

In October 2016 the RBK MOTHERNES Australian Veterans Table Tennis Championships was held in Homebush, Sydney, NSW between 15th October 2016 to 22nd October 2016 between 124 Teams with 419 players - 168 Woman & 251 Men. The Northern Territory represented in the Championships by seven players - Darwin Table Tennis Association: TY Lee, Elfrida Kalich, Anhtai Lee, Pedro Lay, John Pudney & Rodney He. Alice Springs Table Tennis Association representative - Gus Matarazzo in 3 Team events - 40 & O/40M; 60 & O/60M; 60 & O/60W Presidents.

Dynamic Territory duo bring plenty to the table



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ELFRIDA Kalich is highly active for her age.

At 65, she will be a competitive force in the women's over-60 singles at the Australian Veterans Championships in Homebush, Sydney, starting today and finishing next Saturday.

The Darwin Table Tennis Association member was a finalist at this tournament in 2012.

Kalich — who still does a fair amount of weightlifting and jogging throughout the week — has a potent forehand.

“I try to get my opponent to hit the ball up the middle of the table so I can use my forehand — I like to use topspin and be aggressive, especially with my smash” she said.

Kalich — who has been ranked nationally in the top 10 for the past 15 years — will also team up

with Darwin Table Tennis Association president TY Lee in the over-65 mixed doubles in Homebush.

The two are seeded eighth.

Other Territorians who will compete at the titles are Anhtai Lee, Rodney Hee and Pedro Lay (men's over-40s); Toong Yeen Lee, John Pudney and Alice Springs' Gus Matarazzo (over-60 men); and Thong Teck Lee (over-75 men).

Darwin Table Tennis Association's Elfrida Kalich and NT coach TY Lee are off to the Australian Veterans Championships in Homebush, Sydney. Picture: HELEN ORR

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