

Gold Coast Table Tennis Association Inc.

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COMING UP

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Venue: Manama, Bahrain. 2 Dec- 9 Dec

OUR COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Mick Coughlan

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TREASURER: Duncan Turpie

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Keryn Hunt, Jackson Meyn, Georgy De Leon

INTERVIEW WITH LUKAS KOZAK



LUKAS KOZAK

COACHING & HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

Sunday 11th Dec- 10 am-1pm \$15 students, \$18 adult

Monday 12th Dec-10.30 am-4pm \$30 students, \$36 adult

Tuesday 13th Dec-10.30 am-6pm \$30 students, \$36 adults

Tuesday 20th Dec- 10.30 am-6pm \$30 students, \$36 adults

Wednesday 21st Dec-10.30 am-4pm \$30 students, \$36 adults

Thursday 22nd Dec- 11am-6pm \$30 students, \$36 adults

The opening hours for the remainder of the year are: after the 18th December, the club will only be open on Tuesday nights, Friday mornings and Saturdays for social play.

From Monday 2nd January 2012 the club will be open as usual.

WHICH COUNTRY/ STATE/ CITY WERE YOU BORN IN?

Czech Republic, Nymburk.

WHICH COUNTRY WERE YOUR PARENTS BORN IN?

Czech Republic, Mother in Nymburk, Father in Klatovy.

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP? WHICH HIGH SCHOOL DID YOU ATTEND?

Benowa Primary, Aquinas College. Every 3 years I returned to the Czech Republic to attend school and learn the language.

DID YOU ATTEND A UNIVERSITY, OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING ONE?

Griffith Uni, where I earned a Bachelor in Business Management. (Sport, hospitality, marketing).

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OTHER INTERESTING JOBS?

Yes, worked at some 5-star hotels, Hilton, Mariot. Also I did a 6-month stint at the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

WHAT SORT OF WORK DO YOU DO NOW?

Centre Manager GC Table Tennis Club, plus running tournaments and events around Qld.

DO ANY OF YOUR RELATIVES PLAY TABLE TENNIS?

No.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TV PROGRAM?

There's so many I like! Two and a half men.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE?

I've got many favourites. I like Comedy, Action, and Thrillers. James Bond movies are my favourites.

WHAT TYPE OF MUSIC DO YOU LISTEN TO?

Any, although I prefer Rock, Dance, Pop.

DID YOU EVER LIVE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY? HOW WAS IT?

Yes. I went back to Czech Republic every 3 years to attend school and learn the language.

HAVE YOU TRAVELLED TO OTHER COUNTRIES?

I've been to: England, Germany, Holland, Egypt, Korea, NZ, Thailand, USA, and Canada.

WHICH ONE DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

Thailand.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS OR HOBBIES? TELL US ABOUT THEM.

Sport is my main interest. Football (Soccer). Travelling.

HAVE YOU PLAYED OTHER SPORTS, WHICH ONES?

Football, tennis, ice skating, gymnastics, hockey, rugby league, cricket.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING ON THE GOLD COAST?

22 years

HOW DID YOU GET INTERESTED IN TABLE TENNIS?

We had a table in the garage, where I started playing with mates after school. I was also playing soccer and tennis around the same time and wanted to play something else.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING AT THE GOLD COAST CLUB?

Nine years. I played Div 5 the first night, and then Don Newcombe moved me up to A-reserve.

WHAT ATTRACTS YOU TO THE GAME?

The complexity of the game: tactical aspects, speed, spin, variety. More aspects to it than say tennis.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE GAME?

Technology is overcoming skill.

HAVE YOU PLAYED IN ANY OTHER CLUBS?

All the clubs in Qld, Olympic park in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth.

HOW DO THEY COMPARE TO OUR CLUB?

Ours is the best! Because Sydney and Melbourne clubs were not purpose built.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU PLAY AND OR PRACTICE?

I play fixtures weekly, tournaments, and play 2 or 3 times a week.

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A MENTOR OR A COACH? OR GO TO COACHING?



Don Newcombe was my mentor and coach. I have not had a personal coach, but have assisted in coaching, which gave me insights into the game.

WHAT BLADE AND RUBBERS DO YOU USE?

Donic Waldner Master Carbon Senso blade. Donic Coppa X2 rubbers on both sides.

WHAT SORT OF STYLE DO YOU HAVE?

All Round.

WHAT WAS THE MOST INTERESTING GAME YOU EVER PLAYED?

An exhibition match against William Henzell two years ago at our club.

HAVE YOU PLAYED IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

Czech Republic and Germany.

HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED IN A STATE OR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT?

I've played in Junior and Senior tournaments in both State and National levels.

HOW DID IT GO?

I have won top 3 in Qld juniors, and top 10 in seniors. Nationally I'm not ranked, but I've won more than 50% of games. I have two bronze medals, 5 gold for Qld juniors; and one gold and one silver for seniors.

WHO'S THE HIGHEST RANKING PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED AGAINST. WAS IT AN INTERESTING MATCH?

William Henzell and Alex Fischer from Germany (who won the GC Open a couple of years ago). It was harder to get points against Fischer!

WHAT IMPROVEMENTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT OUR CLUB?

Things are good right now, but I would like to see a new toilet block and changing room. Air conditioning would be terrific, and fixing up the car park.

DO YOU HAVE A TT GOAL FOR THIS YEAR?

Winning the GC open!

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE PLAYER?

Waldner and Petr Korbel.

HOW WOULD YOU CLASSIFY YOUR INTEREST IN TT?

An important part of my life.

Thanks Lukas Kozak.

**THE AUSTRALIAN VETERANS
CHAMPIONSHIP (Oct)
ADELAIDE**

John Davis who is a regular at our club on Saturdays (he also plays at Wynnum) won the gold in the teams event for over-80s. He was also in the running for the gold in the singles before coming down with an stomach infection, which sent him to hospital for four days, and the medal to someone else!



JOHN DAVIS

Thomas Samuelsson and Tony Webb were part of the winning Qld team in the over 60's teams event.



TONY WEBB



Thomas Samuelsson

Werner Borkhardt won the over 65 mixed doubles.

Helen Barnett won the bronze in the over 40 women's singles and a ranking of 2 in Australia.



HELEN BARNETT & WERNER BORKHARDT

TABLE TENNIS AND GST

We now are registered to pay GST, and this has been included in the new playing fees. Which can be found on our website under CLUB INFORMATION. Playing fees have only risen by 20 cents.

Please be aware that 2012 Membership Fees are due from the 1 Jan, and must be paid to enter club events.

Our current loan status is \$144,000 owing. So please don't be slow to pay your Membership Fees.



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

& Presentations

Sunday 18th December from 12 NOON

to be held at

Town & Country Motel

2 Southport-Nerang Rd, Nerang

Members and their Families and Friends are invited to attend.



2011 GCTTA
CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER - 12 NOON

This year's GCTTA annual Christmas Party is to be held at the Town and Country Motel.

Members who will be attending please write their names and number of guests.

Thank you.

Buffet Lunch - Cost is \$28 per Adult / \$15 per child *\$10 per person deposit required to ensure reservation

X-MAS Party List
NAMES + Guests



Town & Country Buffet

Adults \$28 pp

Children 12 yrs and Under \$15 pp

\$10 per person deposit required

MENU

Fresh Baked Dinner Roll

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Mixed Green Salad

Sliced Tomatoes

Swiss Cheese

Sliced Cucumber

Beetroot Slices

Assortment of Condiments

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Mains

Roast Chicken

Homemade Beef Rissoles

Battered Barramundi

~

Roast Potato

Roast Pumpkin

French Beans with Garlic

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Desserts

Summer Pavlova

Apple Crumble

Vegeterian and Vegan meals available (please make note on list)

Town & Country Motel & Restaurant

2 Southport-Nerang Road

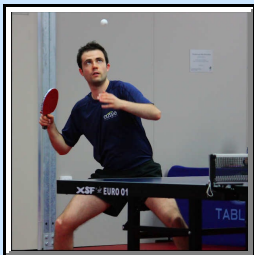
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MEN'S WORLD CUP

The Men's World Cup has been run and won with lots of excitement particularly in the Intercontinental Cup.

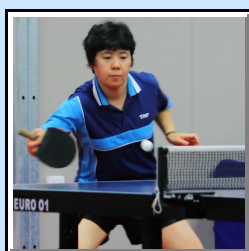


During the round robin competition Gustavo Tsuboi (BRA), Ahmed Ali Saleh (EGY) and our own William Henzell all finished on 2 wins and 1 loss. It went to a countback and Gustavo Tsuboi was awarded first, William Henzell second and Ahmed Ali Saleh 3rd.

Australian Women's Team shine at World Team Cup
Women's Team - Intercontinental Cup

AUSTRALIA v CANADA (3-1)

Jian Fang Lay got the team off to a great start with a 3-0 win over Yulia Degtiar (11-3, 11-7, 11-8) but Miao



Miao struggled against Canadian number one Mo Zhang losing 3-0 (13-11, 11-9, 11-4) which brought scores for the teams level at one a piece. Miao Miao paired up with Claire Campbell-Innes against Carmen Lee and Yulia Degtiar in the doubles which they won 3-1 (10-12, 11-7, 11-4, 11-9) to swing the score back in Australia's favour. Jian Fang Lay

then defeated Carmen Lee 3-0 (11-4, 11-8, 11-5) to seal the win for the team.

AUSTRALIA v VENEZUELA (3-0)

Claire Campbell-Innes won her first match up against Gremlis Arvelo 3-1 (11-7, 3-11, 11-8, 11-6). Claire's lead was cemented by Jian Fang Lay's defeat of Roxy Gonzalez 3-0 (11-6, 11-8, 11-6). Miao Miao and Jian Fang Lay played the doubles winning 3-1 (11-5, 9-11, 11-7, 11-4) to seal the second win for the team.



AUSTRALIA v NIGERIA (3-0)

The match against Nigeria was the last to stand in the Australian's way of taking the Intercontinental Cup. The relatively young team was overpowered by the experience and diversity of playing styles of Miao, Jian and Claire. Jian Fang Lay def Offiong Edem 3-0, Miao Miao def Olufunke Oshonaike 3-0, Miao and Claire def Offiong Edem and Cecilia Akpan 3-1.

The Women's Team will playoff for a spot in the main draw against Hungary to secure a first round match against Singapore in the main draw.

THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES TO BE HELD ON THE GOLD COAST IN 2018

QUEENSLAND'S Gold Coast has won the rights to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games - and the \$1.1bn debt that comes with it - with a solid victory over a tsunami-ravaged port in Sri Lanka.

"It's been a very close vote and there was a good chance we weren't going to make it. We had seven rehearsals, we've had 15 meetings, we've lobbied everybody, there hasn't been much sleep," the premier said immediately after the announcement.

A meeting of the 71 Commonwealth nations on the Caribbean Island of St Kitts was decided by a vote of 43 to 27 in the Gold Coast's favour.

WHAT WILL THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES MEAN FOR GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS?

An interview with Trevor Barrett (President, Table Tennis Queensland)

Hi Marcus,

Great news about the Commonwealth Games going to the Gold Coast. Still a long way off, but no doubt the time will pass before we know it.

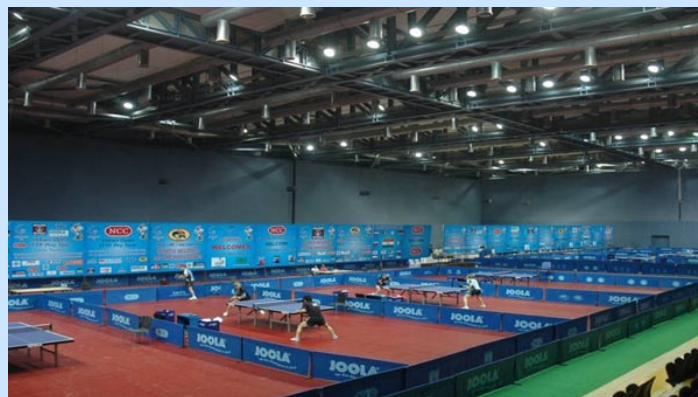
In relation to your questions, not a great deal is known about the event yet by Table Tennis Queensland, because primarily it involves Table Tennis Australia, given that it will be national teams competing.

Do you expect any events to be held at the GC club? Or Brisbane? Where do you think events might be held? How many tables would be involved, and how many spectator seats.

Unfortunately, at this stage I suspect that the awarding of the Games to the Gold Coast might not mean much to GCTTA in terms of funding to improve facilities.

The Commonwealth Games bid outlined the proposed venues, and table tennis was ear-marked for the Village Roadshow Studios at Oxenford. The proposed seating capacity will be about 3200, which is less than the venue in Delhi. If you follow the link below you'll see a list of proposed venues.

<http://goldcoast2018bid.com/content/Standard2.asp?name=Sporting-Venues>



Delhi venue

As to how many tables are involved, in Delhi there were two show court tables, eight match tables and ten warm-up tables.

It is likely that TT will be overlooked by the majority of sports writers and promoters. Is there something we can do to see it gets a share of the spotlight?

That is the \$60,000 question. It is unfortunate that most sports writers and promoters in Australia know very little about table tennis, and can't seem to see past the major sports. However, we've got over 6 years to work on that, and all we can do is try to get as much coverage as possible. It is I think going to be a bit of a battle. I attended the table tennis at the Sydney Olympics, and it was one of the most widely televised events worldwide from the games. Unfortunately, very little was shown in Australia, and usually in the middle of the night.

The good news is that the games might attract a great number of spectators for table tennis, particularly from Asia, and that might encourage some coverage.

Could the GC club expect some government money to upgrade facilities like the car park and the toilet block?

I think this is a possibility because while the venue looks like being at Oxenford, there may well be a demand on GCTTA to act as a training facility prior to, and during the Games. No harm asking the question of the local council, and state and federal governments.

Will the TTA be putting a bigger effort into coaching juniors for the games?

We've not really been involved in any discussions to do with this yet, and it would be being organised at a national level I would guess. The one thing that is obvious is that this announcement has just given some of our top Junior players an enormous target to aim at, and if we are going to be competitive, then our ideas about what constitutes adequate training are going to have to change considerably. Compared to overseas players, many of our junior (not all) seem to take an approach that is more like being involved in a social past-time when it comes to training.

I think there will need to be a well organised approach to squad training at club, state and national level if we are going to be at all serious about it. Our players will also need national and international experience, so there's plenty to do.

Will the TTQ be appointing someone to liaise with the Games Committee? Or will this be the responsibility of the TTA?

I can't answer this at this stage, although my feeling is that liaising will be at a national level. Obviously TTQ will try to be involved and assist if we are needed. That may be in the capacity of something like organising volunteers for example.

Bottom line is, we've been offered a golden opportunity to develop and show-case table tennis in Australia in the lead up to, and during the Games. How much we get out of that is up to us (and of course government funding).

Regards,

Trevor Barrett (President, Table Tennis Queensland)

INTENSIVE TRAINING

Event # 3 - Gold Coast

Purpose: To provide 2 ½ days of intense training in a highly professional environment.

Coaches:

- Kyle Davis
- Aleks Jakubczak
- Cathy Townsend
- Graeme Townsend

These coaches will bring to the table well over 100 years of table tennis expertise within Australia and Internationally. They have experience in a multitude of areas including; Coaching, Playing, Managing, Administration, Sport sciences.

Dates and Times:

1. Thursday 29th Dec 6.00pm-9pm
2. Friday 30th Dec: 9am - 4pm
3. Saturday 31st Dec: 10am - 4pm

Venue:

Gold Coast Table Tennis Association, Lot 1 Herbertson Drive, Molendinar, Phone: 07-55971623

Bookings and Enquiries: Contact Cathy Townsend

02 6676 3168 or 0421 397 255

Cost: \$200 - payable in advance by either cash or cheque.

\$50 deposit- secures a position.

TOPS COACHING COURSE (TRAINING TO BECOME A COACH)

This course is the latest approved by the Australian Sports Commission. Participants completing the award requirements gain a nationally recognised qualification as a coach.

Gold Coast -17th December 2011

All Participants Are to Provide A Passport Photo with Your Registration on the Day At the Course.

TIME: 8.30 am until 4.30 pm approximately. A full timetable will be forwarded to registered participants 5-7 days prior to the course.

Presenter: Cathy Townsend, Level 3 Coach

Cost: Members \$80 Non-members: \$115

This includes all course materials and NCAS Accreditation (\$22 cost)

COURSE OUTLINE

Session Planning

Basic Techniques

Drills, Games and Exercises

This is a one day course and successful participants will qualify on the day.

Closing Date: Friday 9th December 2011

For more information contact

Cathy Townsend, Level 3 Coach:

cathy.cabaritabeach@gmail.com



Members at the AGM

THE GOLD COAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Was held on 29 November 2011. The 2012 office bearers are:

President: Mick Coughlan;
Vice President: Greg Quinn;
Secretary: Damien Yep;
Treasurer: Duncan Turpie;

CATHY TOWNSEND

the senior coach at our Club, is currently doing training (in Korea) to be a qualified coach for Athletes With a Disability (AWD).

You can find more information on AWD on our website, under ... **COMPETITION / AWD.**
<http://www.goldcoasttabletennis.org.au/>



KERYN HUNT

Committee Members: Georgy De Leon; Keryn Hunt; Jackson Meyn.

Welcome to Keryn Hunt, and Greg Quinn!

Best wishes to all our table tennis players and their families and friends, and friends of friends and friends of relatives of friends!

**Editor,
Marcus Clark**

