



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

NEWSLETTER



Find us on:
facebook

www.goldcoasttabletennis.org.au SUMMER - ISSUE 7 - 2016

WHAT'S ON

Monday:	6.30pm-10pm	All Star Fixtures & Social play
Tuesday:	4.15pm-6.15pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Social play
Wednesday:	6.30pm-10pm	Fixtures Div 3 & 4 and Social play
Thursday:	4.15pm-6.15pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Fixtures Div 1 & 2 and Social play
Friday:	9am-Noon	Mixed Handicap Social doubles
Saturday:	9.30am-4pm	Social play
	2pm-4pm	Group Coaching
Sunday:	10am-1pm	Squad Training

Tournaments/Competitions

To find out what tournaments and competitions are coming up, please visit the homepage of the website and/or go to competition-tournament calendar.

2016 Memberships Due

All fixture and regular social players please note -2016 Membership fees are now due.

For those who have yet to join, we ask if you can make prompt payment at your next visit to the club. Thank you.

Keychain Promotion

All new and renewing Members who join the club in 2016 will receive a complimentary club Keyring.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

19th-22 Feb - Australian Olympic Qualifying
(Tweed Heads)

28th Feb-6th Mar - World Teams Championships
(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

12th-13th Mar - East-Coast Veterans Comp
(Gold Coast)

20-25 Mar - Oceania Championships (Bendigo)

30th Mar to 2nd Apr - QLD Junior Championships
(Brisbane)

5th-8th Apr - ITTF World Junior Circuit (Tweed) &

9th-10th Apr - Oceania Junior Championships

In This Issue -

- ◆ Gossip Corner
- ◆ 2016 East-Coast Veterans
- ◆ Equipment for Sale
- ◆ Commonwealth Games Facts
- ◆ Christmas Party 2015
- ◆ 2016 QLD Juniors Info
- ◆ Australian Olympic Qualifying
- ◆ Tip & Rule of the month
- ◆ Coaching
- ◆ Welcome new Members
- ◆ TTQ & TTA News



'gossip corner'

TEENAGE prospect Jake Duffy is back from Sweden and inked in to contest the Australian leg of Olympic Games qualification at Seagulls from February 22-26. Kane and Wade Townsend are also among the starts, along with Chris Yan (NSW), David Powell (Victoria), Ivan Sulfaro (Victoria), Erny Tsao (NSW), Heming Hu (Victoria) and Dominic Huang (Victoria). The women's line-up is: Sally Zhang (NSW), Jian Fang Lay (Victoria), Melissa Tapper (Victoria), Michelle Beaumont (NSW), Kai Peng (NSW), Vivian Dederko (NSW), Miao Miao (Victoria), Madeline Goodsell (Tas) and Sarah Tan (NSW).

COMMITTEE members are busily working with Commonwealth Games, Queensland Government and City of Gold Coast officials to ramp up prospects of the centre's involvement with the Comm Games when they hit the Gold

Coast in just over a couple of years. A presentation spruiking our cause will be made to the Commonwealth Table Tennis meeting in Kuala Lumpur which coincides with the world titles there from February 28- March 6. A major element of engagement with the various agencies will be linked with proposals to improve amenities at the centre. We are constantly looking at possible upgrading of facilities for the benefit of members.

FORMER president Robert Matheson, a welcome returnee to the committee, is very well placed, along with the likes of current president Mick Coughlan, to recall the early days at Molendinar. Until 1994, club activity was limited to two nights a week at a Labrador school hall, where half a dozen tables were put up and then packed away each time. All that changed when council came up with the existing venue and popped in a handy Interest-free loan to assist with the construction of the first stage of the building, which was under Robert's watch.

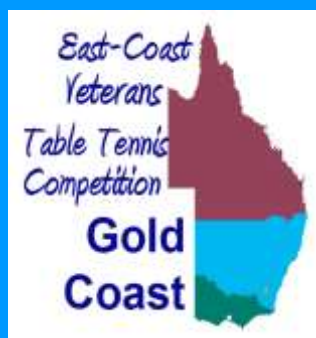
NOTABLE absentee from All Stars and midweek action is Allison Quade, who made such an impact when she joined the club last year. She has been reluctantly sidelined by injury but by all accounts is hoping to improve upon the initial prognosis which suggested she might have to miss the entire new year competition. Allison, a dab hand on the tennis court which has occupied her attention for many years, also has been responsible for feeding fixture players with a series of culinary delicacies - now why didn't anybody think of that as a membership driver?

GOLDEN oldies Thomas Samuelsson and Martin Solomons will break fresh ground next month when they represent Australia against New Zealand veterans in a March 24 Trans Tasman Trophy Test match at Palmerston North. They line up in the Under-65 category - the Aussies are also fielding teams in Under-40, U-50, U-60, U-70 (in which our East Coast Veterans-organising mate Werner Borkhardt gets a start) and U-75 men, while the women will contest all of those divisions apart from U-40 for which, unfortunately, there were no nominations.

REPEATING the request which accompanied the last bulletin ... please can all players be mindful of maintaining the integrity of our various fixture competitions in terms of attending, timekeeping and so forth? Most members do the right thing most of the time but it is frustrating when matches start (and finish) past their allotted times because of latecomers, and no less so when players go missing without making the proper arrangements with team captains or club officials. Every action has a consequence for somebody else, so let's try hard to keep the standards uniformly high.

NOWHERE is the evidence of increasing interest and booming recruitment better illustrated than in Division 4, which is of course a tried and tested proving ground for newcomers. No fewer than eight of the 21 players in this division are playing as regular competition participants for the first time. At the time of going to press, the best-performed of the newbies is Katie MacDonald, a student from Tweed who has done work experience at Table Tennis Queensland and the Gold Coast, and is embarking on a masters degree in sports management.





2016 EAST-COAST VETERAN TEAMS TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Saturday & Sunday 12th & 13th March 2016

EVENT DETAILS: This event will be held for Australian and New Zealand Veteran players by invitation from the organising committee of the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association

Men's and Women's Teams will be played in Divisions determined by the organising committee.

SCHEDULE: Starting times Saturday & Sunday from 9am. Finish approx. 4pm on Sunday

FORMAT: 2 (or 3) players per team. Team matches consist of 4 singles and 1 doubles. Depending on number of entries, each team to play either 4 or 5 teams matches over the weekend.

ENTRY FEE: \$30 per player

ENTRIES CLOSE - 26th February

Please send entries via email to borkhardt@bigpond.com or
info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au

TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

**There is a wide range of
equipment available for sale at
the club** - from blades, rubbers,
balls, shoes, apparel & accessories.

Prices as marked

**Specific Equipment orders can be
made through the club.**



**The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be
staged from 4 – 15 April**

- Across 11 days of competition, athletes from 71 nations and territories will compete in 17 different sports.
- Events will be hosted across 18 competition venues located on the Gold Coast, Brisbane, Townsville & Cairns.
- In preparation for GC2018 the Queensland Government will deliver three new competition venues and undertake major upgrades to a further seven venues.
- GC2018 will generate an approximate \$2 billion economic impact and create up to 30,000 full-time equivalent jobs.



**TABLE TENNIS
WORLD** 
www.tabletennisworld.com.au

For Everything Table Tennis
By **Paul Pinkewich** 13 TIMES AUSTRALIAN CHAMPION & REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA 287 TIMES
"Expert Advice - The Right Price!"
Get the right advice from table tennis expert, Paul Pinkewich, Australia's most experienced player. Paul has played at every level in a career lasting over 40 years. Call 02 9542 7933 or 0418 252 240

GCTTA would like to thank **Master Choice Oz & Table Tennis World** for its continuing support!





THE annual Christmas party and presentation function was held at Nerang RSL on the Sunday before Christmas, and was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended with entertainment from Laurence Denoff.

The venue has quickly established itself as a favourite with members, catering perfectly for our needs and providing great value for money.

Chairman Mick Coughlan thanked all attendees, looked forward with optimism to 2016, and oversaw the handing over of the customary awards – including, for the first time, third place medals introduced as an additional incentive to fixture players. Here are some photos to enjoy! courtesy of photographer Tom Baker. Thank you.



GCTTA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2015



2015 PLAYER AWARDS

SAM BINSTEAD PLAYER OF THE YEAR: **Helen Barnett**

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: **Charlie Voges**

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR: **Jakub Klouba**

HERBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP: **Phil Caldwell & Jutta Doyle**

GOLD COAST OPEN WINNER: **Bruno Levis**

GOLD COAST CLOSED

Division 1 **Petr Klouba**

Division 2 **Peter Clarke**

Division 3 **Trevor Crowley**

Division 4 **Eva Pepping**

NORM KAY HANDICAP WINNER: **Tom Baker**

Queensland Juniors 2016

30 March - 2 April

Brisbane



Enter Now!



2016 Queensland Junior Championships

Wednesday 30th March -
Friday 1st April

Brisbane Table Tennis Centre
86 Green Terrace
Windsor

Under 11, 13, 15 & 18
Teams & Individual categories

During Easter Holidays. Come and see the QLD Juniors in action and support our Gold Coast Junior Players



2016 Australian Olympic Qualification Tournament

**Tweed Heads
19 – 22 February**

**Seagulls Club
Gollan Drive, Tweed Heads, NSW**

Provisional Schedule

19 Feb	6pm	Qualification knockout rounds
20 Feb	10am	Round Robin 1 (4 rounds)
21 Feb	10am	Round Robin 1 (3 rounds)
	5pm	Round Robin 2 (1 round)
22 Feb	9:30am	Round Robin 2 (3 rounds)

Go along and watch the top National players fight it out for a spot in the Australian Olympic Team.





Tip of the Month

Use your head

Mental strength is a vast and important subject and perhaps the most difficult characteristic to develop through training. Personally, I have developed a way to think and act that I believe suits my personality. The starting point must be yourself, in my opinion.

Mental strength is based on experience and acquired knowledge about your sport. Listen to the advice of others who you trust but remember that, in the final analysis, you must rely upon your own judgment.

Over the years, I have learned to analyze my losses and then forget them as quickly as possible. To the contrary, I do carry around memories of my victories in order to boost my self-confidence.

JAN OVE WALDNER

Rule of the Month

Showing your racket to your opponent

Rule 2.04.08 states that...

"Before the start of a match and whenever he or she changes his or her racket during a match a player shall show his or her opponent and the umpire the racket he or she is about to use and shall allow them to examine it."

This rule was introduced in 1983 due to the proliferation of "combination" rackets in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

At that time, players were allowed to have rubbers which were the same colour on both sides of their racket.

However, many players would choose two rubbers which had completely different playing characteristics. Therefore their opponent could not easily see which type of rubber was being used for each stroke.

So this rule ensured that your opponent could at least know what rubbers you had on your racket.

This rule was supplemented in 1986 with the "two colour" rule which meant that one side of your racket had to be red and the other side had to be black. However, even though the rubbers must now be different colours, it's still important to know, before the match starts, which rubbers your opponent is actually using.

Coaching

Saturday Group Coaching

Coaches: Seref Bakanay

Georgy De Leon

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: Adult \$14 Junior: \$8

Family Discount: \$20

Sunday Squad Training

Coach: Cathy Townsend

10:00am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person / Family Discount: \$35

Junior Squad Training

Tuesday Coach: Petr Klouba

Thursday Coach: Cathy Townsend

4:15pm - 6:15pm

Cost: \$10 / \$10 family Discount

Please see website for details and training schedule.

Welcome GCTTA Members!

Gold Coast Table Tennis would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

- * Christine Dingwall
- * Scott Dingwall
- * Mitchell Fraser
- * Julie Harris
- * Jaxon Harris
- * Brendan Howard
- * Thomas Howard
- * Greg Fox
- * Jane Lee
- * Katie Macdonald
- * Reza Niari
- * Helmut Krause

We thank you for your support and hope you enjoy your time at the club.





NEWS

Welcome Greg Fox to the TTQ team!

Our new State Development Officer Greg Fox joins us after working extensively in sports industry in the state for over two decades. Recently he has spent time at the Australian Sports Commission's Active After-school Communities program as a Regional Coordinator in the south-east Queensland region, liaising closely with a number of sports to build participation. Prior to this he was the Operations Manager (and association founder) at Seahawks GC Basketball Association based at Runaway Bay.

As the SDO for TTQ, Greg will focus on developing opportunities for table tennis within the new Sporting Schools program and work with associations to develop capacity to deliver within this program. Greg is excited for the opportunity to work with TTQ to increase the profile of the sport within our local communities and the school sector.

Greg added, "I have been excited to see the level of interest with schools thus far - as we aim to increase the take-up rate of our TOPS program in the new year".

Greg can be contacted via qld@ttadev.org.au



Table tennis is one of 40+ sports announced for the 2016 Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games held from 5 – 13 November on the beautiful Gold Coast.

Entries now open

<http://mastersgames.com.au/ppmg/sports/table-tennis/>

Australia Draw Well for Table Tennis World Teams Event

The Australian men's and women's table tennis teams can be confident of a strong showing at the World Team Championships in Malaysia after the group draws were made. The Australian men's team, currently ranked 38th in the world, take on Spain (24), Serbia (25), Bulgaria (35), Latvia (44) and Puerto Rico (51) in the second division of the Championships. The Australian men's team will be Kane Townsend, David Powell, Heming Hu and Erny Tsao.

"The men's team draw will be a tough challenge for the boys," National Head Coach, Jens Lang, said.

"We have a young team which has lots of potential, but at the same time needs this type of international competition in order to progress further.

"Serbia and Spain should be the kingpins in our group. There won't be any easy matches for us as Bulgaria, Latvia and even Puerto Rico are all at least at our level. Our stretch target is to be in the top 40 which would guarantee us a spot in Division 2 in 2018."

The Australian women's team, at 48th in the world, head into their division three group as the highest ranked combination. The Australians will take on Uzbekistan (58), Estonia (59), Congo Brazzaville (69), Algeria (72) and Nepal (86).

The Australian women's team includes four-time Olympians Jian Fang Lay and Miao Miao, as well as Michelle Beaumont and Melissa Tapper.

"The women's team draw provided us with a manageable group," coach Lang said.

"The players from countries like Uzbekistan and Estonia are fairly unknown to us, but their international results show that they are competitive.

"We need to be alert as the competition has become very even, there are no small countries anymore. Even associations like Congo Brazzaville now have top Chinese players in their ranks.

"The aim is to win the group in order to put us in the best position to reach our goal to make the final of the Division 3."

The 2016 World Team Table Tennis Championships will be contested in Kuala Lumpur from February 28 until March 6.



GCTTA Facebook Page

Please check out our facebook page if **you haven't done so yet. We aim to** provide information on all of our club news, events and other interesting stories, pictures & videos.

We would like you to join our page and share any new and exciting things with us.

Your contribution in commenting and liking our posts, will increase our number of followers and development of networks.



Gold Coast Table Tennis Association Inc. 2016 Committee

President: Mick Coughlan

Vice-President: Georgy De Leon

Treasurer: Matthew Jones

Secretary: Lukas Kozak

Committee Members:

Van Cassis, Ruth Cordingley, Martin Rogers,
Heinz Pepping, Robert Matheson,
Paul Kilmister, Charlie Voges

CONTACT US

Address: Lot 1 Herbertson Drive
Molendinar QLD 4214

Post: PO Box 589
Ashmore City QLD 4214

Telephone: 07 5597 1633

Fax: 07 5597 1623

Email: info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au

Submit an Article

If you would like to submit an article or item for the next issue of the newsletter, you should email your document with images and attachments to info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au

Please note that items submitted for publication are subject to the approval of the committee, and may be edited for both length and clarity prior to inclusion.

Thank you

Gold Coast Table Tennis

Feedback & Comments

Gold Coast Table Tennis would like to thank all members for their continuing support.

The club is always striving to improve and any feedback or suggestions on competitions, events, and other aspects of the club is much appreciated.

If you have you have any comments, perhaps ideas on ways to improve our club, please let us know by contacting members of the committee or feel free to contact the club.

Phone: 07 5597 1633

Email: info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au

