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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 April 2025.

Around the Club

It has been a busy month all round, with the TTA Tour kicking off in Victoria and the first events held at the South Pine Indoor Sports Centre in Moreton Bay signalling the start to the tournament season.

The Computer on the Control Desk died for the second time in a couple of months and the recommendation was to invest in a new computer, which is in place now, in time for the Townsville Open.

We then Identified two gas leaks, one at the regulator, and another under the building, so that was another drama that needed attention.

The Friday Social Seniors played through the Good Friday and ANZAC public holidays, with good attendance numbers both days.

Also, check the Club Facebook page for some great photo's from the Qld Juniors.

New Zealand Veterans Trip - April 17th – 21st

Harry Bligh recently travelled to Canterbury in New Zealand to compete in the Australia v New Zealand Veterans Test match on April 17th and then the New Zealand Veterans Championships on April 18th-21st.

Harry's results:

- Gold Medal with Mick Wright in the over 80 Teams event.
- Gold Medal with Mick Wright in the over 80 Doubles.
- Silver Medal with Mick Wright in the over 75 Doubles.
- Silver in the over 80 Singles
- Won the Test matches 5-0.

Well played Harry.

TTA Tour – Traralgon - April 12th – 13th

Taleisha Gaeta and Manasee Sivayoganathan competed in the first leg of the National Tour (TTA Tour) in Traralgon Victoria.

Manasee had some hard-fought matches, and it was great to see her commitment to training starting to show in national level matches. We have no doubts that results will start to flow for Manasee over time.

It was Taleisha's first high level tournament after around 12 months of being out with

large arm injuries, and much longer since she played injury free. It was a roller coaster weekend with some big wins (and losses). Definitely a bit rusty. Overall, it was great to see Taleisha back competing at a national level, and she was still being able to win a national silver medal in the under 21 woman's singles.

Well done girls.

QLD Junior Closed – Moreton Bay – April 15th – 18th

A squad of 14 Juniors and 3 Coaches attended the South Pine Indoor Sports Centre.

By all reports, the players all played to the best of their ability, with some having a bit more luck than others. It was a great learning experience for the younger players.

The Medals:

Aarohi Achar: Bronze medals in U11 Girls Singles, U13 Girls Singles, and U13 Girls Doubles.

Manasee Sivayoganathan: Bronze medals in U15 Girls Doubles, U15 Mixed Doubles, and U17 Girls Doubles.

Taleisha Gaeta: Gold medal in U19 Girls Doubles.

Silver medals in U19 Girls Singles, U19 Mixed Doubles, U17 Girls Doubles.

Bronze medals in U17 Girls Singles and U17 Mixed Doubles.

QLD Senior Closed – Moreton Bay – April 18th – 21st

Taleisha Gaeta, Manasee Sivayoganathan, and Mischa von Mellenthin stayed on after the Juniors and played in the Senior event.

The Medals:

Manasee Sivayoganathan: Gold medal in the Women's Teams.

Taleisha Gaeta: Gold Medals in the Women's Teams and Women's Doubles.

Silver medal in U21 Women's Singles.

Bronze medal in Women's Singles.

Notwithstanding the Girls medals, Mischa played in a very strong field in the Men's Singles, progressing from the Group stage into the Main Draw, and while he ended up losing in the Round of 32, against a player almost 300 rating points higher, the score was 2-4 (-10,14,4, -9,9,8) in a match that could have easily gone into the 7th game.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

Townsville Open – May 3rd / 5th

TTA Tour – Sydney Olympic Park – May 24th / 25th.

Mackay Open May 30th / June 1st

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

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

Australian Vets – Moreton Bay – Oct 18th / 25th

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, 7th July, 7th Sept,

21st Sept, 5th Oct, 19th Oct, 2nd Nov,

30th Nov

Trivia

15 Unwritten Table Tennis Rules that you should know.

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

The Spectator is only a Spectator:

Spectators should not be involved in the match. They should not give their opinion about whether a ball was good or not. Even if they thought the Umpire had made a mistake, they should not comment.

“Let Ball”: If a ball enters your court and you feel you have lost concentration, or you feel the opponents serve touched the net, raise your hand to the umpire. Play continues until the umpire call a let.

Don't Cheer Errors: Spectators should feel free to cheer or applaud winning shots. Don't cheer when a player makes an error.

Acknowledgement: Nets, edges, or shots off your hand or bat are all part of the game. Some players style tends to increase the instance of these happening. If it happens in your favour, apologise by acknowledging, if it happens against you, help the umpire by acknowledging it's occurred

Mercy Shot: When you lead a game 10-0, you try your best to give your opponent a point. It's called a "Mercy Point". 11-1 is more respectful than 11-0, and we don't want to discourage players from playing in the future. This is particularly important when there is an obvious mismatch in skill level.

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

The Tigers Tail

We have had some nice feedback from some players who have appreciated these "Unwritten Rules" inclusions and wish that more members would take notice and apply them to their own conduct.

