



GOLD COAST TABLE TENNIS

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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.

Winter Fixtures

Next fixture season will begin in May and we want you to play. If you would like to join in any of the fixture grades and you have yet to submit your name, please let the club know by email as soon as possible. Registrations close: Thursday 23rd April

2015 Winter Season begin on the following dates:

All-Stars: Monday 4 May

Division 3 & 4: Wednesday 6 May

Division 1 & 2: Thursday 7 May



UPCOMING EVENTS

19th Apr - **State of Origin Rd1 (South Tweed)**

26th Apr-3rd May - **World Championships**
(Suzhou, China)

2nd May - **Handicap Tournament Rd 3**

9th-13th May - **Queensland Closed (Mackay)**

21st May - **QLD Schools Competition (Gold Coast)**

23rd-24h May - **Townsville Open**

30th-31st May - **Brisbane Open**

6th June - **Handicap Tournament Rd 4**

6th -8th June - **Rockhampton Open**

20th-21st June - **Toowoomba Open**

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gossip corner

JAKE Duffy kept the flag flying in the Luneng Sports Australian Junior and Cadet Open, part of the ITTF Junior Circuit at Seagulls over the Easter weekend, reaching the quarter-final of the junior boys singles before bowing out to eventual finalist Li Shilun of China. Jake, who had an OP1 score in his end-of-school exams, will put studies on hold shortly as he heads off for a six-month stint in Sweden along with Australian team member Heming Hu.

IN the National Junior & Cadet Top 10 Ranking Tournament also held at Seagulls in Tweed Heads last month, Jake came third in the Under 18 boys event while Matilda Alexandersson finished fourth and Danni-Elle Townsend placed sixth in the Under 15 girls. Queensland had 13 representatives among the 39 competitors on parade. More recently, Jackson Meyn partnered Andrea McDonnell to mixed doubles success in the Oceania Para championships in Bendigo.

THERE must have been something in the air in Mad March.. Club legend Agnes Herbertson had to withdraw from action after breaking an arm in a fall on board a tram, necessitating an absence from fixture and social play rarely witnessed in the past 30-odd years. And Steve Wilks, another long-time member whose enthusiasm is a byword among his peers, missed a Wednesday fixture for the first time in 28 years because of illness. Here's wishing both a speedy recovery.

AS if all that was not enough to keep the medical practitioners in business, club stalwart and new treasurer Matthew Jones will be sitting out the winter competition as he is booked in for a hip replacement at John Flynn Hospital; and there are get well soon messages for decorated veteran Tony Webb and Division 4 player Jo Hone, just two more sidelined for a spell. In football terms, this would be described as 'an injury crisis'.

THE club is investigating initiatives to further encourage and develop young players, with a view to expanding junior participation. Young teens Julian Foley and Kenta Mori recently made a lively start to their senior career by featuring in the soon-to-be-completed summer fixtures, and we are keeping our eyes open for any more hopefuls. This of course is the first step on the pathway to senior competition previously undertaken by a number of our current elite players.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie Voges for his effort in creating the grass knoll on the right-hand side of car park. Charlie, a man of many talents including landscaping, sourced quality turf and then put in the hard yards laying it on the bank, which now provides a brilliant backdrop. It's all part of the refurbishment of the grounds, an ongoing project in which several other volunteers have been involved. Thanks to them all.

Finally, SECRETARY and jack of most trades Lukas Kozak's familiar face will be absent for a few weeks as he undertakes a European trip as part of his annual leave. Just before his departure, Lukas, who has been a Queensland-ranked player and also dabbles successfully in indoor soccer, has been adding to his all-round sporting accomplishments by taking golf lessons from former professional and accredited coach Steven Hitchcock (who says 'he's not bad').



2015 STATE OF ORIGIN

Round 1

NSW (South Tweed) v QLD (Gold Coast)

When: SUNDAY 19th April @ Noon

Where: SOUTH TWEED SPORTS CLUB

4 Minjungbal Drive (old Pacific Highway), Tweed Heads, NSW

The State of Origin event is a home & away 3 person team competition across Divisions 2 - 4 between Gold Coast TTA & South Tweed TTA.



SportsPass Information

Table Tennis Queensland has partnered with a new company called SportsPass to give all members more benefits as part of their membership. Each member will

receive a SportsPass 'I am a Member' card as part of their TTQ membership package, which they can activate for FREE by visiting www.sportspass.com.au. Members will have access to offers from over 100 retailers across Australia. Some of these offers include rebates that will go back into the Sport of Table Tennis (50% TTQ, 50% Your local club).

Every member will also get an 'I am a Supporter' card, which they can give to a family member or friend. To activate this card via the SportsPass website costs \$25 per person. Of that \$25, \$12.50 will go directly back to the Sport of Table Tennis (\$6.25 TTQ & \$6.25 Your local club). At the end of 2015 SportsPass will then send TTQ the information about the total rebates collected and we will let you know what your club is entitled.

TTQ would like your local club to encourage your members to get behind this new initiative. The more people using the cards, the more rebates that will go to your local club. If you require any more information please contact the TTQ office or visit the SportsPass website.



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WHAT IS WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY?

It is a celebration of the joy to play Table Tennis, bringing people together where the focus is less on the competition and more on participation and fun. To gather Table Tennis enthusiasts, attract people that usually don't play, promote the love for our sport and ideally engage new players to the practice in the long term.

World Table Tennis Day

The ITTF is developing a Table Tennis for ALL program with the aim to make our sport Popular, Universal and Inclusive. The term "ALL" means more people, but not only that, also different kinds of people in terms of age, gender, social status, culture and physical ability.

TABLE TENNIS FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE

POPULAR, UNIVERSAL & INCLUSIVE



2015 New Zealand Veteran Championships

3rd-6th April

Gold Coast Table Tennis was represented by: Werner Borkhardt, Col Gradwell, Thomas Samuelsson, Martin Solomons. The event features the best players the 2 nations have available over the Easter Weekend.

The Trans Tasman Test Match

Comprises a Test Match between Aus & NZ in all Vets age groups, both male and female. Australia took out the Trans Tasman Cup for 2015 -

Australia 32 New Zealand 23

Teams Matches

- >60's Mens Teams - Silver to Queensland's Thomas Samuelsson, John Sherriff & Martin Solomons
- >65 Mens Teams - Gold to Queensland's Thomas Samuelsson & Martin Solomons
- Bronze to Werner Borkhardt & Col Gradwell

Individual Event Honours

- >70 Mens Doubles - Gold to Werner & Col
- >60's & 65 Mens Doubles - Bronze to Thomas & Martin
- >60 & 65 Mens Singles - Bronze to Thomas
- >70 Mens Singles - Silver to Werner

Special mention to Thomas who remained undefeated throughout the Teams Matches!

Well done to all the players and Congratulations to the Medallists.



Gold Coast Table Tennis celebrated World Table Tennis Day with a special four day training camp 7-10 April hosted by Simon Gerada & Cathy Townsend featuring some of Australia's best and up-and-coming players.

The club would like to wish members a Happy World Table Tennis for All Day

New Table Tennis Shirts & Shorts For Sale

Various designs and brands available at the club.

Sizes limited from S to L

Shirts \$15

Shorts \$10

Set (shirt & short) - \$20



MONTHLY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

Event Details Rd 3: **2 May** - Rd 4: **6 June**

Eligibility: all members and invitees

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

HAVE A GO MATE!



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

Standings after Round 2

Family name	Given name	Handicap	28/Feb	28/Mar	Total Points
Kloubé	Petr	-35	20	10	30
Kozak	Lukas	-35	5	20	25
Cordingley	Ruth	-3	15	2	17
Thomas	Rhys	-25		15	15
Mulley	Mark	-28	10	2	12
Khademi	Foad	4	10		10
Kloubé	Jakub	5	10		10
Solomons	Martin	-17	2	5	7
Hitchcock	Steven	5	2	2	4
Davis	John	8		2	2
Duffy	Jake	-30	2		2
Kloubé	Hannah	12		2	2
McLachlan	Geoff	1	2		2
Ng	Nelson	-24		2	2
Thomas	Patricia	12		2	2
Thompson	Bert	3	2		2
Voges	Charlie	11		2	2



32nd Australian Veterans Table Tennis Championships

17th-24th October 2015

Caloundra Indoor Stadium
North Street, Golden Beach

The Biggest Table Tennis Event in Australia!

For more information about the Australian Veterans 2015 Championships visit:

www.australianvets2015.com





Rule of the Month

How many serves?

When the rules of table tennis were changed to make each game up to 11 points instead of 21 points, the number of serves that each player had was also changed.

Now, each player has **two serves each**, whereas in the old 21 point system, each player had five serves each.

Service continues to alternate between opponents until one player scores 11 points, unless both players or pairs score 10 points (called deuce).

If both players reach 10 points, then service alternates after each point, until one player gains a two point lead.

Returning the serve

Your opponent must hit the ball back over the net so that it bounces only on the server's side of the table and the ball must bounce at least once on the server's side of the table.

If you allow the ball to bounce more than once on your side of the table at any time, you lose the point.

When returning the serve, or during a rally, if the ball hits the net but does not hit your opponent's half of the table, then a point is awarded to your opponent.

However, if the ball hits the net but still goes over and bounces on your opponent's half of the table, the rally continues.

The receiver can stand wherever they want and can play their returns from any position. However, players are not allowed to touch the table with their free hand (the hand not holding the racket) and they are not allowed to move the table.

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

Develop a relaxed technique

'Table tennis requires a tremendous amount of practice. Always try to play as relaxed as possible. This will increase your chances to play relaxed even in tight situations and at the same time decrease your susceptibility for injuries.'

Personally, I have managed to avoid lengthy injuries, which is one of the reasons why I have been able to remain at the top for so many years.'

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.





NEWS

Queensland Juniors excel

The National Junior and Cadet Top 10 Ranking Tournament was held at Seagulls Table Tennis Club, Tweed Heads from 21-22 March.

The event brings the top under 15 and under 18 competitors from across Australia together to compete in a round robin format. This was the first major event the new Seagulls club has coordinated.

Mateo Dvorani from the Brisbane club performed exceptionally well in the under 15 boys' singles event. He finished first overall winning 8 of his 9 matches. Special mention to Hayden Green and Kyle Luthe from Bundaberg, who both gained valuable experience playing at this event.

In the under 15 girls' singles event Rebekah Stanley from Mackay was the winner by countback over Georgina Newtown from Tasmania. Rebekah won 8 of her 9 matches in the event. Matilda Alexandersson finished in third place, while Rebecca Tran, Danni- Elle Townsend and Tahnee Green also competed.

In the under 18 boys' events Jake Duffy finished third and Benjamin Gould sixth. While Natahlia Werner, Shaina Green and Zabrynn Lander all competed in the under 18 girls event against some very tough competition.

Congratulations to all QLD Juniors who take part in the event.



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International Women's Day Events

To coincide with International Women's Day on the 8th of March, a number of table tennis events were held across Queensland.

The Townsville association coordinated an event over the whole weekend. The Saturday included a celebrity doubles event and a female training camp. While the Sunday saw a number of competitions take place to cater for women and girls of all ages and abilities.

The event was fortunate to have Jenny Hill the Mayor of Townsville present.

The Bundaberg club held a come and try event on the 8th of March. The event was a great success with a number of new female participants attending. The Bundaberg event was lucky to have Leanne Donaldson MP for Bundaberg in attendance.

Increasing female participation is part of the Table Tennis Queensland strategic plan. Events like these are a fantastic way for table tennis to gain more exposure. We hope to see more of these type of events held in

Volunteers recognised

TTQ recognised 17 of our long serving volunteers at our AGM, 14 March at Sports House, Milton.

Recipients included: Gold Reward (20+ years of service) Chad Anderson, Kym Bryant, Terry Morato, Gary Walmsley, Berni Burgstaller, Eddie Lee, Thelma Joice and Roy Benton.

Silver Reward (10+ years of service) Kurt Gowell, Paul Uttley, and Kenneth Wong.

Bronze Rewards (5+ years of service) Jared Stanley, Michael Bygraves, Wayne Wormald, Peter Lander and Anakin So.

Congratulations to all recipients, thank you for your continued support.



GCTTA Facebook Page

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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

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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