

2016 Auckland Open

20th – 21st August 2016, Auckland

Since 2013 the Auckland Table Tennis Association has placed a major emphasis on building recognition and awareness of the Auckland Open. The Open is now a must-attend event on the New Zealand table tennis calendar. In 2016, once again, a major focus was placed on attracting spectators to attend the Open Finals session, which was held on the evening of Saturday 20th August, 2016. Advertising was conducted through direct e-mail correspondence, the Association website, and Facebook promotion. In addition, flyers were posted to district associations and distributed to students taking part in the Auckland Interschools table tennis competition.

The Open event sponsors were; Cathay Pacific, Lim Brothers Import & Export Company Ltd., Penberthy Insurance, Anran International (NZ) Ltd., Ray White – Broadway, Staywell Property Management, and Commute Transportation Consultants. In addition, Lone Star Restaurant, The Warehouse (Newmarket), ASB Bank, Coca-Cola, and Jim Coad donated spot prizes that were distributed during the Open Finals session.

The Association was pleased to receive entries from 214 participants across all categories in the 2016 Auckland Open. The number of entries increased significantly from the 174 entries received in 2015. Entries were received from players ranging from Northland to Canterbury, and two players attended from Australia. The HWATT Club from Melbourne, Australia opted not to compete in the 2016 Auckland Open.

Chris Herlihy took on the role of MC for the Open Finals session for the first time and instituted competitions and trivia questions in order for spectators to win prizes. The Open Finals session was revised to incorporate only the Open Mixed doubles final, Open Women's singles final, and Open Men's singles final. This enabled a centre court atmosphere to be created around a single table. Free food items were distributed to spectators including Tip Top ice cream, confectionery, and baked goods. Over 300 spectators received tickets for the spot prize draws during the Open Finals session.



Chris Herlihy (MC) entertaining the crowd

The major spot prize draw in 2016 was for \$1,000 cash which was kindly donated by Martin Lee prior to his passing. The \$1,000 cash was the marquee spot prize drawn during the Open Finals session and drew a significant amount of interest from spectators.



Jocelyn Lam (winner of the \$1,000 cash spot prize draw)

The 2016 Auckland Open Men's singles final was won by YanTao Wei (North Shore) who defeated TengTeng Liu (Auckland) in the final 4-0 and the Open Women's singles final was won by Tianyi Li (Auckland) who defeated Lucy (Guiting) Lu (Auckland) in the final 4-0.



**Left to right; Open Men's singles champion YanTao Wei,
Open Women's singles champion Tianyi Li**

Many people contributed to the build-up and delivery of the 2016 Auckland Open. Special thanks must go to David Jackson, the Auckland Table Tennis Association Management Committee, volunteers from the ActivAsian programme, sponsors, and parents whose many efforts all contributed to the overall success of the Open.

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Saturday 20th August Events

Open Mens' Singles	YanTao Wei bt. TengTeng Liu 11-5, 11-9, 11-9, 11-6
Open Womens' Singles	Tianyi Li bt. Lucy (Guiting) Lu 11-5, 11-6, 11-4, 11-5
Open Mens' Doubles	TengTeng Liu/YangLun Zhao bt. Kelsey Amor/Victor Pollett 10-12, 11-6, 11-5, 11-5
Open Womens' Doubles	Tianyi Li/Lucy (Guiting) Lu bt. Sarah Sandley/Jo Shaw 11-8, 11-4, 11-8
Open Mixed Doubles	Teng Teng Liu/Tianyi Li bt. YanTao Wei/Man Wang 11-5, 12-10, 4-11, 11-9
A Grade Singles	Kelsey Amor bt. Dinyar Irani 10-12, 11-6, 8-11, 11-5, 11-6
A Grade Doubles	Sarah Sandley/Jo Shaw bt. Dean Miller/Paul Porter 11-2, 12-10, 12-10
B Grade Singles	Simon Luo bt. Jason Li 11-6, 11-8, 11-7
B Grade Doubles	Yi-Chern Lee/Chris Moon bt. Dean Miller/Paul Porter 5-11, 11-7, 9-11, 12-10, 17-15
C Grade Singles	Shiyanshu bt. Gavin Ding 11-5, 11-3, 14-16, 15-13
C Grade Doubles	Sophie Kim/Irina Sakova bt. Ivan Abbott/Michael O'Grady 11-5, 15-13, 11-8
D Grade Singles	Ivan Abbott bt. Gavin Ding 11-1, 11-9, 11-8
D Grade Doubles	Campbell Jackson-Mee/Jaiden Thammavongsa bt. Ivan Abbott/Michael O'Grady 11-6, 7-11, 11-9, 12-10
Junior Novice Singles	Jared Sidnam bt. Zaheen Khan 11-6, 12-10, 11-4
Junior Novice Doubles	Ashleen Lau/Bryun Lau bt. Melvin Jia/ViYen Nguyen 13-11, 11-7, 11-6

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Sunday 21st August Events

U21 Mens' Singles	Kevin Lin bt. Nathan Xu 11-9, 11-6, 11-7
U21 Womens' Singles	Lucy (Guiting) Lu bt. Tianyu Zhang 11-9, 11-9, 12-10
U21 Mens' Doubles	Kevin Lin/Allen Zhao bt. Jesse Wilson/Alex Zhou Default
U21 Womens' Doubles	Not held
U18 Boys' Singles	Dean Shu bt YangLun Zhao 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 12-10
U18 Girls' Singles	Lucy (Guiting) Lu bt. Ruofei Rao 11-5, 14-16, 11-4, 11-7
U18 Boys' Doubles	Kevin Lin/Allen Zhao bt. Jason Wu/Matthew Wu 11-5, 14-16, 11-4, 11-7
U18 Girls' Doubles	Not held
U15 Boys' Singles	David Guo bt. Jason Sivilay 11-9, 9-11, 11-5, 11-6
U15 Girls' Singles	Grace Qin bt. Sophie Zhang 11-5, 11-7, 11-7
U15 Boys' Doubles	Jaiden Thammavongsa/Ben Zhou bt. Drew Tilsley/Lucas Tilsley 9-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-9, 14-12
U15 Girls' Doubles	Kelly Wu/Sophie Zhang bt. Jocelyn Lam/Grace Qin 9-11, 11-7, 11-9, 11-4
U13 Boys' Singles	Gavin Ding bt. David Guo 11-8, 11-9, 13-15, 12-10
U13 Girls' Singles	Sophie Zhang bt. Kelly Wu 18-16, 12-14, 11-9, 11-8
U13 Boys' Doubles	Alex Freeman/Max Henderson bt. Gavin Ding/YuYang Sun 5-11, 11-5, 13-15, 11-7, 11-9
U13 Girls' Doubles	Grace Qin/Kelly Wu bt. Abbey Daisley/Marielle Dulangon 10-12, 11-1, 11-4, 11-3
U11 Boys' Singles	Leo Mamedov bt. Jonny Chan 12-10, 10-12, 12-10, 11-7
U11 Girls' Singles	Joanna Yang bt. Emily Jin 11-2, 11-9, 4-11, 9-11, 11-5
U11 Boys' Doubles	Leo Mamedov/Hao Sha bt. Daniel Hu/Bryun Lau 7-11, 11-9, 11-6, 6-11, 11-5
U11 Girls' Doubles	Not held
O40 Mens' Singles	Kheng Yee Lai bt. Regan Zhang 3-11, 12-10, 11-3, 11-3
O40 Womens' Singles	Gina Liu bt. Irina Sakova 11-6, 11-4, 11-8
O40 Mens' Doubles	Kheng Yee Lai/Steven (Hui) Zhu bt. Jason Li/Ben Yunjiang 11-4, 11-4, 11-2
O40 Womens' Doubles	Gina Liu/Tutty Tanfana bt. Martina Bohm/Tetyana Sulimova 11-9, 11-9, 11-4
O50 Mens' Singles	Kheng Yee Lai bt. Steven (Hui) Zhu 11-7, 11-6, 11-9
O50 Womens' Singles	Bei Zhang bt. Tutty Tanfana 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 11-6
O50 Mens' Doubles	Kevin Fogarty/Doug Pattinson bt. Eberhard Kleiser/Bozidar Zutic 11-8, 7-11, 12-14, 11-6, 11-3
O50 Womens' Doubles	Tutty Tanfana/Bei Zhang bt. Martina Bohm/Tetyana Sulimova 11-6, 6-11, 11-7, 12-10
O60 Mens' Singles	Kevin Fogarty bt. Doug Pattinson 11-9, 11-6, 2-11, 11-8
O60 Womens' Singles	Tetyana Sulimova bt. Martina Bohm 7-11, 12-10, 11-9, 11-6
O60 Mens' Doubles	Kevin Fogarty/Doug Pattinson bt. LanSheng Wang/Sam Yip 11-5, 5-11, 11-5, 11-8
O60 Womens' Doubles	Not held
Family Doubles	Jim Sha/Phillip Sha bt. Craig Dye/Harry Dye 10-12, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-9