



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

TTTA - 2018

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 2018 table tennis season.

2018 Committee

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

- Brendan Gaeta (President)
- Terry Morato (Vice President)
- Rhonda Miller (Secretary)
- Brendan Cahill (Treasurer)
- Walter Parkes
- Venkat Vankaveti
- Olav Dahl
- Keryn Hall

A special welcome extends to Keryn Hall, who is a newly appointed member to the Committee for 2018.

On behalf of all members, we would like to give our sincerest thanks to Morrie Bligh, who did not nominate to be on the Committee for 2018.



Morrie first joined our Club in 1958 and has served on the Committee in various roles over many years.

We could not list the amount of work Morrie has done for our Club over the years. There is simply too much. Suffice to say, Morrie has volunteered an enormous amount of hours to the development of our Club. It is as a direct result of people like Morrie that sporting organisations in Queensland are as strong as they are.

Morrie was awarded Life Membership in 2006 and Patron in 2010. He has proudly represented Townsville, Queensland and Australia.



2018 Calendar

The 2018 calendar is attached.

The 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 2018 year will be posted on our website and the website should be the first point of contact for all Club information.

Club Membership Fees

The annual membership fees have not increased for the 2018 calendar year.

The annual membership fees are as follows:-

- Full membership: \$120
- Full membership (concession): \$100
- Junior membership: \$77
- Social Senior membership: \$40
- Social membership: \$40

The full membership (concession) applies to all pensioners and tertiary students.

The social senior membership applies to members of our social senior fixtures who do not otherwise participate as a regular season player in our senior fixtures.

A social membership applies to social members only, being a social player who attends the hall irregularly and does not participate in any Club or other tournaments.

The 2018 membership registration forms can be downloaded from our website or collect from the control desk in the hall.



Importantly, for various reasons (including for insurance purposes), you may not participate in 2018 fixtures, social seniors or our junior training programs until you are a registered member of our Club.

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.

Wednesday Night Fixtures

There will be three (3) regular fixture seasons in the 2018 calendar year, each for a period of twelve (12) weeks in duration.

The duration of each season has been ratified by the Committee having regard to various matters, including the dates for ITTF, National and State tournaments.

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 second season will finish on the week immediately prior to the QLD Veterans in Mackay and the third season with finish on the week immediately after the National Veterans in Bendigo.

The first season will commence on 7 February 2018 with a play-off tournament (forming part of the first season).

The full season fees for each season is **\$110**. This incorporates all 12 nights play (with all players playing on the first night playoff and last night finals). The usual concession of 10% applies to pensioners and students, bringing the season fees to **\$99.00**.

We will call for nominations for the first season of fixtures in early 2018. Upon nominations being received tax invoices will be issued to members for fixture fees. **There will be a discount applying to all players who pay the season fees before the discount date.** The discount will expire at the commencement of the second night of play. If payment is not received by this discount date then the discount will not apply.

Any fill-in player is required to pay \$10 prior to the nights play.

There will be an "unofficial" fourth season of around 7 weeks at the end of the year, with details to be confirmed in due course.

In recent years there has been a significant decrease in senior fixture numbers. This is as a direct result of senior playing's retiring and other members leaving town for work purposes. We are seeking to increase senior fixture numbers in 2018.

Attached is a promotional flyer offering discounted season fees off 25% for any member who refers another player to the Club. Any new player who becomes a member of the Club and participates in the first season fixtures will also not pay any fees for the first season fixtures. We would encourage all players to circulate this flyer to as many people as they can.



2017 junior break-up party

Junior Training and Fixtures

The junior training programs will continue to be conducted throughout 2018. The day/times remain unaltered, as follows:-

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

There will be four (4) seasons in the year based on the Queensland public school calendar and our internal table tennis calendar of events (as attached).

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

- **Season 1: Monday Training**
 - Start Date: 22 January 2018
 - Period: 10 weeks
 - Cost: \$65.00
- **Season 1: Friday Training**
 - Start Date: 26 January 2018
 - Period: 9 weeks
 - Cost: \$58.50
- **Season 1: Saturday Training**
 - Start Date: 2 January 2018
 - Period: 10 weeks
 - Cost: \$65.00

If any junior player wishes to participate in all three (3) training programs in a season then the total bulk cost is discounted to \$150.00.

The Committee has also maintained an intention of moving away from weekly cash payments. In 2018 there will be no "one-off" cash payments accepted on players wishing to pay each week.

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

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 usual practise fees.



Social Seniors Fixtures

The format and structure for senior fixtures on Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning remains unaltered.



Hall Opening Hours

It is not anticipated that there be any changes to our hall opening hours. However, this will be finalised and confirmed in early 2018.

Head Coach

The Committee has resolved to appoint a new head coach for 2018. It is not known who this will be at this stage.

However, the Committee is currently making preliminary enquiries and undergoing preliminary assessments on potential new head coaches.

We will keep members informed about the progress of appointing a new head coach.

Training Camp

A training camp will be held on the weekend of 13 – 14 January 2018. It is intended that this training camp include sessions for all ages.

The training camp will be conducted by George Logothetis.

George was a national champion of Greece and has won prestigious titles in table tennis since 1987. George has considerable experience in table tennis. He is a candidate for our new head coach position and has come highly recommended by a number of people.



Full details of the structure of the training camp will be provided in due course. If anyone would like to nominate an interest in participating in this training camp then please confirm your interest by email to Brendan Gaeta by email brendan.gaeta@connollysuthers.com.au.

Get Active Expo

The Club is taking part in the Get Active Expo being held at Townsville Stadium (the old RSL Stadium) on Sunday, 4 February 2018.

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.

Full details of the Get Active Expo will be provided to all members in early 2018.



Come and Try Days

The Club will again be running the 'come and try days' in 2018. In 2018 we will be running both junior and senior 'come and try days'.

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

Full details are contained on the attached calendar.



Sunday Tournaments

The hall will be open for training and Sunday Tournament's will be conducted throughout 2018. The Sunday Tournament commences at 9:00 am.

This will be subject to player demand and Facebook posts will continue to be posted by close of business on a Friday specifying whether the Sunday Tournament will be held on that week.

Practise Fees

Practise cards are available for purchase from our Club in the same manner as previous years. There are different size practise cards available for purchase, with the cost per sessions being \$5.

If a member does not have a practise card then the cost per practise is \$8.00. This increases to \$10 for non-members.

Communication

We would like to remind all members that the Committee is happy to receive any positive or negative feedback on any particular matters and also to receive ideas or suggestions.

However, the Committee would prefer that wherever possible, it be send through to the Secretary by email so that it can be discussed at our next scheduled Committee meeting.

The Secretary is Rhonda Miller and the relevant email address is: coordinator@townsvilletabletennis.org.au

We certainly do not want to discourage people from giving us the feedback or raising idea, but when it is said "on the fly" (so to speak), things get missed or critical matters are lost in translation.

Building Maintenance and Volunteers

We are seeking expressions' of interest from members to have someone volunteer their time to assist the committee in general ongoing building maintenance and miscellaneous building matters as they arise from time to time.

If anyone can assist the committee with this please contact our Secretary, Rhonda Miller. The email address is: coordinator@townsvilletabletennis.org.au

If anyone would like to otherwise volunteer time to our Club then please let Brendan Gaeta know. The Committee works tirelessly to keep our Club operating and any assistance is certainly appreciated. Brendan's email address is brendan.gaeta@connollysuthers.com.au

International Women's Day

We are proud to promote International Women's Day and women in sport. We hold our International Women's Day Tournament each year and it is our first tournament in the calendar year.

The primary goal is to increase the growth, development and promotion of women not only in table tennis, but in all sport. Of course, it is also meant to be a fun and exciting day for everyone involved.

The tournament will be on 10 March 2018.



There is a large amount of organising that is involved in preparing and running a tournament of this nature.

The Committee intends to establish a sub-committee for organisation purposes.

If anyone would to express an interest in being part of this sub-committee then please let us know by contacting Brendan Gaeta on email brendan.gaeta@connollysuthers.com.au