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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	Premier, Div 1 & 2
Friday:	9am-Noon	Senior 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.



SEAMASTER 2018 ITTF WORLD TOUR

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

GEELONG ARENA 24-29 JULY

2018 ITTF Australian Open

The 2018 Australian Open will be staged in Geelong, Victoria from the 24-29 July. As part of the 2018 Seamaster ITTF World Tour, the **Platinum Series event will see the world's best athletes coming to Australia to compete for over 315,000USD in total prizemoney.**

<http://ittfoceania.com/events/australian-open/>

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

8th-14th July - **Australian National**

Championships (Mornington, Victoria)

24th-29th July - **ITTF Australian Open**

(Geelong, Victoria)

25th-29th July - **QLD Veteran**

Championships (Mackay)

11th-12th August - **Moreton Bay Veterans**

25th-26th August - **Gold Coast Open /**

Oceania Tour

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2018 QLD Closed Championships Report

The 2018 Queensland Open Championships were held at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre from 17-20 May. The best players from Queensland were in action, vying for spots in the Queensland Senior & Youth teams.

A new teams format was implemented at this years event. The Men's teams format changed from 3 person team format to 2 person per team. This change aligned with the new National Senior Championships format. Also over the last couple of years via player surveys, the preference indicated by the majority of male players was to include doubles in the teams format.

The Men's Teams event saw 14 teams (34 players) in action. The semi-finals saw Brisbane A (Bruno Levis & Benjamin Gould) get the better of UQ A (Stanley Chan, Mikael Lereah & Fred Xu). While Gold Coast A (Jake Duffy, Dominic Huang & Lukas Kozak) progressed to the final by defeating Moreton Bay Chanung Jung & Richard Littler).

In the final Bruno Levis led the Brisbane A team to victory by defeating Jake & Dominic both 3-1. Brisbane A defeated Gold Coast A 3 2 overall. While UQ A won by the same margin over Moreton Bay to claim bronze.

The standout performers in the event were Bruno Levis (16-0), Chanung Jung (13-3) & Dominic Huang (11-2).

Special mention to the Wynnum youngsters Jithen Aluwihare

& Brian Liao, who both pulled off a number of upsets throughout the event. In the Women's Teams event 7 teams (15 players) were competing for the title. The University of Queensland duo (Maeva Causse & Yuki Ko) were a class above winning all 6 of the matches. Maeva Causse led the way winning all 12 of her matches.

The Brisbane team of Kelsey Le Maistre & Natahlia Werner claimed silver, while Gold Coast B team of Ruth Cordingley & Marianne Dengate produced a number of upsets enroute to their bronze medal. Special mention to Rebekah Stanley

Women's Team event medallists who finished with an impressive record of 10 wins and 2 losses.

The individual events saw a very high standard of play across all events. In the Men's singles Bruno Levis performed exceptionally to dispatch of Hayden Green & Mateo Dvorani to progress to the final. While Mikael Lereah defeated the #3 (Benjamin Gould) and #2 seed (Chanung Jung) to face Bruno. Bruno lifted his play yet again to defeat Mikael 4-0 to win the Men's singles title.

Mackay representative Rebekah Stanley defeated Moreton Bay local Ashley Martin in the Women's Singles semi-final, while Maeva Causse continued her good form by defeating Kelsey Le Maistre (Brisbane) to advance to the final. Maeva proved too strong in the decider, winning 4-0 over Rebekah.

In the Doubles events, Gold Coast local Dominic Huang partnered with Benjamin Gould to claim the Men's doubles title. They defeated Wynnum pair Erwann Quinquis & Hayden Green 3-1 in the final.

Rebekah Stanley combined with Ashley Martin to take out the Women's doubles event. Rebekah backed this up by then combining with Chanung Jung to also claim the Mixed doubles title.



Finally in the Under 21 Singles, in was an all Brisbane affair in the U21 Men's singles final. Benjamin Gould produced the goods to defeat Mateo Dvorani 3-1. While Maeva Causse added the Under 21 Women's title to her record by getting the better of Yuki Ko 3-0. Maeva's outstanding play was recognised as she was awarded the

President's shield at the event presentation.

Table Tennis Queensland would like to thank everyone involved in coordinating the Queensland Closed Championships. This included the event referees Zark Roksandic & Will Almasi. Also the umpires on finals day such as Anthony Jeffress, Peter Easling & TTQ Life Member Mick McShane. Also thanks to the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association for their fantastic support in coordinating the event.



HELP SAVE DIEGO FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 30 June, the club ran a **SECOND** fundraiser table tennis group session for member and good friend Diego Espinosa who absolutely loves table tennis. Last time we raised around \$1100. This time we **SMASHED** the previous amount and raised \$1790. A big gratitude and sincere thanks to everyone who donated.

For those of you who don't know Diego or his story, please check out his GoFund me page @ <https://www.gofundme.com/helpdiegofightbraincancer>.

Tell your family and friends, so he can get the most support he can! Or better yet, come down to the table tennis club and give Diego a game (don't let him win)!

Special thanks to Dominic Huang, Jake Duffy and Matilda Alexandersson for running the session and to all attendees who turned up to show that Gold Coast Table Tennis community is behind Diego in his fight against brain cancer.



2018 QLD Juniors

The 2018 QLD Junior Championships was held in Brisbane from 1st to 4th July.

The Gold Coast Junior Team was represented by five players: u/18 Girls Team Matilda Alexandersson & Danni-Elle Townsend, u/13 Boys Carter Buick, and u/11 Boys Team Angelo Lim & Askyn Toko-Watene. Congratulations to our Gold Coast u/18 Girls Team, newly crowned State Champions, winning the Gold and finishing undefeated in the teams event. In the order of merit ranking, Danni got 1st & Matilda 3rd.

In the individual events, Well done and Congrats to Matilda on winning the gold in the u/18 Girls Singles & Mixed Doubles.

Our 3 junior boys competed in the State titles for the first time. All performed extremely well, achieving several wins, and gaining valuable experience. Askyn got ranked order of merit 9 in the u/11 Boys.

A big appreciation must go to the Head Coach Cathy Townsend and parent assistant Jayme Watene for the help and support in coaching and accommodating the juniors. Finally, but not least, we must thank all the parents for their time and effort in preparing the players for the event. Thank you all.

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



The New ITTF - Interview with ITTF CEO

Check out this interview with Steve Dainton, a proud Aussie who's CEO of ITTF - it's onwards and upwards for global table tennis.

We caught up with ITTF CEO Steve Dainton at the Seamaster 2018 ITTF World Tour China Open, to find out more about some of the major decisions and changes that were discussed and made at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Board of Directors Meeting.

Q: At the Liebherr 2018 World Table Tennis Championships we saw some changes in the ITTF, for example for the first time the ITTF published a Strategic Plan and launched an ITTF Foundation. Can you tell us more about these?

A: The Halmstad World Championships was a really great event for the new ITTF, we were able to show all the positive changes we have made over the past 12 months. Under the leadership of the new Executive Committee and our President Mr. Thomas Weikert, one of our biggest goals was to come up with a Strategic Plan to guide the whole team to be working in a positive, transparent and guided direction.

In Halmstad, we also launched the ITTF Foundation. The ITTF have traditionally been very strong in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) area as part of our development programme in the past.

As part of our Strategic Plan, we are now making an effort to have two streams of development: one is the CSR and using "Sport for Development", and the other is High Performance or "Sports Development". Having the Foundation means we could separate these two areas of development in a much more clearer way and the Foundation can therefore fully put its efforts into the CSR projects of the ITTF and hopefully make them even bigger and have more projects than in the past. This was also approved at the AGM with full majority.

At the same time, we believed that the ITTF has to put more resources into High Performance to try and have more high-level players from different parts of the world competing with some of our favourite players from China, Japan and other parts of Asia and Europe. So, we would like to have more and more players from all over the world to compete at the highest level.

Q: We also noted, what some would say a controversial decision, that there will quite a big shift in the model of the World Championships in the future. Can you tell us more?

A: At the Board of Directors meeting, we had a proposal from our "Future Events Working Group" to have a major philosophical and concept change to how our World Championships will be played, with the full support of our Executive Committee. Traditionally we have an "open World Championships" where players from every country could play. But the reality showed only approximately 50% of our members participated and very few were visible in the media or in their own country.

The Future Events Working Group, after a long process working with the world-renowned Consultancy & Finance company Deloitte, came up with the proposal that players & countries will need to compete in continental stages to reach the final stages of the World Championships. As you said there was a lot of scepticism about whether this was a good move and direction from a lot of the members as they weren't sure.

However, the great news was that the proposal garnered an extremely strong majority at the Board of Directors, so it's a signal that the Board of Directors were in favour of this change. They represent all the continents showing they were also fully behind this new ITTF.

Q: Was there any other major changes in Halmstad and how was the general feeling to these changes.

A: One of the other big change was to the ITTF Constitution. In his election campaign in 2016, our current President Thomas Weikert mentioned that he wants to ensure that the ITTF follows Good Governance principles.

One of the first step was to look deeper into our Constitution, and to see what changes will be necessary to ensure better governance inside the ITTF. In fact, the proposal that went to the AGM consisted quite a number of changes. We were pleasantly surprised the AGM voted with 100% majority to make changes. I think a lot of confidence was gained at the meetings in Halmstad when the members and Board of Directors are fully supporting these big changes for the ITTF.

Q: We also saw the news of the Unified Korea team in Halmstad. It was such a wonderful story and historic moment, but there were also some critics from the sporting community. Was it a hard decision for the ITTF?

A: If you were asked whether you would help two countries to make peace, I think it's a quite easy answer, especially with ITTF's History of helping diplomacy and peace in the past. Of course, to implement the idea needed a lot of technical discussion, and these were not always easy to execute because it all happened at the very last minute. With full support of the other teams and with the Board of Directors' full endorsement, then it was clear we should go ahead and everyone should be very proud. This was also justified by all major news agencies reporting positively about this action.

Q: In general, what can we expect to see from the ITTF in the coming months and years. What are some of the major goals?

A: Well, as I have been talking, you can sense that there's a lot of positive feeling about the new ITTF, both our senior management and our Executive Committee were very impressed and happy that they got full support in Halmstad. Within 1 year to get that full support, it allows the new Executive Committee and our new senior management to go faster in our push to reform.

In the coming months, we will be increasing our capacity in order to become more professional. We will see more staff in marketing and media because this is an area that can expand a lot, it has been already doing very well since taking our rights back in house, but we really need much people to help us achieve the maximum goals, especially with increased support to our continents so we can become even more unified. We have increased already in Para table tennis as we continue to integrate more, and we will also increase staff in order to help grow sport for all, with a particular initial focus on TTX and Veterans.

We will start to see more development in our High Performance programme, where the ITTF will develop new modern programs, and even set up professional training centres around the world which are managed and operated by the ITTF.

We will work hard to come up with a fantastic competition model and system for the future of our World Championships. I think the new World Championships system and model can be a game changer for our sport, and most importantly be a game changer in parts of the world where table tennis is not as well developed.

These are the key areas that we will see a lot of effort from the new ITTF, and at the end it's all connected to our Strategic Plan and it'll be a bright future for the new ITTF.

It's been a great year and a great start to the new ITTF, but I really feel it's only the beginning. Table Tennis. For All. For Life.





The Queensland Veteran Table Tennis Championships 2018 are due to be held at the Mackay Table Tennis Centre from 25-29 July 2018.

TO VIEW EVENT INFO
Please visit <http://tabletennisqld.org>

The Championships will feature events for Over 30 - Over 80's and Para athletes.

The National Veteran Championships will be held in Bendigo, Victoria in October

Good luck to the QLD Senior & Youth Teams competing at the National Seniors in Victoria, 9-14 July

Men A		Women	
Dominic Huang	Gc	Min Hyung Jee	Uq
Bruno Lewis	Br	Wen Ching Ko	Uq
Jake Duffy	Gc		

Men B		Under 21 Women	
Berjamin Gault	Br	Malida Alexandersson	Gc
Mateo Dvorani	Br	Rebekah Stanley	Mk
Yanning Xu	Uq		

Under 21 Men A		Under 21 Men B	
Andy Nguyen Huynh	Br	Benjamin Lander	Br
Hayden Green	Wy	Richard Litter	Mb
Rayden Smith	Rk		

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TTA STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – BRISBANE



TTA is developing a new 2019-2022 Strategic Plan and we want you to have your say on what could be included – you're invited to an Open Forum session to put your views forward. Full details are:

DATE: Saturday 18th August 2018
TIME: 5:30pm for light dinner, 6:00-8:00pm for Open Forum
WHERE: Brisbane Table Tennis Association – 86 Green Terrace, Windsor, 4030
PRESENTER: TTA CEO Scott Houston
WHO CAN ATTEND: Anyone and everyone, the more the merrier!
WHAT'S INVOLVED: Discussing what could be included in the next Strategic Plan for Australian table tennis – big picture goals, what's working well, what can we do better, developing a vision, mission and values.
CATERING: Light dinner provided.

To reserve your place, please contact Scott Houston on scott@tabletennis.org.au or CALL 0655 560. NOTE: Reservations are essential for catering and venue purposes.



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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://](https://mastersgames.com.au/ppmg/sports/table-tennis/)

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Bruno & Min dominate QLD Open

The 2018 Queensland Open Championships were held at the Rockhampton Table Tennis Centre from 28-29 April. Participants from all over the state took part in the event.

The new format of the event which includes junior & veteran aged events, again proved to be popular, with an increase in the number of events being held in comparison to 2017.

The marquee events (Open Men's & Women's Singles) were held on the Saturday evening. In the Men's singles Chanung Jung from Moreton Bay narrowly defeated Hayden Green from Wynnum 4-3 in the semi-finals, while in the other semi Bruno Levis took care of Mitch Connor 4-0 to advance. Bruno yet again proved his class by defeating Chanung 4-0 to claim the title.



In the Women's Singles, Rockhampton local Erica Nolan made it all the way to the final by defeating Emma Widdup 4-2 in the semi-final. While number 1 seed Min Jee Hyung defeated Rebekah Stanley 4-0 in the other semi. Min proved to be too strong in the final winning 4-0. Min redeemed her defeat last year to Vicky Wu by going one better this year.

Rockhampton locals enjoyed success in the doubles event. Firstly in the Mixed doubles Paula Hockings & Joel Coughlan defeated Rebekah Stanley & Chanung Jung 3-2 in an entertaining final.

Joel then combined with brother Dane in the Men's doubles and overcame number 1 seeds Chanung Jung & Richard Littler, again narrowly getting the win 3-2.

Mackay representative Rebekah Stanley & Ashley Martin from Moreton Bay claimed the Women's doubles titles by defeating Erica Nolan and Leah Scott 3-0 in the final.

TTQ would like to thank Rockhampton Mayor Margaret Strelow & Mr Barry O'Rourke, Member for Rockhampton for attending the QLD Open presentations on the Sunday afternoon.

Thanks also to the referees of the event Joe Clifton, Jason Hockings & Allan Clarke for their efforts in preparing the draws and coordinating the event.

Finally TTQ would like to thank the Rockhampton Table Tennis Association, Allan Clarke and the Rockhampton committee for their assistance in hosting the 2018 Queensland Open Championships. To view all results, please visit the Table Tennis Queensland website and click on the competition link.

New TTA National Office to Open in Adelaide

TTA has decided to close its existing National Office in Brisbane and will open a new National Office in Adelaide. The Brisbane office will close as of this Friday 29 June and the new Adelaide office is expected to open by late July/early August. Further information will be provided in due course in relation to new phone numbers and new address details. The decision to move the location of the National Office follows on from a series of financial, administrative and operational changes in recent months.

Buddy Reid & Igor Klaf are World Champions, Aussies Claim Eight Medals

More than 100 Aussies travelled to Las Vegas to compete at the World Veterans Championships from 18-24 June 2018. With a star-studded line-up in action including multiple World, Olympic and Continental Champions from yesteryear, our paddlers acquitted themselves with distinction by claiming eight medals including one gold.

Buddy Reid and Igor Klaf stole the show from the Aussie contingent by becoming World Champions in Over 75 Men's Doubles. After working their way through the early rounds, the Victorians outlasted the German brothers Horst and Jurgen Langer 3-1 in the semi final, before holding their nerve to come back from 2-1 down to claim a 5 games victory in the final over another German duo, Siegfried Lemke and Uwe Wienprecht. Hearty congratulations Buddy and Igor!

Multiple other Aussies also featured in the medals, summarised as follows:

GOLD

Buddy Reid and Igor Klaf (Over 75 Men's Doubles)

SILVER

Tony Herbert and Hans Pappon (Over 85 Men's Doubles)

Betty Bird and Jean White (England) (Over 80 Women's Doubles)

BRONZE

Katherine Gao (Over 50 Women's Singles)

Alice Abbas (Over 60 Women's Singles)

Paul Pinkewich and Nakamura Kotaro (Japan) (Over 65 Men's Doubles)

Buddy Reid (Over 75 Men's Singles)

Betty Bird (Over 80 Women's Singles)

Special mention also to our very own Dave Delpratt, who was Deputy Referee, further underlining his international credentials in the world of officiating.

Hats off to everyone who represented Australia, you've done yourselves and Australia proud!

For full results, visit the event website: <http://wvc2018.com/>



Tip of the Month

Keep your eyes mostly on the opponent's bat when receiving a serve

If you have ever seen World Champion Jan-Ove Waldner play, you can see that he makes a quick glimpse at how high the ball is tossed, then watches back down to the racket. If you keep your eyes on the ball, the server will baffle you with his deceptions.

Mix up your returns when receiving

Most players too often tend to push, allowing their opponents to start the offense. Mixing up loops, drives, pushes, chops, etc. provides for excellent variation and a bewildered opponent.

Rule of the Month

Errors in serving or receiving

Rule 2.14.01 states that...

"If a player serves or receives out of turn, play shall be interrupted by the umpire as soon as the error is discovered and shall resume with those players serving and receiving who should be server and receiver respectively at the score that has been reached, according to the sequence established at the beginning of the match and, in doubles, to the order of serving chosen by the pair having the right to serve first in the game during which the error is discovered".

This means that if during the course of a game you discover that you are not playing in the correct sequence, you must stop the game and resume playing in the correct sequence.

The table tennis rules say that all points scored before the discovery of the error shall remain.

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 training schedule.

PRIVATE COACHING

The following coaches are available for one on one lessons:

Cathy Townsend - 0421 397 255

Georgy De Leon - 0416 619 516

Ben Houghton - 0401 605 448

Jake Duffy - 0405 833 099

Dominic Huang - 0410 969 898

Naoya Yamamoto - 0404 877 995

Stella Shim - 0466 133 301

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

Please contact for bookings and rates.

Thank you.

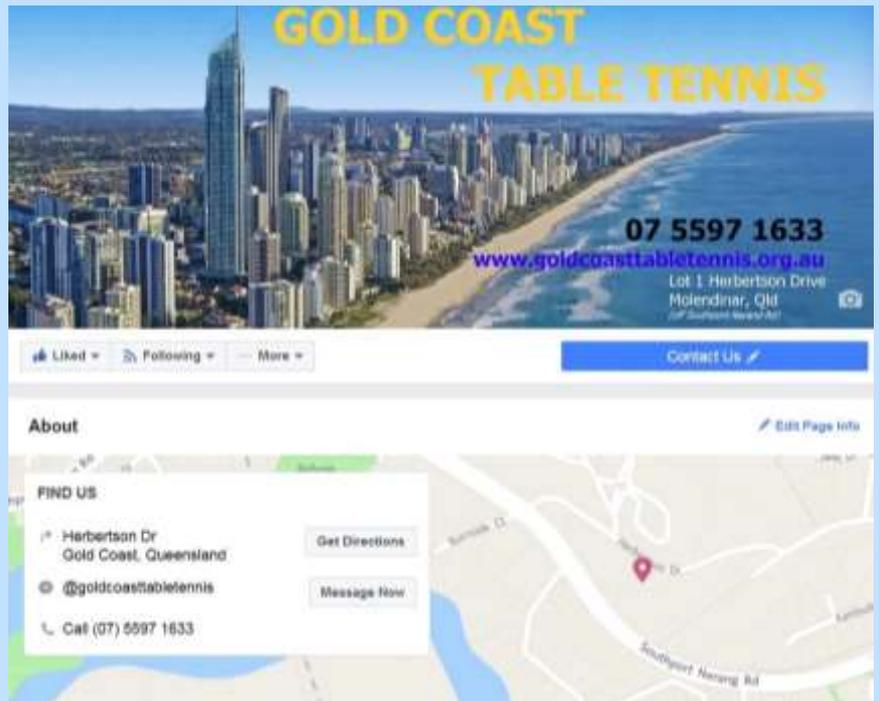


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Your contribution in commenting and liking our posts, will increase our number of followers and development of networks.



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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

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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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