

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
	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	Div Premier/1/2
Friday:	9am-Noon	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.



2018 ITTF Australian Open

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

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

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

17th-20th May - **QLD Closed**

Championships (Gold Coast)

26th-27th May - **Moreton Bay Open**

24th-25th March - **Wynnum Open**

2nd-3rd June - **Townsville Open**

9th-10th June - **Bundaberg Open**

16th-17th June - **Toowoomba Open**

1st-4th July - **QLD Junior Championships**
(Brisbane)

8th-14th July - **Australian National Championships** (Morningside, Victoria)

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2018 Commonwealth Games Table Tennis Summary

THE Commonwealth Games gave table tennis an unrivalled opportunity to showcase its appeal to a wide audience ... and Gold Coast club members and Queensland players and officials played their full part in contributing to the GC2018 experience.

Kane Townsend, a familiar figure in these parts, was a member of the Australian men's team along with David Powell, who has family on the Gold Coast. While the men and women didn't make the podium in mainstream competition, there was plenty of support for the green and gold – especially the girls who lost to

Singapore in the semis and England in the bronze medal decider – and later, full appreciation for the high standards set by the nations whose representatives went all the way.

Olympian/Paralympian Melissa Tapper, who creates history almost every time she takes to the court, helped herself to a fresh slice of glory by winning the TT6-10 category individual title, having disposed of Queensland's eventual bronze medallist Andrea McDonnell in the semi-finals.

Enthusiastic crowds packed into the two venues at Movieworld in Oxenford to witness India end up as men's and women's teams champions, beating Nigeria and Singapore respectively. England defeated Singapore in the men's third-place play-off.

Gao Ning (Singapore) beat Aruna Qaudri (Nigeria) 4-2 for the men's gold, then teamed with Mengyu Yu to defeat Liam Pitchford and Ho Tin-Tin (England) in the mixed doubles. Yu lost 4-0 to Manika Batra (India) in the women's, but had consolation when she and Tainwei Feng took out the doubles. England's Paul Drinkhall and Pitchford beat Sharath Achanta and Sathiyam Gananasathan of India in the men's doubles.

Lukas Kozak headed up our squad of 'Game Shaper' volunteers as Team Leader for Sporting Equipment. Others busily involved were Heinz Pepping (Technology scoring), Phil Touliatos (Field of play for match courts), Shameem Tarafder (Player/official driver), former members Christine Dingwall and Sally McEnery (sport information/training hall assistants).

Zark Roksandic was a technical official/umpire in an officiating team led by Bundaberg's Dave Delpratt as tournament referee and including newly-elected Moreton Bay president Anthony Jeffress as one of the umpiring panel.

In the activations area, the fan zone with three tables outside the showcourts, a band of club members were on a roster, for two sessions daily, looking after the spectator participation. These were: Agnes Herbertson, Phil Caldwell, Geoff Badham, Sam Wyatt, Jesse Wilson, Diego Espinosa, Cathy Townsend, Danni-Elle Townsend, Chris Collins and Matilda Alexandersson, together with Table Tennis Queensland CEO Jason Walsh.



Other familiar faces much in evidence included former national coach-turned Games head of table tennis operations Jens Lang, while Brisbane's teenage prospect Benjamin Gould was one of the volunteers – soaking up the atmosphere just a couple of weeks before making his senior Australian debut in the world championships in Halmstad, Sweden.

Many club members, of course, took the 'easy' option and enjoyed the various sessions from the grandstands. For one and all, it was part of a memorable once-in-a-lifetime experience.



BY MARTIN ROGERS





Summer Season Review

The first season of fixtures in 2018 came to a close on Thursday the 3rd of May with a fantastic set of grand finals matches. The top teams of each division faced off in their most important match with high spirits and an admirable amount of sportsmanship, with one team even refusing to take a win based off a forfeit due to injury; instead, requesting a playoff at a later date, or even a joint victory.

Here are the complete results:

Summer Finals Results

Premier - Miami (Mark,Tony) def Tamborine (Paul K,Martin) **3-2**

Division 1 - Mt Nathan (Mark R,Daniel J,Danny) def Mudgeeraba (Trevor,Daniel N,Chris) **6-5**

Division 2 - Coombabah (Ethan,Damien,Nick) def Labrador (Zoe,Robert/Amy,Phil) **6-4**

Division 3 - Tweed (Kevin,Carol,Julie) drew Southport (Steve,Reza,Jesse) **5-5**

Division 4 - Varsity (Mark N,Christine,Tania) def Benowa (James,Ray,Sam) **6-4**

All Stars - Legends (Phil B,Julie,Joshua) def Chiefs (Jesse,Gary,Jane) **6-2**

Summer Season Highest Ranked Players

Premier - Mark Mulley

Division 1 - Daniel Norris

Division 2 - Ethan Zhang

Division 3 - Phil Caldwell

Division 4 - Mark Nicholson

All Stars - Robert Matheson

Congratulations to the Winners and well done to the Runners up. Medals will be presented at the GCTTA Christmas Party in December.

State of Origin Rd 1 Recap

First round of the 2018 series between GCTTA (QLD) and South Tweed Club (NSW) was held on the Gold Coast on the 29th April.

After losing 6 - 3 overall last year, NSW was fired up and ready to strike back, managing to win the day after some very close matches with a score of 3 - 2 over QLD.

With the second round left to go, it's still anyone's game, but with such a close score it's sure to be an exciting return leg at Tweed in November.

Congratulations to everyone involved and a special thanks to Heinz and Eva Pepping, as well as Sam Wyatt for all their efforts with the catering of lunch.

BY JESSE WILSON



THOMAS CELEBRATES 70

Long-standing club member Thomas Samuelsson recently celebrated his 70th birthday with a party full of entertainment, attended by his family and friends from Australia & Sweden and table tennis mates. The club wishes Tommy a Happy Birthday and congratulates him on his milestone.

Martin Solomons, club member and close friend of **Thomas for many years, made a speech at Tommy's celebration evening. Here is a transcript of Martin's speech on the night:**

"As Tommy's Team mate at Club, State and National levels and training partner, I've been asked to say a few words about this important aspect of Tommy's life.

For those of you not into table tennis, you might be surprised to know that the sport was invented not by the Chinese but in Victorian England in the 1880's. It is now recognised as an Olympic Sport since 1988 and is played at the elite level in over 280 countries world wide.

Tommy's interest in the sport was probably sparked in the 1980's when the Swedish National Team rose to become World Champions. Legends of the sport such as Jorgen Persson, Michael Applegren and the standout Jan Ove Waldner strutted their stuff on the world stage. Waldner has been described as the 'Mozart' of Table Tennis for his majesty and carries the title of 'GOAT' ie. "THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME"!

Now I have to say that in Tommy there is absolutely no resemblance to Waldner or the other table tennis greats! Tommy professes to be self taught and hates training which he says is boring.

Having said that, he has managed to forge a remarkably successful and enduring career. At Club level he has won many pennants and several leading player awards and remains in the top bracket of players. Since 1988, at Queensland Championships, he has won no less than

11 Singles Titles and 14 Doubles gold medals - 25 in total. These have also earned him a QLD Shield nomination (2010) and QLD Veteran Player of the Year in 2014.

At National level, Thomas has represented Queensland many times. I know that Thomas has played in every Vets since 1997 and has won numerous medals in Teams and Individual events.

At International level Tommy has also left his mark. A regular at European Veterans annual tournaments he has medalled several times. This Easter he represented Australia in the Trans Tasman Test in New Zealand where he won gold in the >65 & >70 Men's Teams events and took Singles gold and No 1 Ranking in both age groups.

Whew! Not bad for a self taught guy who finds training boring!

Now, many players have individual habits when they compete. Remember Lleyton Hewitt with his back to front cap and 'C'MON' cry; Rafa Nadal brushing his hair behind his ear and picking his shorts out of his 'crack'? Well Tommy has his habits too!

His regular exclamations of "NAY - I can't zee ze ball" & "MNMNMM, ze ball had no spin! And more often than not, the raised clenched fist of the victory salute.

Tonight Tommy we salute your career. May you 'live long thru' PING PONG'..."



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17-20 May
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**Pan Pacific
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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://mastersgames.com.au/ppmg/sports/table-tennis/>



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QLDers amongst the medals at NZ Veterans Title

A large contingent of QLD table tennis players attended the 2018 NZ Veterans Open Table Tennis Championships. There were 19 of us with 9 of those attending for the first time.

Of the 20 players who represented Australia for the TransTasman Cup on the Thursday night, 9 were from Queensland. These were Ruth Cordingley, Marianne Dengate, Bernadette Mitchell, Steve Mitchell, John Sherriff, Thomas Samuelsson, Werner Borkhardt, Col Gradwell and Harold Bligh. The Australian team won the Test Match by a convincing score of 32 matches to 18.

Teams matches were played on the Friday and Saturday, with plenty of Gold medals for Queensland teams: Gold medals in teams were won by 75 Men (Werner Borkhardt, Morrie Bligh, Harold Bligh), O70 Men (Thomas Samuelsson, Werner Borkhardt and Col Gradwell), O65 Men (Thomas Samuelsson, Col Gradwell), and O50 Men (Steve Mitchell in Presidents). Silver medals in teams were won by Bernadette Mitchell (O50 Women in Presidents) & Ruth Cordingley & Marianne Dengate in the O40 Women.



Bronze Medals in teams were won by O50 Women (Ruth Cordingley and Marianne Dengate), O60 Men (Terry Morato, Mike Summers & John Sherriff), O65 Men (John Sherriff & Mike Summers), O70 Men (Morrie & Harold Bligh) & O75 Men (Ron Hill & Barry Driver).

Individual matches were played on the Sunday and Monday. Queensland Gold medal singles winners were Thomas Samuelsson (O70 Men) & Werner Borkhardt (O75 Men).

Gold medal doubles winners were Steve Mitchell & Trevor Walker {S.A} (O40 Men), Steve & Bernadette Mitchell (O50 Mixed), Morrie Bligh & Margaret Gabbedy {Tas} (O70 Mixed), Werner Borkhardt & Pam Tait {Vic} (O75 Mixed) and Morrie Bligh & Werner Borkhardt (O75 Mens).



Detailed results of other Silver & Bronze medal winners and Order of Merit listings can be viewed on sporty.co.nz/2018nzveterans.

For anyone interested, the TTQ player with the most excess baggage for the trip home, it was Werner Borkhardt, with 5 Gold and 3 Bronze medals. Another fantastic achievement by Werner!

Sponsors Wanted - TTA National Equipment & Facilities Grant Program

TTA is excited to announce that a brand new program, the TTA National Equipment and Facilities Grant Program, will soon be launched. The program will provide an opportunity for clubs associations throughout Australia to apply for funding to purchase/upgrade equipment and facilities.



We are currently seeking a Title Sponsor and Major Sponsors to partner with us - the program provides a great corporate social responsibility opportunity and a chance to make a tangible difference to table tennis throughout Australia. If you're interested in finding out more about the sponsorship opportunities available, please email Scott Houston at ceo@tabletennis.org.au or Scott Edgecombe at scott@tabletennis.org.au.

TTA Welcomes Nittaku and DHS as National Championships Title Sponsor

TTA is pleased to announce that Nittaku and DHS have agreed to terms to be the Title Sponsor for the upcoming National Championships at Mornington. The event will be called the 2018 Nittaku-DHS Australian Senior and Youth Championships. As part of the agreement, Nittaku-DHS tables and Nittaku balls will be used.

Upon signing the agreement, TTA CEO Scott Houston commented 'Nittaku and DHS have been long-term partners of TTA. They've been our official National Team uniform supplier since 2015 and they also contribute balls for all National events and equipment for selected National Team players. We're thrilled to welcome both Nittaku and DHS as the Title Sponsor for our premier National event.'

Nittaku President Mr. Isao Kitaoka was equally happy with the agreement, 'we are very excited to be the Title Sponsor of the 2018 Australian Senior and Youth National Championships. Also it is a big honour for Nittaku to support the talented players of Australia. Hoping that the competition will be a wonderful time for all the players and the fans'.

DHS President Shi-He Lou also sees benefit in the agreement, 'as a close and long-term partner of Table Tennis Australia, DHS is pleased to reach another agreement of cooperation for being the official Title Sponsor of 2018 Australian Senior and Youth National Championships. We're expecting the most exciting games and our sincere wishes to all athletes shining on the stage to bring us a wonderful event'.

The 2018 Nittaku-DHS National Senior and Youth Championships will run from 9-14 July at Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Association. The total prize pool is \$11,400 and Australia's best players will fight it out to become National Champions in team and individual events. It's shaping up to be a fantastic competition.



Tips of the Month

Mix up serves of different length and spin

Some examples of advanced serves include medium-long, deep, short, down-the-line, pure spin, pure speed, etc. Serves to the elbow tend to be very effective, since the receiver must quickly decide (and often does not in time) to use a forehand or backhand.

Develop a third-ball attack

This is where you serve, the receiver receives, and you nail one in for a winner. An example is a short backspin serve, followed by a long push, then a powerful loop.

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 details and training schedule.

Rule of the Month

Doubles, Order of serving and receiving

Rule 2.13.04 states...

"In each game of a doubles match, the pair having the right to serve first shall choose which of them will do so and in the first game of a match the receiving pair shall decide which of them will receive first; in subsequent games of the match, the first server having been chosen, the first receiver shall be the player who served to him or her in the preceding game."

This means that you must follow the correct sequence for serving and receiving in doubles throughout the match.

Once it has been decided which team will serve first at the beginning of the match, that team will decide which player in their team will serve first. Their opponents will then decide which player in their team will receive first. This sequence will then be maintained throughout that game, but in the next game, the sequence will be reversed.

PRIVATE COACHING

The following coaches are available for one on one lessons:

Georgy De Leon - 0416 619 516

Jordan Dequina - 0497 282 665

Ben Houghton - 0401 605 448

Jake Duffy - 0405 833 099

Dominic Huang - 0410 969 898

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.

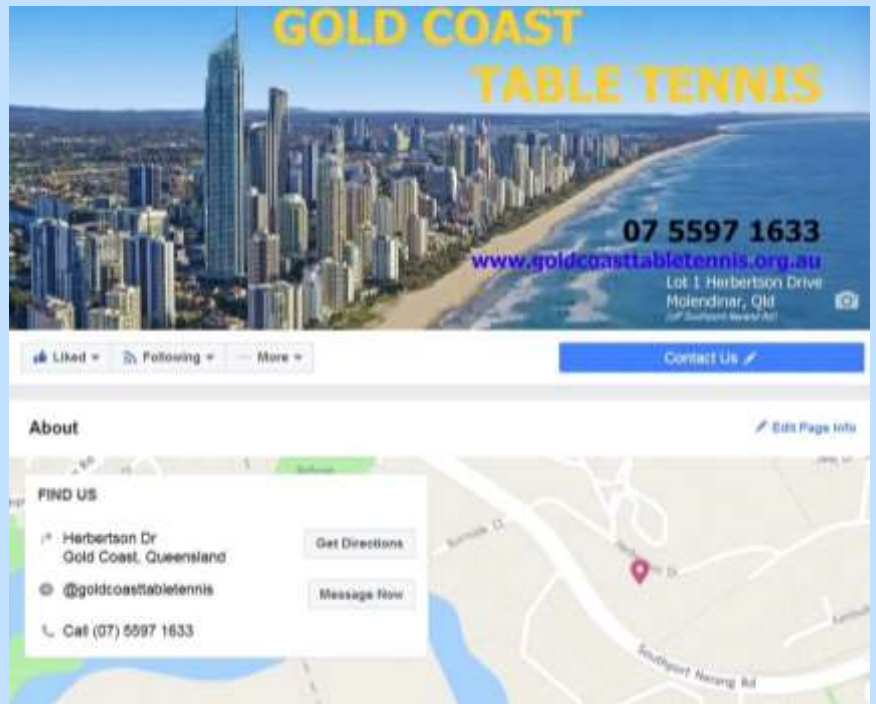


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Please note that items submitted for publication are subject to the approval of the committee, and may be edited for both length and clarity prior to inclusion.

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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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