

PING NEWS **Table Tennis**

Brisbane Table Tennis Club Newsletter

August 2016

You're Invited To The AGM: Sept 14th 7:15pm



You are invited to this year's Brisbane Table Tennis AGM. We hold this every year to elect committee members and inform their members of past and future activities. It is an opportunity for members and stakeholders find out what's been happening. It is your opportunity to ask questions regarding the direction the club will take in the future. And it is your chance to have your opinion heard. You are invited to nominate to be on the committee, nomination forms are available at Control or on the web site. Please submit your nomination by August 19th. See you at the AGM: 7:15pm Sept 14.

More info & forms are available - brisbanetabletennis.org.au/annual-general-meeting-2016



Summer Season Sign On! All skill levels welcome.

New Format for Monday Fixtures—New Deal!

- 3 player teams
- 11 rubber format (best of 5) with 2 doubles.
- Allocation of 2 tables per team's match
- Start 7.15pm.
- Enter your own team or individually, there can be more than 3 players (including reserves)
- The top 3 players entered into a team must have an average rating of under 1350
- Teams will be graded into divisions rather than individual gradings.
- Maximum of 20 teams
- Players who play both Mon & Tues night, play the

2nd night for a 50% discount, so 2 nights for \$21!

- A player substitute – special discount 50% -- so subs **only pay \$7**.
- End of the season Friday night presentation to the team & averages winner with basic food/soft drinks, free to anyone who played 80%+ of the season.
- **BONUS:** Fixture players can ask the Night Controller for a voucher, valid for the next 7 days. Not transferable & entitles them to **1 free practice** session on Wednesday or Friday night or a weekday morning (when the Centre is open) that week.
- Entries close 7 days prior to season kick off.

Mon starts Sept 19th. Tues starts Sept 6th.

No change to Tues format, but the discounts apply. Email Michael Bygraves for more info. michael.bygraves@hotmail.com

Adult Beginners

Have you played Table Tennis in the garage? Want more of challenge?

Adult Beginners is a great place to start. Get started with a lively new Wednesday night coaching session. The session runs from 7:30pm – 9pm (please register by 7:15pm) it is designed specifically for Adult beginners.

Special offer - only \$99 for 6 week program that includes social membership.

Normal social membership = \$70.

Normal Adult Group Coaching = \$22 (non-member) so 6 x \$22 per session = \$132.

Instead of paying \$202 you only pay \$99.

This is a saving of 50%.

This is terrific value for you. New players welcome year round.

Congrats Peter, Thank You Danny

A big thank you goes out to Danny Lloyd who has recently resigned as Club President. Danny was the President for 7 years and a committee member for 5 years before this. Danny has been replaced by the Vice President, Peter Lander.



Peter has been a part of the club since the 1980s.

If you have some feedback or would like to contact Peter, please email peter@lasertag.com.au

2016 National Championships

The Brisbane Table Tennis Association will field **30% of the Queensland Representatives** at this year's Australian National Senior Championships. The competition will be held at Tweed Heads in September.

There are 21 State Reps in the Seniors & Youth Teams event to be held at Seagulls Table Tennis Club, NSW from September 24th to October 1st 2016.

There are 7 from the BTTA. **Congratulations:**

- Altantulga Lkhagvadorj (Agi),
- Benjamin Gould,
- Eliza Forster,
- Mateo Dvorani,
- Natahlia Werner,
- Zabrynn Lander and
- Ben Lander.

Be a part of the action and come and cheer on your team and come and watch some exciting matches.

Good luck to all!



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Tell a
Friend!

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Attracting and retaining members, just like you, is very important and sometimes very challenging! So we need your help. Do you know someone, a friend or family member, who plays table tennis in their garage? Or at work?

Special Offer!

For non-members, if you sign up for this season, your membership will be valid for the rest of 2016 & cover 2017 as well!

- Membership Fees due Oct 3rd.

If you know someone who is enthusiastic about Table Tennis, or someone who just wants to start learning some new skills, then why not invite them along to the BTTA.

Our current membership is currently 224. But we cannot rest on our laurels. We believe in having fun and playing table tennis. So if you know someone who would benefit from joining the Brisbane Table Tennis Club, please invite them along!

Spread the word! The 2016 membership drive is on NOW!!



FRIDAY SOCIAL NIGHT

The Friday social aims to help people find someone to play with & be an intro into the game with basic instruction (rules, bats, basics of spin) in a fun atmosphere. Bats/balls provided, as required.

Start at 7.15pm - Finish at 9.15pm.

Special Price of \$8 per player on this social night regardless of current membership status.

Windsor Training Camp

**When: 10 & 11
Sept 2016**

**Time: 9am-
1:30pm (30 min
break)**

**Coaches: Bruno
Levis & Patrick
Wuertz.**

More info:

**[www.brisbaneta
bletennis.org.au/
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Stadium Benefits from New Lighting

The Table Tennis stadium has benefited from a recent upgrade and the installation of new LED lights on every court.

A big thank you to volunteer John Swinbourne who was instrumental in getting a special grant from the Brisbane City Council to make this big improvement happen.

This project is already reducing significantly our electricity usage and improved the level of light over the tables.

Other improvements in recent times include new seats in the Cafe and the replacement of the carpet and flooring as well as a new grandstand.



The Brisbane Table Tennis Centre has hosted Vietnamese, Chinese and **Bangladeshi** (see below) table tennis tournaments in 2016. It is wonderful to see the community using the centre for table tennis events. If you know of a local group or club who is interested in running a Table Tennis competition and renting our hall, please invite them to contact Derek Phone 3357 8992.



Working For You

The BTTA council has worked hard throughout the last year to develop the sport in Brisbane.

Michael Bygraves has done an exceptional & committed job of organizing the fixture competition including arranging subs in his role as chair of the tournament committee.

Spence Martin has done some sterling work with the Canteen for the Brisbane open, much appreciated.

Seref Bakanay has taken on the role of treasurer and volunteer coach on the Friday nights.

Michael Edwards has been the secretary and there is always plenty to do with that post. Jim James has helped with volunteer control work that has helped us open the Friday night and public holidays.

Anakin So has done well in the role of director of coaching, a role he has undertaken with great enthusiasm and is helping to develop our representative players of the future.