



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S ON

Monday:	6.30pm-10pm All Star Fixtures & Social play
Tuesday:	4.15pm-6.15pm Junior Training 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 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.

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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

**26th-30th June - QLD Closed
Championships (Gold Coast)**

2nd-3rd July - Moreton Bay Veterans

**2nd-9th July - Australian Junior
Championships (Alice Springs)**

16th-17th July - UQ Open

**21st-25th July - QLD Veterans
Championships (Townsville)**

**5th-21st August - Olympic Games
(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)**

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gossip corner

THE cream of the crop of male and female players across the state will be descending on the Gold Coast for the Queensland Closed Championships from June 26-30. The event provides local players and enthusiasts with a great opportunity to watch quality competition with Gold Coast Men A Team represented by Jake Duffy, Ben Houghton, Lukas Kozak and Peter Klouba, while Helen Barnett, Marianne Dengate and Ruth Cordingley will be flying the flag for the ladies. The 12-strong men's team section includes a Gold Coast B team comprising Nelson Ng, Mark Mulley, Virgoe Buckland and Jakub Klouba, while Hannah Klouba gets a run in a President's team.

NO return to Europe planned for the next 18 months because of studies, but it's still all systems go for Jake Duffy who is fresh back from a fortnight in Melbourne battling it out with the international elite in the

Australian Open - and recording some of his best results to date. Immediately after the Queensland's the UQ business undergraduate will be heading up local representation in the Australian Junior Championships in Alice Springs from July 2. In what will be his final fling in junior ranks Jake will be rated one of the favourites for honours. Also on the plane will be up and comers DJ Youman Li and Jakub Klouba.

NOTE the date of Friday, October 7 in your diary. The club will be playing host to a staging of the national Ping Pong-A-Thon, supporting organisations in Asia working in aftercare and prevention of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of young people. Gold Coast will be one of several locations in Queensland participating in a 24-hour marathon being held in schools, churches, pubs, clubs and sporting venues, designed to hoist the number of participants overall above 1500, with a target take of more than \$200,000. Players are sponsored in the fundraising exercise. More details from the club or www.pingpongathon.com/participant-tips.

HERE IS a shout out to some of the club's currently ailing members. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to the likes of Col Gradwell, who has just undergone a bypass operation; Thomas Samuelsson whose long-term shoulder injury prevented him from, playing in (but not attending) the recent World Veterans championships in Spain, Geoff Lamberton (unwell) and Noelene Tauris (knee), and any others currently sidelined. On the flip side, it's been great to see back in action Sue Green, who had been missing for several competitions because of injury problems, and Allison Quade, also on parade again.

IN THIS, the one segment of the newsletter not directly attributable to club secretary LuKas Kozak, it's timely to compliment him on his run of successes in a series of tournaments around the state in recent weeks (and honourable mentions for Bundaberg Open winner Jake Duffy, Townsville Open winner Ben Houghton and Toowoomba Mixed Doubles **winner Ruth Cordingley**) ... **and also his elevation to the international umpiring ranks alongside veteran official Zark Roksandic.** Queensland has had representation via names such as Mick McShane and Dave Delpratt at World Championships, Olympic and Commonwealth Games. If you fancy yourself as a 'blazer', why not contact TTQ for details of the next umpiring course?

COMPETITION is keen in all five fixture sections at the halfway point. Apart from the teams tussling for finals spots, two players - Harim Lee from team Pimpama in Division 2 and Nick Osborne of Bundall in Division 4 - have arrived at this stage without dropping a match. And Nerang (Div 1) and Molendinar (Div 2) have yet to have their colours lowered by the opposition. Just to remind everybody that milestones come in all shapes and sizes, young Thomas Howard, debuting in Division 4, has just celebrated his first game success while a few other second-term hopeful improvers are now starting to taste more frequent moments of achievement.

FIXTURE players who usually ply their trade in Division 3 and Division 4 on Wednesday nights, don't forget that because of the Queensland-NSW State of Origin rugby league next week's matches are being played on Tuesday, June 21 - and a similar arrangement will apply on the week of the series finale, with fixtures on Tuesday, July 12.

Incidentally, committee has resolved to look at the possibility of introducing a new fixture competition on Tuesdays, and is open to suggestion as to possible nominations, standard, format and so on. Feedback welcomed. (Normally Tuesday is a social night).



Queensland Closed 2016

26-30 June

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Queensland Government

2016 QLD Closed Championships

The Queensland Closed Championships are due to be held from 26-30 June at the Gold Coast Table Tennis Centre.

Events:

- Men's Teams
- Women's Teams
- Men's Singles
- Women's Singles
- Men's & Women's Consolation
- Men's Doubles
- Women's Doubles
- Mixed Doubles
- Under 21 Men's Singles
- Under 21 Women's Singles

Prize Money:

Total Prizemoney for the Teams event of \$1,500 for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd. The following prize money (per person) for the individual events will be presented at the Queensland Open:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Men's Singles	\$300	\$100	\$50
Women's Singles	\$300	\$100	\$50

Approximate Schedule:

9am - 6pm Daily

Sun to Tues: Teams Events

Tue to Thurs: Individual events

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QLD Schools Champs Gold Coast

The Gold Coast Regional Schools Competition was played Thursday 19 May at Molendinar with over 60 students in attendance.

State Development Officer Greg Fox was impressed with the enthusiasm of the participants.

"It's was and intense and long day of athletic competition", Fox said.

"Certainly it was great to see all involved working together to facilitate the games and support each other".

TSS dominated the days proceedings winning the Open, Junior & Hopes divisions - with Elanora State High School able to pick-up the runners-up trophy in the Hopes.

A big thank you to Lukas Kozak from GCTTA and his crew of volunteers for hosting the event.

Greg Fox
State Development Officer



TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

There is a wide range of equipment available for sale at the club - from blades, rubbers, balls, shoes, apparel & accessories.

Prices as marked
Discounts for bulk orders



Equipment orders can be made through the club.



The World Veterans Championships were recently held in Spain. Over 4,600 players competed, which included a number of Queenslanders! This is a image of the Centre. 165 tables were used for the event.

Sporting Schools Program

The Tops Table Tennis Programme is the endorsed product of Table Tennis Australia (TTA) which is to be delivered within newly created Sporting Schools programme. It aims to introduce the sport to young people through a progressive range of fun and innovative table tennis related lessons and activities. The programme resources are designed to meet the needs of all coaches and teachers regardless of their table tennis knowledge. Resources include lesson plans, activity cards, skill circuits and competition formats.

The Tops Table Tennis Programme was developed according to a National Curriculum encompassing play, skills development, the game and assessment to ensure complete student development in table tennis. It is a comprehensive programme that offers all coaches and teachers an opportunity to learn and teach the fun and dynamic sport of table tennis. The Tops Table Tennis Programme for Sporting Schools is a 5 week in-school or in-club programme. Further, the programme can be delivered by an accredited table tennis coach or a teacher within a school, with the assistance of TTA.

HELENSVALE STATE SCHOOL

Children at Helensvale State School in Term 2 have signed on in large numbers for a before-school table tennis activity as part of the Sporting Schools program.

The TOPS table tennis program is running to capacity as Helensvale students experience the sport through a series of skill challenges and modified games.

State Development Officer Greg Fox has been impressed with the enthusiasm of the children as well as their mums and dads in this before school extra-curricular opportunity.

"These children have been excited to experience a new sport in a non-competitive environment", Fox said.

"They are arriving at school early for this program - thereby setting themselves up for a productive school day".

"We're aiming to give these kids an enjoyable "taste" of table tennis and transition them into the local club program".



MUSGRAVE HILL STATE SCHOOL

Leading coach Cathy Townsend was at Musgrave Hill State School (Southport, Qld) today delivering table tennis to its Year 4/5/6 students - as part of the Australian Sports Commission's Sporting Schools program.

Schools like Musgrave Hill are being funded to provide a "taster" of table tennis to their students as well as being able to access grant funding for equipment. Townsend is coaching weekly sessions based around the highly regarded TOPS table tennis in schools - a modified program which aims to introduce the sport to young people through a progressive range of fun and innovative lessons.

Greg Fox - State Development Officer



Tip of the Month

Think long-term

To conclude, I would like to emphasize that it takes a long time to become a good table tennis player. There are always new things to learn. Try to think long-term and avoid focusing too much on results when you are young.

If you aspire to compete with the best, you must walk a narrow road. You must realize that only a large amount of training, and tough training, will lead to the goal. The principle applies both to training at the table and to physical conditioning.

However, don't forget to now and then have some fun and experiment a bit. Occasionally, you will discover something that will be useful in match play.

Good luck!

JAN OVE WALDNER

Rule of the Month

Starting your serve

Rule 2.06.01 states that...

"Service shall start with the ball resting freely on the open palm of the server's stationary free hand".

The purpose of this rule is to prevent a player from imparting spin onto the ball (with his fingers or his hand) as he throws it up.

In the 1930s, finger spin serves were very popular and players were able to impart heavy spin onto the ball before they struck it with their racket.

The service rules were therefore amended several times during the 1930s and 1940s in order to prevent these types of service.

However, umpires are now told that they should concentrate on ensuring that the ball is resting freely on the palm of the server's hand ... so that no spin can be imparted as the ball is thrown upwards ... rather than be too concerned with the precise curvature of the server's free hand.

Coaching

Saturday Group Coaching

Coach: Georgy De Leon

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Cost: Adult \$14 Junior: \$8

Family Discount: \$20

Sunday Squad Training

Coach: Cathy Townsend

10:00am - 1:00pm

Cost: \$20 per person / Family Discount: \$35

Junior Squad Training

Tuesday Coach: Petr Klouba

Thursday Coach: Cathy Townsend

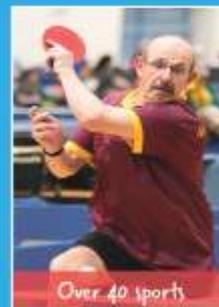
4:15pm - 6:15pm

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NEWS

Wu & Gerada win QLD Open

For the first time in a number of years the Queensland Open Championships was combined with a local association open. This year the event was combined with the Brisbane Open. The Open was held from 14- 15 May at the Brisbane Table Tennis Centre. In total over 150 participants competed over the weekend.

Over \$6,700 of prize money was on offer for the event, which included \$2,000 to both the Men's and Women's Singles Champions. This prize money was an added Incentive to attract a very competitive field from across Australia such as Olympic team member David Powell and past Olympian Simon Gerada.

The Men's Singles the final was between Simon Gerada and Engelbert Hugging which was a close affair with each game being decided by a couple of points. The Victorian Simon Gerada claimed the win 4-1 to become the Queensland Open Champion.

In the Women's Singles final, Vicky Wu defeated Hye Yeon Kima 4-0 to cap off a perfect event and claim the Queensland Open title and the \$2,000 winners cheque.

A summary of the other major events included: Queensland Junior team members Fred Xu and Benjamin Lander battling it out in the Under 21 Men's Singles. Fred was victorious in the end winning 3-1 in the final.

In the Under 21 Women's Single, Vicky Wu again proved to be too strong to claim the title. She defeated New South Wales player Katherine Li 3-1 in the decider.

Bruno Levis & Patrick Wuertz were a lethal combo in the Men's Doubles. They claimed the title over number two seeds Ben Houghton & Mateo Dvorani.

Young stars Mateo Dvorani and Katherine Li defeated a great field in the Mixed Doubles event. They narrowly defeated Lukas Kozak and Ruth Cordingley 3-2 in the final. For a copy of the full results from the QLD/Brisbane Open 2016 please visit the Table Tennis Queensland website and click on the competition tab.

Buddy Reid and Betty Bird are World Champions!

2016 World Veterans Championships - Spain

Dr Buddy Reid has excelled in two sports at International level. In the 1960s he was the Captain of the Sri Lankan Cricket National Team and at the same time Captain of the Sri Lankan Table Tennis National Team before moving to Australia in the early 1970s. A phenomenal sportsman indeed and a true gentleman. He sent the message below to share just hours after becoming a World Champion.

"The unbelievable has happened. I have won the World Championships.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all my TT friends who have helped me over the past 15 years, by practicing with me, and beating me, through which I have learned many truths about this game. My special thanks to my team mates at St. Kilda Cricket TTC and to my long time sparring partner and friend Martin Solomons.

My gratitude goes out to Case de Bondt who was in my corner in every sense of the word during the semi final and final today. His observations and advice was invaluable. He has also been my big brother throughout my Veterans career and has helped me through every Australian Open and World Championship. He is my role model.

Other great results for Australia:

- Betty Bird from South Australia won the gold medal in the over 80 women's singles (representing England); another world champion!
- Craig Campbell from Western Australia won the silver medal in the over 60 men's singles
- Mick Wright from Victoria won a bronze medal in the over 70 men's singles
- Mick Wright / Horst Frohlich won the silver medal in the over 70 men's doubles
- Buddy Reid / Igor Klaf won the silver medal in the over 75 men's doubles



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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

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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