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Newsletter

The following is a summary of the events that took place at TTTA and elsewhere in the Table Tennis World during February 2025.

Around the Club

The Committee has invited ex Irish International Alan Walsh back to Townsville to assist Coach Olav with Junior operations.

Social Seniors

The Committee is currently reviewing Monday Social Seniors. It is likely that there will be some operational changes for the benefit of members that will be announced in coming weeks.

There was an additional suggestion raised that perhaps Monday Social Seniors could be a singles format rather than a doubles format. The Committee is unsure if this is a concept that social seniors would prefer. We are seeking feedback from the social senior members.

There is a survey sheet being maintained by the Committee on the control desk at the hall. If you have preference, can you please indicate your preference to a committee member or a club coach, who will write your name on the survey sheet indicating your preference. The Committee will then review this further.

Sunday Tournament

Sunday morning tournaments continue with good numbers of 12+ each week, playing a singles format replicating an official tournament, but with a less serious level.

Every so often we will throw in a different format to keep everyone on their toes.

Chinese New Year

Originally due to begin on Feb 1st, it was decided that due to the extreme weather it was best to postpone for a week.

Very good numbers attended Feb 8th, and the following results were recorded.

Main Event	
Winner	Taleisha Gaeta
Runner-up	Olav Dahl
Women's Veteran Singles	
Winner	Alice Peng
Runner-up	Marian Murray
Senior Singles	
Winner	Doyle Liang
Runner-up	John Sherriff
Junior Singles	
Winner	Taleisha Gaeta
Runner-up	Justin Zheng
Open Doubles	
Winner	Taleisha Gaeta / Brendan Gaeta
Runner-up	Mischa von Mellenthin / Walter Parkes
Senior Doubles	
Winner	Tony Castrejana / Mike Summers
Runner-up	John Sherriff / Ray Young

Many thanks to Kevin Chun-tie and the SUN DOO Restaurant for sponsoring the event.

Mackay Trip

Several Townsville players travelled to Mackay on the weekend of the 22nd to take part in what initially was to be the Townsville – Mackay Battle. It was cancelled due to the earlier inclement weather and uncertainty with a cyclone thrown into the mix.

Nevertheless, 6 Townsville players met up with 5 players from Rockhampton and we joined about 40 players from Mackay to have a Social day involving some rapid fire Teams matches, then a Singles event to finish of the day.

As a social event, it was a great day. We got to meet old friends and make new ones, and the table tennis was played in the right spirit.

Sunday morning meant being back at the Mackay hall for doubles matches for an hour or so, before we had to make our way back home.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

The following are the local events scheduled for the North in the first half of the year, with the two main Queensland events in bold.

Townsville International Women's Day – March 8th

Rapid Fire Business Battle – March 21st
(Postponed)

St Patrick's Day Tournament – 21st March
(refer Head Coach for info)

Qld Junior – Moreton Bay – April 15th / 18th

Qld Senior Closed – Moreton Bay – 18th / 21st April

Townsville Open – May 3rd / 5th

Mackay Open May 31st / June 2nd

National Junior, Youth, Senior and Para – Gippsland Vic – July 6th / 13th

Qld Veterans – Moreton Bay – July 16th / 19th

For all event dates, check TTQ website or our own Calendar at [Calendar and Events - Townsville Table Tennis](#)

Sausage Sizzles

We have the following dates locked in for Fundraising at Fairfield Waters.

~~2nd March~~, 25th May.

Unfortunately, Bunnings triple booked somehow and we missed out.

Trivia

15 Unwritten Table Tennis Rules that you should know.

Generally, for newer players, but sometimes more experienced players need a reminder.

Umpire announces the Score after each point: Usually there is an Umpire for each match. If there is no umpire, the players could take turns calling the score after each point.

Good Sportsmanship: Often in matches, there will be close calls as to whether there is an edge ball, a let where the ball touches the net on a service, or a let whereby there is a distraction from another table such as a ball entering the playing area.

It is always the Umpires decision on these calls, but players are encouraged to show good sportsmanship by acknowledging an edge or a service let.

Silence: Don't talk loudly across or near a court where a match is in progress. Also, when playing don't be so loud as to cause distractions on your court or other courts.

2 Minute Warm-ups: Don't smash the balls or try and win the rally. Do that in the match. You and your opponent only have 2 minutes to warm up. Allow your opponent to warm up.

Be Available: It is the players responsibility to be available to play when required. Other players should not need to locate you to play your match.

Maybe some more in a future edition.

That's all for this edition, until next month.

The Tigers Tail