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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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**Notice to all registered members of Central Coast Table Tennis Association.**

The annual general meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 at Central Coast Youth Club, Washington Ave, Niagara Park at 7:45pm for the election of new office bearers. According to our constitution office bearers can only hold a position for three years and some of the Executive Committee have reached that milestone. All positions will become vacant and nominations called for to fill those positions again. Some will not seek re-election in the same position, others members are encouraged to apply for any vacancies

**This is your chance to have a say in the running of the Association**  
**Jennie Hall Secretary**

### The Sea Breeze Café

The building called the Sea Breeze Café was in Trafalgar Ave Umina and considered to be the birthplace of Table Tennis on the Central Coast. During the late 1940's and early 1950's the residents of the Coast were looking for a suitable venue to play our sport, we are unsure of just how the Sea Breeze came to become the home of TT here, we suspect that the owner was fond of the game and invited friends around to play a game or two. An Englishman by the name of Tarbox got involved together with some of the locals and Table Tennis association was born.

It was originally called the 'Brisbane Water District Table Tennis Association'. This association was made up from teams located around the Brisbane Water. Teams like Gosford, Pearl Beach, Point Clare, Umina, Saratoga. This was eventually expanded to include Terrigal, Wamberal and a lot of other teams too numerous to mention here.

The building was an art deco house style of 2 stories and run as a café. It is thought that the café was a little bit more than just a café, again it has been said that the place was a den of iniquity, run by people of questionable standards. From the look of it there would be some doubt as to where TT would be played, could it have been inside by moving furniture around after the diners had finished their meal. It may have been outside on the balcony as there seems to be a fair amount of room there. Because it is over fifty years ago it is difficult to find any concrete knowledge about the place so that one is left to conjecture what might have been.

From these beginnings the Association was expanded to include the whole of the Central Coast and the Association we know today. I had been promised a photo of the SEA BREEZE Café but the photo turned out to be the OZONE CAFÉ at Ettalong. I am still searching and a past member (Len Makepeace) says his mother has a photo of her husband (Don Makepeace) receiving his LIFE MEMBERSHIP at the SEA BREEZE

**We are on the web**  
[www.cctta.co](http://www.cctta.co)

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Sea Breeze Cafe
- AGM
- Etiquette



# The Coaches Box

In our last Issue, we covered the basic equipment required for TT. This Issue let us tackle rubbers.

Rubbers come in various packages, styles and types, the basics are:- Short pimples, long Pimples, Sponge and Anti-spin.

**Firstly Short Pimples:** With Short Pimples the pimples face outwards, wide and close together. Short pimples are often used on one side of the bat, usually the backhand and to:

- Provide variations of speed and spin with normal rubber
- Assist with block and counter attack strokes
- Or to help players with weaker backhands

**Long Pimples:** With Long Pimples the pimples face outwards and are usually longer, thinner and further apart than short pimples.

Long Pimples will react as follows:

- If player A with normal rubber pushes the ball (backspin) and player B with long pimples returns the ball with a push stroke, the resultant return will be slight topspin or no spin (instead of the expected backspin).
- If player A with normal rubber topspins the ball and player B with long pimples chops (backspin) the ball. The return will always be backspin. The faster the initial topspin the heavier the backspin.
- If you topspin or counterattack with long pimples, the blade must be more open and the ball will travel slower and have backspin relative to the same shot with sponge rubber.
- Sidespin is reversed on return.

Long pimples are difficult to play against in the beginning but also difficult to play with and alter significantly the technique. Not recommended for beginners or until good technique is established.

## Sponge Rubber

By far the most used rubbers are sponge rubbers. With sponge rubbers the playing surface is flat and attached to a layer of sponge. Various combinations of sponge and the playing surface are available which will affect the spin, speed, and control of the rubber. Generally soft sponge rubbers are slower than hard sponge rubbers, though the introduction of 'SPEED GLUES' can alter that.

Rubbers should be maintained by:

- Cleaning with water at the end of practice or play
- Having a cover for your bat to keep it dust free.
- Keep the bat out of direct sunlight and high temperatures

Glues Table Tennis specific glues are available from all major manufacturers and allow for easy removal of the rubbers without tearing.

SPEED GLUE is a special type of glue, used to increase the speed of the rubbers. 'Soft Sponge' rubbers increase the effect of speed glue. There are specific ways that you have to use SPEED GLUE. The effect is designed to make the rubbers much faster.

The negative side of speed glue is that you have to do it every day, the effect only lasts a short time especially in hot conditions, it reduces rubber life, it is expensive and breathing the fumes can be hazardous to the health of players. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR BEGINNERS OR JUNIORS.

# Etiquette

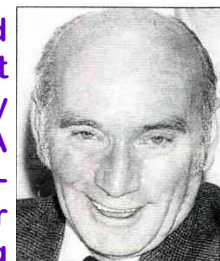
Table Tennis etiquette is making sure that those around you get to play their game with a minimum of distractions. If the ball you are using goes across to another table, wait until the current point is finished then retrieve the ball. Similarly if you wish to go across the playing area use an indirect path so that you do not disrupt play. It can be daunting umpiring in your first season but there should only be one chair and one umpire, If you need help then seek advice from a committee member. No one should just go and talk to an umpire (even for the score) in the middle of a match. Matches are not that long that whatever you require from the umpire could not wait until a set or match has finished.

# CCTTA History by Paul Ardill



Ron Molles

In researching the history of CCTTA I have discovered many interesting facts. Here are some random items that have come to my attention. It has been considered by many people that table tennis was first played in the SEA BREEZE Café Trafalgar Avenue, UMINA. From information at hand these two gentlemen (whose photos appear either side of this article) were the guiding light of getting the first association, Brisbane Water District Table Tennis Association off and running. We have read a great deal



Jim Tarbox

about Jim Tarbox through this newsletter series. He was a Life member, Patron, Club Champion for many years.

On the other hand little is known about Ron Molles, he was a past "B" grade champion of NSW in the late 1940's he played for BWDTTA from 1951 to 1956, he was secretary for some if not all of those years. I am unsure of what his involvement with CCTTA was we also know he played at and for the Ettalong Beach Memorial club 1978-1988. I have had the pleasure of meeting his widow, she also has a great knowledge of table tennis in the district and of Ron and his prowess and has been extremely helpful in trying to find the history of CCTTA.

## Joke of the week

**An older lady gets pulled over for speeding ...**

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer? Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding. Older Woman: Oh, I see. Officer: Can I see your license please? Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one. Officer: Don't have one? Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving. Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers please. Older Woman: I can't do that. Officer: Why not? Older Woman: I stole this car. Officer: Stole it? Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner. Officer: You what? Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see. The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 Police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half drawn gun. Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please. The woman steps out of her vehicle. Older woman: Is there a problem sir? Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner. Older Woman: Murdered the owner? Officer 2: Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car, please. The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk. Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am? Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned. Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license. The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer. The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled. Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too!!!!

**Don't Mess With Old Ladies**



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Promoting Table Tennis on the Central Coast



CCTTA is the organization that promotes table tennis on the Central Coast and their domain ranges from The Hawkesbury River to Newcastle. We have players in 4 grades A, A2, B, and B2. Ranging from 8-10 teams per grade and 3-4 players per team. We are growing year by year and this comp. we will have over 120 players. After the NSW Country Championships we had an influx of 25 new players plus a couple of older players returning to the fold. Our aim is to increase this number as we grow

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### This one is to help you better understand our Kiwi Bro's

> Note: For bist efect, rid these out loud!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- >
- > Milbun - Capital of Victoria
- > Peck - To fill a suitcase
- > Pissed aside - Chemical which kills insects
- > Pigs - For hanging out washing
- > Pug - Large animal with curly tail
- > Nin tin dough - Computer game
- > Munner stroney - Soup
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- > Min - Male of the species
- > Mess Kara - Eye makeup
- > McKenock - Person who fixes cars
- > Mere - Mayor
- > Leather - Foam produced from soap
- > Lift - Departed
- > Kiri Pecker - Famous Australian businessman
- > Kittle crusps - Potato chips
- > Ken's - Cairns
- > Jumbo - Pet name for someone called Jim
- > Jungle Bills - Christmas Carol
- > Inner me - Enemy
- > Guess - Vapour
- > Fush - Marine creatures
- > Fitter cheney - Type of pasta
- > Ever cardeau - Avocado
- > Fear hear - Blonde
- > Ear - Mix of nitrogen and oxygen
- > Ear roebucks - Exercise at gym
- > Duffy cult - Not easy
- > Amejen - Visualise Day old
- > chuck - Very young poultry
- > Bug hut - Popular recording
- > Bun button - Been bitten by an insect
- > Beard - A place to sleep

- > Chully bin - Esky
- > Sucks peck - Half a dozen beers
- > Ear New Zealand - Government supported airline
- > Beers - Large savage animals found in U.S. forests
- > One doze - Well known computer program
- > Sex - Five plus one
- > Iggs ecktly - Precisely
- > Beggage chucken - Place to leave your luggage at the earport

Does this fit anyone you know??????

