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BRISBANE TABLE TENNIS  
OCTOBER 17

## SERVING UP JUSTICE



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CHRISTMAS HANDICAP  
WOMEN'S CLUB

# Serving Up Justice

## PING-PONG-A-THON - BRISBANE LAW PONG



Legal firms and government agencies gathered at Brisbane Table Tennis Centre to raise money & awareness for human trafficking. The fun round-robin event had some amazingly dressed Pongers who have ditched the suit and tie for some serious vintage Pong threads. The event was coordinated by Mark Northage a justice advocate for IJM. Mark invited almost 60 law firms and government agencies to participate in the 2017 Brisbane Law Pong. The Ping-Pong-a-Thon is held annually each October, it supports people impacted by human trafficking & exploitation in Asia.

This year's Brisbane Law Pong final came down to Queensland Health & Freehills. Congratulations to Queensland Health who had a secret weapon - Brisbane Club's own, Alan Shaw. Alan helped Queensland Health claim the victory. Congrats too to Clayton UTZ for topping the fundraising dollars. Brisbane Law Pong has raised \$9,335 and across Australia the program has raised almost \$290,000.

If you want to make a donation please visit <https://pingpongathon2017.raisely.com/lawpongqld>

### Adult Beginners

Want to get into playing Table Tennis? Adult Beginners Coaching is a great start for new people. Wednesday night coaching 7:30pm – 9pm (register by 7:15pm) is designed for Adult beginners.

### Special offer - only

\$112 for a 6 week program that includes social membership.

With this deal you save a total of \$201! A normal session is \$22 for a non-member, pay only \$12. Social membership is normally \$70 for a year, pay only \$40. This is a limited offer so get in before the year's out! New players welcome year round.

# Brisbane Closed 2017



Financial members (and associate members) are invited to participate in this year's Brisbane Closed Championships (our major championships only for BTTA members).

Sorry, social members are not eligible.

**Brisbane Closed is on 10am—6pm Saturday 25th November 2017**

The closed features both graded and age events. It is open to all financial members of BTTA.

Download the entry form from  
<http://www.brisbanetabletennis.org.au/brisbane-closed-2017>

## Border Challenge

The twentieth Border Challenge is on again 11 & 12 November.

This time it will be hosted in Lismore.

Brisbane representatives are:

### DIVISION 1

- \* Rey Lorenzana
- \* Brian Wiese
- \* Virgoe Buckland

### DIVISION 2

- \* Simon Mills
- \* Andrei Poliakov
- \* Alex Krzensk

### DIVISION 3

- \* Michael Bygraves
- \* Fred Smith
- \* Sandipan Nandi

We wish them good luck!



# New Women's Program

Brisbane Table Tennis Association's new women's program has gotten off to a great start with good numbers of new female participants joining the come and try sessions. The program started on 9th October and continues for 10 weeks, with all women invited to join this free program - you just need to complete a survey .

Facilitated by renowned coach Cathy Townsend this is a great opportunity brought to you with the support of Qld Sport & Recreation Dept, if you know of some women who would like to come and try table tennis please join us on Mondays until December 11th 2017. Come on! You can join in too!



# MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Tell a  
Friend!

Attracting and retaining members, just like you, is very important and sometimes very challenging! We need your help. Do you know someone, a friend or family members who plays table tennis in their garage or at work? We would love them to become a member of the Brisbane Table Tennis Club. Come and play in a friendly environment. If you know someone who would benefit from joining our club please invite them along! Spread the word - the 2017 membership drive is now on!

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## December 2017

### Christmas Handicap: Everyone Welcome!

The famous Christmas Handicap will be held on December 15th 2017.

Members and guests all welcome to participate. This is a fun friendly competition to finish off the year.

Save the date! It is your chance to win a Turkey!! After the Christmas Handicap the hall will be then closed for several weeks for the Christmas break.



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<https://goo.gl/bptYNN>

## END OF YEAR FUN COMPETITION

The Spring Maxi Seasons finish on Monday 13th and Tuesday 21st of November, so we will be running a series of ad hoc events until the end of the year.

**November:** We will run individual tournaments with great prizes each Monday & Tuesday with group round robins and knock outs. Players will be put into divisions if numbers permit. Results will be into Ratings Central.

**December:** Mondays & Tuesdays will see ever popular social Swiss Tournaments. Results will not go into Ratings Central.  
All welcome.

# 2018 Plans

## Re-Opening January 2018

Centre Re-Opens 8th and 9th January 2018 evening for practice. But the hall will be closed again until 22nd of January with normal club activities starting from then. The 22nd and 23rd will be a Swiss Tournament.

## Summer Mini Season

New summer seasons to start January 29th and 30th. The summer season will be a short play format, taking into account the warmer weather, so 2 player teams. Individual not team entry into the summer seasons, BTTA tournament committee will form reasonably fair teams. Major seasons on Monday night will the revert to pick your own team format, with 3 player format.

## Weekend Hall Open From February 2018

Weekend hall openings: from February 2018 unless the centre is booked out for special table tennis events, we will be opening the hall each Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 5pm for practice.

## Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for a roster of volunteers. The volunteer will be responsible for collecting and recording fees, opening the centre and closing the centre including turning on the alarm plus answering the phone. Table 1 will be reserved for the volunteer so they can practice and also watch the reception area. Please contact Derek Scott, centre manager [derek@brisbanetabletennis.org.au](mailto:derek@brisbanetabletennis.org.au) to ask to be considered for the roster list.

