



Woodville District Table Tennis Club

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Please remember the Club and car park including the access lane is a NON – SMOKING ZONE



Welcome to new members

Winter Pennant 2021.

After 11 weeks the Smash Hit team is still on top with 100%. Our Div. 6 teams are second and fourth with 80% and 50%, Go Woodville!



Remember wearing masks at the club (unless playing table tennis) and registering your presence by scanning the QR code or by completing the manual docket are mandatory.

Congratulations to **Sam von Einem** on achieving the silver medal at the Tokyo Paralympics, it will sit proudly alongside the one from the Rio Paralympics.



School Holiday Sport

We are again involved with the City of Charles Sturt's School Holiday Sports program and two Come 'n Try table tennis days are booked on Tuesday 28th September and 5th October, each being from 10am to 2 pm. Members who are available to help will be very welcome. Contact Malcolm for more.

Crisis Support: Lifeline Aust: 13 11 14
Depression Support Service
Relationships Australia 1300 364 277

Beyond Blue - 1300 242 636
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Australian Sport Foundation – WDTC and the German TT Club

Both Woodville District and German Clubs have registered the project with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) to allow tax deductible donations towards the project.

You can check out the project and consider involvement by going to:

<https://asf.org.au/projects/woodville-district-table-tennis-club/> or at

<https://asf.org.au/projects/german-table-tennis-club/>

Changes to the Club through the Years

In 1960 the building had a wall down the middle separating the table tennis club from the side that was used for ballroom dancing. Woodville District Table Tennis Club had the side with a door with a step to enter, with six tables made by Phil Anderson in a row, and long wooden bench seats, whereas the dancers entered by the sliding door. A model train club was set up in the area we call the "Storage Area", that made you want to stay and watch when it was in operation. The removable doors are still there that were taken down for ventilation and where the dancers could go to smoke.

Conditions during the early years were basic, no barriers to stop the ball from invading other courts, and a time when most clubs were bitterly cold in Winter and flaming hot in Summer. Some of the "away" tables were not up to scratch, but you played on them thinking your opponent has the same conditions as you, and there was always a reason there if you lost. There was the popular Thursday night Handicap competition, which was continued on by Sid Aarons, and in later years during the break after the Winter Pennant finals, there was a very competitive "Summer" team competition, which was not to be missed. Saturday night was a favourite with players from all clubs.

The first change was when the Council gave us the option of having the whole hall, as the ballroom dancing group wanted to finish with their lease of the hall. The Committee of the day accepted, and work began by an eager busy bee taking down the dividing wall, installing lighting and checking the flooring. The Southern side wall had metal opening windows that could swing outwards and be held open by a wooden brace. This was the only ventilation apart from the door by the toilets. During the day in hot weather, they stayed closed to keep the heat out, and were opened at night.

What was found when the wall was gone was a mirror layout to the side we had, and it was easy to set up 10 courts. There was a storage room and a canteen with a cage window on hinges which opened to a counter. Work began with lighting additions and floor inspection which led to fixing sheets of panelboard on top of the floorboards in 1990. Many past members helped with this task, and one still with the Club today is Malcolm Boyley. Next thing to happen was the addition of court barriers and entry gates, and Ken Talbot and Sigi Stoeger are just two of the dozens who did a lot of work at our Club.

The senior group was led by Ted Arnfield on Saturdays and Herb Hicks on Wednesdays. When they decided to retire Derek Cratchley took over both sessions. The Senior Groups share the building with the Table Tennis Club and their hire of the building over the years and the resulting financial

contribution to the Club cannot be ignored. Derek had the club at heart and was found hard at work up a ladder cleaning out gutters by himself one day.

So, we had a club with 10 tables and 38 Winter players with a successful "in-house" competition during Summer in 2003. Things changed rapidly when the Council said our building had "reached its use by date." A lot of work was necessary to bring the building up to a standard that the Council inspector would pass, such as Emergency Lighting, Smoke Detectors, Fire Rated Southern wall, and a new door. At the time Chris Leonard was at the helm and with his management we were able to satisfy the Council with the aid of an Active Club Grant.

The changes kept happening – another 2 tables were added to make a 12table club, the toilets were upgraded by the Council. A grant was received for solar panels which has cut our electricity bill down. Then the change most players wished for over the years – we received a grant for air conditioning. In the beginning, we were cautious about using them, not knowing how big the electricity bill would be when the 6 units were on heating.

An important thing that happened was the parting of ways by the German Table Tennis Club and the building in Adelaide, although we did not realise it at the time. The players practiced at other clubs as well as Woodville while they searched for another premises, and a regular Monday night session at Woodville became the start of an association between the German Club and Woodville. The two clubs now have a shared agreement with The City of Charles Sturt.

Looking forward we have plans to redevelop the front of the building which will include a new side wall and the old sliding door will have to go (at last). The canteen will be moved out of the main building, and a kitchen capable of serving meals will be created. An office meeting room, various storage rooms plus bistro style tables and chairs. A liquor license has been granted also.

The mind boggles at the possibility of going to the Table Tennis club with your partner for a meal and a glass of beer.

Richard

German Table Tennis Club Progress

The Club has a range of significant plans being implemented in conjunction with the Woodville Club.

One of those is to increase awareness about table tennis and to grow its Club membership.

It now has a live modern website and community forum which is available for your use by both open and Club Member sections.

Site: www.germanttc.com.au

Email: admin@germanttc.com.au

Woodville Members may like to know that a Stammtisch Table has been established in the Woodville front room enabling players and friends to enjoy restaurant meals that have been ordered from an extensive menu for delivery every Monday night. From 5.30pm to 8pm the German Club have six dedicated tables and Woodville members have six dedicated tables. Woodville players are welcome to join the gathering at the table and enjoy bistro meals and a selection of German beers.



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