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Clubs New Zealand 2018 42nd North Island Table Tennis

Tournament: Junior competition.

Held at the Table Tennis Centre, Whangarei, on Saturday 2nd June 2018.

A total of 23 juniors aged from 8 years old to 15 years old representing four clubs took part. Juniors were to be family of Clubs NZ members, e.g. parents, grandparents (immediate family.)

An entry fee of \$5 was going to be charged, but with the Board of Clubs NZ donating \$500 towards the tournament, it was decided to drop the entry fee so to encourage juniors to participate.

The following format was put in place:

We made a singles draw combining boys and girls in the same draw. After the first two rounds were played, the losers were placed into another competition. This continued and then a third competition was made up of the first and second round losers of the second draw. This gave everyone a minimum of three games. Extra games were played to give everybody plenty of game time.

All the juniors who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Five of the best juniors were asked to play in the senior event the next day, to fill in gaps in teams who were short. They proved themselves to be capable players, not disgracing anybody and winning the odd game.

Four of the Kamo juniors were Kamo Club junior members. One of these was Takaimaania Henry, an 11-year-old girl. We recognized that she was so superior to all the other juniors that we asked her not to play in the junior tournament and had her play in the B grade in the senior tournament. She only lost one singles match in the B grade, helping Kamo win that grade. She is one of New Zealand's top juniors.

This junior tournament should be carried on and played every year if the hosting club is able to. If club rules don't cover this sort of tournament, clubs could have problems. It should be encouraged if possible.

Junior competition results:

First draw:

- Winner: G C Els, Howick.
- Runner up: Juandre Els, Howick.

Second draw:

- Winner: Vinish Prasad, Papatoetoe.
- Runner up: Jake Stock, Kamo.

Third draw:

- Winner: Chae Manson, Kamo.
- Runner up: Chevy Hauraki, Kamo.

Balance Sheet:

Income:		\$500.00
Expenses:	Hall and table hire	\$250.00
	Cash prizes	\$210.00
	Sundries: balls, water etc.	<u>\$ 40.00</u>
		\$500.00

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