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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 May 2025.

Around the Club

Thanks to those who donated their time to help with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on 25th May. It was a very successful day.

The Committee have made some adjustments to the Senior training, adding a Tuesday night session to compliment the Thursday night session.:

Also, some adjustments to Social Seniors on Monday, incorporating a Coaching session, and also a Movement session run by Rina, where participants will explore:

- Gentle warm-ups and stretches to enhance flexibility.
- Movements around the table to improve spatial awareness and positioning.
- Focuses on mobility, balance, and independence through artistic movement

We are also re-introducing a junior's fixture program during each School term.

More information on all of these issues should be found in an email to members

around the middle of May.

There is a sheet on the Control Desk for interested players who wish represent Townsville at the Qld Closed Veterans at Pine Rivers Stadium in July. Team and Individual entries close 21st June

A couple of apps have surfaced in the last couple of months, worthy of a look if you play rating tournaments.

<https://goodgame.pingponghero.com/#/>

and <https://ladder.ponglytics.com>

Townsville Open 3rd – 5th May

It was fantastic to welcome Players from Toowoomba, Wynnum, SE Qld, Star, Cairns and Mackay for the weekend.

Well done to all the participants, Over 500 matches played without any incidents to speak of.

Many thanks to Elle and Gary in the Kitchen for some wonderful food over the weekend, and also to Referee Brendan and his Deputy's, Rhonda and Peter, for running the event.

All event results listed at end of the newsletter.

Queensland Team Selections for National Juniors

Congratulations to Aarohi Achar, Manasee Sivayoganathan, Taleisha Gaeta, and Mischa von Mellenthin

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

Taleisha Gaeta attended the Sydney tour event for the U17, U19, U21 and Open Women's.

Day One events were U19 Girls and Open Women's, where Taleisha struggled against some quality opponents and had little success.

Day Two events were U21 Women's and U17 Girls. In the U21, Taleisha progressed through the Group stages and into the main draw, where she eventually lost in a semi-final but then won the Bronze medal match.

In the U17, Taleisha again progressed through the Group stages into the main draw, only to lose against a strong opponent in the Round of 16 matches.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

Mackay Open - May 30th - Jun 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](#)

Lost and Still Lost

One of our members, JohnW, lost his table tennis bat during a Social Seniors session a little while ago.

He thinks someone has picked up his bat by mistake, and left their bat behind which was close by.

Social Seniors, if you could please check your bat as John has his initials JW on the butt of the handle.

If you have it, we can arrange a swap, please let Morrie or Peter know.

Sausage Sizzles

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

7th July, 7th Sept,

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

30th Nov

Trivia

The World Championships in Prague in 1936 were instrumental in bringing changes to the rules of Table Tennis.

During the event, one point in a match between Poland and Romania took over 2 hours, and in a team's final, it took over 11 hours to complete.

Also about to be unveiled was a hidden loophole in the rules, whereby by applying spin with the fingers before striking the service, the ball reacted unpredictably, utterly fooling opponents. This innovation was devastating.

In 1937, 2 rule changes were brought in.

Rule 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 Servers were required to toss the ball upward from an open palm without imparting any spin by hand

Rule 2.15 Matches were time-capped with an expedite rule to end marathon stalemates, and even the net height was lowered to encourage attacking play.

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

The Tigers Tail

JUNIOR AGE EVENTS

	Winner	Runner-up
U21 Men's Singles:	Ashmith Sivayoganathan	Jerry Zhang
U21 Women's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Lucy Whipp
U19 Boy's Singles	Jerry Zhang	Mischa von Mellenthin
U19 Girl's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Lucy Whipp
U17 Boy's Singles	Jerry Zhang	Justin Zheng
U17 Girl's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Bethany Wang
U15 Boy's Singles	Kiran Blackburn	Ben Blackburn
U15 Girl's Singles	Aarohi Achar	Aarvi Raj
U13 Boy's Singles	Kiran Blackburn	Advik Tiwari
U13 Girl's Singles	Aarohi Achar	Aarvi Raj
U11 Boy's Singles	Andrew Young	Aaron Liu
U11 Girl's Singles	Bethany Wang	Aarohi Achar
Junior Development	Andrew Young	Nate Clark

Veteran Age Events

Over 30 Men's Singles	Venkat Vangaveti	Peter Besnard
Over 30 Women's Singles	Andrea Nicholson	Sharon Holden
Over 40 Men's Singles	Venkat Vangaveti	Doyle Liang
Over 40 Women's Singles	Andrea Nicholson	Mei Li
Over 50 Men's Singles	Rodney Perry	Safwat Boktour
Over 50 Women's Singles	Therese Chappell	Janice Kent
Over 60 Men's Singles	Max Wellington	Rodney Perry
Over 60 Women's Singles	Helen Zhang	Therese Chappell
Over 65 Men's Singles	Thomas Woltmann	Mike Summers
Over 65 Women's Singles	Therese Chappell	Janice Kent
Over 70 Men's Singles	Harry Bligh	Morrie Bligh
Over 75 Men's Singles	Ken Hay	Harry Bligh
Over 80 Men's Singles	Harry Bligh	Ken Hay

Rated Singles Events

	Winner	Runner-up
Under 1700 Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Goncalo Serra Gageiro
Under 1500 Singles	Tim Young	Brett Sprunt
Under 1300 Singles	Daryl Sterling	Mischa von Mellenthin
Under 1100 Singles	Marshall Muller	Manasee Sivayoganathan
Under 900 Singles	Paul Chappell	Gene Geedrick
Under 700 Singles	John Zhang	Tommy Li

Rated Doubles Events

Under 1700 Doubles	T Woltmann / R Perry	P Besnard / W Parkes
Under 1500 Doubles	W Parkes / J Zarate	A Sheridan / S Whiting
Under 1300 Doubles	R Young / J Zheng	H Bligh / M Bligh
Under 1100 Doubles	D Abbott / M Muller	C Georgalli / M Fathers
Under 900 Doubles	S Chellis / A Pace	P Chappell / G Geedrick

Open Events

Men's Open Singles	Olav Dahl	Alan Walsh
Women's Open Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Therese Chappell
Men's Open Doubles	O Dahl / A Walsh	S Cham / J Zhang
Women's Open Doubles	T Gaeta / T Chappell	J Kent / A Sheridan
Mixed Open Doubles	T Gaeta / O Dahl	T Chappell / M von Mellenthin