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Newsletter of the Werribee Table Tennis Association

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A Few Words From The New President...

Hi everyone,

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Lauren Turner and I am the President and Match Recorder of Werribee Table Tennis Association. In the past, I have been the Vice President of our club, a Grade Supervisor and also a player in A2.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Alan Thomson for all of his hard work and dedication as President over the past 12 years. His efforts to keep WTTA at the top of its game are certainly appreciated by all members of our club.

I also want to thank our Committee members for all the work they do. Our club would not be the same without their support every week.

As most of you already know, we have moved into our new area on Court 8. Our new room has much better lighting and sound proofing than our previous area, making our playing environment a lot more comfortable for our members. Our new equipment has also arrived, including more barriers. We no longer need to turn the feet on the barriers when we are packing them away, as our new storage area is big enough to accommodate all of the barriers standing up.

The Promotions Sub-Committee is currently in the process of organising a Trivia Night on September 10th. This will be a great opportunity to come together to celebrate being a part of our club, socialise with people in other grades and raise some money to support our operations. We want to try our best to keep fees as low as possible for our members, so your support for this event would be much appreciated.

Our new pennant will be starting the week of May 23rd, so if you are playing next season, please make sure you let your Grade Supervisor know as soon as possible. We would love to see old faces come back to our club, so please feel free to contact us if you are keen to play again.

As a club, I am hoping that we can continue to grow, reach full capacity in each grade and make playing table tennis even more enjoyable. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to talk to me. I am usually easily found at either table tennis or on the netball court.

Well done to everyone who competed this season and congratulations to all of the teams who made it into the finals. Thank you to everyone who came to our Grand Final Night. It was the best turn out we have ever had (we finished all of the snacks and almost 25 pizzas!) and it was great to see so much support.

I look forward to seeing you again next season.

- Lauren Turner

Welcome To Our Club!

Welcome to our new members Rohan Rodrigues, Gavin Shields and Frank Yang who joined us during the Summer Season.

We are also pleased to welcome back Luke Allan, Andrew Dixon, Catisia Lim, Lawrence Lim, Margaret McDonald, Simon O'Keefe, Javier Rodrigues and Michael Wong who returned to our club this season after an extended break.

Have You Seen Our New Room?



We have now moved into our new area on Court 8 (just behind where we used to be on Court 12). Our new room has much better lighting and sound proofing than our previous area, making our playing environment a lot more comfortable for our members.

If you haven't seen our new room yet, feel free to come on down to Eagle Stadium and have a look. If you know someone who may be interested in joining our club, they are more than welcome to come along too. You can find us there Monday to Thursday 7:30pm – 10:00pm and Saturday 8:30am – 10:00am.

Are You Playing Next Season?

If you are interested in joining our club, please call Gerald Gallina on 0432 485 591 or email us at enquiries@wta.asn.au. We would love to hear from you!

If you are currently a member and would like to play again next season, please let your Grade Supervisor know as soon as possible.

The Winter Pennant is beginning the week of 23rd May, so get in quick!

Please note: A lot of effort goes into producing fixture lists for each season. If a player requests to be placed in a team, he/she is then required to pay the relevant fees for that pennant. If a player is no longer able or willing to play after their name has been placed on a fixture list, then they must explain the reason for this in writing. The Committee will then decide if fees are applicable. Any outstanding fees will be recorded and must be paid in order to be accepted for future pennants.



Dates To Remember



- **Winter Pennant Grading:** 16th – 19th May
- **Winter Pennant Starts:** 23rd – 26th May
- **Annual Closed Championships:** 11th – 14th July
- **Winter Pennant Semi Finals:** 5th – 7th September
- **Winter Pennant Grand Final:** 8th September
- **Trivia Night:** 10th September

Coaching



When: Saturday mornings

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am

Where: Eagle Stadium

Cost: \$10/session

Call Gerald on 0432 485 591

Annual General Meeting

Werribee Table Tennis Association held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18th May. We are happy to announce the newly elected Committee for 2016:

Executive Committee

President – Lauren Turner
Vice President – Russell Holmes
Secretary – Gerald Gallina
Treasurer – Richard Lilly

General Committee

Michael Turner, Angela O'Connor,
Chris Prosser, Greg Yu,
Trevor Blackhurst, Martin Draganski,
Garry Keenan and Danny Siwek

Thank you to the members who took the time to attend this meeting and give valuable input. Congratulations to Gerald Gallina for being elected as a WTTA Life Member and Li Cai who won free Winter Pennant fees on the night.

Upcoming Tournaments

May

Victorian Closed Senior & Para Championships – 22nd May
Sunbury & District Open Junior Tournament – 28th May
Sunbury & District Open Veteran Tournament – 29th May

June

Ballarat Open Veteran Tournament – 5th June
Victorian Country Championships – 11th to 13th June
Albury/Wodonga Open Junior Tournament – 18th June
Albury/Wodonga Open Senior Tournament – 19th June
Mornington Peninsula Open Senior Tournament – 26th June

July

Australian Junior Championships – 3rd to 9th July
Victorian Open Veteran Championships – 16th July
Victorian Open Senior & Para Championships – 24th July

August

Yarrawonga Open Junior Tournament – 6th August
Yarrawonga Open Senior Tournament – 7th August
Bendigo Open Junior Tournament – 14th August
Mornington Peninsula Open Veteran Tournament – 21st August
Geelong Open Senior Tournament – 27th August

September

HWATT Melbourne Open Junior Tournament – 3rd September
Geelong Open Veteran Tournament – 11th September

For more information, please visit the Table Tennis Victoria Website: www.tabletennisvic.org.au

2016 Summer Pennant Results

Congratulations to this season's winners and runners up!



A1

Aggregate Champion: Lawrence Lim

Winning Team: Lavica – Lawrence Lim, Vijaya Mohan & Catisia Lim

Runners Up: Gremijak – Greg Yu, Mick Najdovski & Jake Ballestrino

A2

Aggregate Champion: Gavin Shields

Winning Team: Naughty Boys – Michael Luong, Luke Allan & Michael Turner

Runners Up: Get Around Us – Zahid Hossain, Nathan Farrugia & John Ballestrino

B1

Aggregate Champion: Jamie Taylor

Winning Team: Meerkats – Andrew Scott, Daniel La Rocca & Chris Prosser

Runners Up: Giraffes – Jamie Taylor, Mark Hammett & Edwin Sorto

B2

Aggregate Champion: Dean McGowan

Winning Team: Eagles – Javier Rodrigues, Joseph Cai & Lauren Song

Runners Up: Pigeons – Li Cai, Rohan Rodrigues & Cheryl Worthington

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Grand Final Night. It was wonderful to see so many of you there supporting your club members! We hope you all had a great night.



WTTA Club Shirts

Our WTTA club shirts are still available for only \$25, which includes the option of having your name or nickname featured on the back. If you would like to place an order, please speak to your Grade Supervisor.



Trivia Night

As mentioned in the President's Report, the Promotions Sub-Committee is currently organising a Trivia Night on **September 10th**. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate being a part of our club, have a few laughs and raise some money to support our Association. We will provide more details and sell tickets for this event at a later date, so please keep a look out. We hope to see you there!

Ratings Central


Players in A1 and A2 can now find their Summer Pennant results on Ratings Central! This means you can now see your ranking within our club, as well as your overall position in Victoria. To see your results, please visit www.ratingscentral.com and click on the relevant links. A special thank you to Lawrence Lim for getting this up and running for us.

What Do You Think?



This is your club! If you have any ideas for the newsletter or general feedback about our club, please speak to a Committee member or send an email to editor@wttas.n.au. We value your opinions and are always open to suggestions.

Stay In Touch!

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 **Team App:** WTTA

Know Your Committee

This issue's featured Committee member is Richard Lilly!



Originally from London, Richard has now lived in Werribee for 25 years. He is the Treasurer of our club and currently competes in A2. In his spare time, Richard loves to watch and play sport. He will often either stay up late or set the alarm for a 4:00am soccer game, particularly if Liverpool is playing. Some of the local teams that he follows include Melbourne Victory, Melbourne Storm and the Western Bulldogs. While Richard loves all sports, he has mainly played soccer, tennis, badminton, and of course, table tennis, which he has been playing for seven years. Besides sport, Richard loves a good bottle of red wine, spicy food (particularly Indian) and planning holidays, both local camping trips and going overseas.

Did You Know?



How many table tennis balls can two players hit back and forth in 60 seconds? The current record is 173 set by Jackie Bellingier and Lisa Lomas in 1993.