GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS NEWSLETTER

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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.

GCTTA ANNUAL EVENTS

NORM KAY HANDICAP COMPETITION

Monday 24th August from 7pm

GOLD COAST CLOSED

Div 1 & 2 - Thursday 27th August

Div 3 & 4 - Wednesday 26th August

GOLD COAST OPEN

Sat 29th to Sun 30th August

Details and entry forms will be displayed on the club noticeboard and website.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

17th to 20th July - **QLD Veterans Championships** *(Townsville)*

28th July - **Harry Akker Handicap Rd 5**

8th & 9th Aug - **Queensland Open** *(Gold Coast)*

15th & 16th Aug - **Bundaberg Open**

15th & 16th Aug - **Northern Region Teams Competition** *(Far North Coast - Lismore)*

24th Aug - **Norm Kay Handicap Competition**

26th & 27th Aug - **Gold Coast Closed**

29th & 30th Aug - **Gold Coast Open**

1st Sept - **Harry Akker Handicap Rd 6**

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gossip corner

GOLD Coast interest and involvement in the Australian Open held at Seagulls last month was significant. Jake Duffy, Wade and Kane Townsend, Ben Houghton and Matilda Alexandersson all featured in the ITTF tournament, the most highly-rated assembly of top talent in these parts since Brisbane hosted a world tour event back in 1996. Not surprisingly, plenty of club members looked in on the action.

SPOTTED in blazer and tie rather than playing gear was Zark Roksandic, exercising his talents as a leading umpire by officiating at the Australian Open. He has been on duty in half a dozen major tournaments and rated this one, crammed with international visitors, as a highlight. Zark is a former committee man and club treasurer happily still sighted regularly despite having to step down from such duties earlier in the year.

MORE info on Jake Duffy's first sortie into the overseas club arena. The tall, talented teenager who racked up a record-breaking quadrella with success in the singles, boys doubles, mixed doubles and teams events at the Oceania titles in Kiribati last month, will contest the Australian championships in Melbourne in July, before heading for Sweden where he and fellow Aussie squad member Heming Hu will be playing for Eslovs, the reigning ETTU Cup champions.

ONE tenuous Gold Coast link with Eslovs is their top player, Michael Maze, a Danish international who has been ranked as high as number eight in the world. An action poster of Michael is one of those adorning the walls of the Molendinar centre, overlooking table 8. Way back in 1997, the up and coming Maze, then 15, met erstwhile Gold Coaster Martin Rogers, 18, in the English Open ... Martin led 13-9 in the fifth before Maze got up 21-18.

IT'S au revoir to Steve Hitchcock, who as committee member, stand-in stats and results king, Division 2 and All-Stars regular, has been a prominent presence around the club of late. Steve, a former golf professional, has landed a high-powered management job in Bathurst and is forsaking the sunshine for the dubious wintry delights of the central tablelands. But is vowing to return to the Gold Coast in the future, which is good news.

TONY Gilmour, who progressed through Division 4 to Division 3 this year, is another to head off for pastures new – although in his case, he is expecting to be back on the Gold Coast by 2017. Tony is a career naval man, who has just taken up a two-year posting at Watson's Bay in Sydney. The base provides training for Royal Australian Navy personnel in maritime warfare, as well as a wide range of programmes for sailors up to command and executive level.

SWITCHING fixtures scheduled for State of Origin Wednesdays to Tuesday nights met with widespread approval from Division 3 and Division 4 players. With the odd exception the changes worked seamlessly and the initiative is likely to be repeated in future years. The occasion must not be allowed to pass either without mention of the snappy maroon and blue wigs donned by Brad Himmelreich and John Freame whose parochial 'support' was duly noted.

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Queensland Open Championships 2015

The Queensland Open Championships are due to be held from 8-9 August at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre. $2,800 in prize money on offer!

The entry form can be downloaded from the club website.

How to Enter: Enter online at event.tabletennisqld.org

Events: Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles
Mixed Doubles
Under 21 Men's Singles
Under 21 Women's Singles

Prize Money: The following prize money (per person) to a value of $2,800 will be presented at the Queensland Open 2015:

	1st	2nd	SF
Men's Singles	$1,000	$200	$50
Women's Singles	$1,000	$200	$50
U21 Singles	$75	$25	

Schedule: (Approximate)
Sat (AM): u/21 Groups
Sat (PM): Open Groups / All Doubles
Sun: Singles Knockouts

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2015 GOLD COAST OPEN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

29th & 30th August 2015

Over $2500 Total Prize Money!

31 Events

Submit entry to:
info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au

Entries Close: *Wednesday 26th August*

Come along to enjoy the Gold Coast, have a hit and Warm up for the Australian Junior and the Australian Veterans Championships.

Low Entry Fees for Junior Events!
Junior Round Robin Groups for More Game Time!

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HARRY AKKER HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Event Details

Now on Tuesday evenings!

Eligibility: all members and invitees

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

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

For Schedule, standings & further information please visit the club website and go to Monthly Handicap Tournament

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

NEXT ROUNDS:

Rd 5: Tue 28 July - Rd 6: Tue 1 Sept

HAVE A GO MATE!

Project Defib

Project Defib is a national program brought to you by Australian Red Cross College. This program will enable every sporting club in Australia access to the latest Lifeline VIEW Defibrillator to assist in reducing the number of fatalities resulting from Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Through the funding received from Division 6 Councillor Dawn Crichlow, last years Bunnings BBQ fundraiser and several member contributions, the club is pleased to announce the purchase of a Defibrillator, training & support package through the Red Cross Program.

2015 QLD JUNIORS RECAP

The 2015 QLD Juniors Championships was held in Brisbane from 28th June to 1st July.

8 Gold Coast juniors represented the club at the Championships.

Our u/13 Boys Teams of Jakub Klouba & Youman Li won the Bronze in the Teams event & also in the u/13 Boys Doubles; In the u/13 Girls Doubles, Hannah Klouba with Danni-Elle Townsend won the Silver medal.

Order of Merit Ranking for the following GC Juniors:

Oscar Wong #4	Youman Li #8
Jakub Klouba #7	Hannah Klouba #6

Special mention to Oscar Wong who got selected to represent QLD u/18 Boy's Team at the Australian Junior Championships in South Australia.

Well done to all the Gold Coast Juniors who participated and Congratulations to all the medallists.
Full results can be seen on the TTQ website.

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Rule of the Month

Score a point

To score a point, you must keep the ball in play longer than your opponent.

A player loses a point if he:

- Fails to make a good serve (eg. throwing the ball in the air and failing to hit the ball or failing to hit it onto his opponent's side of the table)
- Allows the ball to bounce twice on his side of the table
- Does not hit the ball after it has bounced on his side of the table
- Does not hit the ball onto his opponent's side of the table
- Hits the ball before it has bounced (i.e. volleying the ball) unless it's obviously not going to bounce on his side of the table
- Hits the ball twice in succession (i.e. a double hit
- Puts his non-playing hand on the table or net or moves the table
- Obstructs the ball with any part of his body or clothing (unless it's obviously not going to bounce on his side of the table)
- Hits the ball out of turn when playing doubles

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 individual for bookings and rates.

Tip of the Month

Master three distances

Many players master play from only one or two distances. My recommendation is that you consciously practice play from all three distances after the bounce as indicated below:
Distance 1 - ball on its way up: You must hit the ball before it reaches its highest point after the bounce. You should learn to use short and quick strokes with little backswing.
Distance 2 - ball at its highest point: You should learn to use a relaxed technique when hitting the ball at its highest point after the bounce. A large variety of strokes can be successfully applied at this distance.
Distance 3 – ball on its way down: You hit the ball after it has reached its highest point after bounce, on its way down. This distance requires a technique where you use a large forearm movement before ball impact. **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 & Thursday
Coach: Petr Klouba
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Cost: **$10 / *$10*** *family Discount*

Please see website for details and training schedule.

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Table Tennis Australia NEWS

Queensland Closed Championships Wrap

The 2015 Queensland Senior Closed Championships were held at the Mackay Table Tennis Centre from 9-12 May.

In the Women's team event, the Gold Coast duo of Ruth Cordingley and Marianne Dengate won all 5 of their matches to claim the title.

While in the Men's team event the President's team of Steve Mitchell, Naoya Yamamoto and Stanley Chan finished in first place. As a President's team can not claim the teams shield, the Townsville team of David Fielding, Bruce Lee and Gary Walmsley etched their names on the winners shield.

Ruth Cordingley (pictured) from the Gold Coast won the Women's singles title, defeating Eliza Forster and Marianne Dengate along the way.

In the Men's singles Bruce Lee from Townsville claimed the Gold medal, overcoming a strong field including David Fielding, Ben Houghton and Naoya Yamamoto. Special mention to Mitchell Connor from Mackay who won the President's shield.

Congratulations to Gold Coast players - Jake, Ben, Ruth and Marianne, who were selected to represent QLD at the 2015 National Championships in Victoria from 5th to 11th July.

Please contact club if you would like to advertise here!

Oceania Cup & Para TT Championships

The K-Sports 2015 ITTF Oceania Cup & Para TT Championships were held from 10-12 April at Bendigo, Victoria.

For the first time these two major events have been integrated together, both able-bodied athletes, and athletes with a disability competed in the same venue.

In the Men's Singles William Henzell proved to be too strong. He defeated fellow National team mates Kane Townsend in the semi-finals and then David Powell in the final.

While in the Women's event number 1 seed Jian Fang Lay cruised to the title, defeating New Zealander Chunli Li in the final.

In the Oceania Para Table Tennis Championships, Queensland was well represented with a number of players competing for Australia. Andrea McDonnell claimed silver in the Women's singles Class 6-10. While Joel Coughlan narrowly loss to Barak Mizrachi in the Class 6-10 Men's final. Andrea and Jackson Meyn partnered to win Gold in the Class 9-10 teams event. Congratulations to all players involved at this event.

Oceania Junior Championships

Four Queensland players were selected to represent Australia at the 2015 ITTF Oceania Junior Championships which were held from13-16 May at Tarawa, Kiribati.

In the singles events all four players competed exceptionally well. In the Junior Boys event Jake Duffy claimed the Gold medal. While in the Junior Girls event Rebekah Stanley also finished the event unbeaten.

In the Cadet Boys singles final team mates Benjamin Gould and Mateo Dvorani met. Benjamin ended up winning the final 3-1.

The Australian team also produced fantastic results in the teams events. The Junior Boys and Cadet Girls teams won Gold. While the Junior Girls and Cadet boys finished 2nd overall, going down to New Zealand on both occasions in the final.

Congratulations to Jake, Rebekah, Benjamin & Mateo

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.

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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

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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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