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## **TIGERS TALES**

**Newsletter: Vol 7 July 2025**

### **Newsletter**

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

### **Around the Club**

Thanks to those who donated their time to help with the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on the Show Holiday 7<sup>th</sup> July, it turned out to be a very successful day for the club.

It was a very busy month with the National Junior, Youth, Senior and Para championships in Victoria, and the Queensland Vets at Moreton Bay.

Based upon some enquiries from members and public, the club was presented with the opportunity to purchase a quantity of Tibar branded tables to offer for sale at \$799. These are very good quality tables and if anyone is interested in purchasing, please email

[coordinator@townsвиллетabletennis.org.au](mailto:coordinator@townsвиллетabletennis.org.au)

### **National Championships – Traralgon – July 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

“A long 9 days” was how Brendan Gaeta described the National Championships.

Well done to all the Townsville contingent.



Brendan Gaeta (Team Manager), with Qld Representative Players Aarohi, Manasee, Taleisha and Mischa, with Olav as part of the Qld coaching squad

Results:

**Aarohi Achar** – 4<sup>th</sup> U11 Girls Teams

**Manasee Sivayoganathan** – 5<sup>th</sup> U15 Girls Teams

**Taleisha Gaeta** – Silver Medal U17 Girls Teams, Bronze Medal U19 Girls Doubles (w/- Tiffany Lam), Bronze Medal U21 Women’s Singles.

**Mischa von Mellenthin** – 4<sup>th</sup> U19 Boys Teams

## Qld Vets – Moreton Bay – July 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Twenty Townsville players travelled to compete at the Pine Rivers Stadium at Moreton Bay.

Congratulations to the TTTA committee for the decision to send a coach to assist our players, which was thoroughly appreciated by all of the players.

Instead of the usual 5 days, it was decided this year that the Tournament could be played in 4 days due to the extra tables that were available.

Also included this year for the first time was an Awards and Presentation Dinner which took place on Saturday evening. The event seemed to be well received by all present.

Volunteers were also honoured for their service including:

Terry Morato	20 years
Brendan Gaeta	10 Years
Brendan Cahill	10 Years
Michael Fathers	5 Years
Gary Mantell	5 Years
Taleisha Gaeta	5 Years

All results at the end of the newsletter.

## World Police and Fire Games – Birmingham – Alabama - USA

TTTA Member, Brett Sprunt, competed recently in the World Police and Fire Games, finding success in the Table Tennis with Gold in the Over 50 Men's Singles, Gold in the Over 50 Mixed Doubles and Silver in the Over 50 Men's Doubles.

Not to be outdone, he also ran in the Half Marathon and got Bronze.

Brett gifted his Townsville Club shirt to his Men's Doubles partner, a Fire Fighter from Taiwan.

## Sausage Sizzles

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

7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 30<sup>th</sup> Nov



## ***Upcoming Tournaments and Events***

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**Brisbane Tour – August 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Business Battle – August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Toowoomba Open – August 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup>**

Townsville Battle – September 13<sup>th</sup>

Canberra Tour – October 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup>

Australian Vets – Moreton Bay – Oct 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>

Townsville Closed and Aged – November 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>

Queensland Open – Moreton Bay – November 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>

TTTA AGM and Annual Presentation – December 7<sup>th</sup>

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

## ***Trivia***

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The benefits of playing table-tennis are immense.

It has been called the best brain sport. According to research, table-tennis activates more parts of the brain than any other sport.

Doctors have recommended table-tennis to elderly patients to battle mental diseases such as Alzheimer's and dementia.

Exercise keeps the body young and a big benefit of table-tennis is it keeps the brain young.

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

***The Tigers Tail***

## *Queensland Veterans Results*

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### **Order of Merit**

Over 30 Men: Peter Besnard	8
Over 30 Women: Jeraine Sebastian	5
Over 40 Men: Venkat Vangaveti	2
Over 40 Men: Safwat Boktour	4
Over 40 Men: Brendan Gaeta	5
Over 40 Women: Pippa-Louise Trass	4
Over 60 Men: Max Wellington	1
Over 60 Men: Terry Morato	6
Over 65 Women: Therese Chappell	1
Over 65 Women: Marianne Orman	5
Over 70 Men: John Sherriff	4
Over 70 Men: Mike Summers	6
Over 80 Men: Harry Bligh	2

### **Teams Results**

Over 30 Men:	Bronze Medal
Over 40 Men:	Gold Medal
Over 60 Men:	5 <sup>th</sup>
Over 60 Men:	8 <sup>th</sup> (Rod Archer in Presidents Team)
Over 70 Men:	Bronze Medal
Over 75 Men:	Silver Medal (Harry Bligh in Presidents Team)
Over 30 Women:	4 <sup>th</sup> (Jeraine Sebastian in Presidents Team)
Over 40 Women:	5 <sup>th</sup> (Pippa-Louise Trass in Presidents Team)
Over 50 Women:	6 <sup>th</sup>
Over 65 Women:	Silver Medal

### **Individual Results**

#### **Mixed Doubles**

Over 30: P Trass/S Boktour	Bronze Medal
Over 30: J Sebastian/V Vangaveti	Bronze Medal

Over 40: P Trass/S Boktour Bronze Medal

Over 65: L Towler/J Sherriff Gold Medal

Over 65: T Chappell/P Uttley Bronze Medal

Over 70: S Fran/J Sherriff Silver Medal

#### **Men's Doubles**

Over 30: V Vangaveti/A Nguyen Silver Medal

Over 30: B Gaeta/B Cahill Bronze Medal

Over 40: V Vangaveti/A Nguyen Silver Medal

Over 50: S Boktour/R Perry Gold Medal

Over 65: M Summers/G Walmsley Bronze Medal

Over 70: M Summers/G Walmsley Silver Medal

Over 70: J Sherriff/M Solomons Bronze Medal

Over 75: H Bligh/K Hay Bronze Medal

Over 80: H Bligh/K Hay Gold Medal

#### **Women's Doubles**

Over 30: P Trass/Qi Li Silver Medal

Over 30: J Sebastian/Z Gordon Bronze Medal

Over 60: T Chappell/C Owen Silver Medal

Over 60: M Orman/D Abbott Bronze Medal

Over 65: T Chappell/L Towler Gold Medal

#### **Singles**

O30 Men: Venkat Vangaveti Bronze Medal

O30 Women: Crismi Lovera Silver Medal

O40 Men: Venkat Vangaveti Bronze Medal

O50 Men: Safwat Boktour Silver Medal

O60 Men: Max Wellington Silver Medal

O65 Men: John Sherriff Silver Medal

O65 Women: Therese Chappell Bronze Medal

O75 Men: Harry Bligh Bronze Medal

O80 Men: Harry Bligh Gold Medal

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## **Players Selected to Represent Queensland at the National Veterans in October**

Over 30 Women	Jeraine Sebastian
Over 40 Women	Pippa-louise Trass
Over 65 Women	Therese Chappell, Marianne Orman
Over 30 Men	Peter Besnard
Over 40 Men	Venkat Vangaveti, Safwat Boktour
Over 50 Men	Brett Sprunt
Over 60 Men	Max Wellington
Over 65 Men	Wayne Wormald
Over 70 Men	John Sherriff
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