



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-6.15pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Div 1&2 and Social play
Friday:	9am-Noon	Mixed Social doubles
Saturday:	9.30am-4pm	Social play
	2pm-4pm	Group Coaching*
Sunday:	10am-1pm	Squad Training*

**Please visit the website for coaching schedule*

Tournaments/Competitions

To find out what tournaments and competitions are coming up, please visit the website and follow the links.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Tuesday 22nd 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 from club.**

Thank you

Details & notices is displayed on the club
noticeboard and website

GCTTA CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATIONS

Sunday 18th December @ Noon

Nerang RSL

69 Nerang Street, Nerang

Members and their Families and Friends

are invited to attend

Cost is \$25 per person

Christmas Lunch



Come along and support your club

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gossip corner

THE year 2017 looms as the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Gold Coast Table Tennis Club. Committee are working on a series of initiatives designed to make our Golden Jubilee a memorable affair, with a function planned in mid-year, and hopefully the return for the occasion of a number of stalwarts involved in those swinging sixties of distant memory. Any of our older members who know the whereabouts of long-long colleagues are asked to advise the club of their contact details.

GLOBETROTTING Alistair Lattimore, one of a handful of impressive new kids on the block, piling up a consistent haul of wins in Division 4, has been missing from competition on the odd Wednesday for the most compelling of reasons; the busy business executive has been on working trips to Seattle and Sydney, with London next on the list. All work and no play? Al reports that he is looking forward to a return to the UK as he is a fan of their legendary social and pub culture.

THE club's reputation as a haven for multiculturalism has taken on a fresh dimension in recent months. Recruits this year include Shameem Tarafder and Tania Praveen from Bangladesh, Diego Espinosa from Colombia and Thiago Pires from Brazil. At a rough count, we reckon around 20 nationalities are represented across the five fixture divisions. Given that the age band also stretches from eight years to 86 or thereabouts, it speaks volumes for the inclusive nature of our sport.

IT'S not unusual for parents to introduce their young to the sport, but special mention for Riley Rose (son of Division 1 player Mark) who has just taken up the sport and shown promise in his first couple of weeks on duty in Division 3. Riley, 18 last week and in Year 12 at Benowa State High School, attended junior coaching several years ago but only recently decided to give table tennis a serious crack. Mark hints that there could be at least one more from the family eyeing up a go.

ON the international front, look out for the staging of the Australian Open, an ITTF Tour event, at the Gold Coast Convention Centre from June 29 to July 2 next year - the biggest, best-represented gathering of the world's leading players even seen in Australia. It is reported in detail elsewhere but this column adds its congratulations to Jake Duffy - currently deep in uni studies, having passed on a return to Sweden - following his steamroller run through various championships this year.

FEW players have maintained their stride up their rankings more impressively than Trevor Crowley, now nudging Harim Lee at the top of the Division 2 averages and incidentally leading Mudgeeraba into top spot in that section. Not generally known is the fact Trevor, who graduated to this tier earlier this year, hails from Geelong and many moons ago he and President Mick Coughlan honed their youthful skills at the Victorian centre, rightly regarded as one of the best in the country.

GOOD to see the numbers across all divisions hitting the heights this time round, with Division 1 restored to seven three-man teams despite the unavailability of several regulars. The third and fourth divisions have had eight teams, making Wednesday a buzz night but the centre although finding fill-ins has at times proved a challenge. If not already committed and if you fancy the occasional outing to help out in any division, please be sure Lukas is aware of your availability.





2016 Jupiters Pan Pacific Masters Games

Table Tennis

Dates

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 November 2016

Times

9am – 5pm

Venue

Gold Coast Table Tennis
Lot 1 Herbertson Dr, Molendinar QLD

Age Requirements

Age is determined as at 31 December 2016

Minimum age for competition is 30yrs

Age Divisions

Singles (men's ladies): 30+, 50+, 60+, 70+

Doubles (men's, ladies, mixed): 30+, 50+, 60+, 70+

Teams of 2 (men's, ladies): 30+, 50+, 60+, 70+



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GCTTA would like to thank Master Choice Oz & Table Tennis World for its continuing support!





2016 Gold Coast Open Review

The clubs annual Open Championships was held on the weekend of 27th & 28th August. A record number of 130 entries 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 privilege to have the Australian Paralympic Team play in our Open as a lead up to the

Rio Paralympic Games. We also had several participants who came from Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, NSW, Melbourne & Adelaide. We appreciate these players who travelled so far to attend our event and thank you for your support.

To the matches. After six years we had a new Open Singles Winner in Samuel Von Einem, Paralympian from Adelaide who defeated local Mongolian player residing in Brisbane, Aagii 4-3 in a see-sawing finals match. Congratulations to Samuel. In the Women's Open singles, first time winner Yvonne Yang Ying from Sunnybank club was victorious 4-1 over the gallant Andrea McDonnell from Townsville, also a Paralympic player.

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

The club would like to thank the group of umpires from Sunshine Coast led by Will Almasi for contributing their time in umpiring many matches at the tournament to gain experience and hours towards their umpiring accreditation.

Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the event sponsors, Master Choice Oz & Table Tennis World for its prizemoney and equipment sponsorship contribution to the event.



2016 STATE OF ORIGIN

Round 2

QLD (Gold Coast) v NSW (South Tweed)

When: SUNDAY 6th November @ 9.30am 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.



Senior & Youth Gold for QLD at Nationals

The Australian National Table Tennis Championships were held at Seagulls Table Tennis Centre, Tweed Heads from 24 September - 1 October.

A Queensland team of 19 players and 4 coaching staff travelled to Tweed Heads for the week. The teams event was first up on the schedule starting on the Sunday and finishing on Wednesday.



The Men's team (Jake Duffy, Benjamin Gould, Ben Houghton, Lukas Kozak & Altantulga Lkhagvadorj) got off to a great start winning their first four matches with relative ease. They then faced the difficult NSW B & A teams. By the most narrow of margins the outcome of both matches was a 4-3 to the NSW teams. This meant the last match of the event was the bronze medal playoff against the Victorians. The guys combined to produce a fantastic win 6-1, and claimed the bronze medal. All team members did their part throughout the event, all finishing with a win percentage of 71% or better.

The Women's team (Matilda Alexandersson, Ching Chong, Xue Bai & Ru Sun) were in a similar situation to the Men's team, that the last match of the event was for the bronze medal against the Victorian team. Unfortunately the result

didn't go Queensland's way on this occasion. The Victorian team led by four-time Olympian Miao Miao won 4-3. Ru Sun was the standout performer for the team finishing with a record of 11-3.

The Under 21 Men's team (Olav Dahl, Mateo Dvorani, Matthew Pettett & Fred Xu) were seeded third going into the event. The team completely dominated their competition to win the national title.

The Under 21 Women's event was combined with the Women's team event to provide more matches throughout the week. The team of Ching Chong, Zabrynn Lander & Natahlia Werner combined to finish fourth in the Under 21 age group.

In the doubles events, NSW duo Trent Carter & Erny Tsao defeated Kane & Wade Townsend to claim the men's doubles title. Trent continued his success in the mixed doubles combining with Fiona Zhu to win the event. Queenslanders Benjamin Gould & Matilda Alexandersson won bronze in the mixed doubles. Luke Cosgriff & Erny Tsao combined well to defeat QLD pairing Jake Duffy & Benjamin Gould in the final of the Under 21 men's doubles. However Jake went one better in the U21 mixed doubles with Maddy Goodsell (TAS) to win the gold medal.



In the Men's singles Duffy, Gould, Houghton & Engelbert Hugging all made it to the quarter-finals. But unfortunately all went down to NSW rivals. In the end Kane Townsend defeated Erny Tsao to claim the title. Finally in the Under 21 Men's singles, Queensland players did very well. Houghton, Duffy & Dvorani all made it through to the semi-finals. Jake progressed to the final to face Erny Tsao. Jake fought back from 2-0 down to win 4-3 and claim the Under 21 Men's singles title. This result is on the back of the Under 18 Boy's singles title he recently won at the national juniors in July, congratulations Jake.



Thank you to the Seagulls Table Tennis club on their fantastic efforts in coordinating the event. Also to all officials involved, this includes referees Dave Delpratt, Steve Gillespie & controller Phil Males. Amazing effort by all umpires, including a number of Queenslanders involved such as Nicole, Zark, Mick & Will. Big appreciation and effort to the QLD coaching staff throughout the event, this includes Team Manager Patrick Wuertz, Seref Bakanay, Terry Dahl & Paul Uttley. Congratulations to all Queensland players that competed at the 2016 Australian National Championships.

Table Tennis Etiquette

Every sport has its points of etiquette and table tennis is no exception. The old saying that "on the court it may be sheep stations but off court we remain best of friends" (or words to that effect) holds true, so the most important point is that we always shake hands at the end of the match.

Here are some points of table tennis etiquette:

Call out the score – the umpire should always announce the score clearly after each point, preferably when both players are within hearing distance. This helps avoid misunderstandings.

Stray Balls – when your ball goes into an adjoining court, wait for the other umpire to call a let and for one of the players to return the ball. An acknowledgement is always appreciated. Common sense applies if it is more practical to recover the ball yourself, but never during play.

Net Balls and Edges – it is polite to acknowledge a net ball or edge where your opponent has no chance. Raising the bat or hand or forefinger is a common acknowledgement. Saying sorry is not required. Also being honest about your opponent's edges will bring you respect.

Respect Others – Don't scare, distract or upset opponents or shout "Yes!" or "Cho!" every point (especially for unforced errors – this is extremely rude). Have fun and let others have their share of fun too. It's really not sheep stations.

Distracting Activities – after a match, loud or lengthy talking near the umpire's chair or near barriers can distract players on the next court. Likewise hitting a ball on the wall in a vacant court can distract players in the next court.

Wait for the Umpire – the umpire will announce when play starts and indicate who is the server. Players should not start of their own accord or rush to the next point before the score is announced and the scoreboard adjusted.

Scoreboards – keep them straight so each player or pair has a clear and equal view.

Spectators – should take care not to talk loudly or cause distractions near courts. Mobile phones should be silenced, and as with players, spectators should refrain from cheering unforced errors.

Don't Rush – rushing to serve is both inconsiderate and may be grounds for a let. The rule says that if the service is delivered when the receiving player or pair is not ready, provided that neither the receiver nor his or her partner attempts to strike the ball, then the serve is a let.

Don't Delay – deliberate delaying between points to gain an advantage is unsporting.

Serving – serve legally. Out of politeness, your opponent may not call you out for illegal serves, but they may be silently unhappy about it. Umpires should intervene where appropriate.

Verbal and Equipment Abuse – such as hitting the table or throwing the racquet cannot be tolerated and are grounds for a warning, penalty or disciplinary action. Table tennis is a great sport and we have an exceptionally friendly club. Knowing the rules will avoid most misunderstandings. The etiquette in our everyday lives, being welcoming, friendly, supportive, respectful, tolerant, etc. carries through to table tennis and we are so lucky with our club members – we have a great club where we all enjoy playing and making friends.



2016 GOLD COAST CLOSED & NORM KAY HANDICAP Results

The Annual Gold Coast Club Championships was held on the Wed 24th & Thurs 25th August. The Winners of each Division were the following:

- Division 1: Lukas Kozak**
- Division 2: Yuriko Newcombe**
- Division 3: Joseph Raben**
- Division 4: Nick Osborne**

The Norm Kay Handicap Competition was held on the Monday 22nd August. 16 players participated in this year's event. The eventual Winner was All-Star player **Betty Haug.**

Well done to all who participated and Congratulations to the winners of these events.

Trophies will be presented at the Christmas Party on Sunday 18th December.



Tip of the Month

Use your whole body when you stroke your forehand

Make sure that you rotate your hips and shoulders backwards during the backswing and then forward into the ball as you stroke your forehand. This motion is coordinated with a transfer of your body weight from the back foot to the front foot. The harder you hit your forehand, the more forceful your weight transfer must be. A common forehand mistake is to use only your arm to hit the ball, which severely limits your power and consistency.

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COACHING

Saturday Group Coaching

Coach: Georgy De Leon

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: Adult \$14 Junior: \$8

Family Discount: \$20

Sunday Squad Training

Coach: Cathy Townsend

10:00am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person / *Family Discount: \$35*

Junior Squad Training

Tuesday & Thursday

Coach: Cathy Townsend

4:15pm - 6:00pm

Cost: \$10 / \$10 *family Discount*

Please see website for details and training schedule.

Rule of the Month

Above the playing surface

Rule 2.06.04 states that...

"From the start of service until it is struck, the ball shall be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line, and it shall not be hidden from the receiver by the server or his or her doubles partner or by anything they wear or carry."

This means that the ball must both be above the level of the playing surface and behind the end line, during your entire service action.

(The end line is regarded as extending indefinitely in both directions).

Other parts of your body (for example your arm and parts of your hand or legs), may be over the playing surface or along the side of the table, but the ball must not.

The main purpose of this rule is to ensure that the **ball** is visible at all times to your opponent, however ... there's no specific requirement for your opponent to be able to see your racket **before** you strike the ball, so you could begin your service action with your racket concealed, for example, behind your back or under the table.

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.





NEWS

Vicky Wu defends WNTTC title

The Women's National Table Tennis Challenge was recently coordinated by the Moreton Bay Table Tennis Association on Saturday 17 September.

The event was held at their new home the Centenary Lakes Sports Complex. It saw 24 women and girls participate in a fantastic day of table tennis. This included a number of current QLD junior, senior & veterans team members.

Moreton Bay Region Councillor Adam Hain officially opened the event. In the group stages there were no major upsets with all seeded players going through to the knock-out stage.

In the round of 16, Ashley Martin from Wynnum defeated Marianne Dengate 4-2 to progress. While Ruth Cordingley got the better of fellow Gold Coast local, Yuriko Newcombe 4-0.

Vicky Wu had a more difficult match than expected in the quarter finals, she overcame Shuri Uenuma from the Gold Coast 4-2. In the battle of the young guns Ru Sun from the University of Queensland won 4-1 against Ashley Martin.

The semi finals included three members of the Queensland Women's team (Xue Bai, Matilda Alexanderson & Ru Sun) along with defending champ Vicky Wu.

In a fantastic match Vicky narrowly overcame Ru 4-3 to advance to the final. While Xue defeated Matilda 4-2. In the final Vicky was far too strong and played extremely well, winning 4-0 to successfully defend her title.

TTQ would like to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of the Women's National Table Tennis Challenge organising committee, Officials, Umpires and all female participants. It's great to see the event continuing to grow.

The event is continuing to go from strength to strength every year and this credit to everyone involved at the Moreton Bay Table Tennis Association. It is exciting times ahead with plans to further develop and expand the event in the coming years.

Commonwealth Games 2018

Volunteers

The Gold Coast Commonwealth Games Organising Committee "GOLDOC" have released information on the recruitment process of Sport Specific Volunteers for the GC2018.

The TTQ and GCTTA website has links with information about the Sport Specific Volunteers recruitment process as well as the Expression of Interest form

which must be completed and returned by email to Ryan Wiegand (ryan@tabletennis.org.au).

Please note that all applications must be received by TTA no later than the 13th January 2017.



TTQ welcomes new board member

An ardent follower and participant in the sport, Martin is now in his 3rd year at Gold Coast Table Tennis and as a Queensland State Vets Representative. Martin formerly represented Victoria for over a decade.

Married to Musha and now 'empty nesters', it's time to put something back into the Sport he played as a junior and returned to in retirement. Martin brings to our Board a wealth of administrative and marketing experience gained from a career in State Public Service and later with GIO Australia where he was State Marketing Manager. He has also spent a decade in community service as a municipal Councillor and Mayor of the City of Kew where he lived.

"The profile of Table Tennis in this State and Country is something that I would like to make an impact on in my time with you" says Martin.

When not holding a bat, he can be found wetting a line on the Broadwater.

Martin Welcomes

Table Tennis Queensland would like to welcome our new Southern Board Member Martin Solomons



your input and feedback on how we can improve our sport...



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. 2016 Committee

President: Mick Coughlan

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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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