



# 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  
7.00pm-8.30pm Adult Coaching\*

Wednesday: 6.30pm-10pm Div 3/4 & Social play

Thursday: 4.15pm-6.00pm Junior Training  
6.30pm-10pm Div Pr/1/2 & Social play

Friday: 9am-Noon Social doubles

Saturday: 9.30am-4pm Social play

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.

## Winter Fixtures

The next season of fixtures commences in early May. If you would like to join in any of your respective division and you have yet to submit your name, please let the club know by Friday 27th April. Thank you.

2018 Winter Season begins on the following dates:

All-Stars: Monday 7 May

Div. 3 & 4: Wednesday 9 May

Premier, Div. 1 & 2: Thursday 10 May

## FIXTURES

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

10th-11th March - **East-Coast Veterans**

**Teams Competition (Gold Coast)**

15th-19th March - **Oceania Championships**

(Gold Coast)

24th-25th March - **Wynnum Open**

30th March-1st April - **Rockhampton Open**

4th-15th April - **Commonwealth Games**

28th-29th April - **QLD Open (Rockhampton)**

29th April - **State of Origin Round 1**

(Gold Coast v Tweed @ GCTTA)

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### GCTTA Club Notice

#### Centre amended hours – March/April 2018

Due to the club hosting upcoming tournaments, pre-Games training & the Commonwealth Games in March & April, usual club activities will be affected. The following are changes to the centre opening hours:

- 5<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April: **NO Junior training**
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> March - East-Coast Vets Comp: **NO Social Play**
- 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March - Oceania Championships: **NO Fixtures or Social Play**
- 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March - **NO Weekend Social**
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April - Commonwealth Games: **Centre Closed**

With this busy schedule and disruptions to club play, we will endeavour to keep everyone informed if any further changes occur. Apologies for the inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.



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# AGNES FOUNDATION

## Foundation Overview

Agnes Herbertson Memorial Page for Donations, Sponsorships & Funding to the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association.

Incorporating General Club Developments, Supporting Member Programs, Centre Upgrades, Junior Participation, Management and long term sustainability of the Association.



## SUPPORT THE CLUB TODAY!

**BELOW ARE THE OPTIONS TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE CLUB**

**VISIT THE WEBSITE TO MAKE PAYMENT ONLINE VIA PAYPAL OR DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Cash & Cheque donations can be made directly to the club. Receipt can be issued at the Centre. Anonymous donations are welcome, please contact the club for your support to be confidential.

Please Reference: AGNES FOUNDATION when making payment. Thank you





## 2018 STATE OF ORIGIN

### Round 1

**QLD (Gold Coast) v NSW (South Tweed)**

**When: SUNDAY 29th April @ 10.00am**

**Where: Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre**

The State of Origin event is a 3 person team match, played in several Divisions between Gold Coast TTA & South Tweed TTA.

Members who would like to participate to please write your name down on the provided form located on the club noticeboard. Thank you

## Friday Morning Fundraiser for Diego

**On 17th November 2017, the Friday morning social doubles group held a fundraising luncheon for club member Diego Espinosa, with all proceeds going towards his cancer treatment.**

*For those who are unaware, Diego has Brain tumour stage 3. Please read his story and support him as much as you can: <https://www.gofundme.com/helpdiegofightbraincancer>*

**It was a combined event with doubles games first off (as usual), followed by a lunch in the centre foyer. There were 26 players and 28 people attended the lunch. All catering was capably handled by Heinz Pepping, Phil Caldwell & Agnes Herbertson, with some extra by Sam Wyatt and others helpers.**

**A total of \$700 was raised through the event by the Friday morning social group. A splendid effort. Many thanks to all who donated so generously.**

## IN MEMORY

### **Vale Gil Tauris**

Former esteemed member Gil Tauris lost his battle with prostate cancer on 14th February 2018. Gil retired from fixtures at GCTTA back in 2013, due to his illness at 80 years of age. He was an inspirational competitor who loved our great game. Gil achieved much success as a veteran player for NSW often placing in the top ten in order of merit in his particular age group.

Gil had a zest for life and was great company. He became a mentor of mine and always gave sound advice. He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. He is survived by his Dear wife Noelene Tauris, President of South Tweed Table Tennis and current GCTTA fixture player. Gil's Service was well attended by many GCTTA and South Tweed Clubs Members.

Our sincere condolences to Noelene, Family and friends.

### **Club Stalwart Remembered**

Long serving member Saci Papp lost her brave battle with pancreatic cancer in early January this year. Saci was a club stalwart at GCTTA, often playing four or five times a week. She also played in many Australian Veterans and Intra-Club Championships.

Back in November 2017 a few of us went to visit her after playing the State of Origin at South Tweed. We found her to be gracious, welcoming and optimistic. Condolences also to her family and friends.

BY MICK COUGHLAN





### A day out at Oxenford Studios

They say all good things come in threes and this is the case for Oxenford Studios, with the northern venue hosting not one but three spectacular sports.

Spectators are sure to be astounded by the lightning speeds of a squash ball traveling at 283kph, mystified by the agility and reflexes of the Commonwealth's best table tennis players and lit up by the masterful boxers gliding around the ring.

GC2018.com looks at how every sporting fan can have a great day out.

#### Thrive on intensity?

There is no doubt table tennis is a sport of skill, speed, agility, focus and precision.

If this is the kind of intensity you thrive on, then the first day of GC2018 action (Thursday 5 April) is your ticket for a great Games day out with two table tennis preliminaries on offer.

**The first session will start at 9:30am with both the men and women's teams hitting it off until 2:30pm.** The next session will then commence an hour and a half later, enough time for you to refuel for another five hours of table action.

#### Sport enthusiast?

Monday 9 April is the ultimate sport day for any fan!

Kicking off your multi-sport campaign will be some Table Tennis semi-finals with the men's teams taking to the tables from 9:30am-2:30pm.

**Continuing the sporting journey of a lifetime, you'll need to head next door for the men's and women's singles bronze medal matches of the Squash competition.** The session did start at 12:30pm, but it does give you the option to decide which arena deserves your attention.

Wrapping up the penultimate day of sport will be a determined display of the Boxing preliminaries. Both the men and women will take to the ring from 6:30pm-10pm looking to safely progress to the quarterfinals the following day.

#### Try something new

Do you like the idea of the unexpected? Experiencing things you never have or rarely get to?

Well why not venture out to the Oxenford Studios on Thursday 12 April for some table tennis and squash action.

Light up from 9:30am-3pm with the singles, doubles preliminaries for the men's, women's and mixed table tennis competitions taking place – inspiring a creative morning for you.

**A truly unique Games day out wouldn't be complete without experiencing the Festival 2018 performances.** So, while you wait for your next enthralling competition, why not head to the Museum of the Moon sculpture in Southport.

*Don't miss the magic of the moment, plan your one-stop Oxenford Studio Games experience today.*

### Gold Coast 2018 Tickets

#### TABLE TENNIS

<http://tickets.gc2018.com>

#### Venue:

Oxenford Studios, QLD

#### Tickets From:

\$10 (Children) \$20 (Adults)




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GCTTA would like to thank **Table Tennis World & Ashben Medical Centre** for its support!



### Welcome 2018 GCTTA Members!

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

- \* Carolina Bijok
- \* Laurie Brindell
- \* Carter Buick
- \* Marilyn Dalgety
- \* Charlie Dutton-Walker
- \* Blake Fitzgerald
- \* Pippa Louise Galloway
- \* Emilio Ibarra
- \* Stephen Johnstone
- \* Shameer & Sherveen Khademi
- \* Tony Kovacs
- \* Rick Warwick
- \* Edison & Winston Zhou
- \* Carol Cowie
- \* John Slattery
- \* Andrew Cloherty

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

### TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

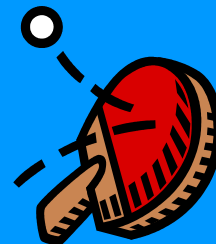
There is a wide range of equipment available for sale at the club - from blades, rubbers, balls, shoes, apparel & accessories.

*Prices as marked*

*Discounts for bulk orders*

*Bat assembly service available*

Specific items and equipment orders can be made through the club.



## News Flash!

### 50 Year Anniversary Shirts

### For Sale



Pan Pacific  
**Masters Games**  
GOLD COAST | AUSTRALIA  
November 2018

Table Tennis will feature at the 2018 Pan Pacific Masters Games. Saturday 3 -Tuesday 6 November 2018: 9am – 5pm daily.

Entries are now open! <https://mastersgames.com.au/ppmg/sports/table-tennis/>



Variety of sizes available





## NEWS

### 2018 Australian Junior Championships Major Sponsor Announcement

Table Tennis Queensland are pleased to announce our major sponsors for the upcoming Australian Junior Table Tennis Championships due to be held in Townsville from 29 Sept-6 Oct 2018.

TTQ President, Trevor Barrett added the following comments on the agreement:

'Table Tennis Queensland is delighted to announce the successful formation of a partnership with San-Ei and Table Tennis World for the sponsorship of the '2018 San-Ei Australian Junior Table Tennis Championships', to be held in Townsville later this year.

Three years ago Table Tennis Queensland worked successfully with San-Ei and Table Tennis World to deliver a fantastic 2015 Australian Veterans Championships event at Caloundra, and we look forward to working with them again to deliver another amazing event, which will see the best players from Queensland and other states and territories across Australia competing in Townsville. Table Tennis Queensland sincerely thanks San-Ei and Table Tennis World for their on-going support of Australian table tennis.'

Table Tennis World added the below comments:

'We (Table Tennis World and San-Ei) are delighted to be the official supplier of the Table Tennis Equipment for the 2018 San-Ei Australian Junior Championships in Townsville. San-Ei while being the Olympic table for the Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020, is still committed to supporting Australian players of all ages and abilities by providing them an opportunity to play on what we believe is the best table tennis equipment in the world.

Table Tennis World and San-Ei look forward to working closely with Table Tennis Queensland to deliver another great event to build on the success from the 2015 Australian Veterans in Caloundra.'

For more information please visit the event website:  
[www.ausjuniors2018.com.au](http://www.ausjuniors2018.com.au)

To view the full range of San-Ei equipment available please visit:  
[www.tabletennisworld.com.au/san-ei-en](http://www.tabletennisworld.com.au/san-ei-en)

**Congratulations to Andrea McDonnell and all of the Australian Table Tennis Team members selected to compete at the Commonwealth Games!**



### TTA Welcomes Table Tennis World as a New Partner

TTA is pleased to announce that Table Tennis World has signed on as a new partner. Through the partnership, Table Tennis World will be the exclusive Equipment Supplier for the TTA Sporting Schools Program, as well as the Official Sponsor for the Best Player Awards at the Australian Veterans Championships.

Upon signing the agreement, Table Tennis World Director and Australian table tennis icon Paul Pinkewich said 'Table Tennis World will always try to help grow and develop the sport throughout Australia. Getting involved at the grass roots level through the TTA Sporting Schools Program enables us to provide access to table tennis to tens of thousands of children. We hope that the experience they have through school programs will encourage them to become regular players at club level and beyond. We're also happy to continue supporting the Best Player Awards at the Australian Veterans Championships. We've supported these awards for more than 10 years, but we're pleased to formalise our support through this agreement and we look forward to continuing to support TTA for many years to come'.

TTA Chairman Phil Males was equally pleased with the announcement, saying 'Table Tennis World have been a long time supporter of both TTA and table tennis in Australia. We're pleased that they've come on board through this partnership and we're looking forward to working together as TTA rebuilds towards a bright future. TTA welcomes Table Tennis World to our partner family and we're appreciative that they've shown faith by partnering with us'.

TTA is always looking to source partnerships with likeminded businesses. If you'd like to learn more about other opportunities available, please email [ceo@tabletennis.org.au](mailto:ceo@tabletennis.org.au).

### Scott Houston Appointed as Chief Executive Officer

The TTA Board are pleased to announce that Scott Houston has been appointed as the TTA CEO on a four-year contract.

Scott has been working as TTA Interim CEO since September 2017. In that time TTA has taken multiple positive steps forward and feedback about Scott's performance from all key stakeholders has been complimentary. Based on this, the TTA Board, after consulting with the Australian Sports Commission, had no hesitation in offering Scott the role of TTA CEO as an ongoing appointment.

Scott's appointment provides further stability around TTA's financial, operational and administrative requirements. With strong plans in place for 2018 and beyond, the TTA Board has full confidence that Scott will continue to lead the organisation forward.

Please join me in wishing Scott all the best for his ongoing appointment as TTA CEO.

Phil Males  
TTA Chairman





### Tip of the Month

#### Shorten Your Swing

This is especially important for people who play other sports like tennis, baseball, golf or softball. These sports typically encourage longer swings than are appropriate for table tennis. A longer swing gives you a higher margin of error and slower reaction time due to the extended time it takes to get your arm and body back in position. Table tennis is best played with a compact swing on both the forehand and backhand, limiting follow through on most shots but reserving a longer swing for offensive, topspin shots. Shortening the swing will also increase accuracy and help you to be more precise with your placement.



### Rule of the Month

#### Doubles, Order of play

Rule 2.08.02 states...

*"In doubles, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return, the partner of the server shall then make a return, the partner of the receiver shall then make a return and thereafter each player in turn in that sequence shall make a return."*

This means that you must follow the correct sequence for serving and receiving to comply with the table tennis doubles rules.

For example, let's imagine two teams ... A & B and X & Y.

Player A serves to player X who then returns the ball.

Player B must then play the next shot and player Y must play the next shot.

The same sequence must then be repeated (A, X, B, Y) until the point is decided.

Players can stand wherever they want, and can play their shots from any position. The only restriction is during the service, when the ball must be behind the server's end line (the same as in singles play).

## Group Coaching

### Tuesday Adult Coaching

**Coach:** Cathy Townsend

**7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**Cost: \$12 per session**

*Family \$20*

### Junior Squad Training

**Tuesday & Thursday**

**Coach:** Cathy Townsend

**Assistant Coach:** Van Cassis

**4:15pm - 6:00pm**

**Cost: \$10 per session**

**\$15 family Discount**

*Please see website for details and training schedule.*

## 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**

**Naoya Yamamoto - 0411 707 504**

**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.

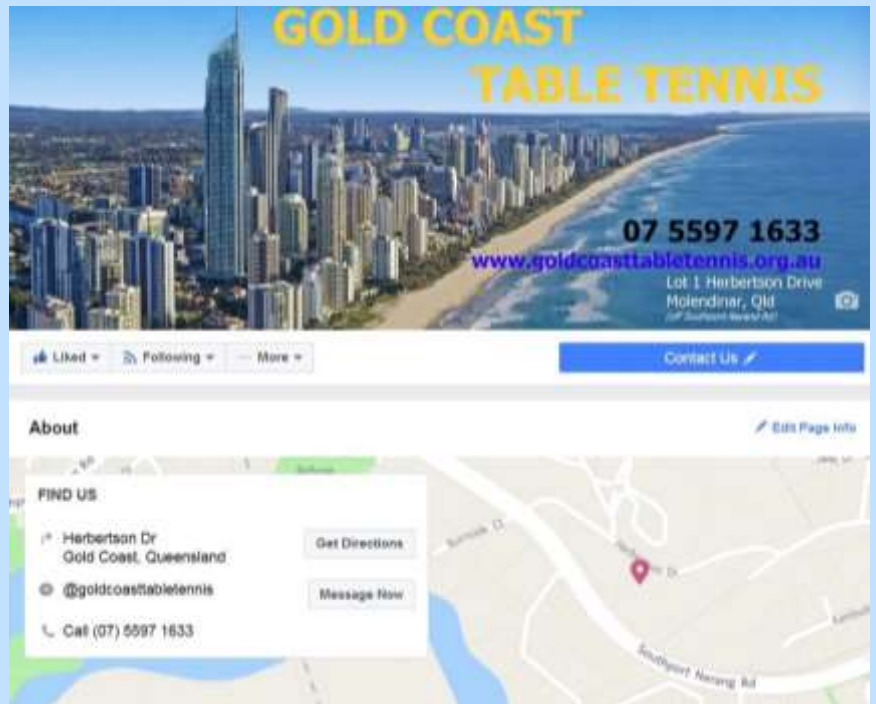


## GCTTA Facebook Page

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. 2018 Committee**

**President:** Mick Coughlan

**Vice-President:** Van Cassis

**Treasurer:** Matthew Jones

**Secretary:** Lukas Kozak

#### **Committee Members:**

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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](mailto: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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