

GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S ON

Monday:	6.30pm-10pm	All Star Fixtures & Social play
Tuesday:	4.15pm-6.00pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Social play
Wednesday:	6.30pm-10pm	Div 3 & 4 and Social play
Thursday:	4.15pm-6.00pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Div 1 & 2 and Social play
Friday:	9am-Noon	Social doubles
Saturday:	9.30am-4pm	Social play
	2pm-4pm	Group Coaching*
Sunday:	9.30am-1pm	Social play

**Please visit the website for coaching schedule*

Upcoming Events

To find out what tournaments and competitions are coming up, please visit the website and follow the links.

New Club Caps

All new and renewing Members who join the club in 2017 will receive a complimentary club hat.



Sunday Social

9.30am - 1pm

Come along with family, friends & guests and enjoy a hit-out on a Sunday.

Family Specials / Student discounts / Group Rates

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

11th-12th March - **Bundaberg Open**

18th-19th March - **UQ Open**

(Brisbane)

25th-26th March - **East-Coast Veterans**

Teams Competition (Gold Coast)

2nd-6th April - **QLD Junior Championships**

(Mackay)

8th-11th April - **ITTF WJC Australian Junior**

& Cadet Open (Tweed Heads)

14th-16th April - **Rockhampton Open**

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TABLE TENNIS**
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**ANNIVERSARY
FUNCTION**

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Please pre-purchase your tickets at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Club.
Limited tickets will be available at the function venue - Thank you



gossip corner

BEN Houghton, one of our three Queensland senior reps last year, is planning to travel far and wide in 2017. Newly hooked up with coach Altantulga Lkhagvadorj, he hopes to accompany the former world and Asian championship representative to the Mongolian Open in Ulan Bator and several other ITTF Pro Tour events, believing the time is right to sample more international competition. Brisbane's Lkhagvadorj, who made his Queensland debut last year, was runner-up to Paralympian silver medallist Sam van Eenem in the 2016 Gold Coast Open,

IT'S always good to see players return to the club after some time away, so welcome back Sue Green - on parade again after a knee problem, and subsequent operation, kept her away from the table for many months. Husband Geoff, now savouring a quieter life after 30 years flying long haul for Qantas, is nursing a wrist problem but hopes that he too may be on the comeback trail in the not too distant future. Both Greens, who say they're busier than ever in retirement, are former club committee members who have graced Divisions 3 and 4 with their talents.

THE hills are alive with the sound of music when Charlie Voges is around. When he isn't in action on the table or performing various unsung tasks around the table tennis centre, cheerful Chas is one of the area's most experienced and accomplished acapella singers. For the uninitiated, that's singing in a group with no accompanying instruments, as in the *Pitch Perfect* movies. Charlie sings with Sound Connection, a group which performs regularly locally, especially at the Helensvale Library where there is an auditorium which accommodates 200 spectators.

ONE of the most frequently asked questions at the club is, when is there going to be air-conditioning? The answer could be closer than you think. Gold Coast TTA made a submission for local government support to make the centre more user-friendly for members, and, incidentally, all the more likely to be recognised as a Commonwealth Games training and back-up venue. After this was knocked back, committee resolved to work towards finding a way to fund-raise the near \$90,000 needed with a hoped-for date of October or possibly even sooner.

ZARK Rokсандic has been named the winner of the prestigious 2016 Frank Keyhoe Official of the Year Award following his involvement in many aspects of officiating at State, National and International levels over the last year. Dave Delpratt, chair of the TTA National Umpires and Referees Committee, described our man as 'a very worthy recipient of this award'. The awards are named in honour of Fran Keyhoe, from Victoria, an international umpire and towering presence in Australian table tennis who passed away in 2008.



BUSY, BUSY ... that's the scene at the centre these days, with competition in full swing, a step up in junior squad training, several senior rep players using the venue, and all the usual opportunities for social play. Please note the club is now open on Sunday mornings from 9.30am until 1pm, with all welcome and numbers building as the word is spreading swiftly. We have had big support for Sunday sessions in the past and there is every indication that could happen again, so get yourselves out of bed and down to the centre to join in the fun.

EDITOR MARTIN ROGERS



Commonwealth Games 'Mr Big' now calls Coast home



JENS LANG has new digs and a new title.

The affable and highly credentialed former German Bundesliga player, the Australian national head coach for five years, has moved to the Gold Coast as he steps up the pace in his role as Sport Competition Manager for Table Tennis at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

With the clocking ticking towards the April 4-15 event, which looms as the greatest sporting show in Queensland since the Brisbane 1982 version, Jens has a truckload of bases to cover but the experience and self-assurance to deal with whatever the next 400 days throws his way.

Buttonholed after a high tempo training session with the club's teenage Games hopeful Jake Duffy, he didn't contain his excitement as he, officials, potential players, volunteers and supporters contemplate an occasion he describes as 'a massive opportunity' to influence all of the above and help grow the sport he has lived and loved all his life.

This is precisely why his job description changed and GOLDOC effectively made him 'Mr Big' for 2018. Working towards the best outcomes for elite performers and the country itself sums up his broad mandate.

Jens is necessarily coy about the identity of those who will feature – there will be a selection tournament for high performance squad members early next year with five team, four doubles and three singles spots up for grabs. But he confirms Jake Duffy,

currently ranked eighth, is in with a decent shot.

A second-year undergraduate at the University of Queensland, who will turn 20 a week after the Games concludes, Jake swept the board at the 2016 Australian juniors before more importantly recording his best-yet result in senior company by finishing third in the Top Ten.

“He has a realistic chance of being in the Commonwealth Games,” said Jens.

“He ticks a lot of boxes, has many good attributes, he's smart and is developing a good understanding of the game.”

That's a more than worthwhile endorsement from a man whose own resume includes stints with top German clubs TTF-Bönen, Wuppertal and FC Köln, where his elder brother Jochen still plays, the pair of them influenced from an early age by their father Udo, who was a Bundesliga player with TTC Grünweiß Bad Hamm.

Jens combined playing and coaching before making a mark on the world of business, including roles as sponsorship manager with Metro, the world's third-largest wholesaler, and then global brand manager for Adidas who have moved in on the table tennis world in recent years.

He came from Düsseldorf to Australia in 2011, did the smart thing by heading to Brisbane, and now he's loving the delights the Gold Coast has to offer.

After the Commonwealth Games, he isn't sure of the direction the sport will go but hopes still to be involved at its cutting edge.

“If anybody asks me where do I want to be for the rest of my life, it would have to be here in south-east Queensland,” he said.

WRITTEN BY MARTIN ROGERS



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2017 EAST-COAST VETERAN TEAMS TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Saturday & Sunday 25th & 26th March 2017

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

ENTRY FEE: \$30 per player

ENTRIES CLOSE - 6th March

Please send entries via email to info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au



Fun Day For People With Disability - A Smashing Success

Over 80 participants attended a Smash Down Barriers Table Tennis Fun Day at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association on the 15th of February 2017.



The inclusive event was hosted by the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association and supported by the Australian Government under the Smash Down Barriers program. The event featured coaching from para players and coaches from the national teams of Thailand and Indonesia. Participants were treated to modified table tennis activities and games.

Numerous local disability groups including Gold Coast Rec & Sport, FSG, House With No Steps and Keystone attended the event, as well as students from Musgrave Hill State School.

Christian Holtz, Sport for Development Manager at Table Tennis Australia, was rapt with the turn-out at the Fun Day and in particular the way the visiting coaches interacted with the participants.

"This was a fantastic opportunity for the coaches and players from Thailand and Indonesia to learn how we in Australia use table tennis to promote the social inclusion of people with disabilities" said Holtz.

BY GREG FOX



Welcome 2017 GCTTA Members!

Gold Coast Table Tennis would like to welcome the following new & returning Members to the club:

- * Gerard Hua
- * Gary Hanna
- * Tania Parveen
- * Justin Jones
- * Aldwyn Altuney
- * Frank Piasecki
- * John & Kerrin White
- * Nick Osborne
- * Karsten Kobbing
- * Alistair Lattimore
- * Ian Owles
- * Mark Russ
- * Ernie Weaver
- * Matthew Nickels
- * Daniel Dennett
- * Joshua Cooper
- * Chris Hassal

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



Tip of the Month

Use only your racket

It's important to get your own racket and then to use it exclusively. Every racket has its own "feel" and playing characteristics, and you will benefit greatly by using only one racket so you're not always trying to adapt to a different one. Also, take good care of your racket; treat it with respect. Keep it in a case when you're not using it. If you're using inverted sponge rubber (smooth surface), you should wash it with soap and water or a special racket cleaner after every use.

NEWGY COACHING

Coaching

Saturday Group Coaching

Coaches: Cathy Townsend

Georgy De Leon

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: Adult \$14 Junior: \$8

Family Discount: \$20

Junior Squad Training

Tuesday & Thursday

Coach: Cathy Townsend

4:15pm - 6:00pm

Cost: \$10 / \$15 family Discount

Please see website for details and training schedule.

Rule of the Month

Taking responsibility for your service

Rule 2.06.06 states that...

"It is the responsibility of the player to serve so that the umpire or the assistant umpire can be satisfied that he or she complies with the requirements of the Laws, and either may decide that a service is incorrect."

It's the responsibility of the player to serve so that the correctness of his service action can be seen by the umpire.

Warnings & Penalties

Rule 2.06.06.01 also states that...

"If either the umpire or the assistant umpire is not sure about the legality of a service he or she may, on the first occasion in a match, interrupt play and warn the server; but any subsequent service by that player or his or her doubles partner which is not clearly legal shall be considered incorrect."

This means that an umpire who suspects, but isn't sure, that your service action is illegal, may warn you without awarding a point to your opponent.

However, the umpire will only give you one warning during a match ... so if any of your subsequent serves in that match are of doubtful legality, for the same or any other reason ... your opponent will be awarded the point.

PRIVATE COACHING

The following coaches are available for one on one coaching:

Georgy De Leon - 0416 619 516

Petr Klouba - 0414 930 519

Jordan Dequina - 0497 282 665

Ben Houghton - 0401 605 448

Jake Duffy - 0405 833 099

Cathy Townsend - 0421 397 255

Profiles of the coaches can be viewed on the club website under private coaching.

Please contact for bookings and rates. Thank you.





NEWS

Welcome North Lakes Table Tennis

Table Tennis Queensland are pleased to introduce a newly affiliated club, the North Lakes Table Tennis Association. Trevor Barrett President of Table Tennis Queensland welcomed the newly affiliated association.

'On behalf of Table Tennis Queensland I'd like to welcome the North Lakes Table Tennis Association as our most recent newly affiliated association. The North Lakes area has shown significant growth in recent years and this new association will be able to provide the residents of that region with the opportunity to participate in table tennis in either a social or competition format. We wish the North Lakes Table Tennis Association well in their future endeavours and look forward to visiting their club and also welcoming their players when they compete in the various table tennis events in our state. Well done North Lakes!'

North Lakes Table Tennis Association President Lilla Csaki added the below welcome message to interested players in the region.

'North Lakes Table Tennis would like to welcome players from all ages and skill levels on Friday afternoons during school terms. We run junior and senior squads for school aged children, and we also cater for adults or whole families. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, if you want to learn new skills, or just want to have some fun with your friends and family, our Club is for you. Our venue is accessible and air-conditioned. Come and say hello on any Friday between 4-8pm. Check out our website and Facebook page to stay in contact.'

www.nlitt.org.au

www.facebook.com/NLTTClub

For more information about the North lakes Table Tennis Association please contact: info@nlitt.org.au or 0415 148 212.

VON EINEM NAMED 2016 PARA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Sam von Einem was always a pretty reasonable chance of snaring the top award at the annual Table Tennis Australia Para awards.



Von Einem thrilled Australian sports fans when he won a silver medal at last year's Rio Paralympic Games in the Class 11 men's singles. His outstanding achievement was recognised at Sunday night's presentation evening when he was named the 2016

Arthur Wilks Para Player of the Year. Table Tennis Australia also presented 21-year-old von Einem with a framed signed shirt. The shirt and the Player of the Year Award were presented to von Einem by Bruno Moretti, who, alongside Bill Mather Brown, won Australia's first ever Paralympic medal.

Moretti and Mather Brown won silver in the B-class doubles at the 1960 Paralympic Games in Rome.

Moretti also won gold in both singles and doubles in the Para table tennis events at the 1962 Commonwealth Games in Perth.

Von Einem was Australia's first Paralympic medallist since Terry Biggs won gold in 1984. He started playing table tennis in 2007, and first represented Australia in 2011.

The South Australian-born athlete was unlucky not to snare gold in Rio, losing a thrilling five-game nail-biter to world number one, Florian Van Acker, 8-11, 18-16, 13-11, 5-11, 8-11.

Sam von Einem won gold at last week's Australian Paralympic Championships, which attracted athletes from Thailand, Indonesia and all over Australia.

He also teamed up with Victoria's Rory Carroll to win doubles gold.

By Ross Solly

Glenys Joliffe receives OAM in Australia Day Honours

Table Tennis Australia would like to congratulate Glenys Joliffe for receiving an OAM in the Australia Day honours for her services to Table Tennis

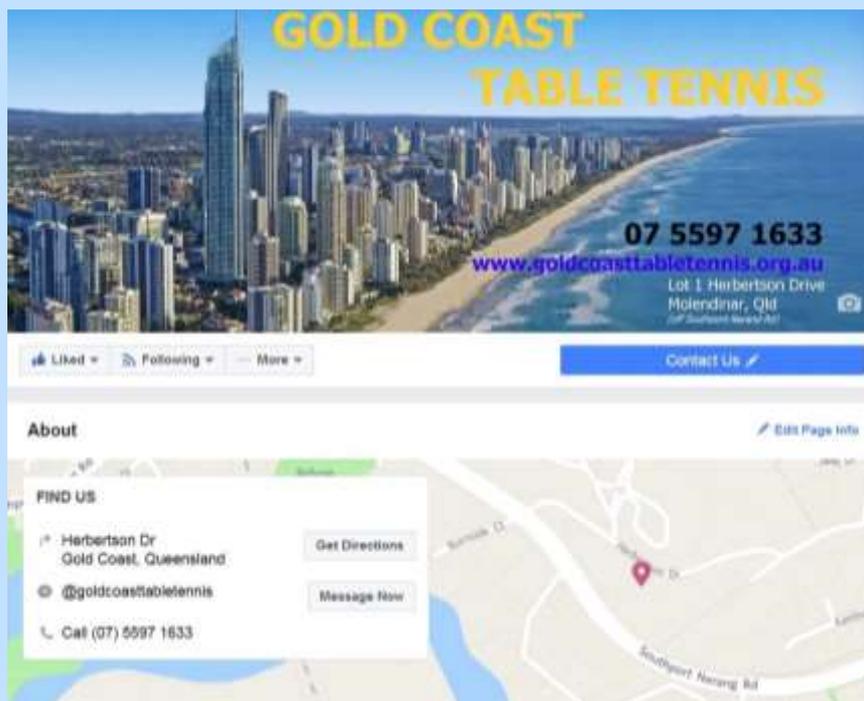


GCTTA Facebook Page

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.



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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.

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