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2017.....it's a Wrap!

As the 2017 year comes to a close, on behalf of the TTSA Board of Management, I would like to thank all of our members, clubs and affiliates for all of their hard work and dedication over the year. 2017 has been a massive year on a number of fronts – below is just a small snapshot of activity:

- We continued building our player pathways with the introduction of our Smash Hits program – we have expanded the program to include a north and south hub with over 70 junior players competing on a weekly basis – this has been an amazing success and we will be looking at further expanding this in 2018 – with a review to be undertaken on how we can engage with our country affiliates
- We continued to build on our Female Friendly coaching sessions with consideration to be given to hosting these events in the regional areas in 2018
- We hosted 2 Coaches Forums throughout the year with an opportunity provided to all registered coaches to attend – numbers have been fantastic and it is something that we will continue to focus on in 2018.... with a review to be undertaken on how we can engage with our country affiliates if there is an appetite...
- We hosted the 2018 Australian Senior and Youth Championships at the ARC in Campbelltown with excellent feedback provided by attendees and our national federation – Table Tennis Australia
- We completely revamped our Winter Penant finals program and created a Super Saturday – the feedback was a resounding success with the atmosphere electric! We will continue to build on this in 2018! Check out the photos and write up in this issue of Table Talk
- We co-ordinated the Country Carnival and held a successful event in Murry Bridge – numbers continue to improve as does the standard....well done to all involved!
- Our player pathway programs continue to provide opportunities for our players to progress through the ranks – we have introduced a Para High Performance Program

as well as continuing to provide Emerging Athletes, Development Players and our High Performance player's opportunities to develop and learn and take their game to the next level

- Our results at National events continue to improve with the best overall results for our junior program, para players and youth players in years... well done to all involved!
- Our state veteran's players continue to exceed expectations with a material number of medals, rankings and best ever personal performances in an ever increasing high standard of play.... Over 400 players from over 6 different countries competing..... the veteran's scene continues to grow with new players representing the state and performing exceptionally well.....
- From a governance perspective we continue to evolve our governance practices and frameworks to support the sport in SA as well as all of our internal and external stakeholders.

These are just a few of our achievements over the year..... however it is important to note that we could not achieve these outcomes without the help and support of our sponsors and our volunteers at all levels – TTSA, club and local levels..... Our Sponsors for 2017 were:

- [Wakefield Emergency Department](#)
- [OOAK Table Tennis Shop](#)
- [G-Force Building & Consulting](#)
- [TSM Consulting](#)
- [Wallmans Lawyers](#)
- [Government of SA](#)

We are planning for 2018 to be another busy year, we will be reviewing our Strategic Plan and identifying areas of further improvement and focus and priority. We encourage you to get in contact with any member of the Board to have a chat about your ideas.... ultimately we are here for you and we would love to hear from your thoughts and expectations....

Have a Merry Xmas and a fantastic new year!

Paul Langley, President

All the clubs were asked if there were any News Items, or past or upcoming events that they would like to see included in this year's final edition of Table Talk. Below are the news items received. We're hoping we get more news items in future, as it's a great opportunity to spread the news about your club, or to promote upcoming events.

Alex Vanderklugt - Editor Table Talk

Brighton Table Tennis Club

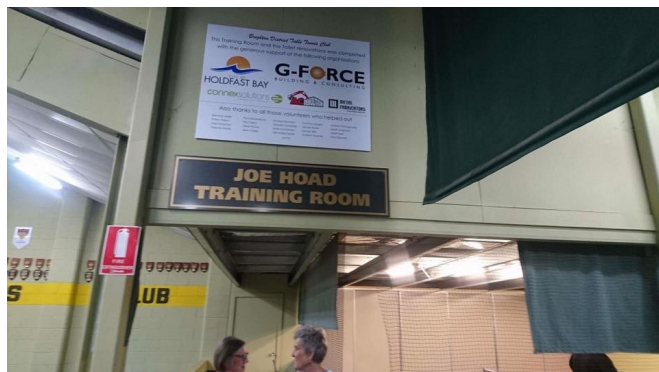
Brighton has their Christmas BBQ on Dec 10th, with a huge turn out and it was a fun day enjoyed by all the different areas of the club. Brighton member were especially proud to be able to **name their new Training Room after Joe Hoad** and were honoured to have his daughter Jude and sister in law Coral there for the unveiling of new signage and to hang a framed memorial in the room.

Brighton is again hosting Summer competitions commencing in January which will run through to the commencement of TTSA Winter Pennant.

These have been proven to be very popular with the Monday night competition being of a very high standard. This is specially open to players ranging from State League to Division 2 in standard with each

team match being played over two tables to ensure lots of games and an early finish. Our Tuesday night competition is open to players of Div 3 standard and below and last season hosted approx. 40 players in a fun environment for all ages. For more information see details below:

- Early Finish, no later than 10pm
- Starting mid-January 2018
- Running through to April or when TTSA Winter Pennant commences
- BRIGHTON MEMBERS \$30, NON BRIGHTON MEMBERS \$50
- Contact Paul Glassenbury on 0417 812113 or email brightonttc@gmail.com
- Register by January 8th. Numbers are limited so be quick



Southern Table Tennis Club



Congratulations are in order for Barbara, who received a "recognition trophy" this morning. Barbara almost 92 years old has been a regular social player for the last 40 years or so and only retired from playing in March this year.

She still makes regular visits for the social contact and is an inspiration to all of us.



Hot Weather Policy Reminder

With the hot weather well and truly along the way, here is just a reminder about the [TTSA Hot Weather Policy](#). In a nut shell, when the environment is 36 degrees Celsius or greater in a non-air conditioned location used for table tennis activity, the event should be cancelled. This is for the sake of the health and well-being of all those involved in playing, coaching, officiating or administrating table tennis.

Even if the temperature does not reach 36deg but it's still a hot day, players are advised to:

- Drink sufficient water in the hours prior to playing sport and hydrate regularly during the course of the activity.
- Maintain a good level of personal fitness in summer months.
- In accordance with the rules of table tennis, make full use of the minute break between games of table tennis and the time-out rule. Players can also seek a 5 minute break if required, when playing consecutive rubbers



For more details, consult the [TTSA Hot Weather Policy on the TTSA website](#).

Winter Pennant Grand Finals - Super Saturday!

Winter Pennants grand finals were held on Saturday 16th of September, starting from 10.30 in the morning. This was a totally new format that TTSA wanted to test, with the aim of showcasing the best players and teams in the state whilst also allowing the best teams of each grade to perform in a more celebrated setting as grand finals were normally held during a competition night, with the presentation dinner some time later. The format was as follows:

- 10.15am – Introduction of Players and Officials (1ST round of finals)
- 10.30am – 1st round of finals commence
- After the 1st round of matches (matches will stop at a result) the 2nd round of finals will commence
- Following the conclusion of the 2nd round of finals, presentations to winning team, leading players and other awards

Referees and Umpires: Mr Maurice Quinn (Referee), Ms Lenore Roder, Mr Richard Grant, Mr Jurgen Kracht, Mr Greg Bungey, Mr Michael Chen, Mr Ian Henschke.

MCs for the event were James Beal and Mark Watkins.

For those of us that attended the event, either as players or spectators, the atmosphere was absolutely ELECTRIC, and it was fantastic to see such a great variety of players playing at the new venue, all at the same time. It was also great to see so many team members, friends and family attending the event, just to cheer everyone on.

Congratulations to all teams for creating a great atmosphere with some exciting team and individual matches. It was also great to hear the noise generated from the passionate Club supporter groups. Well done everyone!



Here are a few more action shots from the day;



'Club of the Year' honours went to the **Vietnamese Club**, with 3 premierships and 3 Runner Ups....from a total off 11 divisions!

If there was a prize for supporters of the year, I think most would agree that the Vietnamese Club would have won this too. It was great to see how many family members and friends they invited along, and how well (loud!) they supported their teams. Great effort Vietnamese Club, a worthy win on both counts!

All in all it was a great day to culminate a great season! For those that couldn't attend..... you missed a great day, don't miss next year!

Alex Vanderklugt



The 2017 SA State Rankings

Senior Men

1. von Einem, Sam
2. Glassenbury, Paul
3. Lee, Isaiah
4. Liang, Keyman
5. Walker, Trevor
6. Abdilla, George
7. Rogers, Mitchell
8. Tran, Nhan
9. Pikula, Sandro
10. Luong, Liem

Senior Women

1. Coombes, Julie
2. Fung, Jasmine
3. Chan, Michelle
4. Guseva, Marsha
5. Langley, Claire

U21 Men

1. Lee, Isaiah
2. Rogers, Mitchell
3. Langley, Dyson
4. Wang, Wilson
5. Pikula Sandro

U21 Women

1. Chan, Michelle
2. Fung, Jasmine
3. Du, Sally
4. Guseva, Marsha
5. Cheung, Natalie

U18 Boys

1. Langley, Dyson
2. Lee, Isaiah
3. Chandrasena, Sidath
4. Wang, Wilsen
5. Luong, Liem

U18 Girls

1. Trinh, Helen Thai
2. Chan, Michelle
3. Guseva Marsha
4. Fung, Jasmine
5. Du, Sally

U15 Boys

1. Wang, Wilsen
2. Lee, Isaiah
3. Gliessert, Joel
4. Truong, Jayden
5. Nguyen, Ricky

U15 Girls

1. Trinh, Helen Thai
2. Du, Sally
3. Chan, Michelle
4. Nguyen, Jennifer
5. Fung, Jasmine

U13 Boys

1. Lee, Isaiah
2. Wang, Wilsen
3. Freegard, Anthony
4. Harris, Joseph
5. Mudalige, Anushka

U13 Girls

1. Chan, Michelle
2. Nguyen, Jennifer
3. Fung, Jasmine
4. Vishwachandra, Mihiri
5. Burrows, Alana

O30 Men

1. Glassenbury Paul
2. Joshi, Ankit
3. Langley, Paul
4. Stevels, Lenno
5. Neubauer, Ken

O30 Women

1. Norton, Laurette
2. Northeast, Tania
3. Twartz, Anna
4. Tscharke, Amanda
5. Shaughnessy, Kelly

O40 Men

1. Langley, Paul
2. Walker, Trevor
3. Glassenbury, Paul
4. Malyschko, Kevin
5. Golobokov, Pavel

O40 Women

1. Langley, Claire
2. Nottle, Melissa
3. Norton, Laurette
4. Martin, Ruzhem
5. Twartz, Anna

O50 Men

1. Walker, Trevor
2. Abdilla, George
3. Malyschko, Kevin
4. Malyschko, David
5. Nguyen, Nghi

O50 Women

1. Martin, Ruzhem
2. Crowell, Kay
3. Lawrie, Lynda
4. Matthews, Chris
5. Abbas, Alice

O60 Men

1. Abdilla, George
2. McDougall, Gary
3. Liang, David
4. Tan, K.C.
5. Bungey, Greg

O60 Women

1. Matthews, Chris
2. Abbas, Alice
3. Baker, Lorraine
4. Bond, Pat
5. Roder, Lenore

O65 Men

1. McDougall, Gary
2. Bungey, Greg
3. McCloughry, David
4. Trzesinski, Robert
5. To, Tuan

O65 Women

1. Matthews, Chris
2. Short, Lorraine
3. Darwent, Dawn
4. Langley, Cynthia
5. Beaton, Wendy

O70 Men

1. Smiech, Alex
2. Trzesinski, Rob
3. Kracht, Jurgen
4. Du, Cuong
5. McCloughry, David

O70 Women

1. Coombes, Julie
2. Langley, Cynthia
3. Rapley, Gwen
4. Short, Lorraine
5. Darwent, Dawn

O75 Men

1. Smiech, Alex
2. Kracht, Jurgen
3. Du, Cuong
4. Collins, Max
5. Vrbatovic, Ivan



O75 Women

1. Pannewig, Honey
2. Rapley, Gwen
3. Bird, Betty
4. Wherry, Jill
5. Godfrey, Beryl

Country Men

1. McDougall, Gary
2. Ahrens, Matthew
3. Jantosh, Josh
4. Gorman Jnr, Chris
5. Attiwill, Robert
6. Nitschke, Darren
7. Robinson, Dennis
8. Lush, Darren
9. Newman, Ben
10. Wellington, Hayden

Country Women

1. Norton, Laurette
2. Talbot, Barb
3. Sweet, Sirinat
4. Richards, Heather
5. Kunze, Sally

TTSA Country Affiliates visits



TTSA Director Maurice Quinn took a road trip to visit some of the country clubs, and shared his journey below;

TTSA is on the road at the moment, catching up with affiliates between Copper Coast (Kadina) and Port Lincoln. Had a great 3.5 hour session with Owen (President) and Com-

mittee of Copper Coast.

Surprised by their 9 table venue behind the trotting grandstand in the showgrounds at Kadina. A lot of discussion about finance, grants and indirect funding opportunities. Copper Coast has a lot of potential to increase juniors and social table tennis.

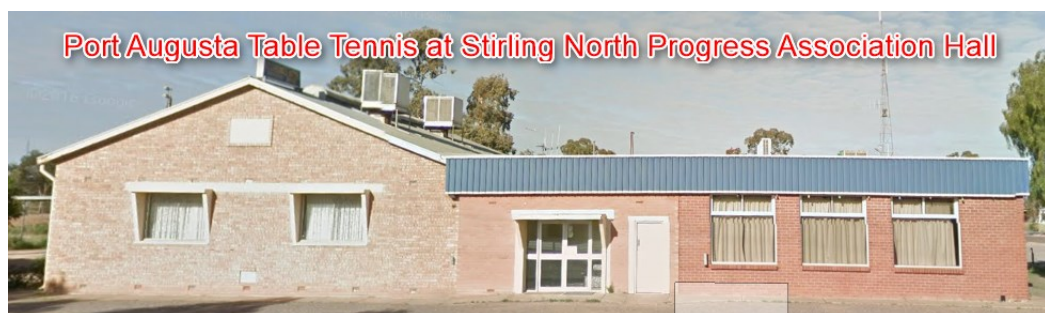
On the way to Port Pirie, went by Wallaroo Sunday morning. Caught sight of a sign saying 'Adult Table Tennis'. Went inside and found a group of 16 having a hit / playing games to 21 (all with the same polo tops on).

Joined in for a couple of hours. They play in the gym at Wallaroo Primary School. They meet 3 times a week, and will shortly make a donation to the school so a defib can be purchased and placed in the gym. Although be it quietly occurring, table tennis is alive and well in the country. Looking forward to catching up with the other affiliates / and some non affiliates.

Currently based at Port Augusta, caught up with 7 members of Port Augusta Table Tennis. Had a quick look at the table tennis venue, then had a meal and a chat.

Two years ago, circumstances led table tennis to relocate to Stirling North, about 8 kms outside Port Augusta. A small group meet on Monday nights for competition. The group seem keen to expand their operation, and get back in to the town centre where local residents can easily access table tennis. Seemed keen on what affiliation & registration of players offered.

The following morning I took a trip out to Wilmington (half an hour drive from Port Augusta).



A low key small group that meet on Friday nights at the local RSL hall. Happy to keep it that way, with some junior activity of approximately 10 students participating from the local primary school.

In both cases the tables need to be taken up and down to allow for shared use of the halls.

Next stop Whyalla, then Pt Lincoln.

TTSA Country Affiliates visits

On the final leg of the country affiliate trip, visiting Whyalla and Port Lincoln. Met with key Committee members at each location engaging in informative conversation. Funding opportunities (direct and indirect) again attracted meaningful discussion. Both affiliates had needs of which TTSA was not previously aware / had not been communicated to TTSA.



Port Lincoln Table Tennis Club

Both affiliates thought the visit was timely to enabling a follow up prior to their 2018 competition season kicking off. Learnt of the many small town table tennis groups operating, much more than I ever thought. Certainly some follow up opportunities exist. Catching up with Port Pirie on the way home. Its been a great trip and certainly worthwhile.



Whyalla Table Tennis Club



Port Pirie Table Tennis Club

Caught up with Port Pirie late yesterday afternoon prior to competition. Very warm days certainly impact tin shed stadiums, but a temporary a/c solution provided some relief when off court.

Great to meet some old friends, those who can boast 40+ years of being involved in table tennis administration at Port Pirie. The venue has certainly been improved since my last visit. Like all table tennis groups, new blood, enthusiastic volunteers are required to share the workload to capitalise what table tennis can provide to the community. Keep up the good work Sue and Stephen. Back to Adelaide this morning, and hopefully early next year a visit to the S/East is on the agenda.

By Maurice Quinn, TTSA Director

Sam scores Gold in Thailand!

The Australian Para Team competed in the Thailand Para Open in October 2017. The team included Sam von Einem and Yasir Hussaini (both Woodville) and Caleb Crowden (Brighton).

Sam came away with a gold medal in the Mens Class 11 Singles and a silver medal in the Mens Class 11 Teams playing with his usual partner, Rory Carroll from Victoria. His team mates Rebecca Julian and Trevor Hirth also won bronze medals.

In October 2018 Sam will compete in the World Para Individual Championships being held in Slovenia which is the second biggest event in the para competition, only behind the Paralympics. Sam has not played in a world championships event before so will be training hard in 2018 to prepare for this event.



Sam is also a Baton Relay Bearer for the Commonwealth Games which goes through Adelaide on 18 February 2018.

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QUIZ - Test your Table Tennis Knowledge!

This fun section tests your knowledge of table tennis and you might learn something new along the way. We will choose different topics each edition, with the answers to each question revealed at the bottom right (don't cheat!).

1. TTSA actively communicates on [Facebook](#), as a large number of our members use it, and it's a great way to provide the most current information. If you have not joined us, you can keep up to date by 'liking us' [here](#). How many people have 'liked' to our page?
 - a. 200+
 - b. 500+
 - c. 700+
 - d. 900+
2. Under the TTSA Hot Weather Policy, at what temperature should events be cancelled?
 - a. 35degrees
 - b. 36 degrees
 - c. 38 degrees
 - d. 40+ degrees
3. The new Smash Hit program has really taken off in 2017. How many players do we have regularly playing in this competition?
 - a. 40+
 - b. 50+
 - c. 60+
 - d. 70+
4. North East Hills Table Tennis Association celebrated what anniversary in 2017?
 - a. 40th
 - b. 50th
 - c. 60th
 - d. 70th



Quiz answers: 1d, 2b, 3d, 4c

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