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

Around the Club

It has been observed over the last couple of months that a few Cars parked in Brodie Street have received tickets for not parking in a designated marked parking bay.

Please be aware, as no one needs a \$96 parking fine, and be sure that parking inspectors will be keeping an eye on the location.

International Women's Day

A great turnout for the event, with thanks to the Mackay contingent (inc Rocky's Ann-Louise) and the Maggie Isle ladies.

Congratulations to Townsville junior member Taleisha Gaeta, who put on a dominant performance throughout the day and was the eventual winner. Taleisha became the winner of the 2025 International Women's Day Tournament, defending her 2024 title. Taleisha will now have her name etched on the Nuala Redhead Memorial Trophy. Well done Taleisha, a great achievement.

The runner-up in the main event was Ann-Louise Stewart from Rockhampton, who was also undefeated throughout the day until the grand final.

In third place was Ann Sheridan from Mackay, who had a great battle in the bronze medal match against upcoming Townsville junior Manasee Sivayoganathan.

In the social event, Mackay legend Coral Morgan went through the double knock-out stage undefeated and won the social event. Second place went to Marie Taylor also from Mackay. Third place went to Townsville player Marian Murray.

In our junior event, the three podium positions went to Townsville juniors, who all played well. The winner was Taleisha Gaeta. The runner-up was Manasee Sivayoganathan, and in third place was Aarohi Achar.





In the Sunday Open Tournament, it was a rematch of the 2024 final, except with the opposite result. Brendan Gaeta (Townsville) won against Walter Parkes (Townsville). Third place went to Tarun Laghate (Townsville).

More details and photo's on the club Facebook site

[Social Seniors Friday Competition](#)

The first season for the 2025 year completed last Friday. Peter fell over the line to just take the honours from Mike Summers, with Gary, Fedor and Ray Young just a couple of points further adrift.

[Table Tennis Queensland AGM and Development meeting](#)

The Club President, Treasurer and Vice President attended the TTQ AGM and Development meeting held on the last Saturday of March (29 March), where there was plenty of positive discussion regards the TTQ finances and the future of the Major Queensland Events in 2025 and in the years leading up to the Brisbane Olympics in 2032.

Townsville's Terry Morato was returned as TTQ President and Venkat Vangaveti was voted in as the Northern Region Board member.

The group were also able to check out the Pine Rivers Stadium which looked very impressive. Think Townsville Stadium, but bigger.

There was plenty of feedback and matters raised by Clubs, including Townsville, surrounding tournaments in QLD, selection policies, financial ramifications on Clubs and players with the Pine Rivers Stadium, and matters of this sort. This was a topical issue and Clubs discussed their concerns with the TTQ Board. We will hopefully see some changes implemented by TTQ.

[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.

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

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

Townsville Open – May 3rd / 5th

Mackay Open May 30th / June 1st

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.

25th May.

[Trivia](#)

15 Unwritten Table Tennis Rules that you should know.

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

Don't disrupt another match: If your ball enters another court, wait until the point is over before asking for your ball back. Do not call "Let" to the other table, you are not the umpire of that match.

Shake Hands: Shake hands/Bump fists (or other appropriate gesture) with your opponent after the match. Win, Lose, or have disagreements, the match is over. Shake hands to show respect to your opponent and respect to yourself.

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Scoring: Whether it be a Tournament or Club fixtures, you will be required to score some matches. In a Tournament, the losing player will generally be responsible to score a match following their defeat. In club fixtures, the scoring is normally shared so players all do their fair share.

Make sure the ball is dry before serving: It is the server's responsibility to ensure the ball is dry before serving.

Fair play first: If there is a dispute between 2 players (4 in doubles), the Umpire should always base their decision on "Point of Fact", but in the absence of an Umpire on court, we encourage players to resolve in a fair manner.

Maybe some more in a future edition.

And finally, a bit of fun, and maybe a realisation that we may be taking ourselves a little bit too seriously sometimes.

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

