



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.

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm
to be held at Gold Coast Table Tennis

*All current financial members over 18yrs
are invited to attend*

**AGM forms can be downloaded from
the home page of the club website or
hard copy available at the centre.**

Thank you

Details & notices is displayed on the club
noticeboard and website

GCTTA CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATIONS

Sunday 17th December @ Noon

Nerang RSL

69 Nerang Street, Nerang

Members and their Families and Friends

are invited to attend!



\$25 per person

Set Menu Lunch



Come along and support your club!

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gossip corner

SINGAPORE, who won gold at the 2014 Commonwealths in Glasgow, have chosen the Gold Coast centre as their training base for the 2018 Games. They are likely to be spearheaded by Gao Ning, who has a stack of gold and silver medals to his name in teams, singles and doubles. Li Hu, with whom he won the doubles in Scotland, and Zhan Jian, who beat him in the individual final, completed the title-winning men's team and assuming the same three are in Australia, they will be exceptionally hard to unseat. The \$45 million super sound stage at Movie World is being configured into a 3,200-seat arena for next April's table tennis.

Other teams to have expressed interest in accessing the club's facilities include India, another powerhouse in Commonwealth table tennis terms.

Only when the final take-up is known will the club be able to confirm its plans for the month-long period running up to and including the Games. But committee are hopeful it will be possible to maintain normal business during that period. Discussions are ongoing with Jens Lang, the supremo of table tennis for the April 4-15 event, in constant liaison with Gold Coast and Queensland TTA key personnel. The opportunity exists to give the sport locally a significant shot in the arm.

MATILDA Alexandersson is headed for another big event on the international calendar, the only Queensland girl in the Australian girls team for the 2017 ITTF World Junior Championships in Riva del Garda, Italy from November 26 to December 3. It is a further feather in her cap following impressive efforts in major events here this year, including the national junior titles. Veteran player/administrator Jenny Langridge will coach the side which also includes Parleen Kaur and Michelle Wu from Victoria and Holly Nicolas (WA). Queenslanders Mateo Dvorani and Ben Gould are in the boys team, completed by Rohan Dhooria (ACT) and Bob Liang (NSW) with Tatsuya Hidaka as coach.

TALKING of the Alexandersson family, Jan and Susanne are making their presence felt in Division one of fixtures, along with another husband and wife team in Roy and Yuriko Newcombe. It's turning the clock back to see Roy, who has been around the Queensland scene for many years, back in the sort of vintage form which earned him state selection back in the day. His late father Don, a past president of the Gold Coast association and one of the club's original pioneers, was instrumental in organising a youth stream a few years ago, the benefits of which handed the club a conveyor belt of young talent.

ANOTHER couple featuring consistently, although on different nights, are former committee member Damien Yep who continues to be a solid Division Two contributor, while Anna Hollingsworth has been showing a steady return to form after moving back up to Division Three. Anna was an up and coming player before taking family time out but was coaxed back mid-year, and quickly enough reminded Wednesday nighters of her capabilities. It's another illustration of just portable a sport table tennis is, offering the chance to re-engage no matter how and how long absences from the scene might be.

GREAT to see a younger element playing in competition, with Ray Winson, a 12-year-old All Saints School boy and graduate from junior coaching sessions, a regular in the Division Four spring competition. He could soon be joined by Angie Djurovitch, 13, who attends Emmanuel College. She's been coming along in recent weeks with dad David and brother Anthony, two high-achieving newcomers to the club. With a big programme coming up in 2018, we are already keen to actively recruit fresh talent of all ages, shapes and sizes. Continually adding to the talent pool and building numbers is a constant ambition.

WE are awaiting news of a possible 'Origin' style challenge match featuring the Gold Coast Dolphins, the area's district cricket club. The Dolphins have a table permanently set up at their Kerrydale headquarters, and recently held an intraclub competition. History records that the two sporting bodies did have just such a gathering in the 1990s, played across several grades. And Andrew Symonds, arguably their most outstanding player who went on to star for Australia (and now lives in Townsville), was such a table tennis enthusiast he would challenge any and all comers after state training sessions.

EDITOR MARTIN ROGERS





2017 Gold Coast Open Review

The clubs annual Open Championships was held on the weekend of 26th & 27th August. Around 80 entrants participated in the tournament across 30 events in various grades and age group categories.

Most of the players who entered were from Southern QLD. It was a great to see the defending Champion and 2016 Paralympic Games Silver medallist Samuel Von Einem attend the event from Adelaide. We also had several participants who came from Townsville, Cairns, Sydney & Malaysia. We appreciate these players who

travelled so far to attend our event and thank you for your support.

To the matches. This year we had a new Open Singles Champion in Mickael Lereah from France, studying in Brisbane, who defeated last years winner Samuel Von Einem 4-1 in an entertaining final. In the Women's Open singles, first time winner Vicky Wu from Sunnybank was victorious in straight games over Maeva Causse, from France, student at UQ. Congratulations to both the Open and Women's Open Champions. Other notable winners from the Gold Coast were Ben Houghton claiming the 1800 Singles category, older stalwarts Martin Solomons 060 Winner, Werner Borkhardt 070 Winner, and Yuriko Newcombe winner of the Women's Veteran Singles. Well done to all of the Gold Coast players.

The Club would like to thank the many volunteers who played a major role in the success of the event. In assisting with running the tournament, Referee Zark, Petr, Jakub, Hannah & others. In the canteen, Agnes, Van, Mary, Phil, Heinz and on the BBQ Mick and Charlie. Thank you all for your service, time and support.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the event sponsor, Stag, prizemoney and equipment sponsorship contribution to the event.

Help Save Diego Training Session

21st October 2017 - STORY BY DOMINIC HUANG

When I first heard that my friend, Diego, had brain cancer, I was shocked. Feelings of fear, emptiness and confusion flooded my mind, as I struggled to grasp his situation. It was scary to realise that cancer could affect anybody, regardless of age, race or beliefs. After reading his gofundme page and learning about his story and journey so far, I was compelled to help in any way I could.

I watched this man play table tennis. I watched him put in 110% in moving to the ball, hitting the ball and winning matches. I watched him enjoy every moment of it.

With this in mind, Matilda, Jake and I have decided to run a series of table tennis masterclasses to raise funds for his treatment. Today, we ran the first group session with around twenty people with ages ranging from eight years old to over seventy-five, teaching them the intricacies of the sport. And we hope that everyone



loved every moment of it, like Diego has. It is amazing how sport can take the mind off all the sources of stress and complications in life, helping build an extremely focused and happy individual.

We've raised over a thousand dollars so far which is an encouraging step towards Diego's goal of \$115000 for surgery.

Please read his story and support him as much as you can: <https://www.gofundme.com/helpdiegofightbraincancer>

A special thanks must go to Kalana Vithana for his help with the poster and Lukas Kozak for his support.

Transcript of Speech from Dominic.

'Any amount, no matter how small or great, would mean the world to Diego, his wife, his family and his friends. However, there is another deeper message from this event that we would like you, Diego to hear. It is that we, as the table tennis community will be your coach in your corner; we will be your support team, cheering you on from the sidelines; and most importantly we will always be with you, every step of the way, as you beat cancer. You were telling me the other night that when you play table tennis, your mind is entirely focused on hitting the right shots, moving your feet and enjoying every single moment of it. So let's do that and love every moment of it.'





2017 STATE OF ORIGIN

Round 2

NSW (South Tweed) v QLD (Gold Coast)

When: SUNDAY 26 November @ 10am QLD time

Where: SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB

4 Minjungbal Drive (old Pacific Highway), Tweed Heads, NSW

The State of Origin event is a 3 person team competition across match across 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.



Big Serve Table Tennis Challenge Report

The Big Serve Challenge was held on Tue 12th September

Players were divided into 2 round robin groups where each match consisted of one single game to 15 points. This enabled the night to run at a comfortable smooth pace before the knock-out phase. After the dust cleared 8 players remained standing.

In the quarters Brett Collins claimed a surprise victory by lifting his standard to overcome the more (Big Serve) experienced Philip Vandeplassche and thus make it through to the semi finals. But predictably his good run came to an abrupt halt when he then met the never-out-of

-form Lukas Kozak who had already accounted for Diego. In the other half Daniel Jurin, normally proficient in the Big Serve concept was struggling to find form after not having played comp for a while. Perhaps he was also thinking too much about his upcoming school holidays when he went down to Peter Luxton. However in the subsequent semi final match there was no doubt about the superiority of Mark Mulley who comfortably dominated play against the veteran Luxton.

The final between Lukas and Mark was quite an entertaining encounter. After shooting off to a great start by winning the first game, Mark was within a whisker of winning the second which would almost have guaranteed his path to ultimate victory. He had numerous game points. During one game point in particular when Lukas was hopelessly out of position, he appeared to be perfectly poised to crush a loose ball but instead dumped it into the net. Perhaps the thought of having his name engraved on the toilet-seat-shaped-trophy was not incentive enough for him. (*Author's note to self: Next time advise that trophy looks more like an inverted keyhole than toilet seat – Actually it is supposed to look like a TT bat). From that point onwards Lukas gradually became more comfortable and had the slight edge in the match. That being said, Mark did manage to steal the fourth game and send it into a decider in which Lukas duly prevailed.

Final score: Lukas Kozak def Mark Mulley 10-15, 18-16, 15-11, 15-17, 15-7

Congratulations to first time participants Julie, Jaxon, Diego, Frank and Bing who accepted the challenge and successfully adjusted to the Big Serve concept. Such an experience can only benefit their conventional game by expanding on the skills they have already mastered.

BY PETER LUXTON



Sam's stay benefits youngsters

While on a recent family holiday to the Gold Coast, Paralympic athlete Sam von Einem took time out to promote table tennis to local youngsters.

Von Einem, from Adelaide, attended the Gold Coast Rec & Sport Disabilities Session and the Junior Training Program at Gold Coast Table Tennis Association and put on display the skills which landed him a silver medal in the Rio Paralympic Games in 2016.

With his newly-found high profile in the sport, von Einem sees the importance of promoting table tennis at the grass-roots level.

"I like meeting people with disabilities to encourage them to participate in sport - and act as a role model to show them that with hard work you can achieve your dreams", von Einem said

"I am always happy to meet junior players to help get more children excited about playing table tennis".

Von Einem's passion for the sport comes as no surprise to Table Tennis Australia High Performance Director Sue Stevenson.

"Sam is the epitome of what an elite athlete should be. He trains extremely hard towards his Paralympic goals but is also always eager to contribute back to his beloved sport of table tennis whenever the opportunity arises", Stevenson said.

His recent appearance at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association is a perfect example of this".

The upcoming National Senior Championships (this month) and Thai Para Open (October) tournaments are von Einem's immediate playing focus.

Stevenson adds "surrounded by his team at the South Australian Sports Institute and his local coaches, Sam is working hard in the lead up to next year's World Para Championships and the 2020 Paralympic Games".



Highlighting his outstanding athletic versatility, von Einem also won the 2017 INAS Australia Tennis Open for Athletes with a Disability in Melbourne in January.

When not on-court, von Einem is a fan of the Fox Sports television channels and follows Chelsea Football Club as a die-hard supporter.

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10:00am - 12:00 noon
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News Flash!



Agnes Herbertson, one of the club's oldest members, celebrated her 88th birthday on 12 September 2017.

Agnes has now reached the grand total of 44 years with Gold Coast Table Tennis Association, which is amazingly half of her lifetime.

A surprise party was arranged during All-Stars play on Monday, 11 September. Play stopped, as a general let was called. Pink iced cupcakes, strawberries and cream, candles and a flashing Happy Birthday sign appeared and Agnes was led to the table. Everyone in the hall sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed the impromptu feast.

Agnes commented, "A wonderful surprise, I had no inkling of what was to take place."

(Note: Agnes has been playing very well in recent weeks, particularly in her beloved doubles.)





NEWS

HISTORY IS MADE!

The 2017 National Senior Table Tennis Championships were recently held in Campbelltown, South Australia from 23-30 September. A Queensland contingent of 11 players (5 teams) and 2 coaches took on the nations best.

In the Men's teams competition three Queensland teams were in action. The highlight being the QLD Men's A incredible journey throughout the event.

The Men's A team which included Jake Duffy and Altantulga (Aagii) Lkhagvadorj got off to a shaky start in the group B stage. QLD C (Mateo Dvorani & Ben Houghton upset them 3-2 and NSW A played very well to defeat them 5-0. The team finished second in the group on a countback.

Finishing second in group B meant they had to face first place from group A which was the number 1 seeds Victoria A. Aagii got the team off to a great start easily defeating Dillon Chambers 3-0. Jake then faced off against Australian Olympian David Powell, down 2-1 Jake produced some incredible play and managed to pull off the comeback to win 3-2.

However the Victorians didn't give up despite being down 2-0. Dillon produced an upset victory over Jake and David then levelled up the tie 2-2 after beating Aagii 3-1. This meant the doubles rubber would determine the result. The Victorian duo won the opening game, but Jake and Aagii turned it around to win the next 3 games to advance to the gold medal match. NSW B surprisingly defeated NSW A in the other semi, advancing to take on QLD.

Joe Lim got NSW B off to a cracking start defeating Aagii 3-0. Jake Duffy was up next to face Jake Lee, Duffy was down 2-1 and yet again displayed true grit and determination to comeback and win 3-2. Jake's next match again went to 5 games, he got the victory 3-2, 13-11 in the fifth. Aagii then had the chance to clinch gold in the next singles match, but Jake Lee narrowly got the win 11-8 in fifth.

Similar to the semi-final, the doubles would determine the result of the match. Jake and Aagii lost the first two games 11-9 & 11-2 and NSW B had all of the momentum. Against all odds QLD levelled it up 2-2, and incredibly won the 5th game 13-11 to clinch the Gold medal.

The never give up attitude displayed by Jake and Aagii was amazing to see.

The support from the coaching staff, fellow team members, family and friends all contributed to the victory.

This was the first time since 1956

Queensland has won the Men's

teams title at the National Senior

Championships! Phil Anderson,

Arden Robinson, Henry Porter & Cecil Shaw were members of that QLD

team.

The QLD Women's team (Vicky Wu and Min Hyung Jee) finished in third place overall. Min went undefeated throughout the event and finished #2 in the order of merit while Vicky also played very well and was #9 in the order of merit.

Congratulations to all QLD team members on their efforts during the event. Your hard work and commitment is reflected in the great results! To view all results visit the TTQ website.



Scott Houston Appointed Interim CEO of TTA

The Board of TTA are pleased to announce that Scott Houston has been appointed to the role of Interim CEO. Scott will remain in the role until after the 2018 Commonwealth Games, after which time a permanent appointment will be made.

Scott has long been involved with table tennis in Australia and has the required skills set to take TTA forward. After finishing his playing career, Scott has held multiple positions within TTA including 2016 Olympic Games Team Leader, 2014 Commonwealth Games Section Manager, National Selector, National High Performance Committee Member, National Para Committee Member and National Junior Coach. Most recently Scott was a member of the Board of TTA, however he has resigned from his position for the role of Interim CEO. Scott holds multiple formal qualifications including a Master of Business Administration degree and he is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

There is a lot of work that needs undertaking in a short space of time, however the Board of TTA has backed Scott to take the organisation forward.

Please join me in welcoming Scott to his new position.

Phil Males
TTA Chairman

2017 ITTF World Junior Championships Australian Team Announcement

Table Tennis Australia would like to congratulate the following Junior athletes on their selections into the Australian Team for the 2017 ITTF World Junior Championships in Riva del Garda, Italy from 26th November - 3rd December.

Boys:

Rohan Dhooria (ACT)
Mateo Dvorani (QLD)
Benjamin Gould (QLD)
Bob Liang (NSW)
Tatsuya Hidaka (Boys Coach)

Girls:

Matilda Alexandersson (QLD)
Parleen Kaur (VIC)
Holly Nicolas (WA)
Michelle Wu (VIC)
Jennifer Langridge (Girls Coach)

We wish you all the best for this upcoming tournament.



Tip of the Month

Join a table tennis club

To really make progress with your game, **it's important to find others with similar** desires and interact with these people. A table tennis club is the best place to do this. Most clubs have players of all different playing levels. Find someone of similar playing ability as yourself and make a commitment to each other to practice regularly. Periodically test your progress by competing with players of higher ability. Furthermore, most clubs have a coach who can help speed up your development.

NEWGY COACHING

Rule of the Month

The ball hitting the net

What happens if the ball hits the net or goes around the net?

Well, rule 2.07.01 states that for a good return...

"The ball, having been served or returned, shall be struck so that it touches the opponent's court, either directly or after touching the net assembly"

This means that during a rally the ball remains in play if it hits the net or travels over or around the net and still bounces on your opponent's side.

However, the rules are different if the ball hits the net during the service action.

If the ball touches the net and still bounces on your opponent's side of the table, the service must be replayed.

However, if the ball touches the net and does not bounce on your opponent's side of the table, the server loses the point.

Squad 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 Coach: 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.

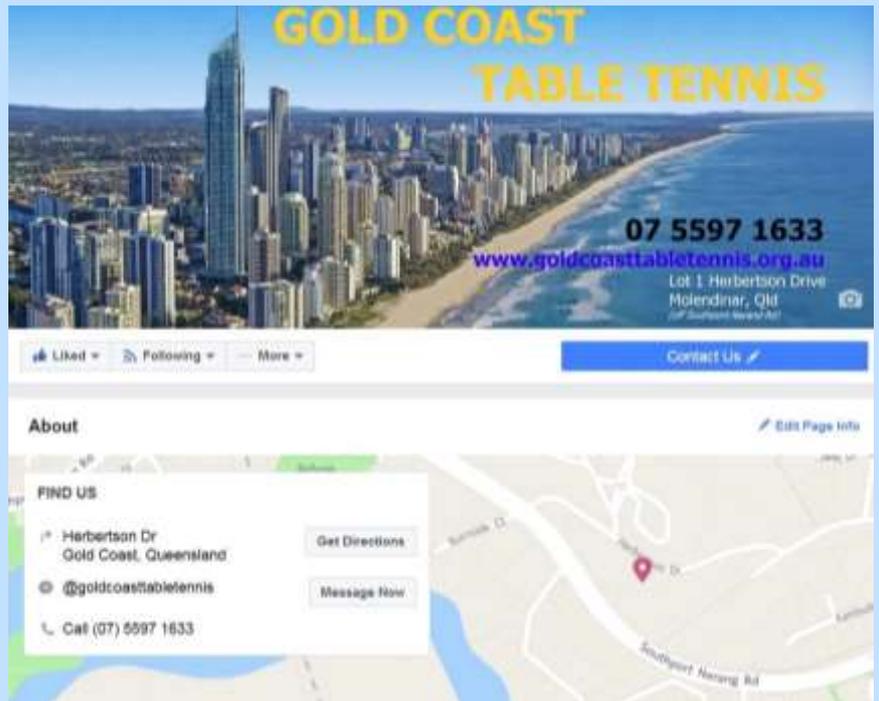


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Your contribution in commenting and liking our posts, will increase our number of followers and development of networks.



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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

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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