. If you have any ideas about content for the site please let either Gay or Mike know. Also check out www.ittf.com for up to the minute world table tennis news and events

A very successful evening was held at the stadium on Monday 17 March for international students. We had a total of 70 students enjoying a bit of a hit. Some pictures will soon be on our website. Don't forget to check them out. Another evening is planned for later in the year

FRIDAY NIGHTS COME ALONG TO THE STADIUM ON A FRIDAY NIGHT 7PM UNTIL 8.30PM AND HAVE A HIT. BRING A FRIEND. ONLY \$2 PER PERSON. BATS AND BALLS AVAILABLE. CLOSED 25 APRIL

NZ TABLE TENNIS *Current Rankings*

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
1. Shane Laugesen (A)	Annie Yang (OS)
2. Ryan Zhu (A)	Sophie Shu (A)
3. Peter Craven (A)	Michelle McCarthy (WK)
4. Nathan Lowe (A)	Sarah Ho (WK)
5. Simon Wallace (A)	Villa Yan (WK)

Congratulations to Karen Li for winning the Oceania tournament in New Caledonia and qualifying for the Olympic Games. Karen does not presently have a NZ ranking as she did not play in enough national tournaments

TOURNAMENTS DATES TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR

31 May	South Island Teams in Timaru
1 June	South Canterbury Open in Timaru
22 - 24 Aug	South Island Champs in Christchurch
2 - 11 Oct	NZ Open in Wellington

A request that players make themselves available to represent their province in the SI teams event

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE SOUTH CANTERBURY OPEN WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE. COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TOURNAMENT.

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