



MINISTER'S WELCOME



The South Australian Government is proud to support the 2019 National Veterans Table Tennis Championships at the brand new St Clair Recreation Centre.

I would like to warmly welcome you to Adelaide. During your stay you will see our city is one of Australia's most underrated gems.

Adelaide is the 20 minute city – just a short drive and you can soak up the sun at one of our beautiful beaches or visit the many award winning wineries in the Adelaide Hills. When you're not at the table tennis, I encourage you to explore the many beautiful sites our state has to offer.

Table tennis really is a sport that can be played by anyone - regardless of physical ability or age. It keeps the mind sharp and our bodies moving.

I would like to pay tribute to the many volunteers who have worked hard behind the scenes to organise the Championships. Thank you for donating your time, effort and expertise to make this event possible.

I wish all athletes, officials and supporters a competitive, safe and exciting National Veterans Table Tennis Championships and a great stay here in South Australia.

Hon Corey Wingard MP
Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing



TTA PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Board and staff of Table Tennis Australia Ltd., I extend a very warm welcome to all players, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers, families and supporters to the 2019 National Veterans Championships in Adelaide.

All event sponsors and partners are to be commended, namely Equipment Supplier Table Tennis World, Equipment Sponsor Stiga, Ball Sponsor DHS, Event Sponsors Care 24-7, World Table Tennis Centre, DK Fabrics, G-Force Building & Consulting, Costa Farms, The Banner Crew, AGMC Sports, Medals Australia, Beyond Bank and Aspen Group, plus Broadcast Partner My Sport Live. We could not put the event together without you and we appreciate your willingness to support the event.

Thank you to South Australia for their role and contribution as Host Association. 2019 is the first year National Championships are being held under the new Event Agreement model, whereby TTA and State/Territory Associations work collaboratively to stage our premier events. I am confident that this event will no doubt build on the success of the new operating model.

Thank you also to the Organising Committee, comprised of Tournament Director Scott Houston, Tournament Controllers Bev and Brian James, and Organising Committee Members Paul Langley, Greg Bungey, Cynthia Langley OAM and Kevin Malyschko. I'm sure all the hard work over the past year will ensure the event is a resounding success.

The National Veterans Championships is the premier national table tennis event held in Australia each year with 56 national titles to be decided. I am pleased to see 450 competitors in action in what will surely be a showcase of fantastic table tennis. Thank you also to our Trans-Tasman neighbours, New Zealand, for making the journey to compete at our event once again.

I wish all competitors the best of luck and I hope you achieve your goals. Whilst it is not possible for all players to win, provided you play your best and conduct yourself in a sporting manner, that is all that matters. I fervently hope that everyone enjoys these Championships.

Mr. Jamie Olsen
President – Table Tennis Australia Ltd.



TTSA PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Board of TTSA, I would like to welcome all athletes and officials to the 2019 Australian Veterans Championships.

South Australia has a long and proud Table Tennis history including being the first state in Australia to establish a Table Tennis Association in 1923, producing Australian Champions and International Representatives (including Olympics Games) and acting as host for numerous national and international events. When we first started planning for this event our key principle was to ensure that these Championships are about the you, the players, and creating a great and memorable experience! We believe we have achieved this and we are excited about showcasing the best Australia has to offer to the broader community.

"All of my activities are so pedestrian. The extreme sport I play is Ping Pong - and we play it hard. If any of you want to step up to the table, be ready." Seth Green (American actor, voice artist, producer, writer and director).

As a player that has evolved through the Table Tennis system, from juniors through to the Veterans, from social to international, I can absolutely attest to the importance of the Veteran Championships – it is one that is filled with fun, re-aquainting of old friendships (or making of new friendships) as well as the enjoyment of competing against like-minded individuals that fight hard for every point, game and match...yet are 'mature' enough to enjoy the social part of the game! This is what it is all about...it is not about winning...it is about a large circle of friends (old and new) that get together and have a fantastic time!

Having said that, there is always an inner warrior in all of us and I know every one of us will compete with determination, fighting spirit and respect, however I am equally sure that we will have fun, enjoy ourselves and each other's company along the way...good luck to everyone here and welcome to the beautiful state of SA!

"I am standing when the ball comes, that's why I don't have to move. I can read the game." Jan-Ove Waldner (Olympic & World Champion).

Paul Langley OLY
President/High Performance
Table Tennis South Australia