

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

August - September 2022 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE, IT'S BEEN A VERY BUSY MONTH AND A HALF AND AS A RESULT THE USUAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HAS TAKEN A WHILE TO EVENTUATE, RESULTING IN THIS COMBINED MONTH EFFORT. SO AS WE APPROACH THE NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

3 & 4 Sept	Toowoomba Open
10 & 11 Sept	Sunshine Coast Open
13 & 14 Sept	Winter season finals
16 Sept	Term 3 Junior finals
1 October	Special Olympics tournament (Bundaberg)
4 & 5 October	Start of Spring season fixtures
7 October	Start of Term Junior season
12 October	Start of Spinneroos program
5 November	Queensland Schools Championships (Bundaberg tournament)

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All, I missed the last newsletter due to travel etc so it's time to catch up on what's happening around the club. Since my last writing, I attended the Nationals in July at the Caloundra Indoor Stadium and was very impressed with the calibre of players we have in this country. It was great to watch our best players up close! Our Qld team members generally played very well and we came away with some great results. While at the Nationals we were able to purchase some new

court side barriers at a heavily discounted price. You will have seen them going up at our club now that we are disposing of the old ones. I attended the July committee meeting via Video link from California, while suffering quite badly from COVID, which I contracted on my second day there. Apart from that, it was a great time to catch up with my son, and meet my granddaughter. As always though, it was good to get home. I've enjoyed filling in on Wednesday evenings as a reserve now that my Achilles rehabilitation is almost done, after a very long time of not playing. Congratulations to our players in Mackay, we had some great results there too. Unfortunately, COVID took its toll on that event, something we have come to accept in this new world. We have had some leaks with the roof during the wet periods but have successfully had them repaired. Please advise if you observe any other leaks anywhere at all. I have been attending monthly meetings for the Bundaberg Sports Network, an initiative of the Bundaberg Regional Council and there are lots of avenues for promoting our club that we are looking in to. I will provide more information on that as it comes to hand. If you haven't been on our club website lately, you will notice on the About Page that members can view a range of official club literature. For example, the Constitution is there to read, some of our Strategy documents, Insurance details and Minutes from our monthly committee meetings. We have also run another successful Bundaberg Closed Championships during August. Congratulations to all winners and participants, and a special thanks to all the volunteers who assisted, especially in the canteen. The club is very healthy financially, however we are constantly

negotiating obstacles and complications with getting the insulation and air-conditioning project started. The insulation job is proving to be one that we are struggling to find a contractor willing to undertake. More information on that will be provided as it comes to hand. Good luck with fixtures in the near future, and keep your ear out for the Cree Shield date which will be the next big challenge for us.

Regards,

Pete (Club President)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for two special events happening over the next month. The first is on **Tuesday 13 September** when teams from the Special Education Units of Bundaberg and Kepnock State High Schools will compete against each other (9.30 am – 2.00 pm). The second is the Special Olympics tournament on **Saturday 1 October** which will see Bundaberg players compete against visiting players from several other Special Olympics clubs in Singles and Doubles events (9.00 am – 2.00 pm).

Volunteers are needed for both events to umpire matches and / or help in the canteen. If you can help, even for only an hour or two at either of these events, please let know.

DELPRATT ABSENCE

Please note that I will be away from **Saturday 17 – Tuesday 27 September**, on a road trip to Mt Isa and back. During this period, the only club activities will be

usual Social sessions on Friday mornings and Sunday afternoons.

BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over 70 club members participated in the tournament, an increase compared to the last few years, with many first time competitors which was great to see. Unfortunately quite a few events, especially in the lower grades, had to be cancelled due to insufficient or nil entries which was very disappointing. Hopefully by next year there will be more players, both juniors and adults who will be willing to test themselves in these events. Congratulations go to all the winners of events, especially the major ones – the Mens and Womens Open Singles to **Brett and Lorraine Fourro**, and the Under 19 Mens and Womens Singles to **Andrew Udal and Natasha Jefferson**. All results can be seen in the results book at the canteen or the list of winners on the noticeboard.

Currently, most of the prizemoney for those who won events or were runners-up has been paid out, either in cash for the smaller amounts or by bank transfer for the larger amounts. If you haven't received your prizemoney yet, please let me know.

Awards for the Closed Championships will be presented at our Annual Presentations later in the year. Hopefully a date will be decided at this month's committee meeting.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted throughout the tournament, especially Rhonda Dawson and her various helpers in the canteen, Cathy Rivers upstairs working on the computer, and everyone who helped as umpires.

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 continues to attend their session on Sunday mornings. Bernadette and Steve Mitchell are very pleased with their enthusiasm and progress. Note that the sessions won't be held over the school holidays but will resume at the start of next term.

WINTER SEASON

The season is rapidly drawing to a close with Division Two finals starting last week, and Division One and Three this week. Hopefully, all teams can be back to full strength after many have been affected over the last couple of months due to players being ill, injured, away or unable to play for a variety of other reasons.

TERM 2 JUNIOR SEASON

Similarly, the Junior finals in Division One started last Friday while Division Two and Three semi-finals will be held this week. Again, all divisions have been very badly affected by the absence of team members so it's hoped all can be available for the finals.

NEXT SEASON

Nominations are now open for next season for Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and Friday Juniors. The formats for each competition will be decided when nominations are known.

We need more players so please speak to current and former members and workmates, school mates, friends, relatives who may be interested in playing.

New members who join from the start of October will be registered through to the end of 2023.

MORE TOURNAMENTS

Following on from the Bundaberg Closed, it was great to see club juniors, Janiru, Lincoln, Kane, Braydon and Andrew, in Brisbane to compete at the **Table Tennis Australia Tour event** last weekend. While none of them survived past the first knockout round of their events, I was very impressed by their standard of play and efforts against some of the best in Australia.

SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Both the Primary and Secondary Schools competitions held this term have now finished, with the finals of the Secondary Schools Winter Junior season held on Wednesday last week. Congratulations to the **Shalom College team of Hannah & Christina Lee and Jessica Carter** who defeated Bundaberg Christian College in the final.

There will be another Primary Schools competition on Friday afternoons next term as well.

On **Tuesday 13 September**, teams from the Special Education Units of Bundaberg and Kepnock State High Schools will meet for the second year in a row. The competition last year was very successful so we are looking forward to hosting these schools again this year. Volunteers to assist with umpiring and in the canteen are needed. Please contact me if you can help.

Importantly, the Bundaberg section of the **Queensland Schools Championship** has now been scheduled for **Saturday 5 November**. This is open to teams in three categories – Hopes (born 2010 or later), Junior (born 2007 or later) and Open (born 2004 or later). Teams can have two or three players of the same gender.

Contact your school to enter a team.

The winning team and runner-up in each category will be eligible to enter the **State Finals in Brisbane on Friday 2 December** – always a great day.

CREE SHIELD

Our annual inter-club match against Rockhampton is likely to be held here on **Saturday 19 November**, so please keep that date free and PLEASE make yourself available for selection so we can regain the Shield which we won last in 2020. We want to have the strongest team possible as this might be the time the current Cree Shield is played as it is almost full, mainly with Rockhampton being listed as annual winners. 😞

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Three Bundaberg players attended the Special Olympics tournament that was held at the Moreton Bay club in Caboolture last weekend, with all having some success. Nicholas Jefferson came first in both the Division

One Singles and Doubles, with Taylah Sim coming third each time. Chris Cater came first in the Division Three Singles and first in Division Two Doubles. Congratulations to all three.

Bundaberg will host the next tournament on Saturday 1 October. Volunteers are needed as umpires.



Nicholas, Taylah and Chris at the Caboolture tournament.

SPINNEROOS

The next Spinneroos program is scheduled to start on **Wednesday 12 October** and run for eight weeks from 4.30 – 5.30 pm each week. This is Table Tennis Australia's introductory program for children between 7 and 12 years old. Our previous programs have been very successful with more than half the participants joining our Junior fixtures. The cost of the program is \$120.00 which includes a player pack of a personalised carry bag and shirt, a bat and balls.

For more information, or if you know someone who may be interested in the program, contact me at the club or go to Spinneroos.com.au.

ADULT COACHING & TRAINING

Due to other commitments over the next month, there will not be any Monday night Adult coaching until the beginning of October. However, if you are interested in participating in these sessions next season, please let me know.

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

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:



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 from the start of October will be registered to the end of 2023)

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 4 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 12 September

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 July and August \$51.80

2022 total so far \$460.00

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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See more information at Table Tennis and contact your school about nominating a team.