

# THE MPTTA NEWS

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## SPRING PENNANT

### A1 Grade

Mornington (Jarryd Cathcart, Mitchell Peacock def. Carrum Downs (Paul Davies, Greig Whitelaw)  
Bronze Medal: Mt Martha (Peter Cathcart, Greg Price)



**Mitchell and Jarryd**

Leading Player: Jarryd Cathcart (18-0)

Jarryd dominated the eight team competition and was never really challenged for the Leading Player award. Other good performances came from Chris Robinson (16-2) and Peter Cathcart (14-6) whilst Paul Davies also enjoyed a solid season finishing with a very respectable 13-7 record.

### A2 Grade

Rye (Chris Culley, John Fedmowski) def. Baxter (Juan Carlos Seguel, Andrew Elvey-Price)  
Bronze Medal: Mt Eliza (Dean Williams, Sandy Kouroupidis)



**John and Chris after winning the final**



**Silver medalists Andrew Elvey-Price and Juan Carlos Seguel.**

Leading Player: Juan Carlos Seguel (16-4)

Whilst Juan Carlos was a popular and deserved winner of the Leading Player award in this division, Chris Culley also enjoyed a ripper of a season finishing with a 14-0 record.

Ken Johnson and Andrew Elvey-Price (both 13-5) also performed well throughout the season.

### B1 Grade

Mt Eliza (Kamran Khalfay, Jos Mathot) def. Dromana (Brian Stephens, Andrew Pleysier)  
Bronze Medal: Skye (Irene Kozakiewicz, Gary Walshe - subbing for Mark Rancnik)



**Jos and Kamran after taking out the gold.**

Leading Player: Irene Kozakiewicz (16-4)

Irene took individual honours with yet another consistent season that netted her 16 wins from her twenty matches. Brian Stephens and Kamran Khalfay (both 14-6) made

sure Irene was pushed all the way whilst club stalwart Eddie Reynolds finished with a 12-8 record.

**B2 Grade**

Crib Point (Ben Knights, Luka Filardo def. Portsea (Sam Mulholland, Peter Williams)  
Bronze Medal: Sorrento (Mat Del Vecchio, Garry Cozzio)



**Gold medalists, Ben and Luka**

Leading Player: Matthew Coca (15-3)

Matthew was unfazed after jumping a couple of divisions and still managed to finish on top. Peter Williams (14-6) pushed him all the way whilst Andrew Yeo and Ben Knights were next best with 13-5 season records.



**Matthew shows off his Leading Player trophy**

**B3 Grade**

Seaford (Tony Male, Ray Gill) def. Rye (Daniel March, Riley Williams)  
Bronze Medal: Moorooduc (Simon Pearse, Harry Rispin)



**Leading Player Tony Male and partner Ray Gill**



**Silver medalists Daniel & Riley**

Leading Player: Tony Male (16-4)

Tony just managed to hold off Ashkur Rahman (15-5) to take the title. Daniel March (14-6) and Simon Pearse (13-7) also played well.

**C1 Grade**

Dromana (Troy Westley, Trevor Cowling) def. Mornington (Max Kaweck, Owen Stephens – subbing for Jordan Fuhrmann)  
Bronze Medal: Langwarrin (Will Lyons, Allan Millen)



**Troy and Trevor looking happy after their victory**

Leading Player: Will Lyons (18-2)

Will looked to have the Leading Player award in the bag from early in the season, with his only real challenge coming from Troy Westley who won 14 out of 18 played.

**C2 Grade**

Mornington (Robert Minogue, Jarrod Cowling) def. Dromana (Rebecca Dickson, Ron Marshall)  
Bronze Medal: Rye (Graeme Dent, Heather Francis)



**Jarrod with another gold for the Cowling family after his win with partner Robert Minogue**

Leading Player: Graeme Dent (17-3)

Graeme's main challenger was Robert Minogue (16-4) who came up one match short of a shared award. Jarrod Cowling continued to improve registering a more than respectable 13-7 record for the season.

**C3 Grade**

Mt Eliza (Brett Jackson, Todd Jackson) def. Mt Martha (Logan Yates, Seth Mallinson)  
 Bronze Medal: Frankston (Margaret Johnson, Ryan Kemp – subbing for Carole Quintanilla



**Team Jackson take the gold.**



**Silver medalists Seth and Logan**

Leading Player: Brett Jackson (19-1)

Brett blitzed all opposition in this division and will be looking for promotion up the ranks next season. Next best was Margaret Johnson who chalked up 14 wins in only 16 matches played, whilst Heather Wallis put in another strong performance winning 13 out of 18.

**Handicap Div. 1**

Tootgarook (Trevor Watkins, Graham Wallis & Jay Debernardi) def. Baxter (Juan Carlos Seguel, Craig Entwistle & Jos Mathot)  
 Bronze Medal: Flinders (John Fedmowski, Des Gamble & Nathan Castles)



**Jay, Trevor and Graham with their gold medals**

Leading Player: Jarryd Cathcart (22-2)

Despite missing two matches, Jarryd was still able to take the individual honours to add yet another award to his bulging trophy cabinet. Juan Carlos Seguel was next best with a 20-10 record

whilst John Fedmowski (19-11) and Craig Entwistle (19-8) also enjoyed solid seasons.

**Handicap Div.2**

Rye (Sam Mulholland, Mathew Coca & Guenter Steinbrecher) def. Frankston (Tony Male, Simon Pearse & Jordan Hendrix)  
 Bronze Medal: Mornington (Will Lyons, Ben Knights & Lydia Sullivan – subbing for Bernadette Winkels



**Matthew, Sam and Guenter**

Leading Player: Tony Male (23-7)

Not content with a Leading Player performance in B3 division Tony grabbed another trophy when he held off Sam Mulholland (19-11) Will Lyons and Brendan Bastin (both 18-12) to take the honours.

**Handicap Div.3**

Skye (Allan Fenney, Jurgen Debrodt) def. Crib Point (Joel Hayes, Hugh Cole-Sinclair)

Bronze Medal: Pearcedale (Tim Mauerhofer, Nathan Leihy)





**Jurgen & Allan**

Leading Player: Joel Hayes (17-3)

Joel was a run away winner in this division with his greatest threat coming from Tim Mauerhofer (13-7) and Hugh Cole-Sinclair (13-5).

### **NEW FACES**

We are pleased to welcome the following new players to our pennant ranks:

**A2** - Tricia Comerford, Laurie Comerford & Tony Chapman & Richard Brentnall

**C2** – Craig Miller, Bill Mallinson & Paul Sorenson

**C3 Grade** – Ryan Kemp, Jack Dugan, Mark Peacock & Lee Wicks

**Handicap Div.2** – Stuart Damon, John Miller & Simon Juan

**Handicap Div.3** – Darren Matthews & Harry Daner

In addition to the above players, Jim Ratnan is returning to club competition in our A1 grade after many years residing in Queensland.

### **NEW HANDICAP SYSTEM INTRODUCED FOR JARRYD CATHCART**

Playing with a ridiculously high handicap last season (from memory

it was – 24) was not enough to prevent Jarryd Cathcart from taking out the Leading Player award in the Handicap Div.1 in the spring with a 22-2 win loss ratio.

It seems the only way to bring him back to the field maybe to handicap him properly. I'm thinking if he plays left handed, blindfolded and with 30kg of weight tucked into his shorts the rest of us might have a chance. The match committee is happy to consider any other suggestions.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

(1) According to an American table tennis site that I follow there are eight different styles or types of players. They are:- (1) Pips out attacker, (2) Power Looper, (3) All-Round attacker, (4) Counter Driver, (5) Mid – Distance Aggressive Looper, (6) Attacking Chopper, (7) Close to the table Defender and (8) Developing Player.

A Developing Player is defined as a player without a defined style yet.

Oh dear, sadly after 6 years of playing competitively, I think I might still fall into the “Developing Player” category - Which one are you?

(2) The world's top players can smash the ball at speeds approaching 160km per hour. (“Developing Players” like my good self, sometimes struggle to hit the ball at all, so don't feel inadequate or worry unduly, if you fit into this category)

(3) In 1963 Jackie Bellinger and Lisa Lomas set a world record by hitting 173 balls back and forth in 60 seconds. (Don't waste your time attempting to break this record if you are a Developing Player – you'll be wasting your time)

### **WORLD PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This event was held recently in London and 64 players from 16 countries participated. The difference between this tournament and mainstream table tennis championships was that all players were obliged to use sandpaper covered paddles or bats, thus ensuring a level playing field.

By all accounts this variation of the sport is becoming very popular and also very lucrative. There was over \$100,000 prize money on offer at this tournament with the winner walking away with a cool \$20,000.

I don't know about you, but I'm off to Bunnings to buy some sandpaper!

### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

If you haven't done so already, check out our Face Book page where you can find lots of table tennis videos, articles and match reviews of some of our grade matches. Just type in “Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Association” and like the page with the 1380+ followers.

*Hit hard and prosper  
Greig Whitelaw*