

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

February 2024 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE, THE FIRST SEASON OF THE YEAR IS NOW WELL UNDERWAY, OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT OFFICER HA BUI IS SETTLING IN VERY WELL, NUMBERS OF PLAYERS FOR MOST SESSIONS ARE INCREASING, AND TOURNAMENTS ARE ON THE HORIZON, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

Feb 25 Special Olympics (Brisbane)
March 10 Working bee for Bundy Open
March 11 Bundaberg AGM
March 16 / 17 Bundaberg Open
March 22 Finals Term 1 Junior season
March 28 Finals Day, Bundaberg Secondary
Schools Term 1 season
April 1 – 4 Qld Juniors (Brisbane)
April 4 – 7 Qld Closed (Seniors – Brisbane)
April 7 Come & Try Day for all-comers

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hello again, and welcome to a new season. Fixtures are well under way again, and our new employee Ha has finished her first two weeks with the club. She is settling in well, and bringing some new ideas with her. Please continue to introduce yourself to Ha and make her feel welcome. Ha has commenced private coaching sessions, if you are interested in this, please call

her on 0486 023 550 or email ha.bui@bundytt.org.au for more information.

The aircon installation has fully finished now, the Ergon upgrade has been completed, and the last four units are connected and working. Please enjoy the fruits of the aircon, but keep in mind we are still working out what it is costing us to run them, so we are keeping track of the dates and times that the units are on.

Registrations are now open on the website for the NUCOLD Bundaberg Open on 16 and 17 March. Please register early and help to make this another successful event for our club. Kameron Chan will be the Tournament Referee.

You should see some new signage going up on the outside and inside of the building, over the coming weeks, reflecting **NUCOLD** as our new major sponsor. A big thank you to Jack Parr from NUCOLD for making that happen. Thanks also to our other sponsors, there are some regulars that continue to support our club year after year - for that we are very grateful.

The AGM is scheduled for Monday 11 March, so put that date aside and do your best to attend the meeting. Anyone interested in nominating for committee positions, the forms to do so should be available at the canteen very soon.

We are also looking for parents, members and volunteers to help with the canteen roster on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, as well as Sunday

afternoons. If you can help out with this, please let it be known. Until next month, play well.

Pete

INTRODUCING HA

We are thrilled to welcome Ha to the Bundaberg Table Tennis Association family! With a passion for coaching that began in 2011, Ha's journey began as a coach assistant in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Since then, she has developed her skills, becoming an official coach in 2012. Under her guidance at Vietnam's highest-level junior competition in the same year, her team achieved great success, claiming 6 gold and 2 bronze medals, including prestigious titles.

Ha's coaching extends across borders, developing talent in both Vietnam and Australia. Notably, she played a pivotal role in Cherry Le's rise to the National Squad at just 15 years old, two years after relocating to Australia.

Last year, Ha displayed her skills at the Australian National Championships as a coach for the Victorian team, then during her trip to Bundaberg, she was delighted by the potential of our players and eagerly accepted the opportunity to join the club.

Stepping into the Development Officer role, Ha is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment at the club. She envisions our club's reach by boosting participation and grooming players for success at the upcoming Queensland Junior Championships and the

Nationals later in the year. With her guidance, we look forward to reaching new heights while maintaining the warm and welcoming atmosphere that defines our club.



Peter Marris welcomes Ha Bui to the club with a club shirt

NEW CLUB CONTACTS

As Ha is now the club's Development Officer, enquiries about club matters such as coaching, unavailability for fixtures, etc should go to her from now on. **Ha's phone** number is **0486 023 550** and the club's email address is now admin@bundyt.org.au.

BUNDABERG AGM

The club's Annual General meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 11 March, starting at **7.00 pm**. All club members, and parents of Juniors, are invited to attend this very important event, when annual reports from the President, Treasurer and Development Officer will be presented, followed by the election of office bearers, committee members and other position such as club selectors, and records and publicity officers, then any notices of motions and general business. Nomination forms for the above positions and Notice of Motion forms will be available at the canteen in the next week.

2024 BUNDABERG OPEN

The entry form for the  Bundaberg Open Championships (March 16 & 17) is now available online with copies also available at the canteen. This is

our premier tournament each year, giving our players the opportunity to test their skills against visiting players and clubmates in a wide range of graded and age events. In particular, for any players going to the Queensland Championships during the Easter school holidays, the Bundy Open will be a great chance to get valuable match practice against non-regular opponents.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

While the numbers of players taking part in the Pre-Winter season on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights are lower than hoped for, the competitions have generally got off to a good start. The season is scheduled to finish on April 30 for Division Three and the following night for Division 1 and 2. As usual, there will be a two week break for the Easter school holidays at the start of April.

The **Winter season** will then begin in the first week of May, hopefully increased numbers on both nights when players return after missing this season and new players also join. If you know anyone who may be interested in playing the Winter season, please start encouraging them to come for a hit on a Friday morning or Sunday afternoon.

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

Similarly, the number of players for this season is disappointing but with the increased numbers of new players attending coaching sessions, hopefully many of them will join fixtures later this term or at the start of Term 2.

JUNIOR COME & TRY NIGHT

The annual Junior Come & Try Night was held on Friday 2nd February with a good number of new players attending, as well as current Juniors. Very pleasingly, many of the new players are now regularly coming to our Junior coaching sessions and showing a lot of promise.

PARA & SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Thursday coaching sessions are held each week from 4.30 – 6.00 pm. With the Special Olympics State

Games to be held in November, one of the requirements for participation is that athletes must have attended training sessions regularly. The other main requirement is that they must have attended at least two SO tournaments this year.

The first Special Olympics tournament is scheduled for next Sunday, 25 February, in Brisbane. Quite a few Bundaberg players, including several of our club members, will be competing so good luck to all.

ADULT COACHING & TRAINING

Monday night Adult coaching will resume on **Monday 29 January (7.00 – 9.00 pm)** – all welcome.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE WANTED

Soft drink cans & bottles, water, fruit juice, beer and spirits cans & bottles, tetra packs can be recycled. We receive **10 cents** for every eligible container so please deposit your "empties" in the bins in the foyer.

Total amount raised in 2023 was \$1082.30

AMOUNT RAISED IN JANUARY \$60.10

(Amount raised in February so far \$140.50 !!)

Many thanks to our regular and occasional contributors.

REMEMBER

Since **November 1**, spirit and wine bottles are also being accepted so please bring these along with your other empties 😊😊 !!!

CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **club shirts** can be made at any time – cost is currently **\$45.00**. These shirts are light, comfortable and quick drying. To place an order, please see me.

There are some of the previous type still available but these have been reduced to **\$20.00** – an absolute bargain as they are also a very good, long-lasting, quality shirt. Examples are on display upstairs.

Also available are some of our secondhand club shirts which have been used as hire shirts for tournaments. There is a range of sizes for sale, especially for young-

er juniors, for **ONLY \$5.00** . These would be especially useful for training sessions.
New club jackets can also be ordered. These are very comfortable and warm. These cost **about \$55.00** (to be confirmed).

2023 - 24 COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Phil Freeman
Secretary:	Hannah Sunley
Treasurer:	Trevor Barrett
Committee Members:	Rashed Aziz, Cathy Rivers, Rhonda Dawson, Deleece McDonald
Patron	Pauline Langford
Grading Committee	Steve Ricketts, George Haggard, Dave Delpratt
Development Officer	Ha Bui
Publicity / Records	Dave Delpratt

All members are welcome to attend and speak at our monthly Committee meetings. Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Monday each month, at **6.30 p.m.**

**Next Committee meeting Mon. 11 March
(after the AGM)**

NEW FIXTURE BALLS

The club was recently given the opportunity to make a bulk purchase of Double Happiness (DHS) *** balls as well as Double Fish * training balls. As the DHS *** balls will be used for the Bundaberg Open, we have switched to using them for Tuesday and Wednesday night fixtures so players can become accustomed to them.

They will also be for sale – available at the canteen:

DHS ***	\$2.50 each OR \$20.00 / box of 10
Double Fish *	\$10.00 / box of 10

MEMBERSHIP & PLAYING FEES

PLEASE NOTE

ALL players who play in any club fixtures or regularly come to Social sessions and / or coaching sessions are required to pay membership fees so that they are covered by insurance.

2024 Membership Fees

Subject to change

(NOTE: New members joining now will be registered to the end of 2024)

Adult Club / Tournament	\$ 105.00
Adult / Student concession	\$ 95.00
Adult Social	\$ 60.00
Junior	\$ 60.00

2024 Playing Fees (Including GST)

Subject to change

Fixture Fees

Adult	\$ 12.00
Junior	\$ 10.00

Social Fees

Adult	\$ 8.00 (Friday morn)	\$ 6.00
Junior		\$ 5.00
Adult Non-Member		\$ 10.00
Junior Non-Member		\$ 7.00

Weekly Playing Pass

Adult	\$ 24.00
Junior	\$ 19.00

Family Social Fee

Members	\$ 16.00
Non-members	\$ 20.00

Coaching

Adult	\$ 10.00
Junior Squad	\$ 10.00
Extra sessions during the same week	\$ 8.00
Friday Junior	\$ 7.00

Term 1, 2024 Coaching Pass (10 weeks)

One session per week	\$ 80.00
Two sessions per week	\$150.00
Three sessions per week	\$220.00
Extra sessions	\$ 8.00

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



Also, please support our other sponsors when possible:
Dymocks Bookstore Uncle Chans Chinese Restaurant
Wide Bay Canopy & Filter Cleaners
Bundaberg Toyota Wide Bay Warbirds
DGZ Chartered Accountants Wessel Petroleum

LOST & FOUND



Found outside near the front door on Wednesday 21 February

Also still a number of drink bottles, towels, and a **large blue shirt** left here after last Friday's Social Session.

Dave Delpratt

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