

PING NEWS **Table Tennis**

Brisbane Table Tennis Club Newsletter

September 2016

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

It's not long now till the AGM. You are invited to this year's Brisbane Table Tennis Annual General Meeting. Every year we hold an AGM to elect committee members let our membership know about what's happening at the club.

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.

See you at the AGM: 7:15pm Sept 14.

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

September 2016

14

You Are Invited!

AGM



Friendly Competition vs MBTTA

Members are invited to nominate to represent the Brisbane club against the Moreton Bay Table Tennis Club friendly competition on Saturday Oct 8 from 10am at the Brisbane Table Tennis Club. The format: is 3 player teams (11 rubber with 2 doubles). We plan to have: Div I - open / any rating; Div II - u1300; and Div III - u1000.

Several members have "raised their hand" to participate in the friendly comp between Brisbane & Moreton Bay. We still have some spots. Contact Michael Bygraves if you would like to be a part of this fun event. michael.bygraves@hotmail.com

Family Fun

Does your family all play table tennis? Then join in this fun family event. Family Team Event @ BTTA on September 23 @ 7:15pm. Teams need to consist of 2 or 3 players all from the same family.

Contact Michael Bygraves if you would like participate.
michael.bygraves@hotmail.com



Table Tennis Rule Change

Currently coaching from the side-lines, or "corner coaching" is considered an offence during a game. This will change, however, from October 2016.

In the past coaches were able to offer tips and tactics from the sidelines. But the rules changed and officially coaches were not allowed to do this anymore. From October, this rule will be rescinded. From next month coaches can also offer advice in between points. The coach may offer advice right up until the moment a player serves. Corner coaching is not allowed during a rally.





Sign on for the new Summer Season of fixtures. All skill levels welcome.

New Format for Monday Fixtures—New Deal!

- 3 players. *Enter own team or individually, can be more than 3 (including reserves)*
- 11 rubber format (best of 5) with 2 doubles. Maximum of 20 teams.
- Allocation of 2 tables per team's match: Start 7.15pm.
- The top 3 players entered into a team need an average rating of under 1350
- Teams will be graded into divisions rather than individual grading's.
- Players who play both Mon & Tues night, play the **2nd night for a 50% discount**, so 2 nights for \$21!
- A player substitute – special 50% off -- 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

Membership Drive: Special Offer!

If you sign up for this season, your new membership will be valid for the rest of 2016 & cover 2017 as well!

- Membership Fees due Oct 3rd.

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!!

Table Tennis Bat Assembly Service

A table tennis bat consists of a table tennis blade & rubbers. If you purchase a table tennis bat & rubbers from our Pro Shop the Jim James will put the rubbers on for you including the finishing tape. If you get Jimbo to make you a new table tennis bat then you might not play like Ma Long but you'll have a racquet that looks just as professional!! <http://goo.gl/zEAVaU>

Open For Play

When: Wed & Friday Mornings

Time: 9am-12noon

The Table Tennis centre is open for mid-week table hire.

Come in & play!

More info:

www.brisbaneta.bletennis.org.au

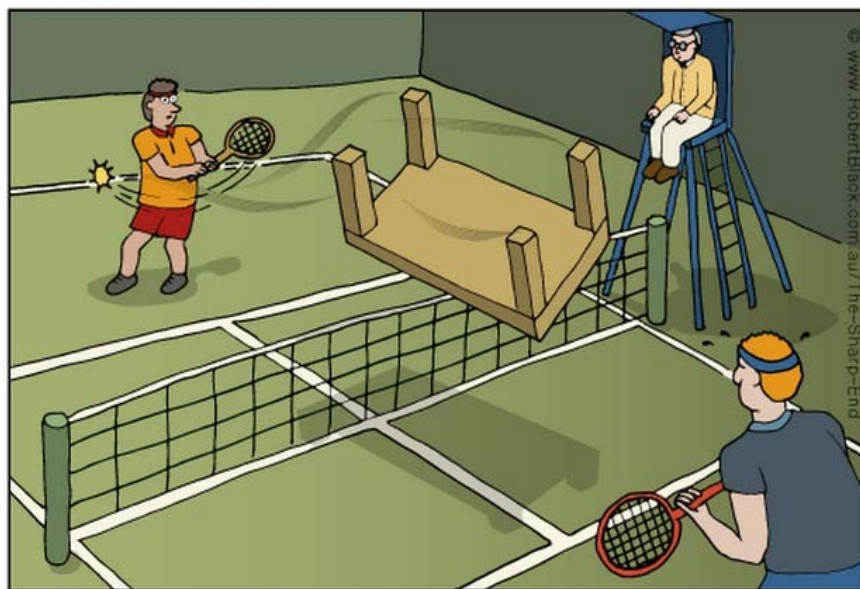
Keep up to Date. Subscribe to the Newsletter—visit:

**BrisbaneTableTennis.org.au/
subscribe-to-the-newsletter**

Thank you Peter Amabile for submitting this cartoon.

THE SHARP END

by Robert Black.



Extreme Sports #5 – Table Tennis

Play Ping-Pong With The Pope

Fancy playing a game of ping-pong in the Vatican and then having a friendly chat with Pope Francis? Well you could have, but for the princely sum of **\$32,500** — and that's not including airfares. It may sound absurd, but this is an actual holiday that's being offered on IfOnly, a website that sells unique travel experiences to tourists. There was even a Ping-Pong Diplomacy cocktail reception, to be opened by the Pope, where a panel will discuss the impact of technology on human connections. Find out more <http://goo.gl/hD42wK>

Thank You John Swinbourne for the travel tip!



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.