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TABLE TENNIS TALK - 2nd QUARTER 2023

Hello DTTA Members,

The first season of grade competition table tennis is drawing to a close. Looking at each grade results during this time there have been some very competitive teams that are near to reaching the semi finals and the Grand Final to be held on **Thursday 14/06/2023**. Good luck to the all the teams competing this season and I look forward to a great final with many supporters cheering on their teams.

Season 2 Grade Competition

Looking ahead to Season 2 to that will commence in mid- July, (date to be confirmed), the players that played in Season 1 for all grades will at this time be anticipated to be playing in Season 2. If you are unable or do not choose to play in Season 2 competition, please let the Convenors know for each grade, Elfrida, Andrew, and Christine will then advise the team selection committee.

If you wish to play in Season 2 competition and have not played in a team before, there will be an opportunity to come along to selection trials that will be conducted by the team selection committee for each grade. This will occur before season 2 commences at a date and time to be advised. Please let Robert Ho, Christine Marshall, or Rodney Hee if you want to play in Season 2 club competition.

Change of match fees for members that play up a grade

The committee have agreed to make the match fee for current paid members that play up a grade, as a substitute (e.g. from C Grade to B Grade) to pay \$5.00 instead of \$10.00. This has been backdated to the 12 April 2023. If a player that has substituted from the 12 April and paid \$10.00 (Ann Webb DTTA Treasurer) will reimburse or include the payment owing onto future match fees. If the player being replaced has paid their match fees in advance then the substitute will not need to pay the \$5.00. Please speak to the convenor of the grade for further clarification or speak to a committee member.

DTTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held @ 7.00 pm Thursday 25 May 2023, (before B grade starts the competition)

The DTTA AGM will be held next Thursday 25 May 2023 @ 7.00 pm sharp!

If you can spare some time, if you are not playing in the B competition on the night please come along to make your vote and be a part of this important club meeting.

The AGM will be held for current DTTA members to vote on the 2022 DTTA Audited Financial report, Treasurers report, President Report and elect the DTTA committee members for another 12 months. The committee positions will become vacant with nominated members electing for the positions to be filled.

I wish to advise all the DTTA members that at this AGM I will not be nominating for President. The decision was not an easy one to make. I have been proudly presiding as your President for over 3 years and with the support of many individual members over the years our club is in a position to thrive and continue to grow to support the table tennis community of Darwin and Palmerston.

I will remain on the committee, (if elected to help with the transition of the President role to Rodney Hee if the members elect Rodney as the new President?) Rodney has been a club member of DTTA for over 25 years, with his experience playing A Grade and knowledge of the club with respect of members our club can confidently move forward with promise of a vital and invigorated future.

I will also continue to play as table tennis is part of my life, for sport and for the social friendships that have developed over the years. There will be time in the coming weeks, I can speak face to face with members to thank them for their support and respect for me and our club. It has been an honour and privilege to represent the club members and families and the Darwin Table Tennis Association.

EQUIPMENT WORKSHOP at DTTA club on Sunday 4th June 1.30 to 3 pm.

Jono Tong has organized an equipment workshop for current members to attend to teach club members how to cut and glue table tennis rubbers. This is a free workshop and I know there are many club members that want to know how to correctly change rubbers with confidence. Please see the attached flyer for more information. **You can call Jono directly on 0459 756178 to book yourself in.**


DARWIN SENIORS EXPO

The 2023 Darwin Seniors Expo is being held next Saturday 27th May 2023, DTTA are participating again this year with our enthusiastic committee members, and other valued members, Christine Marshall, Ann Webb, Patti Brown, Geni Obrien, Elfrida Kalich, and other members that may choose to come along to assist on the day. There will be two tables set up for the public to play on and there will be some public demonstrations from our members during the event.

The Darwin Seniors Expo flyer is attached for more information.

NORTHERN TERRITORY JUNIOR TEAM

Our Junior players Renee Li, Martin Feng and Sebastian Lai will be travelling to Sydney with coach Jonathon Tong on Sunday 02 July 2023 until 09 July 2023 to participate in the 2023 Junior



Championships. On behalf of all the members of DTTA we wish them well and may they play the best they have ever played!

I look forward to continuing being a part of DTTA to provide advise and assistance when possible and continue playing the great sport of Table Tennis that we all enjoy playing.

Thankyou for your respect and friendship as I carried out the role of President to the best of my abilities, I will continue to be a part of our club that we all enjoy participating and have fun!

Kind regards,

Michael

President DTTA

