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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 October 2026.

National Veterans Championships

We had 5 Club members travelling down to Albury Wodonga for the Aust Vets. Unfortunately for Marianne Orman, it was identified that she had a small fracture just above her ankle, so her journey was over before it started.

Therese Chappell, Mike Summers, John Sherriff and Harry Bligh made the trip and after some fantastic results, will be returning home with heaps of medals.

Harry Bligh - Gold Medal 85MS

Gold Medal 85XD w/ K.Webber (NSW)

Silver Medal 85MD w/ Kurt Christensen (Qld)

Silver Medal 80 Men's Teams

Harry was also awarded O85 Player of the year.

Therese Chappell – Gold Medal 65WD w/ Linda Towler (Qld)

Silver Medal 65XD w/ Bill Robson (NSW)

Bronze Medal 65 Women's Teams

Bronze Medal 60WD w/ Helen Zhang (Qld)

National Veterans Championships (Cont.)

Q/Finalist 65WS

John Sherriff – Gold Medal 75 Men's Teams

Bronze Medal 75MS

Rd16 70MS

Mike Summers – Bronze Medal 70Men's Teams

John and Mike teamed up to get to the Q/Final of the 70MD.

Well done to all.

Vale Keith Horne

It is with sadness that we advise that Keith passed away on 24th October. Keith had been in Palliative care at Parklands, and his children were present when he passed.

Vale Noreen Scott

It is with sadness we advise that Noreen passed away on 30th October. No details to hand.

Around the Club

Thanks to NSS for sponsoring the Seniors month. While the Come 'n' Try days weren't the huge success in attracting new Seniors into the club, the Seniors Luncheon was well attended and well received by patrons.

Lost Property – Please, do yourselves a favour, mark your Rackets with your initials, mark your water bottles with your name. Get a permanent marker and use it. Ask for a loan of a permanent marker if you need a lend of one.

In the last 18 months, we have thrown out into the dumpster, more than 50 water bottles and countless items of clothing and towels.

The Business Battle – 45 Teams from all walks of life – about 150+ people in the Hall playing and supporting their friends. Well done Brendan for keeping things on track, and thanks to the committee members and volunteers for keeping the drinks and food flowing.

Townsville Closed and Aged – Entries are open – please try the online entry option.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

All the ***QLD*** Events will be held at the South Pine Sports Complex

Townsville Closed and Aged – 14th / 15th November

Queensland Open 28th / 29th November

AGM and Presentation of Trophies – 6th December – Tom's Tavern – 10am

For all event dates, check TTQ website at Events - Table Tennis Queensland 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.

22nd November (Sun)

Trivia

HERE'S WHY SOME TABLE TENNIS PLAYERS TRAIN FOR YEARS… BUT NEVER GET BETTER.

And it's not what you think.

They practise. They work hard. They play matches. They spend hours at the table.

But they keep making the SAME mistakes.

Here's the uncomfortable truth:

Practising something incorrectly doesn't make you better. It just makes you better at doing it WRONG

Think about it.

You keep missing your forehand topspin. You blame your timing. But what if your footwork is the real problem?

You keep losing close matches. You blame your nerves. But what if you're making the same tactical mistakes at 9–9?

You struggle against backspin. You change your rubber. But what if your bat angle is the real problem?

This is where FEEDBACK changes everything

A good coach doesn't just tell you what you're doing wrong. They explain WHY it's happening and HOW to fix it.

And sometimes, the feedback you NEED isn't what you WANT to hear.

"You're playing well!" makes you feel good.

"You're standing too close to the table, affecting your timing." gives you something to improve.

The difference between players who improve and those who stay stuck?

It's not always talent or training hours.

It's their willingness to LISTEN, LEARN and CHANGE.

TRY THIS AT YOUR NEXT TRAINING SESSION:

Ask your coach or training partner:

"What's ONE thing I should change to become a better player?"

Then actually work on it.

Not ten things. Just ONE.

Because improvement doesn't come from simply repeating what you already know.

It comes from discovering what you DON'T know — and doing something about it

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

The Tigers Tail