

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.

Winter Fixtures

New season of fixtures commences in early May. If you would like to join in any of the comps and you have yet to submit your name, please let us know as soon as possible. Thank you.

2017 Winter Season begins on the following dates:

All-Stars: Monday 8 May

Div. 3 & 4: Wednesday 10 May

Div. 1 & 2: Thursday 11 May

FIXTURES

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

22nd-24th April - **QLD Juniors** (Mackay)

28th April - **GCTTA 50th Anniversary
Function** (German Club)

29th-30th April - **Wynnum Open**

29th April-1 May - **Townsville Open**

5th-7th May - **National Senior Top 10**
(Tweed Heads)

7th May - **State of Origin RD 1**

13th - 14th May - **Brisbane Open**

27th - 28th May - **QLD Open** (Gold Coast)

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PREVIEW OF WHAT'S TO COME AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUNCTION

STAND BY FOR FIREWORKS WHEN AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPION JAKE DUFFY AND FORMER BUNDESLIGA VETERAN JENS LANG TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT THE CLUB'S GOLDEN JUBILEE GALA NIGHT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28

THE PAIR WILL SQUARE OFF IN A SPECIAL EXHIBITION MATCH AT THE GERMAN CLUB, MERRIMAC AS A HEADLINE ACT ON THIS EVENING OF CELEBRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S HISTORY.

TEENAGER JAKE, RECENTLY NAMED AS A COMMONWEALTH GAMES AMBASSADOR, HOPES TO ADVANCE HIS CLAIMS TO REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN THE APRIL 2018 EVENT, AND SWEEPING THE BOARD IN THE AUSSIE JUNIOR LAST YEAR WAS ONE SIGNIFICANT STEP UP THE LADDER.

FINISHING THIRD IN THE NATIONAL TOP 10 WAS AN EVEN MORE TELLING NUDGE TO THE NATIONAL SELECTORS, AND THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL BE ALL ABOUT CONSOLIDATING HIS PLACE IN THE PECKING ORDER.

CLUB MEMBERS AND FANS OF THE SPORT WILL BE INTRIGUED TO SEE JAKE IN ACTION AGAINST A SEASONED PRO WHO REPRESENTED TTF BONEN, WUPPERTAL AND FC KOLN IN ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND CHALLENGING OF LEAGUES.

JENS IS THE SPORT COMPETITION MANAGER FOR THE COMM GAMES, HAVING LANDED THAT RESPONSIBILITY AFTER A SUCCESSFUL STINT AS HEAD COACH OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TEAM FROM 2011.

AS REGULAR TRAINING PARTNERS, JAKE AND JENS HAVE BEEN ADDING A FEW CROWD-PLEASING ELEMENTS TO THEIR ROUTINES WHICH ARE SET TO BE UNVEILED IN THEIR CLASH ... BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, ELITE COMPETITORS BELIEVE THERE IS NOTHING MORE ENTERTAINING THAN WINNING.

LET THE ACTION BEGIN!

EDITOR MARTIN ROGERS



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS
50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR
Est. 1967

50th ANNIVERSARY FUNCTION

LIVE BANDS

German Club Gold Coast
3 Jondique Ave Merrimac Qld
7pm Friday April 28th 2017
Buffet Menu Licensed Bar

\$10 per person
incl Entry & Buffet

Enquiries 0433 479 188 admin@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au
Please pre-purchase your tickets at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Club.
Limited tickets will be available at the function venue - Thank you

50th Year Shirts For Sale



Limited quantity & sizes available





2017 STATE OF ORIGIN

Round 1

QLD (Gold Coast) v NSW (South Tweed)

When: SUNDAY 7th May @ 10.00am QLD time

Where: Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre

The State of Origin event is a 3 person team competition across divisions 1 to 4 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.

QLD Open 2017

27-28 May
Gold Coast



Prize Money for all AGES!

Includes Junior, Veteran & Para Events!

QLD OPEN 2017

The Queensland Open Championships are due to be held from 27-28 May at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre. The event has been expanded to now include Junior, Veteran & Para events

Events:

- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Mixed Doubles
- Under 13, 15, 18, 21 Men's & Women's Singles
- O30,40,50,60,70 Men's & Women's Singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Para Singles

Prize Money:

The following prize money (per person) for the individual events will be presented at the Queensland Open:

	1st	2nd	Losing SF
Men's Singles	\$1000	\$200	\$50
Women's Singles	\$1000	\$200	\$50

All other Singles Events*: Winner: 40% of Entries
Runner Up: 20% of Entries

Entries closing date: Thursday 11th May 2017

Come along, participate or/and watch the top QLD players in action and support your club!



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Gold Coast Closed Norm Kay Handicap

2017 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Norm Kay Handicap

Monday 1st May from 7pm Fee: \$5

Gold Coast Closed

Div. 3 & 4: Wednesday 3rd May

Div. 1 & 2: Thursday 4th May

Fee: \$10

To Enter: players who would like to participate in

these can you please write your name down on the provided form located on the club fixture noticeboard or email info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au.

Playing Format: Depending on number of entries, each event will played in round robin groups followed by knock-out structure if required.



Queensland Schools Championships 2017

Regional Event

Gold Coast Table Tennis - Friday 19th May 2017

Who Can Play

The championships are open to all students from State, Independent, Religious and Home Schools in ONLY QUEENSLAND. Ages determined by the competitors age at the end of 2017.

Timetable of Each Event

8:30am Registration and Welcome

9:00am Competition Starts

2:45pm Presentation

State Final

Brisbane Table Tennis 86 Green Terrace, Windsor 23rd June 2017

To Enter Please "Type" all details into the Digital Excel Spreadsheet Entry Form and email to admin@tabletennisqld.org

For more information contact
Table Tennis Queensland

Closing Date

Monday 8th May 2017

Please return to

Email Completed Typed Digital Entry Form Spreadsheet to admin@tabletennisqld.org

Enquiries

07 3217 5579

ENTER NOW!



Table Tennis Queensland 2017 Supporter Page Launch

Table Tennis Queensland is pleased to introduce a new initiative from 2017 onwards, in the form of a Table Tennis Queensland Supporters Page.

Anyone involved in fundraising for their club knows how difficult it is to raise funds through sponsorship from businesses in your area. However, Table Tennis Queensland is of the belief that we do in fact have available to us many potential sponsors of our sport, namely OURSELVES!

With this in mind, Table Tennis Queensland is launching the Table Tennis Queensland Supporters Page, whereby members of Table Tennis Queensland, if they (or their business if they have one) are financially able, can contribute a donation to boost the funds that are available to promote the growth of our sport in Queensland. In return for your support you will receive a number of gifts and state-wide recognition.

The main objective for this year's funding is to coordinate a junior, youth, senior, veteran & para state training camp in late 2017 that will benefit all players and coaches involved. This funding will assist to facilitate the event. International coaches and other external presenters will be invited to educate players and coaches. Each year the TTQ Board will set a target project which the funding will be allocated towards.

To support such objectives, TTQ has set an initial target to try to raise a minimum of \$10,000 through the Supporters' Page during 2017. We are asking all members to consider trying to help us to reach this target. If each member of TTQ was able to donate \$5 per year (that's just 10 cents per week) to support table tennis, we would easily be able to raise our target of \$10,000.

Via the Supporters' Page, members can contribute any amount from as little as \$5, but you can also donate at higher levels, which will be recognised at Bronze (\$50-\$99.99), Silver (\$100-\$499.99) or Gold Level (\$500+) levels. As an indication, supporting at Bronze level could be achieved by putting ONE DOLLAR in a jar each week during the year, and making that donation at the end of the year.

Philanthropy is a common practice in many countries in the world. What we are proposing is that we adopt a philanthropic approach and become our own best supporters and sponsors by each member who is financially aiming to make a small donation each year to help us to achieve objectives such as those outlined above.

From a government funding point of view, this type of support from within our own ranks can also only aid us in our submissions, as it would demonstrate that as an organisation we are prepared to get in and have a go in supporting the development of our own sport.



I urge all members who are financially able, to seriously consider becoming an official "Table Tennis Queensland Supporter" in 2017 at whatever level is possible for your own circumstances. We have the potential within ourselves to raise the funds needed to put in place new initiatives that can lift the standard of Queensland table tennis to number one in Australia. Let's all get together and make it happen!

Trevor Barrett
President - Table Tennis Queensland

Member Gold Volunteer Award

COMMITTEE member Martin Rogers has been recognised by Table Tennis Queensland for 20 years' service to the sport as a volunteer.

In his time as secretary of the club from 1991-93 he was a prime mover in the quest for permanent premises and negotiated the acquisition of our current site with the old Albert Shire Council, as well as an interest-free loan which helped to kick-start the building program.

Martin later served as secretary of the Queensland association during which time he inaugurated the Top 10 tournament, and was one of the organisers of the 1999 Australian Veterans, the first major national championship staged on the Gold Coast.

He has had several stints on club and state management committees, and worked to promote the status of the club and the sport.

Martin's wife Lin is a former treasurer of the Gold Coast association, while their son, also Martin, who started at the club, represented Australia, won national youth titles here and in New Zealand, and played professionally in Germany, England, Belgium and Holland.





NEWS

High Performance Managers Introduction

A RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF HIGH PERFORMANCE

My name is Gary Walmsley and I am the newly appointed Queensland High Performance Manager. I am energetic, experienced and passionate about this opportunity.

Together with the Assistant High Performance Manager, Franck Rogieuz, I look forward to offering an All State High Performance Program to Coaches and Athletes across Queensland.

We are here to offer a preparedness for Athletes so they can make a major impact at State and National Level. For this impact to occur, we must have a united cause, Athletes who are single minded and passionate in their endeavours, and talented coaches who can make things happen.

Relentless High Performance activity is the key.

-Identification of those Athletes with the right attitude and desire is essential.

-Injection of skills, match play, fitness and sports thinking is vital.

How are we placed at the moment? We have some great individual Champions, past and present representing Queensland with great distinction. Do their results alone however, truly represent Queensland's rating nationally? In my opinion, we have a lot of work to do with Juniors, Seniors and Veterans. We also need a special focus on the urgent development of our Under 11 playing group.

It is great to see a growing number of Under 11 competitors at the 2017 Queensland Junior Championships.

Important High Performance objectives for TTQ include; being in the best competitive position possible for the 2018 Australian Junior Championships, 2018 Commonwealth Games, 2018 Australian Nationals and 2018 Australian Veterans. *Read further on TTQ website*

Australian Junior & Cadet Open Attracts Strong Field of Juniors & Cadets

Australia's best junior and cadet table tennis players will gather at Tweed Heads in New South Wales from the 8-11 April to contest the Australian Junior & Cadet Open, part of the ITTF World Junior Circuit.

Standing in their way will be athletes from Japan, New Zealand, Hong Kong and USA, with 42 competitors taking part.

All the top-ranked Australian players from last October's National Junior and Cadet Top Ten will be in action during the four-day event.

The junior boys' top three of Benjamin Gould, Rohan Dhooria and Bob Liang, and the junior girls trio of Holly Nicolas, Georgina Newton and Matilda Alexandersson will guarantee a hotly contested Australian Junior & Cadet Open.

In the cadet section, last October's boys' top three of Noah Kim, Nicholas Lum and Liem Luong, and successful girls' trio of Michelle Wu, Sue Bin Oh and Parleen Kaur have all entered this weekend.

Joining the Australian competitors will be Japanese teenagers Naoya Kawakami and Shunsuke Tsukidate in the junior boys, Hong Kong's Hon Man Li in the boys' cadets, and New Zealanders Nathan Xu (cadets), Yanglun Zhao (boys' juniors), Hui Ling Vong (girls' juniors) and American Lavanya Maruthapandian, competing in the girls' cadets.

**BECOME AN
OFFICIAL
SUPPORTER
TODAY!**



**TTQ is excited to launch a variety of
Supporter packages. Your support will go
towards the continued development of
Table Tennis in Queensland**



Tip of the Month

Develop sidespin serves

Few beginners use sidespin on their serves; whereas, top players use sidespin on almost every serve. Sidespin is almost always combined with either topspin or backspin; pure sidespin is extremely rare in table tennis. Particularly useful is a sidespin/backspin serve that is low to the net and bounces twice on the other side of the table. This type of serve will severely limit your opponent's serve return options.

NEWGY COACHING

Rule of the Month

Move the table

Rule 2.10 states...

"Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point if an opponent, or anything an opponent wears or carries, moves the playing surface."

This means that if you cause the table tennis table to move whilst the ball is still in play, you lose the point.

This usually happens when you rush forward to play a shot. After you've played your shot, your forward momentum can cause you to move the table.

However, if the ball wasn't in play when you moved the table tennis table, there's no penalty. For example, once the ball has bounced a second time (either on the table, floor, surroundings, or hits your opponent), the ball's no longer in play.

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

Assistant: Van Cassis

4:15pm - 6:00pm

Cost: \$10 / \$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.

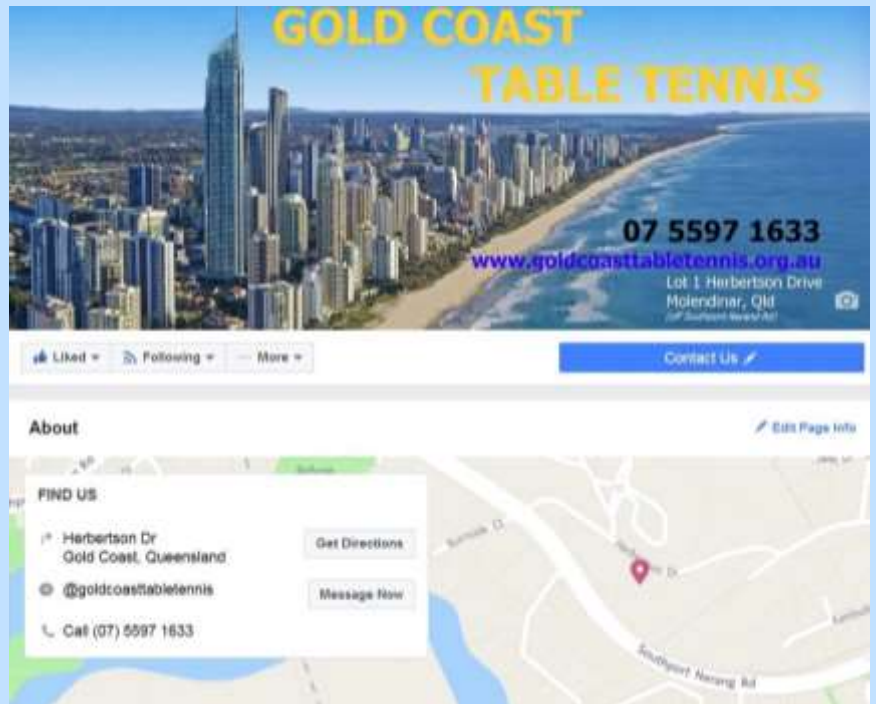


GCTTA Facebook Page

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.



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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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