

THE MPTTA NEWS

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WINTER PENNANT

A1 Grade

Mornington (Jarryd Cathcart, Peter Cathcart, Peter Du Plooy) def.

Frankston (Sam Palmer, Ben Knights, Mat Del Vecchio)

Bronze Medal: Dromana (Trevor Watkins, Richard Brentnall, Greig Whitelaw)



Peter DuPlooy becomes an honorary Cathcart after taking out the gold medal

Leading Player: Jarryd Cathcart (23-1)

Another season, another Leading Player trophy for Jarryd. After looking like he was going to go through a third consecutive season without lowering his colours, he tasted defeat at the hands of Myles Collins who filled in late in the season. Sam Palmer remained undefeated in an interrupted season

whilst Trevor Taylforth also missed three matches but recorded an impressive 18-3 season record.

Peter Du Plooy was next best with 21 wins from his thirty matches.

A2 Grade

Baxter (Jim Ratnan, Ray Jensen, Mitchell Peacock) def. Tootgarook (Dean Williams, Greg Price, Matt Mitchell)

Bronze Medal: Safety Beach (Nick Underwood, Alan Shaw, Bruce Eaton)



Ray, Jim and Mitchell

Leading Player: Ray Jensen 27-3)

Ray made a stunning return to competition play after many years away from the club, just managing to hold off Max Coulthard and Nick Underwood (both 26-4) to take out the Individual Player honours. Dean Williams (24-6), Greg Price (23-7) and Mitchell Peacock (21-6) also enjoyed solid seasons.

B1 Grade

Flinders (Carl Noordhoorn, Irene Kozakiewicz – subbing for Eric Weiskopf) def. Safety Beach (Sam Mulholland, Lydia Sullivan)

Bronze Medal: Tootgarook (Daniel March, Eddie Reynolds)



Gold Medals for Carl & Irene

Leading Player: Carl Noordhoorn (17-3)

Carl cruised to victory, finishing two games clear of Sam Mulholland (14-6) and Daniel March (13-7) John Erskine missed two matches but still managed to record 12 wins from his sixteen singles encounters in what was, an impressive performance.

B2 Grade

Mornington (Paul Mohacsy, Simon Pearse) def. Mt Eliza (Bill Mallinson, Cahal Freestone)

Bronze Medal: Rye (Malcolm Jones, Peter Morris)



Paul & Simon after their win

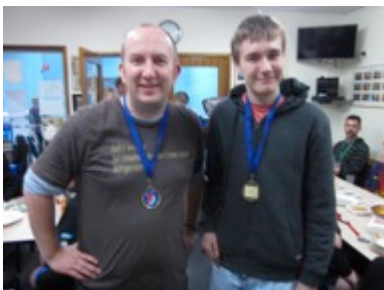
Leading Player: Malcolm Jones (17-3)

Malcolm finished two games clear of Paul Mohacsy to take out the Leading Player award in this division. Bill Mallinson may well have given Malcolm a run for his money after unfortunately missing two matches and finishing with a 14-2 record, whilst Cedric Chidambara (12-4) also played well throughout the season.

C1 Grade

Bittern (Andy Gray, Ben Hast) def. Portsea (Paul Sorensen, Rodney Graham)

Bronze Medal: Red Hill (Emma Wade, Peter Wade)



Andy & Ben

Leading Player: Rodney Graham (18-2)

Rodney had his name on the Leading Player trophy from early in the season and was a runaway winner with Andy Gray 15-3 providing most opposition. Will Gott 11-1 record stands him in good stead for seasons ahead.

C2 Grade

Mornington (Ben Schmidt, Peder Haugen) def. Point Leo (Matthew Hookey, Michael Smedley)

Bronze Medal: Frankston (Erik Haugen, Craig Miller)



Peder & Ben

Leading Players: Erik Haugen & Ben Schmidt (both 15-5), Peder Haugen (15-3) & Michael Smedley (15-3)

The Schmidt and the Haughen families were at it again and in a tight contest that threatened to send the Club broke, two Haughens a Schmidt finished on top of the Leading Player standings. Michael Smedley crashed the Haughen/Schmidt party to get a share of the spoils.

C3 Grade

Tyabb (Margaret Johnson, Olivia O'Sullivan) def. Tootgarook (John Blaze, Darren Mathews)

Bronze Medal: Crib Point (David Schmidt, Ben Haughen)



Another medal for Margaret, sharing gold this time with Olivia

Leading Player: Heather Wallis (18-2)

Heather had a wonderful season and just managed to hold off David Schmidt to take out the individual player honours. Laurie Needham (15-3) also enjoyed a successful winter campaign.

Handicap Div. 1

Mt Martha (Phil Clarnette, Ron Summer, Brendan Bastin) def.

Langwarrin (Craig Beilken, Geoff Lloyd, John Debernardi)

Bronze Medal: Baxter (John Fedmowski, Neil Hicks, Simon Pearse)



Ron, Brendan and Phil

Leading Player: Colin Sim (25-5)

After being runner up last season, Colin managed to go one better to take out the Leading Player award in what was a tough competition. John Fedmowski was next best with 23 wins from his thirty matches whilst Phil Clarnette also enjoyed a good season finishing with a 21-9 record.

Handicap Div.2

Moorooduc (Joel Hayes, Darren Mathews) def. Dromana (Len Smolders, Cherri Hunt)
Bronze Medal: Sandhurst (John Blaze, Jurgen Debrodt)



Darren & Joel

Leading Player: Joel Hayes (18-2)

Joel was a runaway winner in this division finishing three wins clear of Len Smolders (15-5) and four ahead of Max Kawecky who recorded 14 wins from his twenty matches. Cherrie Hunt and Hugh Cole-Sinclair were next best with 12 wins apiece.

NEW FACES

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

- A1: Nathan Coombes
- A2: Anthony Terzo
- C1: Glenn Speer
- C3: Robin Cavendish, Connor Swift, Rani Thuan & Kayne Barton
- H'Cap Div1: Seon Szwarcberg

NEW COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Trevor Taylforth who was elected Club President at our recently held, Annual General Meeting. Trevor of course replaces Max Coulthard who has done such a wonderful job in steering the club through the trials and tribulations associated with the stadium extension. Max remains on the General Committee. Also elected to the General Committee was Ben Knights, whilst Brian Stephens has decided to take a break after many years of service to the club.

STADIUM UPDATE

Court numbers are now in place thanks to the efforts of Geoff Lloyd, Jim Conlon and Alan Shaw, whilst we have new court dividers on order, as well as a large banner featuring the new club logo, which will hang from the stadium roof.

MORNINGTON VETERANS TOURNAMENT

A record number of players participated in this year's event, many of whom came to experience our new stadium. We had sixteen tables in operation, with three set up in the basketball stadium and even with over 120 entrants the event ran smoothly and all were impressed by our new facilities.

Q: HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES IT TAKE TO ASSEMBLE A TABLE TENNIS TABLE?



A: More than two. Graham Wallis urgently puts his drill into reverse after accidentally inserting a 50mm screw into Terry Kingston's knee.

*Hit hard and prosper
Greig Whitelaw*