

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

April 2021 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE

THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY HAPPENING SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

April 20 & 21	Pre-Winter season resumes
April 23	START Term 2 Junior season
April 24 – 26	Townsville Open
April 29	Secondary Schools Finals Day
May 1 – 3	Mackay Open
May 5	START Spinneroos
May 11 & 12	START Winter season
May 15 & 16	Brisbane Open
May 29 & 30	Rockhampton Open

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi again, the newsletters seem to come around very quickly. Since the last one, eight of our Juniors have travelled to Townsville for the Qld Junior Championships. Since I am on holidays, I decided to take the trip up and support our players. I was impressed with all of their performances and congratulate them all for the manner in which they represented Bundaberg, our Club and themselves. There will be more detailed information elsewhere regarding results, orders of merit and selection in the Queensland teams for the upcoming Nationals held on the Sunshine Coast in a few months' time.

Our new solar system batteries finally arrived and they have now been installed by Scott Burke Electrical. A big thanks to Cathy and Rashed for their great work in repairing the floor that was bubbling, they did a fantastic job from what I have seen.

Late in march I attended the TTQ AGM in Brisbane and the Development Forum later on that same day. There were no real big outcomes from that meeting, and all of the current TTQ office bearers were re-elected to their positions. Items of note were a change to the constitution regarding the sending out of minutes, and voting down any increase in fees for the upcoming year. The Development Forum discussed mainly routine issues, however, there was a very good presentation from Claire Montgomery from Table Tennis Victoria on the Revolutionise Sport system that our club has already adopted. Table Tennis Queensland will be transitioning to that system in the very near future, so it is great that we have already done that and are ready to embrace what Rev Sport offers. Claire used our club's Rev Sport portal in many of the demonstrations to the other Queensland clubs.

Fixtures will resume next week, including finals for Division 2 and 3. Good luck to those teams still in the running. Until the next edition, I will continue to serve in the hope that you receive!

Regards,
Pete

GOOGLE PLAY CARDS

The Club has a supply of 8 x Google Play Gift Cards valued at \$50 each. If anyone is interested in purchasing some, or all of these cards, please contact Dave to discuss.



WANTED

Expressions of Interest 2022 Honorary Secretary

so Rhonda can retire after ten years in the position.
Training available over the next 12 months.

BUNDABERG OPEN

Thanks to everyone who was involved in the Bundaberg Open on March 20 & 21. While the number of competitors was lower than hoped for, the tournament was still a success, with plenty of Bundy players performing very well. In particular, congratulations to Ashley Parrott who was named as

the Bundaberg Player of the Tournament due to some outstanding wins against higher rated players.



Ashley Parrott

As always, Rhonda Dawson and all her helpers did a great job in canteen throughout the weekend; Cathy Rivers and Nikki Udal did all the work preparing the tournament paperwork then operating the computer all weekend; Kameron Chan, in his first Bundaberg tournament as referee, did well; super ticket seller Lorraine Fourro who made sure the fuel voucher raffle made plenty of extra money; and all others who assisted in any way.

PRE-WINTER & TERM 1 SEASONS

The **Pre-Winter season** is approaching its end with play to resume next week. Premier Division and Division Three both have one round to play before their semi-finals, while Divisions One & Two return to play their semis next week, as follows:

Div 1 Tornados v Magpies; Mesbash v Cruisers

Div 2 Mixtures v M & N; Floaters v DNA

These two divisions will finish one week earlier than Premier and Division Three.

The **Winter season** is scheduled to start on May 11 & 12. Nominations are now being taken so please add your name to the list at the canteen, or contact the club. If you know of anyone not currently playing, either previous members or new players, please tell them about the new season – we need more players, especially on Tuesday nights. **Nominations are due to close on Sunday 9 May.**

The **Term 1 Junior season** finished just before the school holidays. Congratulations to **Sneakers (Andrew Udal, Amelia Tu, Dean Mackey)** who won Division One from Spicy Tomorrow (Kane Chantarat, Lleyton Peterson, Casey John), and to **Smashers (Janiru Hewamadduma, Lincoln Carter)** won Division Two from Norris (Sithuki Hewamadduma, Thomas Ross).



Andrew, Amelia, Dean



Janiru, Lincoln

The **Term 2 Junior season** is scheduled to start at the end of next week on **Friday 23 April**. Again, nominations can be made at the canteen or by contacting the club by the day before.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's Championships were held in Townsville in the first week of the school holidays. Bundaberg only had a small team of eight players, the fewest for many years. However, overall their results were as expected or a little better in what turned out to be very evenly contested events in which only one or two players dominated throughout.

Congratulations to Tahia Zia and Natasha Jefferson who won the Girls Under 17 Doubles after a great fightback from 7/10 in the fourth game of the final match to win it in five. Both of the girls won medals in other doubles events while Natasha was a semi-finalist in both the Girls Under 17 and Under 19 Singles events. Anushka Mudalige won two singles medals, with Braydon Chapman in the Boys Under 17 Doubles in which they defeated the top seeds in the semis, and with Tahia in the Under 17 Mixed Doubles. Braydon also won bronze medals with Natasha in the Under 17 and Under 19 Mixed Doubles events, while Tahia also won bronze with Andrew Udal in the Under 19 Mixed.



Tahia and Natasha playing in the Girls U19 Doubles



Anushka & Braydon playing in the Boys U19 teams event

At the Presentation Ceremony, **Andrew (U19 Boys), Tahia and Natasha (U17 Girls) and Kane Chantarat (U15 Boys)** were named in the Queensland team to compete at the Australian Juniors at the Sunshine Coast in early July. Congratulations to them all. Hopefully, some other Bundaberg players will be named in "B" teams that will be announced soon.

Many thanks to **Steve Mitchell** and **Steve Ricketts** who were the other coaches at the Queensland Juniors, and to all the parents and other supporters of our team.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE GAMES

Following the Queensland Juniors, Andrew joined Nicholas Jefferson, Kate Juillerat and Corey Hanson in Mackay for the Central Queensland Special Olympics State Games Table Tennis competition. Andrew won all of his matches while Kate also got gold in her Womens division and Corey won silver in Mens

Division 2. Nicholas didn't play in the Table Tennis competition.



Andrew playing Corey at the Special Olympics State Games

Kate, Corey and Nicholas stayed for other events in which they did well. Kate won silvers in bocce and ten pin, Nick silver in ten pin, and Corey gold in bocce and ten pin and another silver in basketball. They will all now have to wait to see if they are selected in the Queensland team to compete at the Special Olympics National Games next year.

COURT CLEANING

PLEASE

Dry mop then wet mop your court/s after your match is finished
Shake out the dry mop outside
Rinse out the bucket and wet mop at the tap at the back of the Centre
Return these to behind Court #1

Thanks for your cooperation

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

Club coaching will resume at the start of Term 2 for Juniors and adults. Please note there have been slight increases in the cost of Coaching Passes due to the slightly longer term. The costs are now \$65.00 for one coaching per week and \$120.00 for two sessions per week throughout Term 2. The passes should be paid for when attending your first coaching session of the term. The cost for attending coaching sessions if you don't have a pass remains at \$10.00 .

More young juniors are welcome to attend on both **Monday and Tuesday afternoons** (4.30 - 6.00 pm), as well as **Friday nights** (7.00 – 9.00 pm).

However, with these increased numbers, **more coaches are needed**, especially on Friday nights, as a couple of coaches who have been involved over the last few years are now, unfortunately, no longer available on a regular basis. **Club members or parents with a playing background** are needed to assist with the younger players so that they can progress more rapidly. If interested in assisting on Friday nights, or at other times, please contact me at the club as soon as possible.

Continued thanks to **Kameron Chan** who will continue to assist for the time being on Friday nights to work with the older Juniors.

The **Monday night coaching sessions for adults** will resume next Monday (April 19). These run most Mondays from 7.00 – 9.00 pm, and cost \$10.00 per player. It would be great to see a lot more turn up for these sessions to give everyone as much variety as possible.

The **Thursday afternoon session (4.30 – 6.00pm) for Para TT and Special Olympics players** went well last term with a strong regular attendance but more players are welcome. If you know anyone with a physical or intellectual disability who may be interested in playing Table Tennis, please suggest they make enquiries about this session.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

As you will have seen in Important Dates at the start of the newsletter, there are a number of Open tournaments scheduled for the next month or so. The entry forms for the Townsville, Mackay and Brisbane tournaments are available on the TTQ website.

SPINNEROOS

Following the success of the club's first Spinneroos program in Term 4 last year, another program is planned for Term 2, **starting on Wednesday 5 May**

and **finishing on 23 June**. Players who participated last year as welcome to be involved again while it is hoped that there will be interest from a lot of new players as well.

2021 NATIONAL & STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 2 – 11, 2021 Australian Senior / Youth / Junior / Para Championships (Caloundra Indoor Stadium)

Oct 9 – 16, 2021 Australian Veterans (NT Netball Stadium, Darwin).

Date TBA Qld Open Champ's (Gold Coast)
July 22 – 25 Qld Veterans Champ's (Brisbane)

2021 - 22 COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Trevor Barrett
Secretary:	Rhonda Dawson
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Nikki Gourley
Patron	Pauline Langford
Grading Committee	Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt, Nikki Udall
Development Officer	Dave Delpratt
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 of the month, starting **7.30 p.m.**

Next Committee meeting Mon. 10 May

MEMBERSHIP & PLAYING FEES

PLEASE NOTE

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

2021 Membership Fees

Adult Club / Tournament	\$ 100.00
Adult / Student concession	\$ 90.00
Adult Social	\$ 55.00
Junior	\$ 55.00

2021 Playing Fees (Including GST)

Subject to change

Fixture Fees

Adult	\$ 13.00
Junior	\$ 10.00

Social Fees

Adult	\$ 6.00
Junior	\$ 5.00
Adult Non-Member	\$ 10.00
Junior Non-Member	\$ 7.00

Weekly Fixture Pass

Adult	\$ 25.00
Junior	\$ 19.00

Family Social Fee

Members	\$ 16.00
Non-members	\$ 20.00

Coaching

Adult	\$ 10.00
Junior Squad	\$ 10.00
Extra Sessions	\$ 7.00
Friday Junior	\$ 7.00

Coaching Pass (Term 1 – other Terms TBA)

(Adults and Juniors)

One session / week	\$ 65.00
Two sessions /week	\$120.00

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Please get advice through the club first. In particular, many of the bats available in some local stores are either not legal for competition or are of poor quality

COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Monday Adults (By prior arrangement)

7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Tuesday Juniors 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Thursday ParaTT/Special Olympics 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.

Friday Juniors 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **new club shirts** are being taken – cost is now **\$45.00**. These shirts are light, cool, comfortable and quick drying. To place an order, please see me.

There are quite a few 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.

Some club jackets are also available. These are lightweight, very comfortable and warm. They are also reduced to **\$20.00**.

FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED LITERALLY.

CONTAINERS FOR CASH WANTED

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

Many thanks to those who have contributed lately.

Amount raised in March \$141.90

Total amount so far this year \$279.00

MORE PICS

Bundy Open



Mens Singles champion Bruno Levis



Womens Singles champion Rebekah Stanley



Under 11 champion Diwansha Kumaranathunga

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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Dave Delpratt

Queensland Juniors



Andrew Udal celebrates his incredible win over Lucas Gist



Bundaberg U15 Boys, Will Martin & Kane Chantarat



Anushka & Braydon – silver medallists in U17 Boys Doubles



Four bronze medals in U19 Mixed Doubles