



Welcome to this week's edition of *In the Loop* which is sent to members to keep them informed of results, ladders and upcoming events. It is hoped that members will appreciate receiving information regarding their club and may wish to participate in events including tournaments, coaching sessions and the occasional work-



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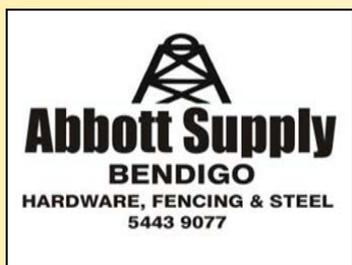


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Absences on Pennant Nights

It is quite understandable that players will be unavailable to play on their pennant night from time to time. Please advise your grade supervisor as soon as you know that you will be absent so that a fill in can be arranged. A weeks notice is great, a few days is fine, but calling on the night can make it tricky to find a fill in at short notice. Players should use the following contact details for supervisors:

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Important Dates for Bendigo Table Tennis in 2019

- All grades grand final night 18 Sept
- BDTTA Club championships TBD November

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Invitation to try your hand at a brilliantly setup facility.

Gary Fitzgerald has created what must surely be amongst the best private home table tennis setups in the country.

Gary is happy to share his handy work with club members.

So if you have nothing better to do and feel like a hit or

would like to practice your shots against a robot, give me a call. The Table Tennis room is fully insulated, gymnasium impact padding all round with heating and air-con available.

It's available any time I am home (which is most of the time), so give me a call.

We are in Ascot (not far from Woolworths). Bring your own bat, balls supplied.



Phone Gary 0425 792 933

PS: Gold coin donation if heating or Air-Con used, otherwise no charge to BTTA members.



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AGM



The BDTTA AGM was held last Wednesday and a new committee for the next 12 months is in place. There are some changes to the committee structure. Mark Conforti takes on the role of Vice president from Dan Moloney. Dan has relocated out of Bendigo and is no longer on the committee. Thanks to Dan for his tremendous service on the committee and as a dedicated volunteer. Thanks also go to Mark for his work as A grade supervisor Frank McArthur is taking over that role from Mark. Rob Deacon is

now working out of town and is no longer able to do the C Grade Supervisor role, thanks Rob for your hard work over the last couple of seasons. Gary Fitzgerald takes over as C Grade Supervisor. Brian Kent has stepped down from the committee after countless years of service as B Grade supervisor as well as work as a general volunteer and in running our tournaments, great job Brian much appreciated. After at least 10 years as Treasurer Brian Bartlett has handed that role onto Brett McNamara, Brian stays on as assistant treasurer, thanks to Brian for all his work over the years and for supporting Brett as Treasurer. Karen Cooke is a new committee member this year, welcome Karen.



Karen Cooke Jeff Rogers Best club person Winner for 2019

Karen has been around the club for a few years now, she is a very keen C Grade and in the handicap player.

All through her time with the club when help has been required setting up running tournaments or whatever else is going on, Karen will be there with a smile doing a great work. Karen has now joined the committee.

A very deserving winner.



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BDTTA Committee - 2019/2020

President: Gary Warnest
Vice-President: Mark Conforti

Secretary: Michael Bissett
Assistant Secretary: Jeff Grubb

Treasurer: Brett McNamara
Assistant Treasurer: Brian Bartlett

Publicity: Ray Nichol

Supervisors

A-Grade: Frank McArthur
B-Grade: Andrew Lewis
C-Grade: Gary Fitzgerald

Social: Carol Wearne
Veterans: Alan Danton
Juniors: Deb Wright

General Committee Members

Jock McNeil
Karen Cooke
Geoff Lloyd



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BDTTA PRESIDENTS REPORT 2018-2019

What have we achieved this year:

It's been my pleasure to have been in the chair as President for now the twenty first year and it's probably been the busiest and biggest year on record. It's great for the Club to be in a strong financial position as a result.

The first major achievements this year was the successful running of the fourth Bendigo Victorian Country Championships over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. The event was a huge success with about 400 players competing on the 57 tables, again the largest entry in its 68 year history also using the Truscott Reserve Stadium. Bendigo was represented by 11 teams but unfortunately we did not win any shields. There were notable results in the Individual Tournament run on the Sunday night. Hanna Green won the Women's Open Singles and Olivia Green won the Junior Girls Singles, with the sisters combining to win the Women's Open Doubles.

The second major achievement was the hosting of the Australian Open National Veteran's Championships 13-20 October at the Bendigo Basketball stadium where over 460 players from all over Australia and overseas competed. We setup, supplied the 44 tables complete and the volunteers to make the event a huge success.

The third major achievement was the hosting of the World Junior Championships 2-10 December again at the Bendigo Basketball Stadium. BDTTA supplied about 60 of the 73 volunteers necessary, significantly helping to make the event anecdotally the "Best Ever World Juniors." BDTTA purchased 21 tables and the barriers from the event allowing us to have all our 61 tables at ITTF approved status. It also allowed us to donate of all Oceania temporary barriers to other clubs retaining only metal frame barriers that are now all stored on trolleys.

The fourth major achievement was the raising of over \$33,000 by donation to put a 30Kw, 96x panel solar system on the roof. This has started to achieve the \$3000 of savings to the stadium each year. This was a fantastic achievement, thanks to all those who made donations, a gift that keeps on giving. The plaque of donors has been placed in the foyer and a LED screen is now on display indicating real time power usage and solar generation.

- This year we ran our Bendigo State Junior Tournament on a Saturday and our Bendigo Veterans State Tournament on the Sunday. Both Tournaments were a success but it was more of a strain on us as the organisers. CVGT and Bendigo Bank again sponsored the Events and we thank them for that. Many thanks to my fellow members of the organising committee Jeff Grubb, Michael Bissett, Brian Kent, Andrew Lewis and others. Thanks also to the volunteers that helped with the extra table set ups and other tasks required.
- Congratulations to Olivia and Hannah Green who represented Victoria in the National Junior Tournament in Wollongong and were runners up in the Under 15 Girls Teams event.
- The latest round of the Handicap competition running on Monday evenings has been postponed until warmer weather. Thanks Geoff Lloyd for facilitating that. Geoff is opening the stadium for a hit on Monday nights until the resumption of the Handicap Event.

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- Team numbers have been lower in the pennant grades but social and veterans groups have remained firm but the Juniors are still a bit light on and we need to work harder to improve on that. The Regional Schools Sports Competitions are growing, now having to setup extra tables so this is an area we should target for new membership. We are now putting our pennant results into Rating Central, thanks to Jeff Grubb and Michael Bissett.
- Our web page is still being hosted by Insports under administration of Andrew Lewis. We aim to update the presentation of our website over the next 12 months.
- Andrew Lewis has been publishing our valuable weekly digital newsletter and it is now up to an amazing Edition 367. This is a valuable tool to help let you know what is happening. Find out how you can get on the distribution list if you are not already there. This is also recording our Club History as it's happening. Thanks Andrew.
- A small team of club member volunteers also ran a Table Tennis Come and Try session in Rosalind Park on the Sunday of the Easter Weekend. Pleasingly we also gained a number of new members from the activity.
- Andrew Perryman is continuing to look after our Facebook page, thanks Andrew.
- I would also like to acknowledge the passing of Noel Jeffery one of our B Grade players.
- The Club equipment store/shop continues to be working well providing a service to the members and enjoying good support. The Stock Account currently has \$1,789 in stock and \$3983 in cash assets.
- New dark blue microfiber Club shirts are available through your Grade supervisors for \$25 and you can have your name added to the back for an additional \$5. They are mandatory for A and B Grades and optional but desirable for C Grade and Juniors.
- Deb Wright has been running the Juniors on Friday evenings between 6 and 8pm. Please give Deb a hand if at all possible.
- With such a huge year of activities I need to thank you all, the members who helped out with all those activities. Your assistance is really appreciated. The Club has improved significantly because of it and I hope that you have also gained some satisfaction from it as well.
- I do need to acknowledge the support given to me by the members of the committee and in particular Michael Bissett, Jeff Grubb, Andrew Lewis, Brian Bartlett and Geoff Lloyd. The grade and other activity supervisors also need thanks for all the work that they do each week.
- Brian Bartlett is stepping into the Assistant Treasurer position after 10 years as Treasurer. This has been a huge contribution, and on behalf of the club please join me in thanking him for all that work. We welcome Brett McNamara into the Treasurer's role and I am so pleased that the younger members are starting to step up to the plate to help run their club.

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What are areas where we can improve:

- **Fillins.** This was a major concern over the last pennant season. Not just one or two but many players have rung up with little or no notice and that means that it is almost impossible to gain a fillin let alone a suitable fillin. You are making the Grade supervisor's job almost impossible when you do this. **This situation cannot continue**, give the Grade Supervisors as much notice as possible.
- **Care of equipment. Tables, nets and floor.** Please care for all our new equipment and report any accidental damage as soon as possible.

What is coming up:

- **2020 Country Championships** in Bendigo June long weekend that is likely to be the last one to be held in Bendigo so let's make the most of it.
- **Club Championships** will again be held on a Sunday in November 2019 after a free BBQ lunch, please watch out for the notices and support the event.
- **Winter Pennant Preliminary Finals** Monday 16 Sep 7:30pm start
- **Winter Pennant Grand Finals** Wednesday 18 Sep 7pm start (Please bring some supper but it does now need to meet food handling and warnings standards)
- Think about Next Pennant season, know anyone who may want to play and encourage them to do so, especially in C Grade or Juniors.

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The Future:

I am anxiously awaiting the outcome of a grant application for the addition of some spray insulation on the stadium roof and then continuing to advance other proposals for insulation, heating, cooling and LED lighting. We are also looking at possibly having Wifi available in the stadium now that the NBN has arrived.

I am thankful and pleased to see that there are some new faces looking at joining the committee to try to improve our Club.

I am extremely proud of what we have been able to achieve this last year, and I thank you all for your help and support.

Gary Warnest



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A grade

Round 16
21st August 2019

Eaglehawk's Ryan Gordon, Peter O'Meara and Deb Wright d. Kennington 6-5, in a thriller. Gordon starred with three singles wins over some very tough opponents.

Gordon and O'Meara d. Craig Armour and Joshua Pollock 9-11, 4-11, 11-6, 11-9, 12-10, Gordon d. Armour 9-11, 11-7, 11-8, 11-3, and, in the final game, O'Meara d. Pollock 10-12, 11-6, 11-6, 11-3, for an Eaglehawk triumph.

Sandhurst d. Epsom 6-5, after a seesawing battle. Mark Gordon led his team strongly, in singles and doubles.

Gordon and John Connor d. Ben Smart and Ray Nichol 9-11, 11-7, 8-11, 11-8, 11-9, Gordon and Greg Woodman d. Smart and Kaylem Thomson 11-6, 8-11, 11-8, 11-7, and Gordon d. Nichol 8-11, 11-5, 10-12, 11-8, 11-9.

North Bendigo's Ben Derrick, Ben Anderson and Mark Conforti d. Kangaroo Flat 6-5, after many close battles. The Flat's Adam Teague continues to dominate in singles.

Conforti d. Ethan Shepherd 9-11, 11-7, 7-11, 11-9, 15-13, Derrick and Anderson d. Teague and Brett McNamara 11-4, 6-11, 11-5, 11-9, and, in the final game, Derrick d. McNamara 11-8, 11-7, 8-11, 11-9, to clinch victory for North.

White Hills' Geoff Lloyd, Brock Fletcher and Chris Wilkin, had to fight hard to defeat Golden Square 6-5. Fletcher featured with three victories in singles and great form in doubles.

Lloyd and Fletcher d. Jeff Grubb and Dennis Robinson 13-11, 8-11, 11-8, 11-6, Grubb and Sam Duncan d. Lloyd and Wilkin 11-13, 11-8, 7-11, 15-13, 11-6, and Fletcher d. Duncan 11-5, 11-9, 8-11, 11-5, to gain the points for White Hills.

Strathdale's Jeremy Gale, Matthew Wearne and Lindsay Hamley had the only comprehensive victory of the round, 8-3 over Bendigo. Jeremy Gale starred for the victors, in singles and doubles.

Hamley d. Gary Warnest 4-11, 11-9, 11-8, 16-14, Michael Bissett d. Hamley 12-10, 11-13, 11-4, 8-11, 11-6, Gale and Hamley d. Bissett and Darrin Wearne 11-8, 11-8, 9-11, 11-7, and Gale d. Bissett 13-11, 11-8, 11-9.



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B grade

Round 16

20th August 2019

Golden Square d. Kennington 6-5, after a tremendous tussle. Leigh Healey dominated in singles for the vanquished team.

Simon Rowe d. Maurice Bingham 11-7, 8-11, 8-11, 11-1, 11-8, Shawn Choo d. Brian Kent 11-8, 8-11, 9-11, 11-3, 11-8, and Ron Brown-Sarre and Rowe d. Healey and Kent 11-4, 12-10, 12-10.

Maiden Gully's Joseph Glanville, Steven Prowse and Leo Brophy, had an exciting 6-5 triumph over Strathfieldsaye. Glanville won his three singles. The last three matches clinched the result.

Brophy d. Brian Bartlett 13-11, 11-9, 11-4, Glanville d. Aidan Clemens 8-11, 12-14, 11-4, 11-6, 11-4, and Prowse d. Adam Foster Jnr. 11-6, 12-10, 11-8.

Junortoun's Craig Woodward, David McRae and Stuart Daniels, d. Kangaroo Flat 6-5, after the closest of battles, and despite Carol Clark winning her three singles for the Flat.

Clark d. Woodward 12-10, 11-13, 11-4, 7-11, 11-9, McRae d. Chris Nanere 11-3, 9-11, 11-5, 12-10, Daniels d. Darcy Hilson 4-11, 11-3, 11-8, 11-9, and Woodward d. Nanere 11-2, 8-11, 8-11, 13-11, 11-5.

Eaglehawk's Keelan Bertuch, Lasith Kulasekara and Lachlan Woodward d. Bendigo 7-4. Bertuch won his three singles.

Bertuch d. Jeremy Darmody 7-11, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8, 11-7, Kulasekara d. Adam Cambarari 11-13, 8-11, 11-5, 11-5, 11-6, and Phil Bourke d. Woodward 5-11, 5-11, 11-6, 11-9, 12-10.

Epsom's Jason Comer, Andrew Lewis and Lynne Frederick had an 8-3 triumph over Long Gully. Comer starred in singles and doubles.

Comer and Lewis d. Micah Hartland and Jock McNeil 11-6, 9-11, 11-9, 11-6, Comer and Frederick d. Hartland and Lloyd Davies 5-11, 11-9, 11-3, 11-9, and Lewis d. Hartland 8-11, 8-11, 12-10, 15-13, 11-9.



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C grade

Round 13

22nd August 2019

The Smashers defeated The Nicks 6-5 in the closest of contests. Brad Trigg and Warren Bice 3 wins each securing the 6 matches required to secure the result.

Brad Trigg defeated Nick Goddard 9-11, 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 11-5. Bice defeated Alex Kelm 11-9, 4-11, 11-8, 12-10. Bice defeated Goddard in the final match 11-9, 10-12, 3-11, 13-11, 11-6.

The Misfits showed why they are the team to beat with a comprehensive 9-2 win over 3rd place The A Team.

Matt Burns and Gary Fitzgerald continued their strong form. Warren Bland & Adam Brown-Sarre fought hard for the A Team. Burns defeated Bland 11-8, 11-5, 14-12. Fitzgerald defeated Brown-Sarre 11-6, 11-7, 11-8. Bland defeated Ellen Chen 11-2, 11-1, 6-11, 11-8. Fitzgerald defeated Bland 11-8, 10-12, 11-6, 11-7.

Hit Or Miss defeated the Three Of Us 8-3.

Stuart Decker & Riley Burns providing the spark for Hit Or Miss. Decker defeated Keith Price 8-11, 11-9, 12-10, 11-9. Burns defeated Sophia McCartney 8-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-6. Karen Cooke defeated Madeline Roberts 11-5, 14-16, 11-3, 11-6. Price & Roberts defeated Decker & Cooke 8-11, 11-6, 11-7, 11-13, 11-6.

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