

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

July 2022 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE, WELCOME BACK AFTER THE MID-YEAR BREAK FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. FOLLOWING ON FROM NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CALOUNDRA, WE ARE AT THE START OF A VERY BUSY PERIOD, BOTH IN THE CLUB AND ELSEWHERE, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

20 – 24 July Qld Veterans Championships
29 July – 8 Aug Commonwealth Games Table Tennis competition
31 July Girls Only Group coaching starts
13 & 14 Aug Gold Coast Open
19-21 Aug Bundaberg Closed
27 & 28 Aug TTA Tour event Brisbane
3 & 4 Sept Toowoomba Open
10 & 11 Sept Sunshine Coast Open
13 & 14 Sept Winter season finals
16 Sept Term 3 Junior finals

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

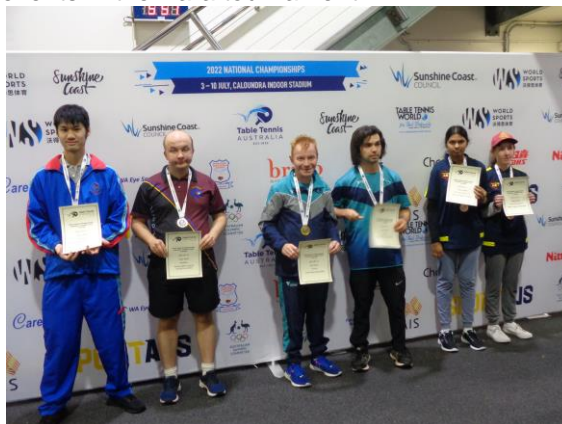
Hi from the golf courses of southern California where I'm visiting my son and his family for a couple of weeks. I'm back at the end of July and hope to catch up with everyone then.

Regards,

Pete (Club President)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The combined Senior, Youth, Junior and Para Championships were held at the Caloundra Indoor Stadium during the recent school holidays. Nine Bundaberg players (eight Juniors, one Para) represented Queensland and performed very commendably. Nicholas Jefferson won two silver medals and a bronze in his Class 11 events in the Para tournament.



Nicholas with Jonathan Tan (NSW), r-up Class 11 Teams

Meanwhile, Andrew Udal and Braydon played excellently in the Under 19 Boys Teams event and were probably only denied coming fifth due to Braydon unfortunately was unable to play in the closing stages due to illness. Kane Chantararat also played very well in the Under 17 Boys Teams event, like Andrew and Braydon having his best ever results at this level, while Matthew Udal also played in his first National Juniors. Natasha Jefferson and Tahia Zia came fourth in the Under 19 Girls Teams against some very strong oppo-

sition. Sithuki Hewamadduma (Under 13 Girls) and brother Janiru (Under 11 Boys) also had some good wins and, like all the others some close losses, in their events.

A couple of former Bundaberg players had some outstanding results. Dhriti Singh Panwar (Under 17 Girls) was placed #8 in that age group's Order of Merit, an excellent achievement. Lucas Green, brother of Hayden, won the Under 13 Boys Doubles. Vinuka and Sithuki De Silva and Diwansha Kumaranathunga also competed and had some promising results.

QUEENSLAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seven Bundaberg members competed at the Queensland veterans Championships in Mackay over the last five days with several outstanding results in the individual events. John Fourro was the star of the team, winning a full collection of medals.

Gold John Fourro and Peter Spratley (Over 60 Mens Doubles)

Silver John & Lorraine Fourro (Over 50 Mixed Doubles)

Bronze John Fourro (Over 60 Mens Singles)

Bronze Lorraine Fourro (Over 40 Womens Singles)

Bronze John Fourro & Andrew McCurley (Over 50 Mens Doubles)

Bronze Peter Spratley & Reinhard Lot (Over 65 Mens Doubles)

Bronze John Fourro, Andrew McCurley, Rashed Aziz (Over 50 Mens teams)

In the other team events, Lorraine had very solid performances as a member of the Presidents team in the Over 30 (-60) Womens which was incredibly close throughout. Peter Spratley and Reinhard Lot just missed out on third place in the Over 65 Mens, while Trevor Barrett had several wins as a member of the Presidents A team in the Over 70 Mens.

The Queensland Veterans teams to play at the National Veterans Championships in Darwin in early October have been announced with five Bundaberg players being selected:

Lorraine Fourro (Over 50 Womens A)
John Fourro (Over 60 Mens A)
Peter Spratley (Over 65 Mens A)
Reinhard Lot (Over 60 Mens B)
Rashed Aziz (Over 50 Mens C)

Congratulations to all for your efforts and results.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

The current round of applications for these vouchers, funded by the State Government, opened last week. Eligible families can apply for up to \$150.00 which can be used for membership and playing fees at the club. Google Fair Play Vouchers and follow the links to apply, but do so quickly as they are very popular and limited in quantity.

GIRLS ONLY TRAINING GROUP

The Girls Only training group is scheduled to start on Sunday 31 July (10.00 – 11.30 am). There are still vacancies available. Bernadette Mitchell will conduct the ten week program. If interested, or know of girls who might like to join this group, please contact me at the club or speak to Bernadette or Steve Mitchell.

TT SHIRTS FOR SALE

A small number of table tennis shirts were purchased at the National Championships for the club to sell to members. Sizes range from XS – M and are priced at \$15.00 each, two for \$25.00. If interested, check them out at shirt rack upstairs. Examples are shown here:



WINTER SEASON

The season has resumed with a few disruptions, but following the Qld Vets everything should return to normal. However, with a number of players being unavailable either occasionally or more regularly due to work or illness, there is an increased need for reserve players. If you know you will be unavailable at any time for the rest of the season, please let me know as early as possible so I can arrange for a replacement player. If you are available to be a reserve, please let me know so I can add you to the list of ones I can contact when required. The season will finish in the second week of September.

TERM 2 JUNIOR SEASON

This season began last week with a slight decrease in numbers due to players moving away from Bundaberg while others are “taking a break”. However, a couple of new players have joined so welcome to Junior fixtures Rohit and Danuja. This season will also finish in mid September and, again, if you know you will be away please let me know as early as possible.

With the number of players, especially many who are quite young and inexperienced, we ask parents to assist during fixtures, either organising the players, umpiring, or helping in the canteen. If you are available, whether every week or occasionally, please let me know.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Table Tennis will feature strongly at the Commonwealth Games which will be held in Birmingham, England, starting on Friday 29 July. Australia will field some very strong teams in both the Able-bodied and Para sections, so hopefully we will be able to see plenty of great action on the television coverage.

The Australian team members are: Dillon Chambers, Nick Lum, Finn Luu, Chris Yan (Mens team); Tracy Feng, Min Hyung Jee, Jian Fang Lay, Yangzi Liu (Womens team); Jesse Chen (Mens wheelchair), Danni Di Tori, Amanda Tscharke (Womens wheelchair), Ma Lin (Mens Para standing), Lei Lina, Yang Qian (Womens Para standing).

BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our annual club championships have been tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Friday 19 – Sunday 21 August. This tournament is open to all current members, including Social Members, and will have a wide variety of events for all ages and levels of play. The entry form will be distributed this weekend.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Three Open tournaments – Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Sunshine Coast will be held in mid-August and the start of September (see the dates at the start of this newsletter). Both the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast tournaments will have Para Singles events. Also, the TTA Tour event in Brisbane will be well-worth watching, either in person or via livestreaming. Several of our members have nominated to compete and are waiting expectantly to see if they have been successful in getting places in the draws.

ADULT COACHING & TRAINING

In addition to the Friday and Sunday Social sessions, adults members are welcome to attend the **Monday night coaching** session with Dave Delpratt (7.00 – 9.00 pm; cost \$10.00). New players are most welcome.

SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one with both Secondary and Primary School weekly competitions on Wednesdays and Fridays, starting this week and running for six and five weeks respectively.

Information about the annual Queensland Schools Championships is expected to be released in the next week or so, with the Bundaberg regional tournament to

be held in early November and the State Finals in Brisbane towards to the end of Term 4.

Two groups from the SIBS (Step Into Bundaberg Sport) program conducted by STEPS will come to the club for five weeks each on Thursdays. The first group started on July 14.

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 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.

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 younger 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).

FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED LITERALLY

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.

2022 Membership Fees

Subject to change

(NOTE: New members joining now will be registered to the end of 2022)

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

2022 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 during the same week	\$ 8.00
Friday Junior	\$ 7.00

Term 3 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

2021 - 22 COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Trevor Barrett
Secretary:	Hannah Sunley
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Rhonda Dawson, Deleece McDonald
Patron	Pauline Langford
Grading Committee	Steve Ricketts, George Haggard, Dave Delpratt
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 Monday 8 August

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

WANTED

Soft drink cans & bottles, 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.

Amount raised in June \$62.70

2022 total so far \$409.20

Please save all your bottles and cans then bring them to the club so we can build our 2022 fundraising in a BIG way.

Many thanks to our regular and occasional contributors.

LOST PROPERTY

There is, again, a growing collection of water bottles so please check them out in the canteen to see if any belong to you.



This bat case was left at the canteen on the Saturday of the Bundaberg Open – do you recognise it?

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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