

Welcome to the Big Island Table Tennis Association (BITTA)

Our table tennis club is a community organization whose mission and goal is to provide a venue for our sport, and to promote the game for people of all ages and skill levels.

The club plays at: The Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island
100 Kamakahonu St., Hilo, Hi 96720

BITTA website: <http://bitta.org>

Club Hours: Tuesday – Coach the Boys and Girls Club kids 3:30 – 5:00.
Coaches and members with Boys and Girls Club
background checks can play from 4:45 – 6:00.
Saturday – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
Sunday – 1:00pm – 4:00pm Mop gym from 4pm – 4:30pm

BITTA Membership Dues:

Adult yearly rate: \$240 (Due in January of each year)

Child yearly rate: \$25 (Due in January of each year)

Monthly rate: \$25 (Due the 1st week of each month)

Daily rate: \$4 (Due each day of play)

(To be paid in full each January, or prorated though out the year for new members when they arrive)

New members: First two weeks free

Please contact Steve & Michiko Parente with membership questions, to pay all dues or purchase a club t-shirt (when available).
Parentestudios@gmail.com

The first Sunday of every month is our club potluck. We encourage those who are interested to bring easy, finger foods to be eaten during play.

Our Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club

Our partnership with the Boys and Girls Club makes our highest priority supporting the BGCBI organization in its work with the youth of our community. During our kids coaching hour, Tuesday 3:30 – 5:00 pm children and their mentors have priority. Any youth member of BGCBI can play free anytime and are a part of our obligation to serve.

The club pays 3 coaches to run the kids program. We do encourage members to help the coaches with the Tuesday kids program. The club will pay for your BGCBI background check if you are willing to help. To be able to play on Tuesday after the kids program, you will need a BGCBI background check. (cost \$20 - \$40).

There is no smoking (including e-cigarettes), drug, profanity, or alcohol use permitted on the premises.

Club Ethics

Ethics, integrity and sportsmanship are the basis of competition and the spirit of our club. Every member of the club is equally important with no regard to age, gender, ethnicity, or level of play.

All able members are encouraged to participate in setup and teardown of equipment under the supervision of our equipment manager, Charlie.

We ask all new members to meet with Charlie and become acquainted with our equipment before participating in setup and teardown.

Every Sunday at 4:00 pm after play; we sweep and mop the entire gym. This takes about 20 – minutes. We encourage all players who come on Sunday to stick around and help. This is in line with our mission of giving back to the BGCBI.

Etiquette:

When players are waiting for tables, players should warm up for 5 minutes and then play a match. After the match, the winner may play a second player, before surrendering the table. Second option is to hit for a maximum of 20 minutes then surrender the table.

When matches are in progress, please don't run onto the court to retrieve balls or walk behind players during points.

Coaching between players should not be offered unless a player requests advice. If a player wishes to be advised by another, the mentor should ask what the player wants to accomplish, and respond rather than directing.

We have spare rackets and balls for our members to use and for kids coaching. Please treat them well.

Coaching:

Clyde Young, our club certified coach, offers lessons.

Clyde@hawaii.rr.com

Steve Freedman, offers private coaching and personalized coaching plans. stephenfreedman@gmail.com

Len Winker is the regionally certified coach.

len@tabletennisandmore.com

Tournaments:

Len Winkler of Table Tennis and More hosts USATT sanctioned tournaments in Hawaii several times a year:

<http://www.tabletennisandmore.com/hawaiittm.htm>

Kona club hosts unsanctioned tournaments during the year.

BITTA hosts a USATT sanctioned tournament in November with Len running it.

BITTA Board members:

President: Lory Hunter, 961-2816

Vice President: Sam Fortna, 785-4686

Treasurer: Russel Oshiro, 982-9307

Membership:

Steve & Michiko Parente, 9385302

Equipment: Charlie Kow, 430-4940

Secretary: Angie Miyashiro, 985-8519

Additional clubs on the Big Island:

Can be found on the website,

<http://www.tabletennisandmore.com> under the tab – Hawaii Table
Tennis:

North Kohala Club

Caption Cook Club

Waimea Club

Kona Table Tennis Club - has a facebook page.