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WELCOME LETTER TO DTTA MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT

Happy New Year and welcome everyone, past and present members, to another year of playing table tennis.

I hope your time with family and friends was joyful and relaxing over the Christmas / New Year Period.

We are all looking forward to another great year of playing table tennis, meeting new people and generally having fun playing our great game.

We have had the very sad news of the passing of one of our young club members, Anaz Umar Sarif. Many of you will have played with and against Anaz in our club competition. Our hearts go out to Anaz's family and his brother Sulaiman, who also plays at our club. Anaz's youthful exuberance and competitive table tennis will be sadly missed at our club.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the volunteers that came along to the centre for the cleanup before Christmas last year - your efforts are most appreciated and there is a definite "clean" feel when entering our club.

We held the AGM on the 12 December 2022. This was to elect the new committee members for 2023 and advise the attendees that finalisation of the 2021 Financial audit is delayed and will be sent to our auditor in late January. When this is completed, a Special General Meeting of members will be held in early 2023 to review and approve the audited 2021 Financial Report. We will also be preparing the 2022 Financial Report which will be presented at the 2023 AGM (likely to be in May 2023).

DTTA COMMITTEE 2023

I am happy to advise who the members of the newly elected DTTA committee members are. I would like to thank retiring committee members and our new committee for their continued commitment in volunteering their time to our club and our members, and I look forward to working with them during an exciting and fulfilling year.



President	- Michael Yaxley (re-elected)
Vice President	- Vacant
Treasurer	- Ann Webb (newly elected), Membership Secretary, web site administrator
Secretary	- Patti Brown (newly elected)
Robert Ho	- (re-elected) Newsletter writer, team selector for A and B Grade, Facebook
page editor	
Christine Marshall	- (re-elected) C Grade Convenor, Thursday Seniors Convenor, Committee
Member	
Graham Symons	- (re-elected) TTNT representative, Administrator for NT Junior
Representatives,	Sports in Schools
Pham Luan	- (newly elected) Committee Member
Geni O'Brien	- (newly elected) Committee Member

Graeme Perkins has stepped down as a committee member. I would like to thank Graeme for his contribution for 2 years on the committee, "Graeme, your input in improving our club is much appreciated".

I would like to thank the newly appointed committee members and I look forward to a positive, fun, and enjoyable time contributing to a continually improving and growing table tennis club.

VOLUNTEERS


A functioning sporting club relies on volunteers. We always need more help! If any other club members are able to volunteer some time when we are promoting events, please let a committee member know.

Our strength as a club is very dependent on club members who are willing to help out where possible. An important part of promoting our club is having eye-catching, informative yet concise fliers. If any of our members have a talent in graphic design and could help create fliers, please speak to a committee member.

2023 DTTA REGISTRATION

2023 registrations are now due. Some people have already registered online at revolutionise.com.au/dtta/registration/. Thank you!

If you intend to play in A, B or C Grade competition or just enjoy being a social player, now is the time to register. It is very important that all players wanting to play table tennis are registered before starting to play in competitions, or coming to Monday and Friday practice sessions, be they social or for competition.



The process is straightforward to register. The document “*How to register online*” is attached and is also on the club notice board. Returning members will need their ID number. Most of the 2022 members and their IDs are listed on the club noticeboard. You can also email darwintta@gmail.com to request your ID. New members will be allocated an ID as part of the online registration. You will need your credit card and your address/phone details handy.

There is a hard copy registration form available, though we do encourage members to register online, if possible, as this reduces our administrative tasks for the committee and ensures our statistics and data are up to date and easily accessible to report to our membership, to Table Tennis NT (TTNT) and to Table Tennis Australia (TTA).

DTTA, like most sporting clubs, is a not-for-profit club and we rely on our members contributing to joining our club to benefit from playing table tennis in a friendly and positive environment that caters for all levels of age and skill.

To open the club on a yearly basis costs \$15,000 for electricity, water, cleaning and pest control.

Also, DTTA contributes a portion of each registration fee to Table Tennis Australia (TTA) and Table Tennis Northern Territory (TTNT) for insurance for each player. The combined amount is \$59.00 for each registered competition player and \$34.00 for social players.

There are 4 categories of membership for 2023: Adult Comp; Concession Comp; Seniors (not playing comp); Social/Juniors/Officials/Coaches (not playing Comp). Half year registration will be possible *after 1 July 2023*.

Adult Competition - \$120 Full Year

Concession Competition - Juniors <18 yrs, FT Tertiary students, Age Pension Card Holders (there will be a form to fill in for concession holders to verify their status) **\$100 Full Year**

Social - Juniors <18 yrs (as of 1 January 2023), Officials, Coaches, ALL of whom are not playing competition **\$100 Full Year**

Senior Social - Seniors that play socially on Thursday (not playing Comp) **\$60 Full Year**

The increase in costs associated with opening our club including cleaning, electricity, pest control, WIFI and the proportion of the registration fee that is paid to TTA and TTNT have all contributed to the need to increase some of the fees: an increase in the full Adult Membership to \$120 and the Seniors to \$60.

The updated Registration fees for 2023 have been posted on the Club Noticeboard with copies of the form to verify concession status.

COMPETITION FEES

Competition Match Fees - A Grade and B Grade - \$10 per game night

C Grade - \$7 per game night (increase of \$2)

OPENING TIMES

The centre re-opened in the New Year on **Friday 6 January 2023**. We welcome all our registered players to come along and practise for the competition or just for a social hit and meet up with other members.

Mondays 7 to 9 pm (Note: during the school holidays and until the Monday Junior Coaching program resumes on Monday 6 February, practice times will be 5 to 7pm).

Fridays 5 to 7 pm

These practice times are available to ALL **registered players** for a full year at no extra cost - it is included in your registration fee. We hope to see lots of our members come along on practice nights to play in addition to competition nights.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE NIGHT (TRIAL PERIOD)

The Committee has agreed to trial an additional time on Wednesdays 5 to 7pm until Season 1 competition commences around mid-February.

Attendance at Wednesday 5 to 7pm sessions will incur an additional fee of \$2.50/ table / hour (if a member attends for 2 hours the cost to hire the table is \$5). So, if you are staying for 2h and playing singles you'll be paying \$2.50. The players playing can decide who is paying for the time. A register will be available each Wednesday for players to enter their name and confirmation of payment.

If you do not have cash with you, you can pay by EFTPOS. The DTTA bank account details are on the registration and fees poster and on the registration form. This relies on an honesty system and we ask that you make this payment ASAP after you have played.

A non-member can attend practice times. The cost is \$5/hour per player to be paid to the person opening the centre and should also be entered on the sign-in sheet.

At the completion of the Wednesday trial, another practice time (over the weekend) may be considered. The committee is happy to hear from members if there is an appetite for another practice time possibly on a weekend time.

DTTA COMPETITION 2023

This year we will hold a 15-week, 3-person team competition plus semifinals and Finals in A and B and C Grades in each of Season 1 and Season 2.

The committee also intends to hold other tournaments outside our weekly competition during the Dry Season. We will keep you posted when these events are finalised.

We will email members *very soon* with the dates for commencement of competition, and dates for Finals and importantly a request from the committee asking all members who intend to play competition in Season 1 for All Grades to respond either by email or by entering your name on the form on the Notice Board at the club.

Thursday Social Seniors is already underway and there will be the usual Monday Junior coaching and other upcoming events to promote our club in the community, such as the Club Open Day on 18 February and participation in the Chung Wah Chinese New Year Festival.

To have a successful competition we need a minimum of 18 players in each grade to fill 6 teams of 3 players. We also need substitutes for those players who are unable to play for the whole season. Please give us your name/contact details if you can substitute throughout the season.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

Further detailed information will be communicated to the members shortly regarding two upcoming events that will require club members to volunteer some time if they can.

DTTA will be holding an Open Day at our club on **Saturday 18 February 2023 from 10 am to 12 pm** in collaboration with HOT 100 FIT FEB. We will be emailing and talking to members who can volunteer some time to help out with the barbecue, welcoming people and generally supervising the tables and players that are having a hit.

A change of dates by the Chung Wah Society now means the Chung Wah Society Chinese New Year Festival is being held on the same day as our Open Day (18 February). This will be the third year DTTA is participating in this important event. It is to be held at the CDU Indoor Netball Stadium, Marrara, on **Saturday 18 February 2023 from 10.30 am to 8.00 pm**.

We need some members to volunteer some time to help John Pudney on the **11 February 2023 at 9.00 am** with setting up barriers, transporting the tables to the Netball Stadium for storing before he leaves on the 13 February. Please get in touch with Michael or John or Ann if you can help.

On Australia Day, DTTA will be participating in an indoor event at the CDU Indoor Netball Stadium, Marrara. Further details will be communicated in the coming week.

I will be away from Darwin from 27 January to the middle of March. I am travelling to Tasmania on the 27 January 2023 to spend time with my family. Following directly on from my family get together, I will be crewing on a 48 ft catamaran sailing from Hobart to Perth. I return to Darwin around the middle of March.

So, in closing, the committee is looking forward to a great year and we welcome all the players that come to play either socially or in competitions so we can continue our contributions toward building our club for all ages, all levels of ability, and all cultures in our community.

Kind Regards

Michael Yaxley, President DTTA