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Table Talk

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Word from the President

I want to start by recognising the passing of Mr Fred Whelan. Fred was a former TTSA and Table Tennis Australia President as well as state junior coach for many many years. Fred was a fantastic advocate for the sport and spent much of his time developing and encouraging juniors as well as undertaking administration activities for the sport. Our condolences go to Tina and her family.....he will be greatly missed by the Table Tennis community.

Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by the Association for longstanding and valued service to the Sport in South Australia. At the recent 2016 AGM Ms Ann Percy was awarded this honour for her services to the sport in SA. Ann has actively been involved in Table Tennis for over 30 years and held numerous positions on the Board of TTSA as well as at her local club over that time and has been instrumental in the administration of the sport over this journey. Ann's enthusiasm, support and involvement has enabled participants to enjoy our sport.

Over the coming months, you will see a number of activities being undertaken, with a summary captured below:

- new Membership Cards will be developed and circulated to all registered members – this card is part of the SportsPass network

and is used by a number of major sports in Australia.....

- a new Sports Development Officer has been appointed, Keith Marsh. Keith has great experience as school sports coordinator and worked in NZ for the state school sporting organisation and we welcome him to the team
- look out for TTSA appearing on the SA Sports Show with Phil Smyth in the coming weeks and months..... TTSA will be having some segments on the TV show and we look forward to taking Table Tennis to SA lounge rooms stay tuned for the airing times on our website and Facebook site...

By the time this newsletter is circulated, TTSA's prime team competition will have commenced.

A Review Panel consisting of representatives from Adelaide metro clubs worked through a number of improvement opportunities that are to be implemented in 2016...we are sure these changes will be well received and with 9 Divisions now catered for plus a junior Smash Hits grade as a pathway for new players it will be a very busy and competitive season.

Yours in Table Tennis , Paul

Vale Fred Whelan

Former Table Tennis Australia President, Board Member and Coach Fred Whelan passed away on Sunday 20th March in the Crystal Brook Hospital after a long illness.

Fred was President of Table Tennis Australia from 2006 until 2007. Fred traveled with the National Men's and Women's teams in the early 90's and will be remembered as a vibrant member of these teams.



Fred was very passionate about his table tennis and the work he was doing. He enjoyed working with juniors and gained satisfaction in watching them improve. When accommodated with Fred, and in the quieter moments, Fred had a great sense / weird sense of humour, always cracking jokes or turning a serious conversation in to something funny. Tina and Fred worked closely together in table tennis, a common enjoyment for them both.

By Maurice Quinn

Every issue, the TTSA affiliated clubs are asked if there are any News Items, or past / upcoming events that they would like to see included in the next edition of Table Talk. Below are some of the news items received.

We're hoping to 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

Adelaide Table Tennis Club



The Adelaide Table Tennis Club has finally received their new tables, replacing the almost 20 year old Joola tables.



The tables are ITTF approved San-Ei Absolute tables in the new "Blue Eyes" colour, the same ones that were used in last year's National Veterans on the Sunshine Coast. The tables are wheelchair-friendly too, so the club is looking forwards to some of the wheelchair players to test them out.

Add this to the professional table tennis flooring "Teraflex" that the club added a few years back, this would have to be one of the most professional looking clubs in Adelaide. Come and check it out!

Brighton District Table Tennis Club

Brighton has recently had some major renovations, which should bring great benefits to the club and all those that use the facilities!

The biggest change is the addition of a complete new court (pictured right), which was done by knocking down two walls near the back of the hall, and turning an outside area into a new room. Although the new court is too small for competition use, it's easily big enough for coaching or practice with the robot, which effectively frees up another court for play. It's also added additional storage space, and has created a bigger sitting/viewing area. Brighton has also had their toilets renovated, as well as their disabled toilet which now also has a shower.



Full credit for all the design and construction work goes to G-Force Building and Consulting, who have done a fantastic job in very short time. Many Brighton member have also helped out with painting and other jobs, making this a great club effort!

Brighton has also had all their fluoro lights replaced with LED lighting, which is not only great for the environment as it uses about 50% less power, but it saves the club money and improves lighting on all the tables. Since they also have a large number of solar panels on their roof, Brighton is likely one of the 'greenest' clubs on the country.

By Alex Vanderklugt

Southern Table Tennis



TTSA welcomes back Southern Table Tennis as an affiliate, which should bring benefits to both the club and the rest of the table tennis community! For those of you that don't know, Southern Table

Tennis is situated at Sports Park Drive, Wilfred Taylor Reserve, Morphett Vale. They run 3 competitions a year, an in-house junior program, a well patronised social play every Tuesday & Friday morning and is open to the public on Monday & Friday nights. Additionally Southern TT is available and hired by the community and schools for social club nights and school sporting activities.



Southern's president Marcel Stalken accepting a grant for a defibrillator and asthma first aid kit

Southern TT also goes in to the community to deliver coaching in the school environment and presentations at key community events, some of which can be seen on this page.

Southern TT activities attract approximately 250 participants weekly which does not include venue hire activities, and they attracts participants from all suburbs within the City of Onkaparinga, and additionally from far

south as Victor Harbor. A large percentage live within a 5 km radius from the stadium.



Southern stall at Seaford shopping centre, to promote its activity to the community.



National Youth week at Seaford - Southern setup an outdoor table and a table & robot in a marquee, attracting hundreds of people for a hit.



Southern's coaching trailer and Marquee, allowing them to take equipment to schools or outdoor events.

Mount Gambier Table Tennis Club - Finals



Winners Falcons - Ronald Reid, Cameron Beal, James Peake, Justin Hutchesson, Rayelene Hutchesson, Maree Peake

The finals match of the Mount Gambier Table Tennis Club's Summer Competition between the Tridents and Falcons turned out to be a dour struggle, with six of the 28 matches going to five games. The factors that often make the difference in tight matches went the Trident's way; they won four of the six long matches and four of the six doubles matches. The Falcons were however kept in the match by their lower ranking players. James Peake won both his singles for the first time this summer with the aid of some fearsomely accurate smashes. Justin Hutchesson won both his singles matches through an impressive display of accurate control, and Ronald Reid underlined his status as a leading player with his usual display of aggressive table tennis.

The final was not resolved until the last match between the respective teams top players Reid and Scott Davies. At that stage the Tridents were ahead 9 - 8, but Davies needed a win as a loss would see the Falcons win on countback. In a dramatic game, Davies, perhaps a bit rusty after an injury lay-off, fought hard, taking the more fancied Reid to five games, but Reid

steadied when it counted to win the fifth game and with it sealed the premiership for his team.

The evening also saw the presentation of achievement awards for the summer. Best And Fairest inevitably went to Leigh Davies for an undefeated campaign played in good spirit. Travis Sweet won the Most Improved at a canter and the President's Encouragement Award went to Ethan Harding. It will be interesting to watch the progress of those players in the Autumn Campaign beginning of May 4th. Numbers continue to grow with 74 player registrations to date.

Elsewhere, the club had one representative play in the recent Masters Games at Murray Bridge with Ben Newman being successful in winning the Gold Medal in his age category. We are hoping to continue to participate in various tournaments this year including Country Carnival in July.



Most Improved: Travis Sweet, Best and Fairest: Leigh Davies, Encouragement Award: Ethan Harding

2016 Australian Para National Championships

The 2016 Australian Para National Championships were held in Perth WA from 15-19 April 2016. South Australia was again well represented with several new wheelchair players taking part for the first time. Barbara Talbot was the SA Team Manager with David Lowe the SA Team Coach. The outstanding results from the SA players in the tournament were:

Women's Open Wheelchair Singles – **Amanda Tscharke (bronze)**

Men's Open Standing Singles – **Sam von Einem (gold)**

Class 11 and Deaf Combined Singles – **Sam von Einem (gold)**

Men's Open Standing Doubles – **Connor Holdback & Yasir Hussaini (bronze)**

Class 4/5 Singles – **James Chapman (silver) Caleb Crowden (bronze)**

Class 6 Singles – **Connor Holdback & Yasir Hussaini (bronze)**

Under 23 Standing Singles – **Sam von Einem (gold)**

Under 23 Wheelchair Singles – **James Chapman (gold) and Caleb Crowden (silver)**

Class 11 Teams – **Sam von Einem (gold)**

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2016 Australian Para National Championships - continued

In addition to the event results there were various Special Perpetual Awards awarded to:

Class 11 Male – **Sam von Einem**

Class 11 Female – **Anne Rossiter**

Kevin Coombs Junior Encouragement Award – **James Chapman**

Thank you to all the parents and helpers that also attended the tournament as without this kind of assistance it would be difficult for the players to participate. Thanks also to Barbara Talbot and David Lowe for their time and effort.

Sam's secures spot for 2016 Rio Paralympics!



The Australian Paralympic Committee issued a press release on 27 April 2016 naming 5 members of the Para – table tennis team for Rio later this year which included Woodville's Sam von Einem.

Sam secured his place in the para table tennis team for Rio based on his world ranking in Class 11 which currently stands at No. 7.

Two days after this announcement Sam headed to Europe with the other members of the Para table tennis team to play tournaments in both Slovenia and Slovakia as preparation for Rio.

Sam has returned from Europe with two gold medals from the Team Event in both tournaments where he was partnered with Eduardo Cuesta of Spain and he also won a bronze medal in his singles event in Slovakia.

The next event for Sam in his preparation for Rio is the 2016 ITTF World Tour – Australian Open being held in Melbourne in June 2016. David Lowe will accompany Sam to this event as his private coach.



Sam winning gold, partnered with Eduardo Cuesta of Spain



City of Adelaide - Feb 2016

The City of Adelaide tournament was held the Brighton Table Tennis club in February. Here are the results:

Open:

Mens Singles: S. von Einem d. M. Tunbridge -6, 5, 5, 6
 Womens Singles: R. Martin d. M. Guseva 6, 8, -9, 8
 Mens Doubles: K. & D. Malyschko d. K. Neubauer / P. Wilson 6, 10, 7
 Restricted Singles: M. Rogers d. K.C. Tan 4, 5, 7
 Restricted Doubles: K. Neubauer/P.Wilson d. G. Abdilla/R. Salvagno 15, 10, -9, 4

Under 21

Mens Singles: S. von Einem d. M. Redhead 11, -10, 7
 Mens Doubles: S. von Einem / B. Faulkner d. J. Muecke / D. Langley -7, 9, 6, 4
 Restricted Singles: M. Rogers d. D. Langley -10, 8, 8, 9

Over 75 & 80

Mens Singles: L. Taylor d. J. Kracht 11, 9, 8
 Womens Singles: B. Bird d. G. Rapley 6, 5, 4

Over 70

Mens Singles: A. Smiech d. C. Du 5, 9, 8
 Womens Singles: C. Langley d. J. Coombes -15, 6, -8, 9, 9
 Mens Doubles: L. Taylor / J. McArdle d. A. Smiech / J. Kracht 9, 9, -7, -9, 3
 Womens Doubles: G. Rapley / W. Beaton d. L. Short / L. Roder7, -10, 3, 12
 Mixed Doubles: J. Kracht / B. Bird d. A. & V. Smiech 4, 3, 7

Over 60

Mens Singles: G. Abdilla d. R. Trzesinski 7, 3, 7
 Womens Singles: A. Abbas d. L. Baker 7, -4, 5, 4
 Mens Doubles: G. Abdilla/G. Bungey d. R. Trzesinski / P. Fernandes 6, 8, -7, -4, 4
 Womens Doubles: A. Abbas / L. Baker d. C. Matthews / L. Short 10, 10, 8
 Mixed Doubles: R. Trzesinski / C. Matthews d. K.C. Tan / A. Abbas 7, -8,-5, 6, 5

Over 50

Mens Singles: S. Pandit d. K. Malyschko 5, -8, 6, 6
 Womens Singles: R. Martin d. J. Collier 0, 1, 1
 Mens Doubles: G. Abdilla / N. Nguyen d. D. Liang / T. Walker 11, 6, 5
 Mixed Doubles: G. Abdilla / L. Baker d. D. Malyschko / C. Matthews 9, 11, 8

2016 SA State Juniors Championship

The 2016 SA State Junior championships was held at the Newton Sports complex on April 23rd. These are the results:

Under 18:

Boys Singles: L. Luong d. J. Muecke 7, 8, 12
 Girls Singles: H. T. Trinh d. M. Guseva -4, -10, 8, 7, 6
 Boys Doubles: Muecke/Langley d. Lee/Luong 9, -11, -9, 10, 12
 Restricted Singles: S. Chandrasena d. M. Bedford 5, 6, 7

Under 15:

Boys Singles: L. Luong d. I. Lee 10, 17, 4
 Girls Singles: H.T. Trinh d. N. Cheung 9, 4, 7
 Boys Doubles: I. Lee/L. Luong d. J. Muecke/D. Langley 14, 11, 4
 Mixed Doubles: M. Stevels / S. Du d. A. Mudalige / H.T. Trinh
 Restricted Singles: K. Wiryawan d. M. Stevels -7, 8, 9, -8, 6

Over 40

Mens Singles: P. Langley d. S. Pandit w/o
 Womens Singles: Cl. Langley d. R. Martin on countback 2-1
 Mens Doubles: P. Langley / S. Pandit d. K. & D. Malyschko 3, 9, 5
 Mixed Doubles: P. Langley / Cl. Langley d. S. Bates / T. Northeast 1, -8, 6, -10, 9

Over 30

Mens Singles: An Phan d. S. Hart 6, 7, 8
 Womens Singles: T. Northeast d. M. Nottle 3, 9, -5, -5, 1
 Mens Doubles: A. Phan / C. Prince d. P. Golobokov / P. Glassenbury -5, 8, -9, 8, 5
 Mixed Doubles: A.Phan/M.Nottle d. P.&Cl.Langley 7, -9, 6, -10, 7

JUNIOR RESULTS Under 18

Boys Singles: L. Luong d. I. Lee 9, 10, -10, -7, 9
 Girls Singles: M. Guseva d. D. Stander -9, 8, 7, 13
 Boys Doubles: J. Muecke/D.Langley d. Y-X Tan/A.Wu 6, 8, -11, 4

Under 15

Boys Singles: J. Muecke d. J. Gliessert 5, 10, 11
 Girls Singles: S. Du d. J. Nguyen -6, 4, 6, 8
 Boys Doubles: J. Muecke / D. Langley d. I. Lee / J. Truong 5, -12, 9, -9, 3
 Restricted Singles: J. Harris d. L. Milsom 8, 8, 6

Under 13

Boys Singles: I. Lee d. J. Truong 7, 9, 7
 Girls Singles: S. Du d. J. Nguyen 7, 8, 8
 Boys Doubles: I. Lee / J. Truong d. J. Harris / D. Lawrie 9, 8, 12
 Girls Doubles: S. Du / J. Nguyen d. O. Mazurek / T. Robb 1, 5, 4
 Mixed Doubles: B. Wu / K. Tran d. M. Bedford / S. Chandrasena 5, 5, 8
 Restricted Singles: B. Wu d. A. Freegard 9, -5, 8, 8

Under 11

Singles: K. Tran d. B. Wu 4, 2, -9, -8, 10
 Doubles: B. Wu / S. Bellido d. K. Tran / P. Wauchope 6, -9, 6, 7

Smash Hit

Singles: T. Mills d. I. Lau -6, 3, 5, -11, 6
 Disability Singles: T. Mills d. C. Crowden 8, -4, 3, 107

Under 13

Boys Singles: I. Lee d. J. Harris 4, 9, 6
 Girls Singles: S. Du d. J. Nguyen 7, 5, 8
 Boys Doubles: J.Harris/K.Wiryawan d. I.Lee/J.Truong -9,8,9,-9,8
 Girls Doubles: S. Du/J. Nguyen d. K. Tran / O. Langley -7, 4, 3, 1
 Mixed Doubles: A. & H. Burrows d. O. Langley / I. Lau 10, 4, 6
 Restricted Singles: A. Mudalige d. B. Wu -11, 6, 8, 9

Under 11:

Singles: B. Wu d. K. Tran -4, 8, 6, -7, 9
 Doubles: B. Wu / K. Tran d. M. Thomas / I. Lau 1, 8, -16, 4
 Smash Hit Singles: H. Burrows d. S. Bellido 8, 5, 6

The 2016 SA Masters Games - Results

The 2016 Masters Games for Table Tennis were held at the great Murray Bridge club venue, running from April 14th till April 17th. It was a great event, with a good turnout. Here are the results:

Friday Doubles Results

Ladies 30-39 Doubles: Gold - Kelly Shaughnessy/Bronwyn Keller

Mens 30-39 Doubles: Gold - Ken Neubauer/Robby Tyas

Mens 40-49 Doubles: Gold - Wayne Sigston/Tim Cadzow

Ladies 50-59 Doubles: Gold - Denise Tiller/Lynda Lawrie

Mens 50-59 Doubles: Gold - Stephen Biggins/Michael Hein, Silver - Steven Hock/Raymond Hogan

Ladies 60-69 Doubles: Gold - Dawn Darwent/Chris Matthews, Silver - Jean Collier/Lenor Rhoder, Bronze - Diana Shirley/Jill Cunningham.

Mens 60-69 Doubles: Gold - Des Short/Gary McDougall, Silver - Jim Coombe/Dennis Walsh, Bronze - Rob Trzesinski/Frank Lacey

Ladies 70+ Doubles: Gold - Cynthia Langley/Julie Coombes, Silver - Ruth Shalders/Bev Hogan Mens 70+ Doubles: Gold - Colin Peacock/Lucjan Taylor

Combined Ages 80-99 Doubles: Gold - Graeme Shaughnessy/Kelly Shaughnessy

Combined Ages 100-119 Doubles: Gold - Bronwyn Keller/Lynda Lawrie

Combined Ages 120+ Doubles: Gold - Des Short/Gary McDougall, Silver - Chris Matthews/Rob Trzesinski, Bronze - Cynthia Langley/Julie Coombes.



Saturday Singles

Ladies 30-39 Singles: Gold - Kelly Shaughnessy

Mens 30-39 Singles: Gold - Ken Neubauer

Mens 40-49 Singles: Gold - Ben Neuman, Silver - Robby Tyas

Ladies 50-59 Singles: Gold - Lynda Lawrie, Silver - Bronwyn Keller

Mens 50-59 Singles: Gold - Stephen Biggins, Silver - Steven Hock

Ladies 60-69 Singles: Gold - Chris Matthews, Silver - Jill Cunningham, Bronze - Jean Collier

Mens 60-69 Singles: Gold - Gary McDougall, Silver - Rob Trzesinski, Bronze - Dennis Walsh

Ladies 70+ Singles: Gold - Julie Coombes, Silver - Cynthia Langley, Bronze - Dawn Darwent

Mens 70+ Singles: Gold - Lucjan Taylor, Silver - Colin Peacock, Bronze - Raymond Hogan



Interview with Glenn Errington

Glenn is one of our National Umpires in SA, and as well as winning back-to-back Official of the Year awards in SA, he was just awarded the prestigious Table Tennis Australia “**Fran Keyhoe Official of the Year**” award for 2015!

Glenn is also a Level 1 coach, and a keen competition player for the Woodville table tennis club. I’ve had the pleasure of meeting Glenn a few times around the table tennis circuit, and he’s an absolute gentleman and one of the nicest guys you’ll find in the table tennis community. He’s got a great passion for everything related to table tennis, as evidenced by his attendance at most of the major table tennis events in Australia.

Congratulation on winning the award Glenn, you’re a most worthy winner and a credit to the sport!

1. How did you get started in Table tennis?

About 10 with Dad in the shed using Grandpa’s sandpaper bat kit, then joined the school team and then Brighton District Table Tennis Club in 1975/6 at 13 first coached by Cynthia Langley on Friday night juniors which was wall to wall kids literally in those days. Found out about Brighton through local Guardian newspaper articles.

2. When did you develop an interest in officiating?

From the beginning of pennant team play as a junior because the many different venues we played at were often small, the only seats / stools left were the umpires’ and after a tough match a seat would be popular. While in the chair, one could practice watching the ball intently which would help one’s focus for the next match.

3. You have now won back-to-back SA’s “Doug Luckraft Official of the Year” awards, and have just year won the Table Tennis Australia “Fran Keyhoe Official of the Year” award. How does that make you feel?

I feel very grateful to be a small part of all those who love the community of table tennis and dedicate their lives to it as they are able. I also feel responsible to always put in best efforts so that more people of all abilities and ages can enjoy this great and growing community worldwide.

4. What are the things you enjoy most about umpiring/officiating? Would you rather be an umpire or referee?

I love being amongst the table tennis community, whether it is officiating, playing, administering, coaching or just any aspect of involvement. I do what I can where it is needed. Umpiring has its tough and easy sides just as Refereeing has. I have no preference, but to learn more of the overall perspective of tournament control, it is good to have experience in refereeing.

5. What is an important aspect about learning in officiating?

Finding a good mentor and teacher, someone who is dedicated to the sport. I was very fortunate to find Maurice Quinn who tirelessly spends a lot of energy in the sport and especially in SATTOC.

6. Do you think more people would be interested if they knew how rewarding it can be?

Absolutely. Everyone has different strengths in certain areas. As you identify them they can be strengthened. We all work together to create the great community of table tennis. You never know if you like something until you give it a fair go.

7. Do you have any tips or suggestions for other people who may have an interest?

Don’t be afraid to make a mistake. Players are human too and won’t bite your head off. Just have a go and remember that the winner at the end of the day is Table Tennis.



Country Carnival 2016 - Important information



BACKGROUND:

2016 will see a new venue to host the Country Carnival. A questionnaire was issued in 2015 to get feedback from players. Prior to the March CTTC meeting, each country club was requested to vote on the 3 main issues. 10 country clubs responded to the 3 e-mailed questions. At the Country Committee meeting on 20/3/16, the following choices were confirmed:

1. PREFERRED WEEKEND: 2nd & 3rd of July
2. PREFERRED LOCATION: Murray Bridge
3. PREFERRED PRIZES: Glasses + perpetual trophies

Country Carnival match play format: to remain the same. Raffle prizes: six \$50 Visa cards.

ACCOMMODATION:

Murray Bridge will advise what is available. Mount Barker is also a possible option (38Km from Murray Bridge) as it is serviced by the City Metro bus service.

FOR THOSE WHO FLY IN: Travel to/
from Airport: CTTC will pay for hire of a mini-bus (12-seater) or people mover (8 seater) for the weekend: to & from Adelaide Airport & for use over the weekend to get between accommodation & the MBTTA venue. Vehicle hire needs to be arranged 20 days prior, so please contact **Sally Kunze** (kunze.bbas@bigpond.com) by 10/6/16 if you want to take advantage of this offer. Please sell the raffle tickets allocated to your club to support the Country Carnival. For any further questions, contact: **Laurette Norton**, Country Director, Mob 0413 321918, lnorton@tabletennissa.org.au



Country Carnival 2015

By Sally Kunze, CTTC Secretary / Treasurer

A Table Tennis Poem

*Table Tennis is such an awesome
game*

*If you played it too you'd feel the
same*

Anyone can play no matter your age

Fitness or skill you can still engage

So many different ways to play

Fast or slow during night or day

All year round come rain or sun

I promise you it's so much fun

So come some time and give it a go

If you don't you may never know

By Matthew John Lambert

Zermello and Ratings Central

Players playing in Sanctioned Tournaments or in the 2016 Winter Pennant Competition will now have a player rating that may be viewed on the [Ratings Central website](#). The Table Tennis SA Board made the decision that all Sanctioned Tournaments and State Championships from the beginning of 2016 would be run using a tournament software package called 'Zermelo'.

What is Ratings Central?

Ratings Central is a state-of-the-art, fully automated, web based online rating system that is very accurate, is open to anyone anywhere, is extremely easy for event directors to use, and provides extensive, detailed, accessible information on events, matches, results, and ratings.

The rating is a means of providing players with a means that enables them to be compared with players not only in Australia but throughout the world. Many countries are now using Ratings Central for ratings purposes. It is important to appreciate that the rating is just that a rating not a ranking.

Why Submit Results to Ratings Central?

Every State in Australia is now submitting tournament results, and some pennant results, to the Ratings Central website in order that players may receive a rating.

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Zermello and Ratings Central - continued

Table Tennis Australia have for many years been looking for a system to fairly rate players throughout Australia – Ratings Central provides the solution. From a player's point of view the opportunity to view their results on an international website and to see how their rating changes based on matches played is very exciting.



Why Use Zermelo to Manage Tournaments?

There are two reasons, one of which is to enable tournament results to be submitted to the Ratings Central website. For results to be submitted to Ratings Central there needs to be a software program capable of producing and exporting a delimited file and Zermelo provides that solution.

For Winter Pennant matches a software program called Cantor is available from the Ratings Central website that is used to export the pennant results to Ratings Central.

How the Rating System Works

Ratings Central uses a sophisticated rating algorithm (developed by David J. Marcus, Ph.D.) that fairly and accurately rates all players, from world-class to beginner, from those who compete regularly to those who compete infrequently.

Put simply, if you beat a player with a higher rating than you then your rating will increase. Should you lose to a player with a lower rating then your rating will decrease.

The rating system uses standard concepts and techniques from the academic fields of probability and statistics. This makes the rating system quite different from (and more accurate than) almost all other rating and ranking systems.

What's your rating?

If you have played in a sanctioned tournament in 2016 log on to the Ratings Central website to view your rating (www.ratingscentral.com). Click on the 'Player' tab, enter your name (Enter as Surname, First Name)

Enter 'Australia' in the Country box and then click Search at the bottom. In the screen that opens you may click on your name which will show the tournaments you have played, then by clicking on the tournament name your tournament match results will be shown.

By Greg Bungey, Membership Director TTSA

Cheaper Alternatives to Tenergy? - OOK Table Tennis Shop - Sponsor News

Although OOK Table Tennis Shop is a Butterfly distributor that sells Tenergy, we often get asked for cheaper alternatives to the Tenergy rubbers. Here are some options that we offer, in order of popularity. These rubbers are not identical to Tenergy, but are similar high performance alternatives and close enough so that most people would adjust very quickly, and of course save significant \$\$.

1. **Victas V>15 Extra & V>15 Limber:** Strange name, but these new rubbers from Japanese manufacturer Victas have quickly gained popularity as top alternatives to Tenergy. A series of 'Blind Test' comparisons to Tenergy were carried out by players for a large Japanese Magazine in 2015, and Victas V>15 came top for the highest number of categories (speed, spin & grip). These rubbers have also gained high popularity in Japan, Korea and Singapore as alternatives to Tenergy, for their performance, price and durability. The extreme grip makes them highly suitable for the plastic balls.

The Victas V>15 Extra is closest to Tenergy 05/80 while matching the speed of Tenergy 64, the V>15 Limber closest to Tenergy 05/80 FX. These rubbers have been OOK Shop's most popular alternative to Tenergy to date. (click on the picture for more details).



2. **Tibhar Evolution MX-P, EL-P & FX-P:** Although German manufacturer Tibhar has never been that big in Australia, they are very popular overseas, especially in Europe. The MX-P is the fastest of the three, and easily matches Tenergy 64 for speed and spin, although the feel is a little firmer. The EL-P has a higher trajectory like the Tenergy 05, is a little faster, just as spinny and with a slightly softer feel. The FX-P is close to the Tenergy FX series.

3. **Xiom Omega V Euro, Omega V Tour & Omega V Pro:** Korean manufacturer XIOM has come up with these three German-made alternatives. The Omega V Euro is closest to Tenergy 64, the Omega V Pro and Tour similar to Tenergy 05/80, although clearly a little faster.



Note: These are all high speed and high spin rubbers, with good durability and extra grip designed for plastic ball usage. The selection of blade, and sponge thickness of rubber will affect the overall control and playing properties of the bat. Contact OOK shop for specific advice for your level and style of play. OOK Shop is an official distributor in Australia for all of these brands, so you can be assured of a genuine item direct from the factory. By OOK Table Tennis Shop

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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. What is the 'Cap system' used for Winter Pennant 2016?
 - a. It caps off the number of teams for each grade to 6
 - b. New Sponsor team Caps that must be worn as part of the Winter Pennant uniform to acknowledge our sponsors.
 - c. A system where each player is assigned a number of points based on previous performance, and the sum of points for a team is capped for each grade.
 - d. A point system based on performance that enables a State Ranking to be formed.
2. What's the main reason for the removal of doubles for Winter Pennant 2016?
 - a. Some people complained that they don't like doubles
 - b. To ensure earlier nights, which is particularly important for young players
 - c. New ITTF rules which precludes doubles for formal competitions
 - d. Doubles brings too much uncertainty into the results of the night
3. What are the new start & finished times for Winter Pennant 2016?
 - a. Start at 7.30, finish when matches finish
 - b. Start at 7.30, no matches to commence after 11pm
 - c. Start at 7.15, no matches to commence after 10pm
 - d. Start at 7.15, no matches to commence after 10.30pm
4. What or who is 'Zermello'?
 - a. The latest and new TTSA Sponsor
 - b. A new international rating system that TTSA will implement starting this year
 - c. A piece of software for loading results into the Ratings Central database
 - d. Our new coach from China, who will coach our high performance team
5. How can you provide feedback about the new Winter Pennant changes?
 - a. You can't, TTSA does not accept feedback
 - b. Email TTSA at JunkMail@TTSA.org.au
 - c. Email the Match Director dlowe@tabletennissa.org.au



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