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# DARWIN TABLE TENNIS WEEKLY

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# C GRADE

## Round 1

The Giants	<b>1 • 10</b>	Geckos
Table Dancers	<b>5 • 6</b>	Smashing Pumpkins
Smashers	<b>4 • 7</b>	Wombats

## Match Report

C Grade opened the season for the club on Tuesday night. There were a number of new faces that made a successful debut.

*Smashing Pumpkins* just got over the line, edging the *Table Dancers* in an enthralling contest on Tables 1 and 2. Debutant **Paul Liu** dominated the singles rubbers, even overcoming **Dirk Botha** 11-6, 11-7, 12-14, 11-7. For the losing team, Dirk won a thrilling singles rubber over club treasurer **Ann Webb**, 9-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-5, 14-12.

In another match, *Wombats* scored their first win with a comfortable 7-4 defeat of the *Smashers*. Another competition debutant, **Roberto Marrone**, won three singles rubbers without dropping a game. In one of the better contests on the night, **Antonia Lai** (*Smashers*) held off **Jimmy**, 11-7, 9-11, 11-8, 10-12, 11-9.

Finally, *Geckos* annihilated *The Giants* to finish on top the ladder after the first round. The individual ladder winner from last season, **Geni O'Brien**, made a flawless start to her campaign in the singles, while teammate **Jackson Ma** impressed with three singles wins of his own.

## Individual Ladder

Player	Rubber		Game		Rubber W %
	W	L	F	A	
Geni O'Brien	3	0	9	0	100.00
Jackson Ma	3	0	9	0	100.00
Roberto Marrone	3	0	9	0	100.00
Paul Liu	3	0	9	1	100.00
Jayden Ma	2	1	7	3	66.67
Roger Curtis	2	1	6	4	66.67
Simon Koefoed	2	1	6	4	66.67
Dirk Botha	2	1	7	6	66.67
Antonia Lai	2	1	6	6	66.67
Ann Webb	1	2	6	7	33.33
Jimmy	1	2	6	7	33.33
Patti Brown	1	2	4	6	33.33
Jimmy Tan	1	2	3	7	33.33
Luigi Lovato	1	2	3	7	33.33
Beina Liu	0	3	2	9	0.00
Christine Marshall	0	3	1	9	0.00
Angie	0	3	0	9	0.00
J O'Bryan-Keenan	0	3	0	9	0.00

## Team Ladder

Team	Match		Rubber		Game		Game %
	W	L	W	L	F	A	
Geckos	1	0	10	1	29	4	725
Wombats	1	0	7	4	23	14	164
Smashing Pumpkins	1	0	6	5	21	18	117
Table Dancers	0	1	5	6	18	21	86
Smashers	0	1	4	7	14	23	61
The Giants	0	1	1	10	4	29	14

## Legend

W = Win; L = Loss; F = For; A = Against; % = Percentage

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## President Welcome to 2023 Season 1 Competition

On behalf of the DTTA committee I would like to welcome all the new and past members to our 2023 Competition Season.

I am currently in Tasmania spending time with my family.

In my absence the committee have been organising the commencement of our year with membership and structuring the teams for all 3 grades.

The C Grade competition commenced last Tuesday evening and by all accounts, the opening night was a great success with new members starting their first night of Table Tennis.

Congratulations to Christine for your dedication to ensure the teams are filled and members were welcomed by Graham Symons, the Executive for TTNT.

The A and B Grade season commences next Wednesday and Thursday evening.

The number of 3 person teams for both competitions are currently at four teams respectively.

Robert Ho has made up the teams for A and B Grade and will be sending them out to the members soon.

We have advertised the DTTA Open Day on Saturday from 10 am to 12 pm, and numerous club members volunteered their time to help out.

If you have any friends or family friends that may want to come along to play at our club, they will be most welcomed to join in. This is

an opportunity for our members to introduce our club to people in our community.

Thank you to Sebastian Lai and Renee Li who will be showcasing our game along with Oscar Van Cuylenborg and Jonathan Tong at the Open Day and at the Chung Wah Chinese New Year Festival.

Also, DTTA is joining in with the Festivities at the Chung Wah Chinese New Year Festival being held at the Marrara Netball Stadium starting at 11.00 am Saturday 18 February.

Rodney Hee will facilitate the event with other members from DTTA.

If any members have time to come along throughout the afternoon/ evening to help out would be greatly appreciated. This year is our third year we have participated in this great community event.

I look forward to returning to Darwin and being part of another fantastic year with the great club that loves playing tables tennis, socialising with new and old members for another year, and sharing our sport with the community of Darwin, Palmerston and the rural communities.

Our strength and support by our members are the foundation to grow and provide a fun and active sport.

Kind Regards

Michael