

FIND US ON



Townsville Table Tennis Association

Ext 1931

TIGERS TALES

Newsletter: Vol 9 September 2025

Newsletter

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

Vale Bryan Shephard

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Life Member Bryan Shephard on 11th September. Bryan was Secretary of the Club from 1972 to 1980 and President from 1981 to 1998.

Bryan is survived by Andrew, Rodney and Jeannette and their respective families.

Around the Club

Thanks to those that volunteered their time for the two Bunnings Sausage Sizzles in September. These contributed valuable dollars to the club's funds.

Seniors Month is October, and we are having 2 come'n'try days for new Social. Seniors to become involved in our club activities.

Monday 6th and 13th October are listed as Free days to come in and be part of a training session, morning tea and a social hit. Speak to Olav for more information.

Friday Social Seniors Competition

The 3rd season has completed and the placings are in.

1st place in Games Won: Marty Chilton

2nd place: Gary Mantell

3rd place: Dennis Fox

The final season commences Friday 3rd October

ACT Open – 30th / 31st August

Townsville member Taleisha Gaeta competed in the ACT Open Championships on the weekend of 30-31 August 2025. The championships were held at the Tuggeranong Archery Centre, Canberra.

Taleisha achieved some great results, which includes the following:

- 🥈 Silver Medal - Women's Open Singles
- 🥉 Bronze Medal - Mixed Open Doubles (with Hayden Green - Star Table Tennis)
- 🥉 Bronze Medal - Women's Open Doubles (with Julia Can - Sweden)
- 🥇 Gold Medal - Under 17 Girls Singles
- 🥈 Silver Medal - Under 21 Women's Singles.

Congratulations Taleisha.

Toowoomba Open - 30th / 31st August

5 Townsville Table Tennis members attended the 2025 Toowoomba Open Championships.

Pippa-Louise Trass, Safwat Boktour, Jeraine Sebastian, and Angie Pace attended as competitors. Brendan Gaeta attended as the Tournament Referee, and even squeezed in an event.

Firstly, a big thank you to Toowoomba Table Tennis for hosting a first-class tournament. It was clear from the outset how much effort and pride went into hosting this tournament. Everything from the venue being immaculately presented, the grass just mowed, new signs, and the tables and nets being perfect. Even the barriers were precisely aligned!

It was a tournament with lots of competitive matches, a friendly environment and great food. The weekend ran on schedule (even ahead of schedule), and it was a very well run tournament.

-Congratulations to the following results being achieved by Townsville members:

- 🏆 Women's Open Singles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Women's Open Doubles: Jeraine Sebastian
- 🏆 Women's Open Doubles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Men's Open Doubles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Men's Open Doubles: Brendan Gaeta
- 🏆 Under 1700 Rated Doubles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Under 1700 Rated Doubles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Under 1500 Rated Singles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Under 1500 Rated Doubles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Under 1500 Rated Doubles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Under 900 Rated Doubles: Angie Pace

- 🏆 Over 19 Singles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Over 30 Men's Singles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Over 30 Women's Singles: Jeraine Sebastian
- 🏆 Over 30 Women's Singles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Over 40 Women's Singles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Over 40 Men's Singles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Over 30/40 Doubles: Pippa-Louise Trass
- 🏆 Over 30/40 Doubles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Over 50 Men's Singles: Safwat Boktour
- 🏆 Over 50 Women's Singles: Angie Pace
- 🏆 Over 50 Doubles : Safwat Boktour

The Battle – Stan Walmsley Cup – 13th September

There were some amazing matches played and tough competition.

The main event consisted of groups of 6, with 3 players from each group advancing to the knock out finals. The 8 players who advanced to the quarter finals (many in 5 game matches in the round of 16), were Olav Dahl, Venkat Vangaveti, Taleisha Gaeta, Mischa von Mellenthin, Brendan Gaeta, Peter Besnard, Walter Parkes, and Justin 'Chop Chop' Cheung.

The losing semi-finalists were Olav Dahl (3-1 Taleisha Gaeta) and Walter Parkes (3-0 Venkat Vangaveti).

Venkat Vangaveti did not drop a game all day until the grand final, putting on a dominant display. He was in fine form! The grand final was a big 5 game match against Taleisha Gaeta. Taleisha was down 2-0 and fought back to 2-2. The match was ultimately decided in the final few points of the 5th game.

Venkat was too strong and came away with the victory. Venkat will now have his name etched on the Stan Walmsley memorial

trophy. Well done Venkat. A great achievement.

In the consolation event the winner was Aarohe Achar. Runner up was Jimmy Li. The losing semi-finalists were Marianne Orman and Clency Oxenham.

It was great to see so many young junior players enter the junior event. We had our junior players battle out for glory across groups before entering the knock out finals. The losing semi-finalists in the junior event were Aarohe Achar and Kiran Blackburn. The winner of the junior event was Taleisha Gaeta. The runner up of the junior event was Mischa von Mellenthin. Special mention to Richy Han who won 11-9 in the 5th game of the consolation final over William Burnett.

The main event and junior event winners will be presented with a trophy at our annual presentation lunch.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

Canberra Tour – October 4th / 5th

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

Social Night Friday 31st October – Halloween Party

Townsville Closed and Aged – November 8th / 9th

Queensland Open – Moreton Bay – November 29th / 30th

TTTA AGM and Annual Presentation – December 7th

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.

5th Oct, 19th Oct, 2nd Nov,

30th Nov

If you are available give an Hour or 2 to assist with the sausage sizzles, please contact the Secretary at

coordinator@townsvilletabletennis.org.au

Trivia

Applies to all ages:

Young enough to know I can,
Old enough to know I shouldn't,
Stupid enough to do it anyway.

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

The Tigers Tail