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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 June 2025.

Around the Club

Vale Heather Sullivan from Magnetic Island Table Tennis who passed recently.

Heather will be dearly missed, and we send our heartfelt condolences to Heather's husband Pop, and to her extended family and friends.

Wednesday and Friday Social Seniors continues to enjoy good numbers each week, but the Monday session remains a bit of an issue.

Remember that the V8 weekend coming up (11-13 June) is going to cause disruption to the Hall activities. Check your emails for details.

Our Sunday Session Tournaments have continued to have good attendance numbers, and the last season ended with Shane taking the main prize, with Gary in second place. We change the type of tournament regularly to keep it fresh and to mix it up a bit.

Coaches Olav and Alan ran a great Friday night Pizza and Ping Pong event recently, which looks like it may become a regular event.

Good luck to our Junior Queensland representative players going to the Australian Junior and Youth Championships in Victoria (listed in May's newsletter)

Mackay Open 30th May – 1st June

A large group of Townsville players attended the 2025 Mackay Open Championships.

It was a great weekend. Everyone had an amazing time, and there were some great results from our players. A huge thank you to Janice Kent, Donna Abbott, Steve Mathieson, and all of the Mackay committee and volunteers for making it such a fantastic weekend. You sure can hold a great tournament!

Thank you also to Tournament Referees from Townsville Brendan Gaeta and Peter Waddell. There were nearly 700 matches played over the weekend over 11 tables. It was a big schedule and everything ran smoothly.

Queensland Veterans – Townsville Nominations

The following players will travel to Brisbane in July to represent our club and compete in the Vets. Good luck to all of the players listed.

Over 50 Women: Marian Murray, Angie Pace

Over 65 Women: Marianne Orman, Therese Chappell

Over 30 Men: Walter Parkes, Peter Besnard, Brendan Cahill

Over 40 Men: Venkat Vangaveti, Safwat Boktour, Brendan Gaeta

Over 60 Men: Max Wellington, Terry Morato

Over 70 Men: John Sherriff, Mike Summers, Wayne Wormald

President Player Nominations:

Over 30 Women – Jeraine Sebastian

Over 40 Women – Pippa-louise Trass

Over 60 Men - Rod Archer

Over 80 Men - Harry Bligh

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

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

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

Brisbane Tour – August 23rd / 24th

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.

7th July, 7th Sept,

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

30th Nov

Trivia

It is thought that hard cover books were the first raquets, and a stack of books along the middle of a table was the first net, with a champagne cork the first ball.

The hard bat era began in the early 1900's with the invention of the first version of the racket by fixing a sheet of pimped, or stippled, rubber to the wooden blade.

In the 1950s, paddles that used a rubber sheet combined with an underlying sponge layer changed the game, dramatically introducing greater spin and speed.

In the 1970's, using bicycle tires repair glue proved to be an important aspect of the game. It dramatically increased the paddle's spin and speed. The use of which was initially credited to Tibor Klampar of Hungary and Dragutin Surbek of Yugoslavia, and it was called speed glue.

The use of speed glue increased the spin and speed even further, resulting in changes to the equipment to "slow the game down".

With the improvement of modern equipment, today's elite professional players can produce a forehand loop with between 100 - 150 revolutions per second

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

The Tigers Tail

JUNIOR AGE EVENTS

	Winner	Runner-up
O19 Mixed Singles	Shanith Jayamaha	Vimal Chilukuri
U21 Men's Singles:	Shanith Jayamaha	Cohen McMaster
U21 Women's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Lily Boland
U19 Boy's Singles	Boris Zhang	Cohen McMaster
U19 Girl's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Lily Boland
U17 Boy's Singles	Ryuhō Kobayashi	Boris Zhang
U17 Girl's Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Amy Jang
U15 Boy's Singles	Lucas Hwang	Muhammad Ihsan-hess
U15 Girl's Singles	Amy Jang	Manasee Sivayoganathan
U13 Boy's Singles	Muhammad Ihsan-Hess	Felix Dahl
U13 Girl's Singles	Fernanda Yu	Saisha Palod
U11 Boy's Singles	Abubakr Ihsan-hess	Hin Chai Ken Leung
U11 Girl's Singles	Jinwen Cai	Yih Xuliu
Junior Development	Remy Zhan	Logan Brown

Veteran Age Events

Over 30 Men's Singles	Lukas Kozak	Naoya Yamamoto
Over 30 Women's Singles	Chung Ngoc Thanh Ha Bui	Radana Tucker
Over 40 Men's Singles	David Lu	Mark Mulley
Over 40 Women's Singles	Susanne Alexandersson	Rosalie Brooks
Over 50 Men's Singles	David Lu	Anthony Jeffress
Over 50 Women's Singles	Helen Barnett	Rosalie Brooks
Over 60 Men's Singles	Paul Green	James O'Sullivan
Over 60 Women's Singles	Linda Yap	Lorraine Fourro
Over 65 Men's Singles	Martin Tribe	Paul Green
Over 65 Women's Singles	Sisca Fran	Janice Kent
Over 70 Men's Singles	John Sherriff	Alan Bruhn
Over 70 Women's Singles	Josephine Davis	Valerie Austin
Over 75 Men's Singles	Harry Bligh	Alan Bruhn
Over 75 Women's Singles	Pamela Joyce	Iris Grasso
Over 80 Men's Singles	Harry Bligh	Graham Drury
Over 80 Women's Singles	Pamela Joyce	Coral Morgan

Rated Singles Events

	Winner	Runner-up
Under 1600 Singles	Taleisha Gaeta	Quy Vo
Under 1400 Singles	Walter Parkes	Cohen McMaster
Under 1200 Singles	Morgan Barnett	Lachlan Cherry
Under 1000 Singles	Warun Wilkinson	Yao Liu
Under 800 Singles	Trent Day	Allan Ngaparu

Rated Doubles Events

Under 1600 Doubles	W Parkes / J Zarate	T Gaeta / T Morato
Under 1000 Doubles	N McMaster / J Jordan	A Bowman / B Vucurovic
Under 800 Doubles	T Day / Y Jiang	N Fredericksen / C Morgan

Open Events

Men's Open Singles	Shanith Jayamaha	Olav Dahl
Women's Open Singles	Lin Zhu	Taleisha Gaeta
Men's Open Doubles	V Chilukuri / Goncalo S Gageiro	A Jeffress / J Thomson
Women's Open Doubles	T Gaeta / M Sivayoganathan	M Deeth / L O'Sullivan
Mixed Open Doubles	T Gaeta / Goncalo S Gageiro	L Boland / V Chilukuri