

## Table Tennis South Australia

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### Can you help?

TTSA is looking for help to run this newsletter. If you have any experience in writing or publishing, and enjoy table tennis and are willing to help out, we would love to hear from you.

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## Word from the President

Welcome to 2015 – a TT year that will be a very busy one. Before we move on to 2015, I would like to provide a summary of the highlights from last year:

- re-introduced 'Table Talk'
- ramped up our presence on Social Media
- advocated for the sport in SA with our national federation and other parties
- attended numerous stakeholder meetings to discuss and promote Table Tennis
- attended all metropolitan and most regional affiliates tournaments
- continued our Development and High Performance Programs
- held numerous coaching clinics throughout the metropolitan and regional areas
- introduced over 3,500 school age children to the game of Table Tennis
- changed our annual presentation night format
- developed a new website
- introduced a mobile device capable website
- had recognition for one of our long standing volunteers, Mrs Cynthia Langley, being

awarded the '2014 Volunteer of the Year'

- batted way above our weight with results at National Events!

2014 was a busy year, and we are looking at building on our activities for 2015. We have a lot of major events planned for 2015 with the Australian Junior Championships, Australian Masters Games and the Pacific School Games being held in SA. This is in addition to our normal activities as well as some other activities that the Board is looking at introducing – so stay tuned!

I encourage you to get involved, jump on the bus so to speak, and help us, as a team take the game forward. Why not take up a personal challenge and refer a friend to a club? Get them involved.....if you know of other clubs that are not part of this state association, seek them out, start some conversations. The Board can only do so much, and for us to take this sport forward, we need a team approach and help from everyone.....it is a great sport....the SA Junior Team has a theme "Be loud and be proud"!

Finally, we are likely to announce some new sponsors in the coming weeks, so look out for those that support our game! And, if there others out there that are keen to be a supporter of the game in SA, or the National Juniors in October, feel free to contact Alex our Marketing Director.

Paul Langley- President TTSA

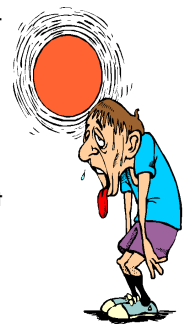
## Hot weather policy reminder

So far SA has experienced moderate temperatures during the summer months, but it seems those hot summer days are only just around the corner. The Board of Management of TTSA ask everyone to take care during the heat of the summer and be considerate of the impact of heat stress when planning or conducting competition, tournaments, coaching and other table tennis activities in non air conditioned environments.

You are reminded of the TTSA **Hot Weather Policy**, the thrust of which says do not conduct table tennis activities at non air conditioned venues where the temperature is likely to be 36° Celsius on the day of the activity. Check the forecast temperature and postpone, cancel or relocate table tennis activity as appropriate.

Sporting coordinators are also encouraged to read the policy and the Sports Medicine Australia **Beat the Heat** flyer which provides advice on minimizing heat stress. For players, make sure you stay well hydrated and take at least 5mins rest between matches.

Enjoy your table tennis, but keep it safe! Board of Management, Table Tennis SA



## Club Corner

### Code of Conduct – Have you got one?

It is the responsibility of everybody with any involvement in local sports clubs to ensure that they remain safe places to be free from discrimination, fear and where possible, risk.

A critical component of maintaining a quality club culture is to set standards of acceptable behaviour which must be upheld by all involved at the club and participating in club run activities and competitions.

An important tool for defining and communicating acceptable standards of behaviour is a documented, Code of Conduct. Ideally the Code of Conduct must apply to all involved in the club and its activities. Different groups of people which should be covered by the Code of Conduct include:

- Players
- Coaches and team officials
- Team selectors
- Club committee and office holders
- Players
- Parents
- Spectators
- Users of social media



### Code of Conduct acceptance

Having a well-documented Code of Conduct is very positive. The next step is to ensure everybody has not only read and understands the Code of Conduct but they support and act with the Code.

A good Code of Conduct will be written in a very positive manner, clearly defining the acceptable and desired standards of behaviour. The Code of Conduct should also detail the consequences of behaviour unacceptable under the Code of Conduct.

PlaybytheRules have developed a Code of Conduct template which can be used by clubs which can be accessed by clicking:

[www.playbytherules.net.au/toolkits/club-toolkit](http://www.playbytherules.net.au/toolkits/club-toolkit)

TTSA has an approved Code of Conduct that can be tailored to the needs of an affiliate [www.tabletennissa.org.au/governance/](http://www.tabletennissa.org.au/governance/)

### Dealing with unacceptable behavior

Club officials will often be faced with the task of dealing with unacceptable behaviour on the spot as it occurs. The [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au) website details very clear strategies for dealing with:

- Angry parents – [www.playbytherules.net.au/resources/club-toolkit](http://www.playbytherules.net.au/resources/club-toolkit)
- Verbally abusive coaches – [www.playbytherules.net.au/got-an-issue/fairness/verbally-abusive-coach](http://www.playbytherules.net.au/got-an-issue/fairness/verbally-abusive-coach)
- Spectator behaviour – [www.playbytherules.net.au/toolkits/club-toolkit](http://www.playbytherules.net.au/toolkits/club-toolkit)

Articles courtesy of [www.sportscommunity.com.au](http://www.sportscommunity.com.au)



## SATTOC News

The South Australian Table Tennis Officiating Committee (SATTOC) was formed over 20 years ago to foster the provision of qualified officials at TTSA sanctioned tournaments and major table tennis events hosted by South Australia.

Officiating appointments for 2015 have been finalised with a record 18 qualified officials now sharing the 25 tournament day workload to which a Referee and 3 Umpires will officiate at each event.

This does not include the additional workload of officiating at the 3 major events which SA is hosting - the Australian Junior Championships, Australian Masters Games and the Pacific School Games.... will be a case of all hands on deck

Congratulations once again to **Glenn Errington** who nominated and was accepted to officiate at Oceania and Tweed Heads tournaments. For those interested in pursuing an officiating career, a State Umpires Course will be conducted later in the year....details to follow.

By Maurice Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer, SATTOC. Email: [sattoc@tabletennissa.org.au](mailto:sattoc@tabletennissa.org.au)



## Upcoming major events for the next 3 months - don't miss out!

Below are the upcoming events for the next few months. See the [TTSA Website](#) for more details and entry forms.

### City of Mitcham Junior tournament

Feb 28 at Adelaide TT Club

### City of Mitcham Veterans tournament

Mar 1 at Adelaide TT Club

### Level 1 coaching course

Mar 7 – Mar 8

### Brighton Open/Youth Tournament

Mar 15 at Brighton TT Club

### Brighton Junior Tournament

Mar 21 at Brighton TT Club

### Brighton Veterans Tournament

Mar 22 at Brighton TT Club

### SA Regional Masters Games

Mar 26 – Mar 29 at Clare

### TTSA – AGM

Sunday Mar 29 at West Beach - Sports SA

### City of Adelaide Open/Youth

Apr 11 at Newton

### City of Adelaide Veterans including O/30

Apr 12 at Newton

### Winter Competition Commences

Apr 13 onwards

### City of Adelaide Junior

Apr 19 at Newton

### 'Be Active' State Open/Youth Championships

May 3

### 'Be Active' Primary School Students Mixed Teams Competition

May 15

### 'Be Active' Primary School Students Mixed Teams Finals

May 22

### City of Campbelltown Junior tournament

May 23 at Newton

### City of Campbelltown Veterans tournament

May 24 at Newton

### Woodville Open/Youth Tournament

May 31 at Woodville TT Club

### ITTF GAC Group World Tour Australian Open

Jun 3 – Jun 7 in Sydney, NSW

### Country Carnival

Jun 6 to 8 at Newton

### Whyalla Tournament

Jun 20 to 21 at Whyalla

### Woodville Juniors Tournament

Jun 27 at Woodville TT Club

### Woodville Veterans Tournament

Jun 28 at Woodville TT Club

### Country Carnival Reminder!



Don't forget to note in your dairies that the Country Carnival is on from JUNE 6th to 8th. This is the big events for country players, so don't miss out!

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## TTSA update on the new Plastic Balls

A number of clubs have asked TTSA what brand of plastic balls we will be using in winter pennant and tournaments. Unfortunately, at this point in time, TTSA cannot advise of the exact brand. We are currently working through a sponsorship process, which could include the provision of balls. TTSA also received queries on whether seamed or seamless balls will be used. We want to ensure our players are well prepared in the lead up to Nationals and other key Australian major events, so it's on our interest to use the same type of balls as those provided by TTA. This is the response from TTA when asked about the type of balls that they were planning to use:

*"A decision on the brand of the new plastic ball to be used by TTA has not been made at this stage as this decision will be based on who the new National Sponsor will be. Adidas table tennis is pulling out of Australia and as such will not be renewing its sponsorship of TTA after the contract expires at the end of June. Table Tennis Australia is currently in negotiations with at least two companies to replace Adidas as the National Uniform and Ball sponsor. Both companies currently make the new plastic ball and both brands are considered among the better brands in the market. Both companies currently make the seamed ball so unless a third company was to offer us a contract shortly it is very likely the new ball will be a seamed ball. A decision on the brand will hopefully be made by the end of March to allow sufficient time for the new product to arrive in Australia ready for National Championships."*

Board of Management, Table Tennis SA.



## Scott Houston named the 2016 Olympic Team Leader!

Scott Houston from the Adelaide Dragons Table Tennis Club has been named as the Team Leader of the Australian Table Tennis Team for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil. The Team Leader role is a combination of team manager and assistant coach. Houston's appointment was officially ratified by the Australian Olympic Committee in December.

Houston will have big shoes to fill as South Australian icon Paul Langley held the same position for the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games. A third successive South Australian appointment to this vital Olympic role speaks highly for table tennis in the state.

Table Tennis Australia released a statement regarding Houston's appointment, which can be viewed here: <http://tabletennis.org.au/News/scott-houston-appointed-rio-team-leader-402618>



## 2015 Oceania Para Table Tennis Champs Selections

The TTA Board has now confirmed the team for the 2015 Oceania Para Table Tennis Championships. **Congratulations** to all selected players, especially those from SA (underlined)!

### Players:

Sam von Einem (Class 11)  
Rory Carroll (Class 11)  
Ashley Parrott (Class 11)  
Melissa Tapper (Class 10)  
Andrea McDonnell (Class 10)  
Joel Coughlan (Class 10)  
Jackson Meyn (Class 9)  
Barak Mizrachi (Class 8)  
Connor Johnstone (Class 8)  
James Swanbury (Class 8)  
Jake Ballestrino (Class 7)  
Sy Pham (Class 7)

Rebecca Julian (Class 6)  
Trevor Hirth (Class 6)  
Yaser Hussaini (Class 6)  
Connor Holdback (Class 6)  
Rosalie Turnbull (Class 3)  
Mark Harris (Class 3)

### Officials:

**PPP Head Coach**  
Roger Massie  
**PPP Assistant Coach**  
Alois Rosario  
**PPP Team Manager**  
Barbara Talbot



**2015 ITTF PTT Oceania Para  
Table Tennis Championship**

## World Table Tennis Day - April 6th

For those of you that may not have heard, the ITTF has declared an official **World Table Tennis Day (WTTD)**, and it's closely approaching, 6th of APRIL. Below is their message.

The WTTD website is now online and it can be visited at [www.TT4ALL.com](http://www.TT4ALL.com), you can find there a toolkit explaining the concept, promotional package with logo and editable banners, registration form, and others to assist you with the organization. We hope to have as many countries as possible to Celebrate the Passion for Table Tennis engaging new people to join us! Within the website there is a map showing in which countries it is hosted and we want to cover the globe! [MAP HERE](#)



ITTF.com

By registering your event on the website (or using the direct link below), we will include an icon on the Map. Please Register your event here: [REGISTER](#)

There is a wide range of options on what can be done, small or big, popular or iconic venues, and all is explained on the website, it doesn't necessarily have to be on the 6th of April and can be done few days before or the previous weekend. The WTTD is part of the Table Tennis for ALL Program and the pillars are POPULAR, UNIVERSAL and INCLUSIVE.

If you have any question please contact [Leandro Olvech from the ITTF](#).

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## Is your Club on Facebook? If not, why not? It's easy to do, and we'll help!



Has your club been struggling to attract new members or you're looking for ways to boost your numbers? Have you been trying to get an 'online' presence so that people can find you on the Internet, but you don't have the skills or resources to setup a club website?

If the answers to either (or both) of these questions is YES, then you should consider starting a **Club Facebook Page**. Such a page will immediately give you a presence on the Web, which is where a growing number of people, particularly the young generation, look to find for new sports or to play the game they love already.

The best thing is that it's completely FREE, it can be setup overnight, and we'll be happy to help you set it up!

### What are the benefits to your Club?

People that have an interest in table tennis, and live or visit a place, will more than likely search online to see if there's a club nearby where they can play. If they can't find it quickly or easily, they'll often give up and find something else, and you've lost the opportunity to get a new member. If you've got a Facebook Page, they'll easily find your club and details, either from Googling for a local club, or searching via Facebook directly. This is particularly important if you don't already have a club website!

A Club Facebook Page also makes communication with other table tennis communities people easy, and allows you to promote your events to give them some extra exposure. It really does work, offers many benefits and requires little effort to setup or run, so what do you have to lose?

### What do you need to get started?

All you really need to get started is a nice picture of your club (inside, outside or even just of some players), and your basic details such as location, facilities and contact details. More details or changes can be added at any time.

### How will TTSA help?

With this basic information your Club Facebook Page can already be setup, and we'd be happy to do this for you. Once it's done, you can add more details if you wish, and once it's ready we'll announce your page on the TTSA Facebook Page to let the Table Tennis community know, and give your club some initial exposure. We'll be happy to offer this to any SA club, whether affiliated with TTSA or not.

### What do we need to do to keep it running?

Once the page is setup, you've got an online presence so you can already reap some of the benefits mentioned earlier, so you don't have to do anything further. However we'd recommend you ask one or a few of your members that are already on Facebook (most of the younger generation are) if they're willing to help by posting the occasional news item, to give the page a little boost. This is particularly useful when you have announcements or events that benefit from further exposure.

These people can be made 'admin' of the page, so that they can change or add any new information. The club would really benefit if these volunteers would invite friends or current members of your club, to 'like' the page, so that these people will see and be notified when new information is posted on your page.

Apart from that, they can simply share the occasional interesting table tennis news that is posted on other Facebook pages on your page, which keeps your members interested and up to date. It really does not take much effort, but of course if they're keen they can do more. You can see some examples here of SA table tennis Facebook pages that are making good use of their pages:

[TTSA Facebook Page](#)

[Adelaide Table Tennis Club](#)

[Brighton Table Tennis Club](#)

[Murray Bridge Table Tennis Association](#)

[SA State League Facebook Page](#)

[Table Tennis Australia](#)

Just sharing the information (on your page) that these pages post, is already useful for your own page, and will make it look up to date and informative.

### Why is this important to TTSA?

Two key initiatives for TTSA is to (1) Promote table in our state and (2) build the SA table tennis community. Having more clubs online is a great step towards these initiatives, as it helps promote our sport and builds further links with the SA table tennis community.

### Who do I contact to get started?

Contact Alex Vanderklugt (Marketing Director TTSA) for further information or to get started:

[editor@tabletennissa.org.au](mailto:editor@tabletennissa.org.au)



## 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. In the TTSA Hot Weather Policy, over what temperature is it advisable not to run an event?
  - a. 36° Celsius
  - b. 38° Celsius
  - c. 40° Celsius
  - d. 42° Celsius
2. Now that the new plastic balls are being used in international events, which balls will remain legal in the foreseeable future?
  - a. Only the seamless plastic balls
  - b. Both the seamed and seamless plastic balls
  - c. The celluloid, and both the seamed and seamless plastic balls
3. Who was the 2014 SA official of the year ?
  - a. Paul Langley
  - b. Maurice Quinn
  - c. Greg Bungey
  - d. Glenn Errington
4. Who is the famous female International player pictured right?
  - a. Ai Fukuhara from Japan
  - b. Deng Yaping from China
  - c. Feng Tianwei from Singapore
  - d. Miao Miao from Australia
5. Who is the famous male International player pictured right?
  - a. Jan-Ove Waldner from Sweden
  - b. Jorgen Persson from Sweden
  - c. Timo Boll from Germany
  - d. Jean-Michel Saive from Belgium



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Quiz answers: 1 a, 2c, 3d, 4a, 5a