



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

January 2017

TO: ALL MEMBERS
FROM: TTTA – COMMITTEE

Welcome

On behalf of the Townsville Table Tennis Association Inc we would like to extend a welcome to all players and supporters for the 2017 table tennis season.

Topic 1 – 2017 Committee

The Committee for our Club for the 2017 year consists of the following members:-

- Terry Morato (President)
- Brendan Gaeta (Vice President)
- Rhonda Miller (Secretary)
- Brendan Cahill (Treasurer)
- Morrie Bligh
- Walter Parkes
- Venkat Vankavetti
- Olav Dahl

A special welcome extends to Olav Dahl, who is a newly appointed member for this year.

Topic 2 – 2017 Calendar

The 2017 calendar is attached.

This calendar assists everyone in structuring their playing year and gives certainty as to dates for both the fixture seasons and tournaments. The calendar is also available on-line through the Club web-site:

townsvilletabletennis.org.au

Whilst it is often common practise to send emails and text messages to members and this will not change, all Club information throughout the 2017 year will be posted on our website and the website should be the first point of contact for all Club information.

Topic 3 – Gary Walmsley

It is with great sadness that Gary Walmsley will not be with the Club in 2017. For personal family reasons Gary has relocated to the Rockhampton area.

The Committee is seeking expressions of interest for a new Centre Coordinator. The job description is available on our website. This position of employment is being advertised externally through different entities and organisations.

Until such time as a new person has been appointed by the Committee, various members (including Committee and non-Committee members) have taken over responsibility for weekly fixtures and training.

The Committee would also like to thank Mike Summer who has agreed to act as the interim head coach for our junior training program until such time as a new head coach of the junior training program has been appointed.

Topic 4 – Hall Opening Hours

The current Hall Opening Hours brochure is attached.

This brochure contains information on our current hall opening hours and the contact number for the relevant person who will have the conduct of the relevant fixtures or training events.

Topic 5 – Get Active Expo

The Club is taking part in the Get Active Expo being held at Townsville Stadium (the old RSL Stadium) this Sunday, 22 January 2017. It runs from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Committee would appreciate any member who is available at this time to attend the Get Active Expo and assist us in recruiting future members.

Topic 6 – Club Membership Fees

The annual full membership fee of \$120.00 has not increased.

The concession rate has also not been increased and remains at \$100.00. This applies to all pensioners and tertiary students.

However, the Committee has decided to reduce the concession rate for junior players to \$77.00

A social membership of \$40 continues to apply, but a social player cannot apply to any player who attends the hall weekly. A social player is someone who attends the hall irregularly and does not participate in any Club or other tournaments.

The standard 2017 membership registration form is attached, together with the membership registration form for juniors. The social senior fixtures registration form is available from the Club control desk.

Payment may be completed by cash, eftpos or credit card facilities at our control desk. Payment may also be completed through the web-site by way of telegraphic transfer of funds. Credit card facilities are currently being finalised for payment through the website and will be available in due course.

Topic 7 – Wednesday Night Fixtures

There will be four (4) seasons in the 2017 year. Each season will be ten (10) weeks in duration. The structure of each season will be determined by the Committee prior to commencement of each season having regards to various factors, including the number of registered players.

The first season will commence on 15 February 2017 with a play-off tournament. The full season fees for the first season is \$90.00. Any fill-in player is required to pay \$12.00 prior to the nights play.

Wednesday night fixtures during State of Origin weeks will be played on a Tuesday night for those weeks only, in a similar manner to last year.

A round-robin style tournament will be conducted on Wednesday nights until the commencement of the first season on 15 February 2017. At present this is a handicap style event being conducted by Morrie Bligh.

Topic 8 – Sunday Tournaments

At present the hall will be open for training on Sundays between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Sunday Tournaments will be conducted on various Sundays throughout the year subject to player demand.

Topic 9 – Social Seniors Fixtures

The format and structure for our seniors attending the hall on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning remains unaltered.

Topic 10 – Junior Training and Fixtures

The junior training programs will continue to be conducted throughout 2017. This includes:-

- Junior Elite Training from 4 pm to 6 pm on Mondays;
- Junior Elite Training from 4 pm to 6 pm on Fridays;
- Junior Training from 9 am to 11 am on Saturdays.

However, this has now been divided into four (4) season rather than continuing throughout the entire year. The length

of the seasons have been established having regard to the school holidays and yearly tournaments.

The first season and its respective costs are as follows:-

- Season 1: Monday Junior Elite Training
 - Start Date: 23 January 17
 - Period: 10 weeks
 - Cost: \$50.00
- Season 1: Friday Junior Elite Training
 - Start Date: 27 January 17
 - Period: 10 weeks
 - Cost: \$50.00
- Season 1: Saturday Junior Training
 - Start Date: 21 January 17
 - Period: 10 weeks
 - Cost: \$50.00

The total cost of each season is an amount equivalent to \$5.00 per training session. This applies for all seasons throughout the year.

Full details of each season are contained on the attached calendar.

For any junior players who do not participate regularly or are infrequent attendees the cost per training session is \$7.00.

There is no fee for any parents who attend junior training sessions as a spectator. For any parents who wish to practise in their own right must be a paid member of the Club and need to pay the practise fees detailed below.

Topic 11 – Practise Fees

Practise cards are available for purchase from our Club. The cost of a practise card is \$25.00 and this permits the holder to 5 practise sessions at the hall.

If a member does not have a practise card then the cost per practise is \$7.00

Topic 12 – Come and Try Days

The Club will again be running the 'come and try days' in 2017, details of which are contained on the attached Calendar.

The Committee would appreciate all members actively encouraging players to attend the come and try days to assist us in recruiting future members.

Topic 13 – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

The next Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be held on Saturday, 25 February 2016 at Bunnings in Fairfield Waters.

This Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will raise valuable funds for our Club. We would appreciate the support of our members to fundraising events of this nature.

If you would like to volunteer some time to this fundraising event then please contact Brendan Gaeta on mobile 0448 856 447 or email brendan.gaeta@connollysuthers.com.au