



UQ Table Tennis Club Newsletter

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Editor's column:

Imagine you can be any superhero you want. Who would you like to be when playing table tennis? Will it be the mind-altering Professor X, the wind (thus spin)-shaping Storm, or the teleporting Nightcrawler? Perhaps the "seeing is deceiving" DareDevil is your style? How about being "the ONE" who can freeze 100+ balls shooting at you? The sky is the limit. Welcome to UQTTC May Edition.

Tournament Results:

The UQ Table Tennis team competed in the **State Senior Championships** in Townsville from 5th to 8th May.

The team was:

- Tony Herbert (the most experienced team captain);
- Martin Berdichevsky;
- Stanley (Stan the man) Chan; and
- Andrew Martin (team manager and captain of the cheer squad. May we also call you Andrew the dew?).

Final Position: 6th

Individual Result:

Stanley Chan: Consolation Single Runner-up
Martin Berdichevsky: Consolation Single Semi-Finalist
Andrew Martin: Consolation Single Semi-Finalist

Brisbane Open:

Andrew Martin: Reserved Grade Single Runner-up
Reuben Pocock: C Grade Single Winner
C Grade Double Winner (With Geoffery Simes)

Bundaberg Open:

Stephen Gao: Open Single Winner
Open Double Winner (With Andy Shih)
Mixed Double Winner
Reuben Pocock: C Grade Single Semi-Finalist
Barry Shimmin-Clarke/Martin Leet: Reserved Grade Double Winner
Barry Shinnin-Clarke: Over 40s Single Runner-Up

Far North Coast Open:

Andrew Martin: Reserved Grade Single Runner-up
Stephen Gao: Open Single Winner, Open Double Runner-up (with Andy Shih)

Gatton Open:

Andrew Martin: Reserved Grade Single Winner
Andrew Martin and Stanley Chan: Reserved Grade Doubles Runner-Up

Townsville Open:

Andrew Martin: Reserved Grade Single Winner
Stanley Chan: Reserved Grade Single Semi-Finalist
Andrew Martin/St Stanley Chan: Reserved Grade Double Winner

Wynnum Open:

Martin Berdichevsky: Reserved Grade Winner
Reuben Pocock: C Grade Single Runner-up
Stephen Gao: Open Single Semi-Finalist, Open Double Finalist (with Andy Shih)
Mixed Double Winner or Finalist(with Claire Capmbell-Innes)

Club Team Fixture (17 March -10 May):

Winner: Team D (Peng Ng, James Sung)
Runner-up: Team E (Martin Leet, Tony Herbert)
Best Individual: Martin Berdichevsky with 83.33% winning ratio
Runner-up: James Sung with 80% winning ratio

(Team D? Team E? Come on guys, where are your creativity? Next time you have trouble come up with a proper name, let me know alright?)

Club Player's Queensland Rating (as 8/5/03):

Stephen Gao (our coach) 3	
James Sung 34	Martin Berdichevsky 38
Anthony Herbert 48	Barry Shimmin-Clark 50
Andrew Martin 56	Stanley Chan 68
Martin Leet 72	Ben Roberts 83
Anthony Lui 89	Peng Ng 109
Colin Schofield 130	David Pile 133
Raymond Chen 153	Reuben Pocock 156
Januar Janapsatya 160	

Extras from Stan the man:

Take a look at this fun SMS text message and e-mail service I found. World Individual Table Tennis Championships result right on your mobile phone. You can even get personal messages from the players themselves. Sign up for these wireless table tennis updates at: <http://tennis.zim.biz/ITTF/ITTF.html>

Social Events:

Half yearly presentation dinner

Date: Friday 30 May at 6:30 pm
Venue: Castelli's Indooroopilly (pasta and pizza at reasonable prices)
Address: Corner Lambert and Clarence Roads Indooroopilly".
Please advise Raymond ASAP if you are interested.

The BBQ at Guyatt Park was successful. It's so environment-friendly that no plastic plate, actually no plate was used at all. An afternoon soccer match took place after the BBQ, with 12 people and a dog (that came from nowhere)!

The laser force event was cancelled (apparently The Jedi knights aren't too happy about people mocking around with forces)
(Correction from Stanley: it was still on, we've got about 5 people that day...)

Gossips:

A reliable source claimed that Stephen's birthday party was quite successful. Maybe next time it could become our official social event?

Rumour has it that...Oh well, it's not really a rumour. Our club was going to sell Entertain Books, but careful evaluation showed that it won't work at this stage. Maybe early next year....

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With an increased number of female members in our club, the long-postponed “Miss Table Tennis” contest is brought to the committee’s attention again. Sponsor anyone?

Spotlights:

Andy (Katy’s brother) Huang came back from Japan, been to Singapore, and was recently on Brisbane soil again. He had back injury which prevents him from playing TT for a while, but it’s nice to have him back!

Damien has agreed to be our ‘Maintenance Officer’ and has already been making improvements at the club. Thanks Damien!

Stanley has put an option on the new membership form for the shirts we have to be sold at a discounted price of \$20 and a number of people have taken up the offer.

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