

Southern Table Tennis January 2017 Newsletter

City of Adelaide Veteran's Tournament – ***entries close 20th of January***

The City of Adelaide veteran's tournament is being held at Southern Table Tennis on Sunday the 29th of January. All our competition players are eligible to participate and we would encourage you all to have a go. If you have never played in an official TTSA tournament before there is no better time than to give it a go than in your home stadium. Entries close on Friday the 20th of January and are available on the Table Tennis SA website. Also check out the "Calendar of Events" on the TTSA website for all the other 2017 tournament dates.

City of Onkaparinga junior tournament

The City of Onkaparinga junior tournament is being held at Southern Table Tennis on Sunday the 12th of February. This is the first junior tournament for 2017 and we would like to see most of the Southern juniors taking part and experiencing playing in an official tournament. This tournament caters for players of all abilities. The entry forms are due Thursday the 2nd of February and are available on the Southern website.

**City of Onkaparinga
2017
JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2017

Southern Table Tennis, Sports Park Drive,
Wilfred Taylor Reserve, MORPHETT VALE
(Club Phone Contact: 83829508)

Referee: Maurice Quinn (contact on 0411 642 320)
Umpires: panel of 3 SATTOC accredited umpires
Tournament Organizer: Brian James

Forward entry forms to: Mr Brian James, 14 Ranger Street, Halbur Cove, SA 5158
Email: forms filled soft copy entries to: smb2@southerntabletennis.org.au

ENTRIES CLOSE - THURSDAY, 2nd February 2017 (no phone or fax entries will be accepted)

Summer Competition



We are very pleased to have 91 players for our summer competition. For several years now we have been able to keep the number of players in our competitions at around this mark which is very encouraging. There were a few people who missed out as they applied after the closing date and we couldn't find enough players to fill another complete line. There are 10 new players and we also have a couple of players return who we had not seen for a while. Hopefully we don't have too many hot nights and you all enjoy the competition.

TTSA Winter Competition

We have the ability to enter teams into the TTSA Winter Competition which commences in the first week of May and is played on Monday and Tuesday nights. It would be great to have some Southern teams take part but if we are going to enter any teams we need to get organised now. Most of the other clubs are already very advanced in their planning. Teams consist of 3 people and the matches are rotated between the participating metropolitan clubs. If anybody is interested in playing in this competition and representing Southern Table Tennis please contact Marcel on 0417 870 181 asap. Due to our Tuesday night junior program we may only be able to enter teams on Monday nights.



Executive Committee

There have been some changes to the executive committee with John MUNRO moving up to the Vice President position. We also have two new members with Tom GRACE taking on the recording secretary role and Karen OWEN one of the member delegate positions. I look forward to the contributions Karen and Tom will make to our monthly Monday night meetings. Unfortunately we have lost Alvan WHITE who has resigned after first serving on the committee back in 1975. Alvan will still be busy at the club as he is heavily involved in the junior coaching program and will continue to manage the Monday night practice sessions. If you are interested in serving on the executive committee or taking on any other roles at the club such as assisting with running tournaments please let one of the committee members know.

Life Membership awarded to Marcel STORKEN

At the 2016 annual general meeting Marcel became just the tenth person to be awarded with Life Membership of Southern Table Tennis. Marcel has been a part of Southern Table Tennis for over 35 years and in 2002 he became more actively involved when he joined the executive committee. He has been responsible for running our competitions and junior programs for many years and is now in his tenth year as club president. We would like to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to Southern Table Tennis.



Geoff presenting life membership certificate to Marcel

No Smoking Policy



In order to meet the requirements of council that no smoking is to take place within 5 metres of any council building entrances we have updated our no smoking policy. We are requesting players to not smoke within 5 metres of any of our entrances and are discouraging Southern players and visitors from smoking in the entrance courtyard. We would like smokers to use the courtyard that is just off the hallway between the playing hall and toilets. We are currently in discussions with the Onkaparinga council and the South Coast Social Club as to what extent smoking can be banned in the entrance courtyard. The no smoking policy is available on the Southern website under the governance section.

Archives

Have you ever checked out the archives section on our website? The link is found at the very bottom of the home page. In the archives section we have all the competition results from when the association first started and it is interesting to see some of the names that are there. You can work out how many premierships you have been involved in by copying the results from the "Honour Rolls" into an excel file and then doing a search on your name. Once you know which seasons you have won a premiership in you can go to the competition archives and check out the corresponding photos.

Roof Replacement

As most of you are aware there have been problems with leaks in our roof for many years. The source of the leaks is hard to find and the roof has been fixed with band aid solutions in many different locations. The Onkaparinga council have now budgeted to replace the entire roof in 2017. As part of replacing the roof the air conditioning system will also be changed to a ground location and a ducted system used. We have not yet been informed when this work will take place.

Sporting Schools



Christie Downs primary vs Flaxmill primary

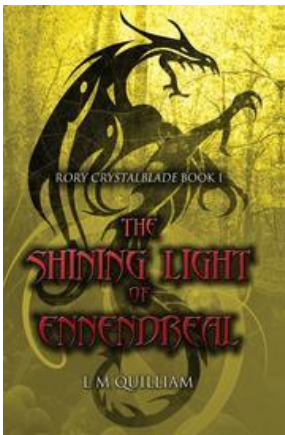
The “Sporting Schools” program is a fantastic government initiative which provides funding for sports to go into schools and run short introductory coaching sessions. In 2016 we were lucky enough to have 7 schools in the southern region take part in the program and this caused a significant increase in the number of juniors taking part in our Tuesday night program. As part of the program we invite schools to come to the stadium and challenge other schools to some friendly competition. We have received further funding from Table Tennis Australia to continue with this program in 2017 and look forward to building our junior participation numbers even further.

TTSA Saturday Junior Competition

To build on the success of the “Sporting Schools” program TTSA tried something different and introduced a Saturday morning junior competition. Saturday mornings is a very competitive time slot for junior sports but the concept was well received and we ended up with around 40 children participating. Due to the high number of juniors from both Southern and Brighton table tennis clubs the 11 week program was split between those two clubs. The program still has 6 weeks to run and a couple of spots have opened up so if any juniors are interested in playing please contact Marcel on 0417 870 181 asap.



The Shining Light of Ennendreal



We have many people at our club with hidden talents and one of them is Lee QUILLIAM. He has written and had published a great fantasy novel called “The Shining Light of Ennendreal”. The novel is centred on a character called Rory who wakes up in the strange world of Ennendreal with no memory of his past. He soon gets drawn into the conflicts which are taking place on Ennendreal and sets off on an incredible journey with an assortment of mythical characters. The action is fast paced, the story line has some great original ideas and the characters are well thought out. The only criticism I had is that the ending leads into the next book which is still about 4 months away from being ready. So Lee you better get busy because I can’t wait to see where the rest of this story is heading. You can purchase Lee’s novel at www.amazon.com (The book is rated R so it is for adults only).