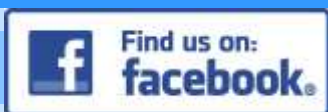




GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS NEWSLETTER



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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 Summer Fixtures

2017 Summer Season begins on the following dates:

All-Stars: Monday 9 January

Div. 3 & 4: Wednesday 11 January

Div. 1 & 2: Thursday 12 January

2017 Memberships

All fixture, regular social players & coaching participants - 2017 Memberships can now be paid. Details are in the newsletter and on the website. Thank you

**New - SUNDAY SOCIAL
Starting from 8 January 9.30am - 1pm*



THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Opening Dates during holidays:

Centre Closed - 19 Dec to 2 Jan

Friday morning social - is on 23 & 30 December

Club open as usual - from Tuesday 3 January

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GET SET FOR OUR FANTASTIC FIFTY IN 2017



FRANK HAMPSON, the lone surviving co-founder of the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association, plans to be on parade for the club's 50th anniversary function in April, 2017.

A former chief of staff and deputy editor of the Gold Coast Bulletin, where he spent 27 years, Frank now lives in retirement in Boonah, but has not lost his interest in the sport.

He, the late Sam Binstead and the late Don Newcombe were prime movers when the GCTTA came into being in 1967, after an earlier club based at Southport Showgrounds had outgrown its premises there.

English-born Frank was the first recorded winner of the Gold Coast Closed in 1970, and Don Newcombe (who helped rebuild the club's junior programme several years ago) was the inaugural Gold Coast Open winner in the same year.

Frank and his twin brother Vincent, also a journalist, came to Australia from their native Lancashire, in England's north-west, having been contemporaries of England cricketer Geoff Pullar (1935-2014), who was capped at junior level at table tennis and later played 28 Test matches and toured Australia in 1962-63.

Frank's son Glenn is a multi award-winning Bulletin photographer.

Club officials and players past and present are being tracked down across the state and beyond, an anniversary sub-committee is looking into various initiatives, and full details of the 50-year celebration programme will be unveiled in the new year.

Just for the record ...

A trip down memory lane for 1992, when the club celebrated its 25th anniversary, reveals:

Suncorp sponsored the Gold Coast Open, in which David Lu beat Kent Jamieson in the men's singles, and Claire Owen defeated Gail D'Arcy in the women's final.

Starters for the A grade spring fixture comp included Steve Wilks, Michael Gilbert and Victor Bohl (all still standing) and in B grade were Mick Coughlan and Agnes Herbertson

Martin Rogers, 13 – son of the club secretary (Martin snr) and treasurer (Lin) – was Queensland junior player of the year

Makoto Yoshida beat Paul Cheung in the final of the Gold Coast Closed men's singles





The Annual Christmas party and presentation function was held at Nerang RSL on the Sunday before Christmas, and was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.

The venue has established itself as a favourite with members, catering perfectly for our needs and providing great atmosphere for the members and guests.

MC Mick Coughlan handled proceedings, thanked all attendees, **looked forward to the club's 2017 milestone year, and oversaw** the handing over of the customary awards.

Here are some photos to enjoy! Courtesy of photographer Tom Baker. Thank you.



2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATIONS



2016 PLAYER AWARDS

SAM BINSTEAD PLAYER OF THE YEAR: **Jake Duffy**

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: **Guy Waldron**

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR: **Youman Li (DJ)**

HERBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP: **Geoff Badham**

GOLD COAST OPEN WINNER: **Samuel Von Einem**

GOLD COAST CLOSED WINNERS

Division 1 **Lukas Kozak**

Division 2 **Yuriko Newcombe**

Division 3 **Joseph Raben**

Division 4 **Nick Osborne**

NORM KAY HANDICAP WINNER: **Betty Huag**



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

Junior Holiday Training

Table Tennis Holiday Fun Days

JANUARY 2017
Thursdays 10am - 12.30pm
 5 January
 12 January
 19 January

Bring along your bat, towel, water bottle and remember to have fun.

Cost:
\$15 per player
\$25 Family

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GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS FIXTURES

As a courtesy and consideration to all players and officials, and to maintain and improve the smooth conduct of fixture matches we ask members to observe a few 'PLEASE Dos' and 'PLEASE DON'Ts'

PLEASE DO

Respect the club and its players and do your bit to enhance the sporting environment

Report to the desk and pay fees on arrival

Make every effort to arrive at the club in time for the scheduled start of matches

Each team should have at least two of its players available at the appointed start time, with their board/team sheet filled in

If unavailable for any reason, please notify your team captain or responsible official at the earliest opportunity to allow maximum time to try to arrange a replacement

To assist with planning and avoidance of confusion, if you are going to be delayed, please advise

Observe the etiquette and rules of table tennis

PLEASE DON'T

Let people down either in your own or opposing teams by failing to fulfil commitments

Leave the hall before the end of a match without first checking with your team captain



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A ROSE-COLOURED MASTERS

Mark Rose's list of firsts is growing.

First time 'the other side of 50'. First time in Division One at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association. First Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games (JPPMG). And now his first games gold.

"I turned 50 in April this year so just snuck into the over 50s section for the masters games," he said.



"Table tennis has been re-introduced to the games and I only started playing competitively four years ago, so this is my first games and I am really enjoying it."

Mark won gold in singles, silver in the doubles and bronze in the teams event at the JPPMG.

The Gold Coaster is part of a growing wave of players who are re-discovering table tennis.

"Like most people I had a hit when I was a kid on a table tennis table in the garage," he recalls.

"But a few years ago I was at a party and there was a table tennis table there. I had a go, really enjoyed it and decided to see if there was a club on the Gold Coast."

Mark discovered the Gold Coast club at Molendinar, who are the sport's hosts for the masters games and also an official practice venue for table tennis for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

"When I first walked in four years ago I was expecting a basic 'school hall' with a few tables, but it is a really professional set-up," he said.

"I started playing in the lowest division (Division 5), but in the season that started in September I have been promoted to Division One for the first time."

Mark said there was a 'good fun feeling' to the masters games.

"It is really good to come up against players not just from other states, but also from other countries," he said.

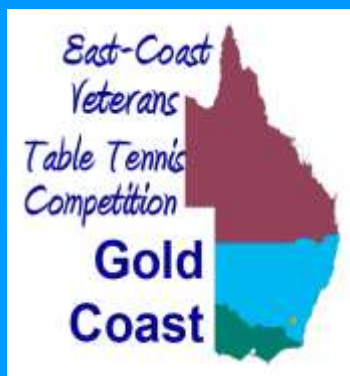
"I'll be back at the next masters games in 2018 for sure."

The 10th biennial Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games was held 5 – 13 November 2016 on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia.

The event showcases competition in 43 sports and is hosting 13,000 participants from Queensland, interstate and overseas.

By Pat McLeod





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

2017 GCTTA Fees

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership Level	Adult	Conc.
GCTTA Joining Fee	\$ 30	\$ 30
TTQ Social Membership	\$ 60	\$ 50
TTQ Club/Tourn. M/ship	\$ 90	\$ 80

PLAYING FEES

Type of Play	Adult	Conc.	Jnr
<u>Social</u> Member Fee	\$ 9	\$ 7	\$ 5
Family	\$ 12 (Group Discounts available)		
<u>Fixtures*</u> Playing Fee Season Fee (based on 16wk season)	\$ 12 \$ 130	\$ 10 \$ 110	\$ 7 \$ 80
Social Discount Card * - \$25 (4 social sessions) * for Members only			

2017 Annual Fees

Gold Annual Fee

Adult \$990

Concession \$880

includes club/tournament membership, all fixtures & social play plus free tea & coffee

Silver Social Fee

Adult \$450

Concession \$400

includes social membership & all social play plus free tea & coffee

**Conditions apply*



Get 10% off above fees
If paid by in full by
Monday 9th January 2017

2017 Membership fees can now be paid.

Take advantage of the Annual Fees for great savings!



Tip of the Month

Maintain a good ready position

A good ready position is balanced and prepares your body to move instantly in any direction. Use it when preparing to return serves and between strokes. The basic sequence of a rally is as follows: (A) put yourself in a good ready position, (B) move to the ball with your feet, staying balanced, (C) stroke the ball, (D) return to ready position, and (E) repeat B, C, and D until the rally ends.

Train your strokes until they are "automatic."

When you first learn a new skill, you use a lot of mental energy to formulate a clear mental picture of how the stroke looks and feels. Once this mental picture is relatively accurate, you should then practice that skill repeatedly until you no longer have to think about how to do it. This is your "automatic stage". Your best performance will come when you operate on "automatic" and you do not analyze your skill. You just "let it happen."

NEWGY COACHING

Rule of the Month

No Hiding

Rule 2.06.05 now states that...

"As soon as the ball has been projected, the server's free arm and hand shall be removed from the space between the ball and the net."

The main purpose of this rule is to make sure that the receiver (and the umpire) can see the ball throughout the service action.

This means that the receiver will be able to see the racket as it strikes the ball and therefore the receiver will have a much better chance of reading the spin and, therefore, returning the service.

This rule is an extension of rule 2.06.04 and was introduced to stop players from hiding the contact point of the racket on the ball ... because if your opponent can't see your racket striking the ball, he can't judge how much spin you're imparting onto the ball ... so his chances of making a good return are significantly diminished.

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.



TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2017

Association Opens

11-12 March	Bundaberg Open
18-19 March	University of QLD Open
14-16 April	Rockhampton Open
22-23 April	Moreton Bay Open
29-30 April	Wynnum Open
29 April-1 May	Townsville Open
13-14 May	Brisbane Open
10-11 June	Toowoomba Open
26-27 August	Gold Coast Open
30 Sept-1 Oct	Mackay Open

Other Club Events

25-26 March	East Coast Veterans Gold Coast
3-4 June	Moreton Bay Veterans
29-30 July	Moreton Bay South East QLD Challenge
16 September	Women's National Table Tennis Challenge Moreton Bay

State Championships

2-6 April	QLD Junior Championships - Mackay
27-28 May	QLD Open Championships - Gold Coast
28 June - 2 July	QLD Closed Championships - Townsville
19-23 July	QLD Veteran Championships - Bundaberg

National Championships

3-7 February	National Para Championships - Mornington Peninsula, Victoria
8-15 July	National Junior Championships - Hobart, Tasmania
23-30 September	National Senior Championships - Adelaide, South Australia
7-14 October	National Veteran Championships - Mandurah, Western Australia

TTQ Annual General Meeting

4 March	Sports House, Milton
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NEWS

Queensland Junior Sport Team of the Year

The 22nd Annual Queensland Sport Awards were recently held at South Bank, Brisbane on Thursday 8 December.

The Queensland Under 18 Boys Table Tennis were named Queensland Junior Sports Team of the Year!

Congratulations to team members Jake Duffy, Benjamin Gould, Mateo Dvorani, Fred Xu & coach Patrick Wuertz.

Special mention also to Jake Duffy who was a finalist in the Junior Sport Star of the Year category.



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QLD Duo represent Australia at Worlds

QLD Juniors Benjamin Gould & Jake Duffy represented Australia at the recent World Junior Championships in South Africa.

The event was held in Cape Town, South Africa from 30 November - 7 December 2016.

Congratulations on this amazing achievement.



Japan wins its first ever Bennelong Cup

Japan has won their first ever Hyundai Luneng Sport Bennelong Cup table tennis trophy on a dramatic final day at the Ryde Community and Sports Centre in Sydney, beating the Australian Green team to clinch the title.

Japan was the only undefeated team after the three days of competition, but had to dig deep to head off a determined challenge from the Australian Green team, who could have snatched the gold with victory.

With the match locked at 2-all, it was once again left to Trent Carter, the hero from 24 hours earlier when he helped Australia to a memorable 3-2 win over China, to try and seal the deal for the home team.

Earlier Kane Townsend and Jasmine Chao had put Australia in with a chance of gold, both winning their singles matches.

But a valiant Carter was unable to reproduce the heroics from the day before, losing to Japan's Masaki Yumitori 3-0.

The closeness of this year's Cup meant that Australia Green, after playing for the gold, had to settle for fourth place in the final standings.

China had a form reversal beating Korea 4-1 to leapfrog into second place and relegating Korea, the 2015 champions, to the bronze medal.

Australia Gold broke through for its first win of the weekend, beating Team Oceania 4-1 to seal fifth place overall, relegating Oceania to sixth.

Ross Solly

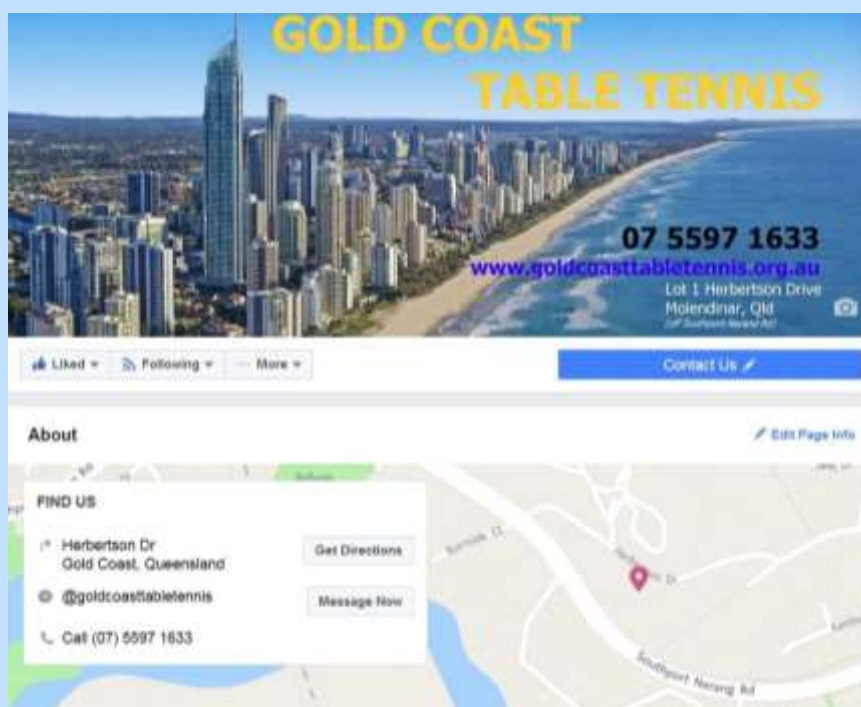


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We would like you to join our page and share any new and exciting things with us.

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



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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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