

# GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS NEWSLETTER



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## **WHAT'S ON**

Monday:	6.30pm-10pm	All-Stars 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 4 & 5 & Social play
Thursday:	4.15pm-6.00pm	Junior Training
	6.30pm-10pm	Fixtures Div 1, 2 & 3
Friday:	9am-Noon	Senior 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.

## 2019 SUMMER FIXTURES

2019 Summer Season begins on the following dates:

All-Stars: Monday 14 January

Div. 4 & 5: Wednesday 16 January

Div. 1, 2 & 3: Thursday 17 January

## Club Drink Bottles

All new and renewing Members who join the club in 2019 will receive a complimentary club drink bottle.



**Merry Christmas**

*and a happy New Year!*

**GOLD COAST  
TABLE TENNIS**

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

Opening Hours during holidays:

Centre Closed - 22 Dec to 3 Jan

Club open as usual - from Friday 4 January 2019

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### GCTTA PRESIDENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

I believe 2018 has been our busiest year on record. The club has certainly continued to progress. After all the planning and hard work it's been great to benefit from air-conditioning to all the playing areas. Other infrastructure improvements include, major upgrading to all our lighting, painting and insulation repairs and improvements. Later this year we will take delivery of new furniture for our foyer/lounge area, compliments of the QLD Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund. A Gold Coast City Council community grant will enable us to upgrade our computer and software.

Throughout 2018 the Gold Coast Club successfully hosted many international, national and state tournaments. These along with schools, Para, Transplant and Special Olympics helped make for a very busy year. It's great to see our improving club being utilised. Thanks to tournament director Lukas Kozak, Referee Zark Roksandic and our many volunteers.

Of course I must make mention of the 2018 Commonwealth Games held in our city. Although a disruption to our normal club routines, it lifted the game of table tennis's profile for the greater good. Many club members enjoyed the games at the Oxenford location (live) and also on their televisions. Thanks to all our club members who volunteered at the Games Venues.

Sadly our club lost several past and present members during 2018. Including Gil Tauris, an outstanding veteran and Gold Coast fixture player for many years. Gil was the husband of Noelene Tauris, who is also a Gold Coast club fixture player and President of South Tweed Table Tennis club. We also lost club stalwart Saci Papp, who was a veteran and fixture player on the Gold Coast for many years. Another player to pass was Bill Bates, the former over 80 World Champ, was an inspiration to all who knew him. All these players enriched our lives and our club. They all leave a legacy which will be long remembered. Our condolences were duly passed on to all their families.

A big thankyou to the 2018 Committee who have all worked well together ensuring all the necessary tasks were completed. At this point I would like to personally thank outgoing Committee members Matthew Jones and Van Cassis. Thanks for your support over the past number of years. Thanks also to the many volunteers who make our club so successful. Special mention of Charlie Voges, who once again stands out with his maintenance, cleaning and Sunday rosters.

Speaking of volunteers, Agnes Herbertson, who by her magnanimous gesture in establishing the Agnes Foundation to ensure future club development. This further enhances her already outstanding reputation as Matriarch and founding member. Thank you Agnes you are certainly an inspirational person who we are lucky to have at this club.

Thank you to our coaches, especially Cathy Townsend, and ably assisted by Van Cassis who do so much great work with the Junior Squads. Thanks must also go to all the parents who bring their children for training, a great investment in their futures I'm sure.

To all our private coaches, thank you for helping to ensure, standards continue to improve due to your hard work and dedication to our club and the sport.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the outstanding job Lukas Kozak does for our club as Centre Manager. This club is very fortunate to have a manager of his calibre. He has shown great skill in carrying out the day to day tasks in running this great club. It certainly helps that he plays and understands all facets of our great game.

Finally, thanks to all the members who make up our club for your support. We look forward to 2019, always striving to improve the facilities and structure of the Gold Coast Table Tennis Association for the benefits of all.

**Mick Coughlan**

GCTTA President





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.

Vice-President Phil Caldwell handled proceedings, thanked all attendees, looked forward to the new year for the Club, and announced the names of the customary awards. Thank you.

Here are some photos for you to enjoy!



# 2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRESENTATIONS

### 2018 GCTTA AWARDS

SAM BINSTEAD PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

**Thomas Samuelsson**

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER: **Jesse Wilson**

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR: **Jayne Toko-Watene**

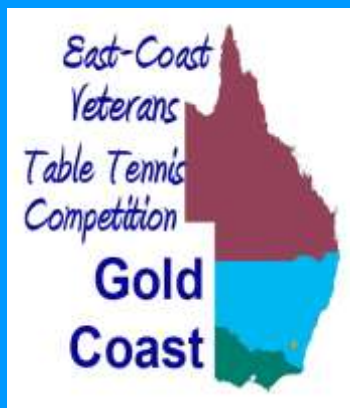
HERBERTSON SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: **Joseph Raben**

GOLD COAST OPEN WINNER: **Dean Shu**

STATE OF ORIGIN WINNER: **QLD**







### 2019 EAST-COAST VETERAN TEAMS TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

Saturday & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**EVENT DETAILS:** This competition is open to all Australian, New Zealand and overseas Veteran players from the age of 30.

Men's and Women's Teams will be played in 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 8.30am. Finish approx. 5pm 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** - Friday 1st February

Please send entries via email to [info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au](mailto:info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au)

### 2019 GCTTA Fees

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership Level	Adult	Conc.
GCTTA Joining Fee	\$ 30	\$ 30
TTQ Social Membership	\$ 60	\$ 50
TTQ Club/Tourn. M/ship	\$ 100	\$ 90

#### PLAYING FEES

Type of Play	Adult	Jnr
<u>Social</u>		
Playing Fee	\$ 8	\$ 5
Non-Member Fee	\$ 10	\$ 7
Family	\$ 15 (Group Discounts available)	
<u>Fixtures*</u>		
Playing Fee	\$ 12	\$ 7
Season Fee	\$ 120	\$ 80
Social Discount Card* - \$25 (4x social sessions)		
* for Members only		

#### Annual Fees 2019

##### Gold Annual Fee

**Adult \$1000**

**Concession \$900**

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

##### Silver Social Fee

**Cost \$500**

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

*\*Conditions apply*

2019 Membership fees can now be paid.

**Take advantage of the Annual Fees for great savings!**



### State of Origin 2018 Recap

2018 series between QLD (Gold Coast) and NSW (South Tweed) was a tightly contested affair, with the away teams defeating the hosts on both occasions. Round 1 on the Gold Coast saw NSW prevail 3-2 in matches, giving them a great opportunity to claim the title. However, Round 2 at South Tweed, with a few personnel changes and tactical strategies, QLD overcame NSW 3-1 on matches, meaning QLD retained the cup with a 5-4 win overall. Congratulations to all who participated and we look forward to 2019 and another exciting series.



## News Flash!

### Friday Morning Social X-Mass Lunch

On Friday 30th Nov, the social doubles group had their annual Christmas lunch at the club. We played our usual games, then lunch when finished. It was a FREE morning, though most donated their usual fee to the Agnes Foundation.

Catering was efficiently carried out by Heinz, Phil and Agnes, with roast chicken, potato salad, and various other salads, followed by delicious slices made by Dawn Caldwell, for which we extend our thanks and appreciation. Your slices are famous, Dawn, as is Heinz' potato salad. The \$1 per player from the 'Friday morning kitty' more than covered for the meal.

FRIDAY MORNING SOCIAL DOUBLES IS ON EVERY WEEK (BAR CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR, & SCHOOL SPORT DAYS) AND EVERYONE



*A special 'thank you' to Lukas, from Agnes, in appreciation of the beautiful plaque he got made for me, to commemorate all my years with G.C.T.T.A and in recognition for the Agnes Foundation.*

*If anyone hasn't as yet seen the plaque, it is at the club, displayed on the wall near the door into the kitchen. If you haven't seen it, go and have a look, you will be pleasantly surprised.*  
**from Agnes**

IS WELCOME TO JUST TURN UP, 9AM TO 9.20AM. WE PLAY TO 12 NOON, GATES OPEN APPROX 8.30AM. ALTHOUGH VERY COMPETITIVE (FOR SOME) WE HAVE HEAPS OF FUN IN A MORE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE ASK AGNES PH. 07 5571 1210. FRIDAY GAMES HAE BEEN RUNNING SINCE 1997, SO THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

**by Agnes Herbertson**



## GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

### Junior Holiday Training

#### Table Tennis Holiday Program

Fun, Social & Coaching

DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019

10.30am - 12.30pm

Tue 18 & Wed 19 December 2018

Tue 8 & Wed 9 January 2019

Tue 15 & Wed 16 January 2019

Tue 22 & Wed 23 January 2019

**Coach: Cathy Townsend**

**Cost:**

Player: \$15 a day or \$25 for block of 2 days (Tues,Wed)  
Family: \$25 a day or \$45 for block of 2 days (Tues,Wed)

Bookings and payments essential. *Cash payment preferred.*

Contact Cathy on 0421 397 255 for further information.

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# NEWS

## Inaugural National Volunteer Awards - Dave Delpratt Claims Top Prize

Dave Delpratt from Bundaberg and District Table Tennis Association and Table Tennis Queensland earned himself a place in history today, taking out the first ever National Volunteer of the Year Award. Multiple other volunteers also received awards for their outstanding contribution to table tennis. In a new TTA initiative, the National Volunteer Awards provides acknowledgement and recognition to the backbone of our great game - volunteers.

The 2018 National Volunteer Awards were a great success. TTA are looking forward to growing the initiative in 2019 and beyond.

Check out the impressive bio's from all award winners:

- 2018 National Volunteer of the Year: Dave Delpratt
- 2018 Fran Keyhoe Official of the Year: Dave Delpratt
- 2018 Young Official of the Year: Sam Miller
- 2018 Club/Association of the Year: Croydon and Districts Table Tennis Association
- 2018 Administrator of the Year (Joint Winner): Brendan Gaeta
- 2018 Administrator of the Year (Joint Winner): Yagiz Alp Aksoy
- 25 Years of Service Award: Paul Martin
- 25 Years of Service Award: Ann Percy
- 25 Years of Service Award: Trevor Barrett
- 50 Years of Service Award: Ward Leydon
- 50 Years of Service Award: Jim Kilderry
- 50 Years of Service Award: Angelo Tabone

Congratulations to all award winners and thank you to all volunteers across table tennis - we couldn't do it without you!



## QLD Sport Award Finalists 2018

Congratulations to Dave Delpratt (Official of the Year) & Phil Freeman (Volunteer of the Year) on being named finalists for the 24th Annual Queensland Sport Awards. The Award winners were recently announced at the Awards Dinner held in Brisbane.



KONICA MINOLTA

Queensland Sport Officiator Queensland Sport Volunteer

Erin	Collis	Swimming
David	Delpratt	Table Tennis
Jarred	Gillett	Football
Aleisha	Neumann	Hockey
Maria	Schwennesen	Equestrian

Robert	Bailey	Cricket
Phil	Freeman	Table Tennis
Mark	Mason	AFL
Michelle	Moore	Athletics
Jane	Seawright	Netball
Trisha	Spry	Cricket
David	Waller	Softball

## QLD Hopes Team Members

Congratulations to all of our Hopes (Under 12) participants that took part in the QLD Hopes Final held in Brisbane. TTQ is pleased to announce the following players have been selected and will receive a \$345 (entry fee) subsidy each to attend the 2019 National Hopes Week due to be held in Melbourne from 21-25 January.

Boys: Askyn Toko-Watene (Gc) & Oscar Savige (Mk)

Girls: Rachel Goh (Wy) & Haneul Kim (Wy)

Congratulations to Gold Coast Junior - Askyn Toko-Watene Askyn plays fixtures Wednesday night, represented the club at the Queensland State Junior Championships, is part of junior afternoon training group and attends the club for frequent individual training.



### China steals the show in Bendigo

The 2018 ITTF World Junior Table Tennis Championships very much belonged to China after the nation's players dominated the final day in Bendigo, Australia, from start to finish.

Individual prizes (Girls' and Boys' Singles, Girls' and Boys' Doubles, and Mixed Doubles) follow gold medals in the Teams events, thus completing a clean sweep of trophies throughout the tournament.

#### GIRLS' SINGLES GOES RIGHT TO THE WIRE

A breath-taking battle between the top two seeds: the Girls' Singles final more than lived up to its billing and undoubtedly provided the day's most enthralling final.

SHI Xun Yao (CHN) and QIAN Tianyi (CHN) both came into the contest off the back of convincing semi-final victories, the former beating Yumeno SOMA (JPN) 4-0 and the latter dropping just one game to SU Pei-Ling (TPE). Once pitted against one another in the final, neither player gave an inch in a match that went the full distance.

After surrendering a 1-0 lead to then trail 2-1 and 3-2, it had seemed as though QIAN would be ending the day empty-handed.

However, she managed to keep her cool when it mattered most, clinching the final two games to come out ultimately on top after a rollercoaster ride of an encounter: 11-8, 5-11, 9-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-9, 11-8.

#### RUTHLESS WINS FOR CHINA'S BOYS

If the Girls' Singles contest went right to the wire, the same could not be said for both Boys' finals, as XU Haidong (CHN) saw off Yukiya UDA (JPN) 4-1 to seal glory in the Boys' Singles, having partnered XIANG Peng earlier to the Boys' Doubles title with a straight games victory over Maksim GREBNEV and Lev KATSMAN (RUS).

However, that did not mean there was any less fiery intensity to these matches, with each individual game decided by fine margins:

XU staved off the threat of a potential comeback when UDA took the third game, by battling his way to win 13-11, 11-4, 8-11, 11-9, 11-8.

Meanwhile in the Doubles, XU and XIANG came from behind within the first game to grasp a crucial early foothold in the match.

Despite the best efforts of Russia's dynamic duo GREBNEV and KATSMAN, including an audacious, yet perfectly executed 'Behind The Back' shot from the former, China's Boys never looked back and saw out the victory 11-9, 11-8, 11-3.

#### SHI XUNYAO DOMINATES IN THE DOUBLES

The star of the show in Wednesday's Junior Girls' Teams triumph, just four days later SHI Xun Yao (CHN) took centre-stage once more, appearing in three finals on Sunday.

Her rock-solid partnership with HUANG Fanzhen made gold in the Girls' Doubles all but a formality, as they saw off Miyu NAGASAKI and Satsuki ODO (JPN) 3-1 in the semi-finals, before defeating Miyuu KIHARA and Yumeno SOMA (JPN) in straight games: 11-7, 11-8, 11-6.

Just moments earlier, SHI also tasted success in the Mixed Doubles alongside XU Yingbin, sealing a 3-2 victory in an all-Chinese final against YU Heyi and QIAN Tianyi: 11-8, 3-11, 11-5, 9-11, 11-5.

#### EPIC ENTERTAINMENT FROM PLETEA & CO.

Heart-stopping rallies and shots which seemed to defy the laws of physics to land on the table from surely impossible angles and distances, Cristian PLETEA's (ROU) gripping victory over YU Heyi (CHN) in Saturday's Boys' Singles quarter-final was the perfect advertisement for Table Tennis, providing the kind of adrenaline rush that any and every sports fan craves. His out-of-this-world, winning points attracted approximately 1.8 million impressions on ITTF social media within 24 hours!

PLETEA's stirring performance to reach the semi-finals, where he was beaten by eventual champion XU Haidong, topped the standout showings from Europe.

Irvin BERTRAND and Leo DE NODREST (FRA) were impressive in overcoming Yukiya UDA and Shunsuke TOGAMI (JPN) to reach the Boys' Doubles semi-finals, before they were ultimately outfought and thought by GREBNEV and KATSMAN.

#### NEXT STOP: BANGKOK!

Can anyone break up the current dominance of China at next year's ITTF World Junior Table Tennis Championships?

The globe's most promising, upcoming talents will all be headed to Bangkok (THA) between 24 November and 1 December 2019, looking to give their budding careers lift-off for potential future greatness.

*Courtesy of ITTF*



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GCTTA would like to thank **Table Tennis World & Ashben Medical Centre** for its continued support!



### Tip of the Month

#### Choose your equipment wisely

If you are ready for table tennis equipment, begin with a medium-fast blade (rather than fast). A medium-fast blade allows you to rely more on technique than on equipment to get the ball over the net. It will also provide optimum control. The most important consideration for a blade, however, is that it provides good "feeling." As for rubber try to get the "beginner" kinds for the beginning. The reason for this is because beginner rubbers are designed with less spin and speed, and this translates into easier returns of spinny balls. Trying to return a sidespin serve will be a hair-pulling experience for a beginner if he/she uses an overly spinny rubber.

### Rule of the Month

#### Doubles: Errors in changing ends

Rule 2.14.02 states that...

*"If the players have not changed ends when they should have done so, play shall be interrupted by the umpire as soon as the error is discovered and shall resume with the players at the ends at which they should be at the score that has been reached, according to the sequence established at the beginning of the match".*

This means that if during the course of a game you discover that you are not playing at the correct end of the table, you must stop the game and change ends.

The table tennis doubles rules say that all points scored before the discovery of the error shall remain.

## Group Coaching

### Tuesday Adult Coaching

**Coach:** Cathy Townsend

**7:00pm - 8:30pm**

**Cost: \$12 per session**

**Family \$20**

### Junior Squad Training

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday**

**Coach:** Cathy Townsend

**Assistant Coach:** Van Cassis

**4:15pm - 6:00pm**

**Cost: \$10 per session**

**\$15 Family**

*Please see website for training schedule.*

### 2019 CALENDAR

#### Association Opens

16-17 March	Wynnum Open
23-24 March	University of Queensland Open
30-31 March	Bundaberg Open
26-28 April	Rockhampton Open
4-5 May	Brisbane Open
4-6 May	Townsville Open
18-19 May	Moreton Bay Open
25-26 May	Cairns Open
29-30 June	Gold Coast Open
14-15 September	Toowoomba Open
5-7 October	Mackay Open

#### Other club events

9-10 February	East Coast Veterans Gold Coast
13-14 July	Moreton Bay Veterans

#### State Championships

14-17 February	QLD Closed Championships – Townsville
17-20 April	QLD Junior Championships – Mackay
24-28 July	QLD Veterans Championships – Brisbane
1-2 June	QLD Open Championships – Gold Coast

#### National Championships

1-5 February	National Para Championships – Murray Bridge, SA
8-13 April	National Senior and Youth Championships – Latrobe Churchill, VIC
7-13 July	National Junior Championships – Wollongong, NSW
TBC October	National Veterans Championships: Venue TBC, SA





## 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. 2019 Committee**

**President:** Mick Coughlan

**Vice-President:** Phil Caldwell

**Treasurer:** George Christou

**Secretary:** Lukas Kozak

#### **Committee Members:**

Heinz Pepping, Robert Matheson,  
Charlie Voges, Jesse Wilson, Ernie Weaver,  
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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](mailto: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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