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Can you help?

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Table Talk

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Word from the President

Wow – what a massive 2015!

This year has been a very busy one for Table Tennis in SA. From an administration perspective, the Board continues to increase and enhance its governance practices, whilst that does not sound overly enthralling nor interesting for the everyday player, it is an extremely important component to the clubs you play in and for as well as the health of the sport in SA.

Moving onto the 'exciting stuff' below is a snapshot of key activities that have been undertaken throughout the year:

- TTSA Winter Presentation evening – over 130 people came along and had a great evening – it is a great night that aims to celebrate the sport in SA with the recognition of the Country Carnival Rankings for the first time.
- Hosting the 2015 National Juniors - held at Golden Grove Recreation Centre with over 250 competitors - this was a massive undertaking with the week kicking off with over 30 volunteers from different clubs and affiliates coming together to help set up the venue – this was a fantastic show of the community spirit from within the sport.
- From a SA junior perspective, we had a large contingent with excellent team and individual performances throughout the week. The results from the SA teams and individuals have been constantly improving year on year which is a testament to the Development and High Performance structures that TTSA has implemented as well as the coaching structures in place. Well done to all involved! A full wrap up of the results can be viewed on the web-site www.tabletennissa.org.au.
- Hosting the 2015 Australian Masters Games with over 90 competitors from all over Australia as well as some international competitors....this was a great opportunity to be involved in a sporting competition that is much broader than just Table Tennis – feedback from all involved was they had a great time!
- Assisting in the 2015 Pacific Schools Games

at Mile End Netball Centre. This was a great event with over 100 school kids from all over Australia and countries China, Macau, Cambodia and India. TTSA sees a lot of potential in this event as an additional pathway for school children to be involved in fantastic multisport event to meet and build relationships with people from other sports and countries – it is essentially a mini-Olympics with an opening ceremony and other Olympic like events held throughout the week

- employment of a part-time Sports Development Officer with the assistance of TTA to asset and grow the School Sporting Program that will not only benefit our clubs but the schools themselves
- country visits by our Coaching Director
- school coaching clinics (one session we had over 700 school kids come through our clinic over a 2 day period)

These are only a few of the things that have been happening, your Board also welcomed on board new sponsor, @TSM Consulting, who will be providing their expertise in the development of sponsorship frameworks and funding for the sport.

As we close out 2015, I would like to recognise our sponsors:

- Wakefield Emergency Department
- G-Force Building and Consulting
- OOAK Table Tennis Shop
- TSM Consulting (Funding Specialist, Business and Community Management)
- Office of Recreation and Sport

These sponsors have a passion for the sport and I encourage you to engage with them – support those that support our great sport.

I wish all of the Table Tennis community a very merry and safe Christmas!

Yours in Table Tennis , Paul

All the clubs were asked if there were any News Items, or past or upcoming events that they would like to see included in this year's final edition of Table Talk. Below are the news items received, one from the Mount Gambier and one from Brighton Table Tennis club. We're hoping we get more news items in future, as it's a great opportunity to spread the news about your club, or to promote upcoming events.

Alex Vanderklugt - Editor Table Talk

Mount Gambier Table Tennis Club

The Mount Gambier Table Tennis club is now winding up after yet another full year of Table Tennis. In 2015 we had members play in our annual interclub competition against Victorian clubs Horsham, Hamilton and Warrnambool along with the Junior & Veterans Tournament against the same clubs. In addition we had attendances at Ballarat tournaments and also the recent South West Games where Sarah Pilven won Silver in the Womens Open and Riley Burn won Gold in the U18 local section narrowly beating fellow club member Rhys Edwards.



Showing that we are a multi-talented club, 4 members combined to win the Sporting Clubs golf day early in the year and in March 2016 we are entering a couple of teams into the Beachport Triathlon.

We are also hoping next year to recommence our attendance at the SA Country Carnival. Club presentation night was held following the Winter season with Josh Jantosh claiming his 3rd consecutive club championship and member of 26 years, Chris McGregor, being named clubperson of the year.

Our membership continues to grow with the hall at capacity of 60 players for the last 4 seasons. Running all year round and across 4 seasons, competition will resume again in February 2016 after the holiday break, for our Summer Season. Until then we'd like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year from Mt Gambier.

By Ben Newman



Club Person of the Year:
Chris McGregor

Brighton Table Tennis Club

Brighton started a new type of Summer/Spring competition this year, which was specifically created for State League and Division 1 players, many of whom often do not play outside Winter Pennant & tournaments. The first half concluded just before Christmas, and the second half will commence on Monday Jan 11th in the new year. The competition has proven to be very popular, with good numbers and a great atmosphere. It's not too late to sign up for the 2nd half of the competition, for more information see details below:

- For State League and Division 1 players.
- Some Div 2 players will be allowed by approval only
- No doubles
- Early Finish, no later than 10pm
- Starting Monday 11th of January 2016
- Completed before TTSA Winter Pennant commences

BRIGHTON MEMBERS \$30, NON BRIGHTON MEMBERS \$50

Contact Paul Glassenbury on 0417 812113 or email brightonttc@optusnet.com.au

Register by January 4th. Numbers are limited so be quick

Brighton District Table Tennis Club 2016 Super League Summer Competition



Port Lincoln Table Tennis Association

Thought you might like to have some news and photos from Port Lincoln for your newsletter.

At our recent Grand Final, Tigers took out the Premiership over Croppos in a close finish. 13-11.

They were Tigers Team, pictured right, named (from left); Wade Gray, Ralph Sandford, Ellen Challinger, Max Williams, Reece Fordham, Shane Stockham, Marc Haning, Martin Sheridan.

Runners up were the Croppos Team: Peter Forrest, Bob Gibbes, Geoff Nottle, Harry Hood, Huey Rosalia, Jay Sorenson, Kody Rosalia, Riki Popovic.

Also the end of year trophy presentations were presented after the Final.



Shane Stockham took out the Division 1 Club Champion after having an exceptional year of table tennis and defeating Huey Rosalia in straight sets in final. (first time for season). Rubber up was Joe Perone. (left photo, Shane Stockham left, Joe Perone right.)

Division 2 Winner was Martin Sheridan who improved so much in his first year of table tennis. Runners up was veteran Ernie Bauer who can still match it with the best. (right photo, left Martin Sheridan, right Ernie Bauer.)

Club Person of the Year was awarded to Barry Sederstrom who is our long serving Secretary for the last 15 years. Barry first started playing table tennis in 1973 and was President in the mid 1990's for 3 years. He was awarded Life Membership in 2004.



Barry (pictured bottom left) is a wonderful club person who ensures the club always runs smoothly and everyone is informed with emails. He organised our first ever successful pre-season competition this year, programs our winter competitions and helps organise and run our Annual Tournament every year in August. Barry is always there when maintenance is to be done. A well deserved award.



Also, Life Membership was awarded to Sally Kunze. Sally (pictured right) joined our Club in the mid 1990's and has been on the Committee since then. She has held positions of President, Vice- Pres, and acting Secretary.

Sally's skills and knowledge in building project management and architecture has sourced funding and project managed major building renovations to enlarge our clubrooms. She always puts her hand up to help around the Club with improvements, painting, maintenance, cleaning and kitchen duties during the season and our tournaments.

A well deserved award.

Bev Atkins, Committee PLLTA



The 2015 National Juniors Championships

The 2015 National Juniors Championships were held at the Golden Grove Recreation Centre from 26th September to 3rd October. With over 250 competitors, this was a huge event, and the preparations and setup of the venue a massive undertaking.

Initially the 'working bee' commenced activities at 11.00am by unpacking the 2 large containers in a staged manner, assembling 20 new table tennis tables, cleaning hundreds of borrowed court barriers, unpacking and assembling new court barriers and putting together the borrowed umpires chairs. With access to the venue at 2.30pm, the barrier and tables were moved in to place to create a 19 court table tennis venue.

Finishing touches were then applied (the new table tennis nets unpacked and erected and umpire chairs put in place). The championship 'control centre' was set up with an internet and wifi enabled environment to provide sharing of available printing devices. A massive job overall, but all achieved in a timely manner thanks to the large contingent of volunteers.

By Maurice Quinn



The event was a huge success with plenty of high praise from interstate visitors about the venue and smooth running of the event. SA had a large contingent with excellent team and individual performances throughout the week. SA teams and individuals have been constantly improving year on year which is a testament to the Development and High Performance structures that TTSA has implemented as well as the coaching structures in place.



The 2015 National Juniors Championships - Results

The Final Team positions were:

UNDER 18 BOYS

1. Victoria
2. Queensland
3. N.S.W.
4. Victoria 'B'
5. South Australia
6. Presidents 'A'
7. Presidents 'B'
8. N.S.W. 'B'
9. Presidents 'D'
10. South Australia 'B'

UNDER 18 GIRLS

1. N.S.W.
2. Victoria
3. W.A.
4. Tasmania
5. Queensland
6. South Australia
7. Presidents
8. N.S.W. 'B'

UNDER 15 BOYS

1. N.S.W.
2. Victoria
3. South Australia.
4. Queensland
5. Victoria 'B'
6. N.S.W. 'B'
7. Presidents 'B'
8. South Australia 'B'
9. Presidents 'A'

UNDER 15 GIRLS

1. N.S.W.
2. N.S.W. 'B'
3. Victoria
4. Queensland
5. Presidents

UNDER 13 BOYS

1. Victoria
2. N.S.W.
3. Victoria 'B'
4. N.S.W. 'B'
5. South Australia
6. W.A.
7. Queensland

UNDER 13 BOYS – continued:-

8. Presidents 'C'
9. South Australia 'B'
10. Presidents 'A'
11. Tasmania
12. Presidents 'B'
13. Northern Territory

UNDER 13 GIRLS

1. Victoria
2. N.S.W.
3. Queensland
4. South Australia
5. Victoria 'B'
6. Presidents
7. N.S.W. 'B'



SA Players Order of Merit:

Under 13 Girls

- 8 DU Sally (SA)
10 TRAN Katy (SA)

Under 18 Girls

- 7 GUSEVA Marsha (SA)

Under 15 Boys

- 5 LUONG Liam (SA)
6 TAN Yong-Xuan (SA)

Under 18 Boys

- 6 CUTAHJA Mensur (SA)

The 2015 Veteran Championships

The 2015 Championships were held at Caloundra Indoor Stadium, Golden Beach, Queensland from 17th to 24th October. The trip was very successful, with a larger S.A. contingent attending than in previous years. There were 479 players competing in the Championships, which was the largest Championships in Australia for many years. **The teams representing South Australia were:-**

OVER 30 MEN

- S. Houston ©
K. Neubauer
Phat Du

OVER 40 MEN

- P. Golobokov
P. Langley ©
S. Pandit
M. Zhang

OVER 50 MEN

- S. Aufderheide
K. Malyschko ©
N. Nguyen
T. Walker

OVER 30 MEN 'B'

- D. Maddigan©
D. McDonald
R. Tyas

OVER 40 MEN 'B'

- F. Ford
A. Herman ©
I. Rochow

OVER 60 MEN

- G. Abdilla ©
G. Bungey
R. Trzesinski

OVER 70

- Cuong Du
D. McCloughry ©
C. Peacock
A. Smiech

OVER 40 WOMEN

- Cl. Langley ©
M. Nottle
L. Norton
T. Northeast

OVER 60 WOMEN

- A. Abbas
L. Baker ©
C. Matthews
D. Darwent

OVER 70 WOMEN

- J. Coombes ©
C. Langley

OVER 75 MEN

- J. Kracht ©
I. Vrbatovic

O/70 WOMEN 'B'

- W. Beaton ©
L. Short

O/70 WOMEN 'C'

- L. Roder
D. Tiller ©

O/75 WOMEN

- B. Bird ©
G. Rapley

O/75 WOMEN 'B'

- B. Godfrey ©
J. Wherry

PRESIDENT PLAYERS: M. Collins (O/75 Men), V. Smiech (O/70 Women) ; Team Manager – Cynthia Langley

The 2015 Veteran Championships - Results

Medals were won for the following team events:

Over 30 Men: Bronze
Over 40 Men: Gold
Over 60 Women: Bronze
Over 70 Women: Gold + Bronze
Over 75 Women: Gold

Medals were won for the following individual events:

Over 30 Men's Doubles - C. Fernando (V) & S. Houston (SA) Gold
Over 40 Men's Doubles - P. Langley/S. Pandit (SA) Gold

Over 50 Men's Doubles - S. Pandit (SA)/P. Pinkewich (NSW) Gold
Over 60 Men's Doubles - G. Abdilla (SA)/D. Green (USA) Silver
Over 60 Women's Doubles - A. Abbas/L. Baker (SA) Gold
Over 70 Women's Singles - J. Coombes (SA) Silver
Over 70 Women's Doubles - D. Darwent/D. Tiller (SA) Gold
Over 70 Mixed Doubles - I. Le (NSW)/J. Coombes (SA) Gold
Over 75 Women's Singles - B. Bird (SA) Gold
Over 75 Women's Doubles - P. Anderson (T)/B. Bird (SA) Silver
Over 80 Women's Singles - B. Bird (SA) Gold

The 2015 Pacific School Games



Adelaide hosted the 2015 Pacific School Games, which was held at the Mile End Netball Centre from 20th – 29th November, 2015.

It was a great event with over 100 school kids from all over Australia and countries China, Macau, Cambodia and India.

TTSA sees a lot of potential in this event as an additional pathway for school children to be involved in fantastic multisport event to meet and build relationships with people from other sports and countries.

The event was essentially a mini-Olympics with an opening ceremony and other Olympic like events held throughout the week.

It turned out to be a great event with good results from the SA contingent!. It was fantastic to see so many kids out there.



TTSA would like to give a massive shout out to the army of volunteers from Table Tennis South Australia who helped this table tennis competition be a huge success

Your help is invaluable and all the kids appreciate it!



The 2015 Masters Games



Adelaide was host for the 15th Australian Masters Games, held at the Newton Sports Complex on Friday, 9th October (team matches) and Saturday 10th October 2015.

The event attracted 89 entrants, mostly from Australia, with the largest contingent coming from SA. Scheduled to commence less than one week following the Australian Junior at Golden Grove, some players used the event as a warm up to the Australian Veterans later in the year.

The event attracted more participants than expected which stretched scheduling to achieve completion of both the team and individual matches in a two day period. Although a very busy 2 days, all players enjoyed the competition and catching up with their interstate counterparts. South Australia certainly took away its fair share of medals, both in the teams and individual events.

Competing in the mixed doubles, Chris Dittmar (previously world squash champion and current radio celebrity) enjoyed a hit of table tennis but did not make it past the initial round. For more information, go to the AMG website to view both the medallists and pictures taken during the 2 days: www.australianmastersgames.com/extra.asp?ID=7543

For more pictures, see www.geosnapshot.com/e/AMG-Table-Tennis



Sri Lankan veteran table tennis players, Dr. Nimal Lucas, Mohamed Laffeer, Ira Ruwanpathirana, Tamara Hewage and Udayangani Ariyawansa

Two new SA National Umpires accredited!

TTSA would like to acknowledge both Glenn Errington and Wing Au who have recently sat for their National Umpire accreditation and passed all components and have just received their new accreditation. Both completed their practical component at the recent Australian Juniors.

Glenn Errington has had a particularly impressive year, being this year's winner of the Doug Luckraft Trophy. Similar to 2014, Glenn has continued to enhance his skills and experience by officiating at Oceania, the ITTF Junior Circuit round at Tweed Heads and Australian Open in NSW. In addition to fulfilling SA sanctioned tournament commitments as either an umpire or referee, Glenn also obtained his State Referee qualification earlier this year.

Congratulations Glenn and Wing!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE!

On behalf of Table Tennis SA, I would like to thank all those volunteers who assisted at the various Championship events held in Adelaide during the last couple of months.

- Australian Junior TT Championships – at Golden Grove – from 26th September to 3rd October.
- Australian Masters Games – at Houghton TT Club, Newton – over 9th October and 10th October.
- Pacific School Games – Netball SA Stadium (ETSA), Mile End – from 21st November to 28th November.



The efforts from the volunteers at Golden Grove, in putting tables and barriers together from the Friday, in preparation for the lay-out on the Saturday morning was truly amazing. Many of the people who assisted were North East Hills committee members and members from various affiliated clubs/associations including Murray Bridge, Woodville, Brighton, Newton and Southern. TTSA received congratulations and compliments from our interstate visitors on the smooth running of the program and the configuration of the Table Tennis venue. The equipment from Golden Grove (loaded into containers) then had to be stored at the Netball Stadium for some weeks, before being unloaded again and set up in the Stadium for the Pacific Games.

Once again, at Netball SA Stadium, more volunteers stepped in and put up tables for the playing arena, which always looks great when barriers and umpire chairs are in place. Some volunteers were recruited from Sport SA to assist with this and they needed to arrive at 7am on the Saturday – which was a big ask for anybody at that time of morning. The venue looked great and the Pacific Games Committee people were very impressed with the layout and the efforts put in by our volunteers. Our Officials/volunteers then had to check nets and playing areas, all to be completed by 12 noon for players training.

The venue (Houghton at Newton) was all set up for the Australian Masters Games although umpires chairs needed to be returned to them, from Golden Grove. Once again, we needed some volunteers to assist.

I received a wonderful letter from Kelly Featherston (Assistant General Manager Pacific School Games) congratulating all of you for putting in additional time and effort into making these Games so successful. I cannot express my gratitude enough to all those volunteers who were prepared to assist in any area of both the planning and delivery phase of the events. These Championships were very successful and it was only with your contribution to the sport that they were made so. I appreciated your willingness and friendliness to assist wherever possible. I also wish to thank Sport SA for recruiting extra volunteers to assist with these great events.

Thank you so much!

Cynthia Langley, Director, Event Management

TTA State Development Officer for South Australia

As many of you would be aware, Table Tennis Australia has recently employed a State Development Officer for each State and Territory with the aim of supporting the Table Tennis community and to increase participation in the sport.

In these early days, the role here in South Australia is focused on the Sporting Schools Program. Sporting Schools is a \$100 million government initiative and Australia's largest school-based sports participation program which began in July this year. Primary schools are eligible to apply for funding to deliver sport either before, during or after school. Table Tennis is one of 30 sports that has signed up nationally and Sporting Schools offers Clubs and Coaches a great opportunity to increase the profile of the sport and to boost participation numbers, while helping children become more physically active.

TTSA Affiliated Clubs can benefit directly by registering with Sporting Schools as a TTA endorsed Coaching Provider. This would mean that any school that registers for table tennis in your area will deal directly with the club to organise their program, providing the opportunity to build and develop long lasting relationships and develop grassroots participation pathways.

Ideally, all school based programs would be run by a qualified and endorsed Table Tennis coach, but can be teacher run if no coach is available. I would encourage all interested and available coaches at your club to register with Sporting Schools. If you are a coach who would like some more work coaching primary school children and can meet the minimum criteria, then register for Sporting Schools. You will need:

- Minimum TOPS table tennis coaching accreditation (or be willing to obtain)
- Registration with Table Tennis Australia through an affiliated club or association
- A current Child-related Employment Screening/Working with Children Check (or be willing to obtain)

If you would like to become a coach and do not yet have coaching accreditation, please contact me to receive information about future courses. I look forward to working with you all to support and promote Table Tennis in South Australia.

Felicity McAvaney, SA State Development Officer, Table Tennis Australia, Email sa@ttadev.org.au



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QUIZ - Test your Table Tennis Knowledge!

This fun section tests your knowledge of table tennis and you might learn something new along the way. We will choose different topics each edition, with the answers to each question revealed at the bottom right (don't cheat!).

1. How many 'likes' does the TTSA Facebook page have?
 - a. 100+
 - b. 200+
 - c. 500+
 - d. 600+



2. What was the 2015 event pictured above?
 - a. 2015 Masters Games, Adelaide
 - b. 2015 Junior Championships, Adelaide
 - c. 2015 Pacific School Games, Adelaide
 - d. 2015 Australian Veterans Championships, Caloundra



3. Where was the pictured 2015 Junior Championship Opening ceremony held?
 - a. Golden Grove Recreation Centre
 - b. Mile End Netball Centre
 - c. Caloundra Indoor Stadium, QLD
 - d. Adelaide Entertainment Centre

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What else would you like to see?

We'd love to hear your comments and feedback, which we will use to make this newsletter more useful and enjoyable to read.

Write to the editor at

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Quiz answers: 1d, 2c, 3a