



# GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

## NEWSLETTER



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### **WHAT'S ON**

Monday:	6.30pm-10pm All Star Fixtures & Social play
Tuesday:	6.30pm-10pm Social play
Wednesday:	6.30pm-10pm Fixtures Div 3 & 4 and Social play
Thursday:	4.15pm-6.15pm Junior Training 6.30pm-10pm Fixtures 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 schedule  
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.

### Spring Fixtures

2016 Spring Season begins on the following dates:

All-Stars: Monday 29 August

Div 3 & 4: Wednesday 31 August

Div 1 & 2: Thursday 1 September

### GCTTA ANNUAL EVENTS

#### NORM KAY HANDICAP COMPETITION

Monday 22nd August from 7pm

#### GOLD COAST CLOSED

Div 1 & 2 - Thursday 25th August

Div 3 & 4 - Wednesday 24th August

*Details and how to enter is displayed on the club  
fixture noticeboard and website.*

### UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

27th-28th August - **Gold Coast Open**

7th-18th Sept - **Paralympic Games**

(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

17th Sept - **Women's National Challenge**

(Moreton Bay)

24th Sept-1st Oct - **Australian National  
Championships** (Tweed Heads)

1st-3rd Oct - **Mackay Open**

7th-9th Oct - **National Junior Top 10**  
(Tweed Heads)

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### MASTER CHOICE OZ 2016 GOLD COAST OPEN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



### 2016 GOLD COAST OPEN

Submit your entry form to the club or email to  
[info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au](mailto:info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au)

Entry forms available at the Centre or from the website.

Entries Close: **Wednesday 24th August**

### 30 Events

### OVER \$3000 TOTAL PRIZEMONEY



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



### GOLD COAST TRIUMPHS AT QLD CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Queensland Senior Closed Championships were held from 26-30 June at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre. The event saw players from Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton & various parts of South-East Queensland compete in an extremely competitive environment.

The Men's teams event had twelve teams in total. The groups went according to seedings with no major upsets. The stand-out performers in the groups were Benjamin Gould & Jake Duffy, both going undefeated (15-0).

The surprise performer in the Men's team event was former Mongolian representative Altantulga (Aggie) Lkhagvadorj from Brisbane, who played exceptionally well. Aggie finished with a record of 13-2 in the group stage.

In the finals of the event, Brisbane A (Seref Bakanay, Mateo Dvorani & Benjamin Gould) met Wynnum (Nicholas Armitage, Stanley Chan, Nicholas Navarrete & Franck Roguiez) in the semi-finals. Brisbane A were too strong winning 5-2 overall and progressing to the final. In the other semi-final President's 1 (Aggie Lkhagvadorj, Steve Mitchell & Matthew Pettett) faced off against Gold Coast A (pictured above). The Gold Coast team were led by Jake Duffy (3-0) to win 5-2 and meet Brisbane A in the final.

The Gold Coast team won the final 5-1 to claim the Gold medal. Congratulations to the Gold Coast A team.

The Women's team event saw seven teams competing for the title of state champions. In the earlier rounds it looked like the Cabarita Beach team of Matilda and Susanne Alexandersson were on track for the Gold medal, easily defeating their opponents. However they then met the University of Queensland A team of Xue Bai, Ching Chong & Ru Sun. Xue Bai won both of her singles matches, but Ching Chong narrowly lost both of her

singles matches meaning it went down to the doubles match to decide the title. The UQ duo combined very well to win the doubles 3-0 and win the title.

Congratulations to the Xue, Ching and Ru on winning the Women's teams event.

Well done to the Gold Coast Women's Team of Ruth Cordingley, Marianne Dengate and Helen Barnett who claimed the bronze medal.





### QLD Champs Continued

The individual events saw some amazing competition across all events.

Firstly in the Mixed Doubles local duo Lukas Kozak & Ruth Cordingley took out on the event by the most narrow of margins. They overcame Olav Dahl/Linda Towler & Andy Nguyen/Ashley Martin on a countback.

Another Gold Coast pairing won the Women's doubles, this time Ruth combined with Marianne Dengate to take the title. UQ pairing Ru Sun and Yu-Chiao Wang finished second.

While in the Men's Doubles Aggie Lkhagvadorj & Fred Xu overcame a fantastic field including Jake Duffy/Ben Houghton & Petr Klouba/Lukas Kozak to win the event.

Wynnum representative Ashley Martin won the Under 21 Women's singles event. Zabrynn Lander from Brisbane finished 2nd and Gold Coast local Hannah Klouba claimed bronze.

The Under 21 Men's singles event saw a number of QLD Junior team mates battle it out. Jake Duffy got the best of Fred Xu to make it to final, while Ben Houghton overcame Olav Dahl in the other semi. In the end Jake defeated fellow Gold Coaster Ben 3-0 in the final in an entertaining match.

All of the top seeds in the Women's singles event made it through to the main draw. Young star Matilda Alexandersson defeated Linda Towler 4-1 in the first semi.

While Ru Sun narrowly defeated Ashley Martin 4-3 in the second semi. Ru Sun was victorious in the end and backed up her teams gold medal with the Women's singles title.

Altantulga Lkhagvadorj finished off an amazing week with the Men's singles title. On route to the title he overcame the strong Gold Coast duo of Jake Duffy (4-3) and Ben Houghton (4-2) in the final.

Full results are available on the TTQ website. QLD Senior & Youth teams also on the website.

### Clean Sweep for Jake at National Juniors

The 2016 Australian Junior Championships were held in Alice Springs from 2nd to 9th July.

Three juniors from the Gold Coast - Jake Duffy, Jakub Klouba & DJ (Youman Li) represented QLD at the tournament.

Jakub & DJ competed at their first National Juniors, and performed admirably in the u/13 Teams, Singles & Doubles events, with some good performances and great experience for future events.

However, the stage was set for Jake, competing in his final Australian Juniors, he achieved what only two before him have previously done and that is win Gold in every event. Jake was victorious, firstly in the u/18 Men's Team with QLD, then u/18 Mixed Doubles, u/18 Men's Doubles and Men's Singles. Jake claimed the number 1 order of merit and was crowned with the u/18 best player award. This truly was a phenomenal feat.

Gold Coast Table Tennis is very proud of Jake's achievements and may the journey continue with the Commonwealth Games, Olympics, World Championships and toward further horizons.



### QLD Para Schools Gold Coast

The Queensland Para Schools Table Tennis Championships were held on 17 June at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre. This was the second year of the event, which saw a slight increase in participation from 2015.

Participants from Bundaberg, Slacks Creek & Warwick took part in the event. It was fantastic to have QLD Para team members Aaron Payne and Nicholas Jefferson competing. It gave the other players an opportunity to see the standard of play they can aspire to.

The Bundaberg State High team of Nicholas and Johnny ended up claiming the gold medal over the Composite team (Warwick state high/Mabel Park state high) in an entertaining final.

Special mention to Linda from Mabel Park, Maria from Bundaberg High and the Payne family for their assistance on the day and their continued support of the event.

TTQ would like to thank all of the players, parents, teachers & schools involved in the 2016 QLD Schools events. The event continues to grow and further expansion is planned for 2017.



*Participants from the Para Schools event*

### Let's celebrate Seniors Week!

Seniors Week is our chance to celebrate the positive contribution that seniors make to our community. It runs from 13-21 August and offers a wide range of events promoting an active and connected lifestyle. There's something to suit everyone, so why not get involved, try new things and have fun?

[cityofgoldcoast.com.au/seniorsweek](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/seniorsweek)

**Friday 19th August**  
**9am - Noon**

**Morning social**

**Gold Coast Table Tennis Association**

- Social doubles handicap for seniors. \$7.



### 2016 Ping Pong-a-thon

**The Pong is a dynamic and fun twenty-four hour table tennis event that runs in venues across Australia every October.**

**Participants sign up to play for a minimum of three hours of table tennis at their venue of choice and invite their family/friends to sponsor their efforts.**

The club will be playing host to a staging of the national Ping Pong-A-Thon, supporting organisations who are playing their part in bringing an end to human trafficking and exploitation of our world's most vulnerable. GCTTA will be one of several locations in Queensland participating in a 24-hour marathon. More details from [www.pingpongathon.com](http://www.pingpongathon.com)



### Tip of the Month

#### Know what spin is on the ball

The key to acquiring this important skill is to carefully watch the opponent's racket when it makes contact with the ball. If the opponent's racket is moving from low to high, the spin is topspin; from high to low, backspin; from his/her left to right, right sidespin; and from right to left, left sidespin.

#### Compensate for the spin with your racket angle

If topspin, angle your leading racket face down and contact the ball above its center; if backspin, angle the leading racket face up and contact the ball below its center; if right sidespin, angle the leading racket face to the right and contact the ball to the left of its mid-line; if left sidespin, angle the leading racket face to the left and contact the ball to the right of its mid-line. While holding the racket at the suggested angle, stroke gently forward. Only after you have developed a "feel" for the spin should you stroke the ball with more force.

**NEWGY COACHING**

### 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**

Profiles of the coaches can be viewed on the club website under private coaching.

Please contact for bookings and rates. Thank you.



### Rule of the Month

#### Throwing the ball upwards

Rule 2.06.02 states...

*"The server shall then project the ball near vertically upwards, without imparting spin, so that it rises at least 16cm (approx 6 inches) after leaving the palm of the free hand and then falls without touching anything before being struck".*

The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the server strikes the ball as it's falling from the vertical.

Before adding this requirement for the ball to rise by at least 16cm, it was difficult for the umpire to establish whether the ball was being struck on the way up or on the way down.

Also, by requiring the server to throw the ball upwards within a few degrees of the vertical (rather than a previous rule which stated it had to be within an angle of 45°), the umpire can be sure that the ball has been thrown upwards and not sideways or diagonally.

This prevents a player from throwing the ball directly onto his racket, thereby generating extra speed on his serve.

Also, by specifying that the ball must rise at least 16cm (approx 6 inches) from when it leaves your hand ... it means you must throw it well clear of your hand.

Therefore it's not a legal serve if you lift the ball up with your hand to shoulder height, then only throw it up less than 16cm.

It's also worth noting that, as soon as the server has deliberately thrown the ball upwards, the ball is "in play", so if the server does not make contact with the ball or serves incorrectly, he loses the point.





### NEWS

#### QLD Schools Champs Recap

The second ever Queensland Schools Table Tennis State Championships were recently held on 24 June at the Brisbane Table Tennis Centre.

Leading up to the Schools state final a number of regional events were coordinated across the state. These included events in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Mackay, Cairns & Townsville.

TTQ would like to thank all of the clubs involved for their assistance in running these event. The club volunteers and administrators did a fantastic job.

In each region the top 2 teams in all divisions qualified for the state final. It was great to see schools from Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Warwick and other parts of the South-East QLD participate at the state final.

In the Open female division the Bundaberg sisters, Tahnee & Shaina Green (pictured left) claimed the gold. They finished ahead of the San Sisto College duo Chloe & Tamika and the Shalom College team of Leah and Walker.

The Open male division was a close affair with the more experienced Lockyer State High team up against the strong Southport School and Brisbane Boys College teams. In the end the experience proved to be the difference with Ross and Michael Hooper from Lockyer State High team being crowned state champions.

The Hopes division gave a number of up and coming players a great opportunity to compete against players from around the state. The Fig Tree Pocket primary team (pictured on page 1) of Samuel and Ethan performed very well to claim bronze in the Hopes male event. Bundaberg Christian College came second while The Southport School guys Jack and Liam won overall.

The Bundaberg region claimed another gold medal in the Hopes female division with Tayla and Meg from St Patricks proving far too strong for their competition. Hilliard State School and Elanora State High were the other medallists in the event.

#### Olympic Squad members look strong ahead of Rio

Rio-bound table tennis players Chris Yan and Sally Zhang have warmed up for next month's Olympics with dominant performances at a national top ten ranking tournament at Tweed Heads.

Yan and Zhang, who will marry later this year, did not drop a match all weekend.

Yan beat fellow Australian Olympic team member, David Powell, 11-9, 11-6, 11-8, 5-11, 8-11, 11-5 in the final, while Zhang was too strong for another Olympic squad member, Melissa Tapper, 11-1, 11-9, 8-11, 6-11, 11-5, in the battle for the number one women's position.

In a minor upset, promising Queensland teenager Jake Duffy beat Rio squad member Heming Hu 9-11, 11-7, 5-11, 14-12, 11-6, 11-9 in the battle for third position.



#### Women's National Table Tennis Challenge!

One week prior to the Australian National Championships in nearby, Tweed Heads. Why not use our event as your training ground?

**Saturday the 17th of September, 2016**

#### WNTTC 2016 - Returns Bigger and Better

*We are now settled into our new premises at MBTTA Stadium, Centenary Lakes, Caboolture and this has given us unlimited scope for making the WNTTC a memorable and fun tournament. Planning is well and truly underway!*

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## 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

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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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