



## Newsletter February 2010

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Young Official of the Year Award

**Congratulations to Lukas Kozak from the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association for receiving the 2009 Young Official of the Year Award presented by Table Tennis Australia.**



### AUSTRALIAN PLAYER RANKINGS 2009

[http://www.tabletennisqld.org/documents/Rankings/AUSNationalRankings\\_2009.pdf](http://www.tabletennisqld.org/documents/Rankings/AUSNationalRankings_2009.pdf)

Our website is quite handy for information. You can find the latest fixture results and the teams, plus history of our club, and lots of photos.

The new fixture season is well under way, and now is the time to renew your annual membership. This year you can pay your playing fees upfront and save two weeks of fees.

It would also be good if you could find one new member each. The extension is well on its way to completion and soon we'll have extra capacity to cater for additional members to participate in fixtures and/or social plays every night and day.

We are looking into re-establishing coaching sessions for established players and improving skills on Sundays 10am to 1pm and on Tuesdays 10am to 2pm. These sessions will be conducted by Graeme and Cathy Townsend and fees will be applicable.

Last week on Table no. 4, you might have noticed two new sets of lights. These were set up to test the brightness to be used in the new extension. Unfortunately, it appears that they didn't deliver enough light to the table although they were designed to be 'environmentally friendly. I'm sure we'll find a solution.



I must also thank the Queensland Government, Sport & Recreation for honouring our first claim by reimbursing us some \$80,000 including GST, or nearly half of the grant allocation. We are now preparing for the second one.

We are looking at the possibility of installing a fire hose instead of a costly fire hydrant and hopefully we can convince the appropriate authorities to accept this.

All this will help us to get the best finish in the new extension that we can afford at this time. I would like to thank all those members who gracefully donated their money towards this cause. We have now received the amount of \$12,000 and remind others to help if they can.

The club equally belongs to you all and now is the time to exercise your commitment to it and to the sport you love.

Yours truly  
Zark  
GCTTA Treasurer

Speaking of the history of our club we have a slightly better photo of Sam Binstead, thanks to Agnes.



**SAM WAS A WINNER TO THE END  
1905 — 1981**

Sam Binstead the "father" of Gold Coast Table Tennis died as he would have wanted, playing competition table tennis at the age of 76. As one of his daughters, Glenys Thompson said, 'He must have died happy. He won his last game.'

Sam was a Gold Coast pioneer in more ways than one. He was born at Upper Coomera in 1905 and worked in the area for 41 years, mostly as a timber getter but also becoming involved in bridge-building and roadworks.

To read more:

<http://www.goldcoasttabletennis.org.au/our-sam.html>

Over the last couple of months I asked some of our new players how they heard about our club, they all said they found it from the website — even when they came from overseas!

Teams draws are on our website, and when results of fixtures are available, you can download and print them from the website.

**COACHING TO START SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Cathy and Graeme Townsend will be running coaching classes on Sundays 10 am – 1 pm for squad training.

Starting on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> March, Cathy will be taking coaching for general players 10-30 am – noon, and 12:15 – 1:45 pm. More information will be put on the notice board when it becomes available.

Cathy and Graeme are accredited coaches (level 2), with a proven record.

At the moment, due to building, the area outside the club door is particularly dark. Black. There are also numerous hazards, such as water-traps, holes, lumps of concrete. It would be a good idea to bring a torch with you at night, so you can find your way without a fall

The car park, and entrance area are often, muddy,



sandy, and wet. So please try to walk on the better parts, and clean your shoes before coming inside. Recently, there has been quite a lot of sand brought into the playing area.

Best wishes,  
Marcus Clark

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