

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

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URGENT – PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

As previously advised, we have arranged for acoustic bats to be installed in the Main Hall to reduce the sound reverberation. The installation will take place from 11th until 13th of March 2024 and hence

THERE WILL BE NO ACTIVITIES AT CLUB BETWEEN 11–13 / 03 / 2024

We have secured alternative location for that time

PADBURY HALL, 2 CALEY ROAD, PADBURY

where most of the activities will take place. Please contact your activity coordinator if unsure. Activities which are considered not be practical to be moved (like table tennis or snooker which would require shifting 100kg tables for only 2 sessions over 3 days) are cancelled.



Padbury Hall location

THE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR CO-OPERATION

Our Club rooms belong to the City of Joondalup. We have been lucky in the past to have all but exclusive use of the premises, including the kitchen. However, this has changed. These days the City of Joondalup regularly hire the premises to other parties when they are not being used by our Seniors. This means that, as a condition of our hire agreement, the City requires the premises to be kept clean and tidy at all times. To this end, the Committee is asking members to ensure they wash all their cups or dishes, dry them with a tea-towel and return the clean cups to the trays.

Alternatively, please place them in the dishwasher. Thank you.

TABLE TENNIS TABLES REPLACEMENT

Current table tennis tables have been in use for over a decade and will soon be replaced by new ones, which are specifically designed for use in clubs, schools and sport centres.

They are much safer to fold and unfold, are suitable for wheelchair players and their playing surfaces will not be slammed against each other during set up and storage, as is the case with the current ones. They should last for some time given that they have a 3 year warranty and parts are to be available for 20 years.

If interested, please see a 1 minute or 3 minute detailed video by pressing CTRL click on the links below:

[Competition 540 - 1 minute video](#)

[Competition 540 - 3 minute video](#)

Old tables will soon be disposed of, and interested members are invited to submit their offers to TT Coordinator Narelle, or drop them into the letterbox outside the office.

MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:



Philip Ranger – current Australian Masters Table Tennis Champion

When I asked Phil Ranger, (one of the newest members who has joined our Table Tennis group) to take a photo of all his trophies and medals for this newsletter, Phil asked to give him some time. With career spanning several decades, there were so many spread around his house, that it was not something that could be done in a day or two. What you see in the picture below, is just what he brought from a recent trip over East, which happened last September / October.

Phil had disappeared from the Club for a month for a road trip from Canberra, through Melbourne to Adelaide. Lots of fishing and camping on the way, and while there, he also won 5 medals.

The three from Adelaide, were Australian Masters Gold Medals in Singles, in Teams and in Men's Doubles

Earlier on, he took part in National Veteran Championships in Canberra, where as part of the WA Team he defeated the favourites from New Zealand, but sadly lost to NSW.

He came back with Silver Medal in Teams and Bronze in Doubles with Craig Campbell as doubles partner.

Below are the medals



His presence has lifted the game level at the Club and most members are now significantly better than a year ago, before he joined. He is very approachable and always offers advice to anyone who asks.

Phil sadly had to suspended his retirement and is back at work. He is saving money for the July trip to the ITTF World Masters Championships 2024 in Rome.

Should the Club sponsor him? Please let us know your thoughts.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

We would love your contributions if you have any ideas or even ready material.

There is a letterbox outside the office door, so if you prefer, you can be anonymous. Otherwise, please see us in the office.

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