



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

NEWSLETTER



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SUMMER ISSUE 2 - 2015

WHAT'S ON

Monday:	6.30pm-10pm	
	All Star Fixtures & Social play	
Tuesday:	4pm-6pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Social play
Wednesday:	6.30pm-10pm	
	Fixtures Div 3 & 4 and Social play	
Thursday:	4pm-6pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	
	Fixtures Div 1 & 2 and Social play	
Friday:	9am-Noon	
	Mixed Handicap Social doubles	
Saturday:	9.30am-4pm	Social play
	2pm-4pm	Group Coaching
Sunday:	10am-1pm	Squad Training

Tournaments/Competitions

To find out what tournaments and competitions are coming up, please visit the homepage of the website and/or go to competition-tournament calendar.

Memberships Due

All fixture and regular social players please note -2015 Membership fees are now due. For those who have yet to join, we ask if you can make prompt payment at your next visit to the club.

Member cards: Table Tennis Queensland has informed the club about the following 2015 membership card update -

We do like to ensure all of our members receive their membership packs promptly however there will be a short delay at present as we are currently waiting for the New Discount Cards to arrive that will be included in all player membership mail outs. As soon as TTQ has received these items from our new partners I will ensure your player membership cards will be sent out immediately. Thank you

UPCOMING EVENTS

28th Feb - **Handicap Tournament 1st Rd (GCTTA)**

7th-8th Mar - **Moreton Bay Open**

14th Mar - **TTQ AGM (Brisbane)**

14th-15th Mar - **East-Coast Veterans Comp**
(Gold Coast)

21st-2nd Mar - **Bundaberg Open**

21st-22nd Mar - **National Junior & Cadet Top 10**
(Tweed Seagulls)

3rd-6th Apr - **ITTF World Junior Circuit**
(Tweed Seagulls)

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'gossip corner'

LONG time, no see. Former Queensland representative Craig Hayes is making a comeback in Division 1 after several years away from the sport. Craig, who as a junior at the long-defunct Logan club was coached by Paul Kilmister, and played in the Australian qualifiers for the Sydney 2000 Olympics. He now lives at River Links and is married to Belinda (Saunders) who also was a top junior in the 1990s and is a cousin of the famed Campbell-Innes sisters.

THIS is your captain speaking. Qantas captain Geoff Green landed his last flight from Los Angeles to Brisbane in the morning, then nipped along to the club for his Wednesday night stint in Division 3. Geoff, who had 11 years in the air force and then 27 with our national airline, has taken early retirement and is planning to make up for time lost when injury kept him off the court (and out of the sky) for the best part of a year.

ER UPDATES. While Noelene Tauris continues to fly the Tweed flag (along with fellow southerners including Keith and Margaret Harvey and Kevin Poole), her husband Gil is recovering from a recent hospital stint. Also on the mend although still missing from action is Paul Smith, who had a major health scare before Christmas and made what was to be a short-lived comeback in the new year.

FIRST in, best dressed. Hats off tho the boys of Division 4 newcomers Miami, who have impressed with their dress sense by turning up each week in matching team gear. An example for others to follow, perhaps. Striking the right note is Tim Richard, one of their number, who will be absent for a while. He is a singer/guitarist and has landed a couple of months of gigging in Melbourne followed by a residency in Darwin.

TOP student Simon Hutchen - playing again in Division 3 after a lengthy absence dedicated to his studies - finished at the head of the class on a year-long photography course at the Academy of Design in Broadbeach, and has now been invited back as a lecturer. Simon already had a teaching degree so it was a natural fit. The Academy is a private college described as the leading creative industries and health sciences college on the Gold Coast.

MAKING all the right moves is super-enthusiast Jackson Meyn who collected a gold medal in the Standing 8-10 teams along with Burdekin's veteran star Andrea McDonnell at the recent Australian AWD (Athletes with a Disability) Championships in Hobart. Jackson has been selected to represent Australia at the next Oceania Para Championships. In addition to his skills at the table Jackson also enjoys a big reputation as a canny chess player and no doubt strategy from both games has influenced his successes in each.



MONTHLY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Event Details

COMMENCING 28th FEBRUARY

Eligibility: all members and invitees

Staging: To be conducted on Saturday - once a month, February through to October. See schedule dates below

Registrations @ 1.00pm for 1.30pm start

Points & Prizes: Cumulative points to be awarded towards the annual Harry Akker Memorial Trophy. Monthly prize \$50 to Winner, \$20 to Runner up

Handicapping: at the discretion of the organisers

Handicaps may be adjusted after R/R stage and reviewed prior to the next event

Event format: depending on numbers, groups of 3/4 players, with a low Handicap & high handicap player in each group

Each match, one handicap game up to 21, 2 serves each. 20 all, sudden death!

Minus handicaps to accumulate until they return to zero, lowest handicap player to serve first. No warm up!

Group winners and Runners/up enter the knockout draw
Prizes presented immediately after the final is completed

Entry fee: \$5 payable at registration



Harry Akker Perpetual Trophy -

to be determined via the following points system:

Monthly Winner - 20 points

Runner/up - 15

Semi-finalist - 12

Group winner - 10

Group runner up - 5

Entry - 2 (not cumulative with above).

Trophy Presentation at the Annual GCTTA Christmas Party

Scheduled Event Dates:

28 February

28 March

2 May

6 June

27 June

25 July

5 September

26 September

31 October

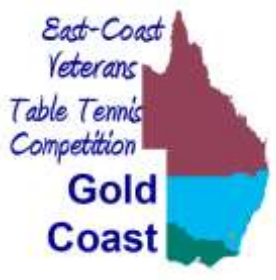
NEW WEBSITE

The club now has a newly designed website. Please check it out!

Keep up to date with the latest news, events, and results happening at the club and around QLD & Australian Table Tennis.

You will also find various information about the centre, historical articles, honour roll, competition, coaching, fees, equipment and much more..





2015 EAST-COAST VETERAN TEAMS TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

DATE: Saturday & Sunday
14th & 15th March 2015

VENUE: Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre

DETAILS: This event will be held for Veteran players from the ACT – NSW – VIC – QLD by invitation from the organising committee of the Gold Coast Table Tennis

EVENT DETAILS: Men's and Women's Teams will be played across several Divisions determined by the organising committee. Depending on the number of entries, the organising committee may decide to combine Men and Women players and teams.

SCHEDULE: Starting times Saturday & Sunday from 9am. Finish approx. 4pm on Sunday followed by presentations & food platters

FORMAT: 2 (or 3) players per team. Team matches consist of 4 singles and 1 doubles. Depending on number of entries, each team to play either. 4 or 5 teams matches over the weekend.

ENTRY FEE: \$25 per player

ENTRIES CLOSE – 2nd March

Please send entries via email and for further information contact:

Werner Borkhardt on 0429 840 274 / borkhardt@bigpond.com

Lukas Kozak on 0433 479 188 / info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au

Welcome GCTTA Members!

Gold Coast Table Tennis would like to welcome the following new and former members to the club:

- * David Tuxford
- * Trevor Crowley
- * Ella Cheung
- * Simon Turner
- * Bob Turner
- * Nandakumar Sakaleshpura
- * Dan Croskery
- * Rowan Knowles
- * Timothy Rickard
- * Jason Cassely
- * Forrest Adamson
- * Craig Hayes
- * Mike Gilbert
- * Victor Bohl

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Rule of the Month

Basic table tennis serve

The rules of table tennis have been changed many times in recent years in relation to the service law, but for a casual game of table tennis it remains very simple.

The ball must be above the level of the playing surface and behind the server's end line (or an imaginary extension of it). This essentially means that the server must stand behind the end of the table to serve.

The basic serve involves holding the ball in the palm of your non-playing hand and throwing it upwards.

As the ball is falling, you must hit it with your racket (also known as a paddle or bat) held in your playing hand so that it bounces once on your side of the table, and at least once on your opponent's side of the table.

If your opponent allows the ball to bounce more than once on their side of the table, they will lose the point.

The ball may bounce anywhere on both sides of the table and, unlike tennis, you don't have to serve to one part of the table - unless you're playing doubles.

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.

The ball is "in play" from the moment that the server deliberately throws the ball up.

Tip of the Month

Acquire point-winning weapons

Table tennis is a tough sport, exercised under a high level of stress. Often you have to play many matches per day. Therefore, it is important to be able to win simple and quick points.

I have always been able to rely upon my serves, frequently directly point-winning. I have furthermore worked hard to follow up my serves with a varying forehand stroke.

Spend some time analyzing which point-winning weapons you already possess. And remember that new weapons can be developed!

JAN OVE WALDNER

Coaching

Saturday Group Coaching

Coach: Georgy De Leon

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: Adult \$14 Junior: \$8

Family Discount: \$20

Sunday Squad Training

Coaches: Cathy, Graeme, Wade, Kane Townsend

10:00am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person

Family Discount: \$35

Junior Squad Training

Tuesday Coach: Jordan Dequina

Thursday Coach: Petr Klouba

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Cost: \$10 / \$10 family Discount

Please see coaching brochure or website for further details.

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

Jake Duffy - 0405 833 099

Profiles of the coaches can be viewed on the club website.

Please contact each individual for info and rates.





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Welcome Sunnybank Table Tennis Club!

Table Tennis Queensland are pleased to welcome our newest affiliated association. The Sunnybank Table Tennis Club!

The club currently play at Watson Road State School, 210 Watson Rd Acacia Ridge.

Their opening hours are Monday - Friday 7:00pm-10:00pm.

Please visit the clubs Facebook page for regular updates on all of their latest news and events.



2015 National Senior, Junior & Development Squads

Table Tennis Australia is pleased to announce the 2015 National Senior, Junior Squads. The Squads have been selected in accordance with the National Selection Criteria, and they have been approved by the High Performance Committee and ratified by the TTA Board.

Congratulations to the following QLD players who were selected:

High Performance Squad

Kane Townsend
Wade Townsend
Claire Campbell-Innes

National Development Squad

Matilda Alexandersson
Rebekah Stanley

National Junior Squad

Jake Duffy
Benjamin Gould

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Volunteers Wanted!

Table Tennis Australia is holding the 2015 ITTF World Junior Circuit Australian Junior & Cadet Open at Seagulls Table Tennis from April 3rd – 6th 2015.

The Australian Junior and Cadet Open will be a stand-alone Table Tennis World Junior Circuit.

Table Tennis Australia needs your help to make this World Junior Circuit event a success. We urgently need volunteers throughout the competition to help with jobs such as accreditation management, racket control, result management and people to help set up and pull down the venue.

Come along and watch some of the best junior players from around the world compete over the 4 days of competition and help be a part of a great event.

To register your interest in being a volunteer, complete the form available on our website and return to;

Bonnie Elliott

National Events Manager

Table Tennis Australia

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National AWD Championships Results

Results are now available from the Australian Athletes with a Disability Championships, held in Tasmania 23-27 January!

Congratulations to the following Queensland Team members who won GOLD:

Men's Open Standing Singles Class 6-11 & Deaf – **Joel Coughlan**

Women's Open Standing Doubles – **Andrea McDonnell / Larissa Brown**

Open Mixed Standing Doubles – **Joel Coughlan (QLD) / Melissa Tapper (VIC)**

Class 9-10 Men's Singles – **Joel Coughlan**

Standing Class 8-10 Teams –

QLD (Andrea McDonnell / Jackson Meyn)

Best and Fairest Awards

Class 11 Female - **Kate Juillerat**



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.

Committee update: Zark Rokсандic - *'Due to the overwhelming private commitments I regret to inform that I cannot continue to function as a Treasurer of the GCTTA for the current year.'* The committee would like thank Zark for his contribution and wishes his family all the best in good health.



Gold Coast Table Tennis Association Inc. 2015 Committee

President: Mick Coughlan
Vice-President: Georgy De Leon
Treasurer: Matthew Jones
Secretary: Lukas Kozak
Committee Members:
Martin Solomons, Steven Hitchcock,
Ruth Cordingley, Martin Rogers,
Heinz Pepping, Peter Grainger, Paul Kilmister

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

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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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