

# Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

## December 2021 Newsletter



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**HI EVERYONE** THE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER SO THERE IS PLENTY TO REPORT ABOUT RECENT EVENTS, AS WELL AS WHAT IS YET TO TAKE PLACE AT THE START OF THE NEW YEAR, SO .... **PLEASE READ ON:**

### Important Dates:

<b>Sun 19 Dec</b>	Final social session for 2021
<b>Fri 7 Jan</b>	First social session for 2022
<b>Mon 10 Jan</b>	First Junior coaching session
<b>Sun 16 Jan</b>	Working bee 11.00 am
<b>Fri 28 Jan</b>	First Junior Come & Try Night
<b>Tue 1 / Wed 2 Feb</b>	Start Pre-Winter season
<b>Fri 4 Feb</b>	Second Junior Come & Try Night
<b>Fri 11 Feb</b>	Start Term 1 Junior fixtures

### PEARLS FROM PETE



**Club President, Peter Marris**

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2021. Congratulations to all the award winners at our presentation night, and all the Spring season fixture and Junior fixture winners. The last committee meeting for 2021 was held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, and the next is scheduled for Thursday 13 January 2022 at 7:30pm. I am pleased to advise that Advanced Sky Lighting are hoping to have the solar whirly birds installed before Christmas. They are just waiting on the correct flashing to turn up before commencing the work.

You should notice a difference in playing conditions once they are installed.

The Queensland border has now opened, and the new vaccination regulations will come into force, probably by the time you are reading this. Our committee has done some research, including seeking advice from Tom Smith, and from the Health Minister's Office, and I can assure you that the vaccination policy does not apply to our club. We are under no obligation to refuse entry to our premises based on the vaccination status of the member or guest who wishes to enter. The term 'Club' applies to licenced venues where people sit down and drink or eat – it does not mean sporting club! There are specific guidelines for indoor sporting venues, which simply refer to the horizontal distancing and square metreage limitations. So let me be clear that any person, regardless of vaccination status, will be permitted entry to our club and will not be discriminated against in that regard. However, as a club our position is that we encourage all persons to be properly vaccinated, and to follow the Check In Process that is already in place, and there will be no policing or monitoring of whether attendees are vaccinated or not. On that matter, you should look into sharing your COVID Vaccination Status with the Check In Qld App so that those venues that do require proof of vaccination can see it on your device when you check in. You must have a MyGov account with your Medicare Service linked to that MyGov account, and have the latest version of the Check In Qld App to be able to link the two. If anyone is finding it difficult to do this, please feel free to give me a call and I can guide you through getting it done. Just to re-iterate, you must have a MyGov account (not just a

MyGovID) with your Medicare Service linked to that MyGov account, and have had both COVID vaccinations to be able to have it present on the Check In Qld App.

You can also expect an email from Dave very soon with a Survey Monkey link requesting your anonymous participation in a survey regarding methods of payment for club membership renewal. I would appreciate your participation in this survey in an attempt to gain some foresight into members opinions regarding our options.

To those of you who are travelling for Christmas, be safe on the roads, or however you are travelling, and come back to us safe and fit for another year of awesome table tennis.

Regards,

Pete  
Club President

### ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

The Annual Awards Night was held on Sunday 5 December – thanks to everyone who attended, and **special thanks** to all involved in the catering and preparation of food for the barbecue, the pre-dinner snacks and the supper at the end.

Congratulations to all the awards recipients, both from the Bundaberg Closed Championships, and the annual awards which were announced on the night:

**Player of the Year** Steve Mitchell



**Junior Encouragement Award** Lincoln Carter



The major trophies from the Bundaberg Closed were presented to:

**Steve and Bernadette Mitchell** (Mens & Womens Open Singles champions respectively)



**Junior Male Representative** Anushka Mudalige



**Noel Wilson Fair Play Award** David Chan



**Andrew Udall** (Junior Boys Singles champion)



**Junior Female Representative** Tahia Zia  
On holidays in Bangladesh

**Veteran Representative** Bernadette Mitchell



As **Natasha Jefferson** (Junior Girls Singles champion) was unable to attend, her trophy was presented later.

**Volunteer Award** Nikki Udall



### MONSTER RAFFLE

At the Awards Night, this raffle was drawn. The major prize of a 30 minute scenic flight around the Bundaberg area for three passengers, donated by and to be piloted by Peter Marris, was won by **Jan Baldock**.

The four hampers were won by **Ross Bagnall, Kate Juillerat, Sithuki Hewamadduma** and **Shane White (Lifeflight)**.

Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets, and to everyone who contributed to filling up the hampers. The raffle was a huge success, raising over \$2000.00 for the club.

### MCDONALDS BUNDABERG PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 26 November, just under 100 players from three schools (Woongarra, Norville and BCC) competed at the McDonalds Bundaberg Primary Schools Teams Championships. While the number of schools and players was well down on previous years, the competition was still a great success with many very close matches. Congratulations to the BCC Boys teams which won the Year 6 Boys and the Year 4 & 5 Boys Division One Championships, while the equivalent Girls Championships were won by Woongarra.

Thank you to the club members who volunteered their time to work as Table Managers / Umpires, and / or in the canteen which was kept extremely busy !!!!

### CREE SHIELD v ROCKHAMPTON

The day after, Saturday 27 November, our six teams travelled to Rockhampton to defend the Eric Cree Shield which we had won here in dramatic style in 2020. Unfortunately, despite having a pretty strong group of players, we went down five matches to one to Rockhampton who as usual had some very strong players in their top two teams and a host of very experienced players in their other teams. However, we were a little unlucky on a couple of tables where we lost 6-5 after trailing in the early stages.

Congratulations go to Dillon Whalley who, in his Cree Shield debut, played outstandingly to win his three singles, while Kane Chantarat was also outstanding in

our only win, winning two singles including clinching the match 6-5 by winning his final singles in a very tough match as well as in both doubles wins. Lorraine Fourro also played very well in that match for two singles wins plus a doubles, as did Tahia Zia in her match while Rashed Aziz also won two singles for his team.



The bus crew in happier times, ie on the trip TO Rocky



Peter Marris hands the Cree Shield back to Allan Clarke

### QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following on from the Bundaberg Schools Championships which were held on November 13, five Bundaberg teams travelled to Brisbane on December 3 to compete at the State Finals of the Queensland Schools Championships. In the Open Boys competition, the BCC team (Andrew & Matthew Udal,

Braydon Chapman) totally dominated, winning all of their matches without losing a game to become Queensland champions, a fitting end for Andrew in particular in his final event as a schoolboy !!



The St Lukes Boys team of Thomas Ross and Janiru Hewamadduma won bronze in the Hopes (Under 12) Boys competition which featured many very close matches.



In the Junior Boys competition, BCC's Ari Maatta and William Te Pairi were unlucky to lose the bronze medal play-off, going down 3-2 to Sunshine Coast State High. The other two teams, both from St Lukes, Sean Galletly and William Bagnall (Junior Boys) and Sithuki

Hewamadduma and Georgie Ross (Hopes Girls) did not win medals but still played well in very evenly contested divisions.

As, apart from Andrew, Matthew and Braydon, this was all the players' first experience of playing away from Bundaberg, they will have learnt a lot and all enjoyed the experience.



The whole group of teams

Many thanks go to Peter Marris who drove the bus which took several of the teams to and from Brisbane in the one day, and to the parents who drove their children.

## SPRING & TERM 4 SEASON FINALS

All the finals have now been decided, with several going down to the final match. The results were:

**Spring Season Division One – Chan Slam** (Kane Chantararat, Andrew Udal) defeated Super Smash Bros (Brett Fourro, Dillon Whalley) 3-2



**Division Two BJ** (Michele Brockhurst, Nicholas Jefferson) def Super Troupers (Tahia Zia, Cathy Rivers) 3-0



**Division Three Black Hats** (Casey John, Louise Lawsen, Hayden Vincent) def Gold & Oldies (Les Dawson, Caleb Caddell, Bruce Hornsby) on countback of games 20/19 after they drew 6-all.



**Term 4 Juniors Division One KFC** (Braydon Chapman, Levi Sarin) def Strikers (Andrew Udal, Sean Galletly) 3-2



**Division Two Zx2** (Zander Ephraims, Zacharry Morrish) def Smashers (Janiru Hewamadumma, Jessica Carter) 3-2



**Division Three Angry Cheetahs** (Oscar Timms, Senuth De Silva) def Baby Tigers (Nirvaan Jain, Arnaf Hussain) 4-1



Congratulations to all the winning teams, and looking forward to seeing everyone back at the start of the 2022 seasons.

## CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

The starting date for the Junior coaching sessions to be conducted by Steve and Bernadette Mitchell will now be Monday 10 January and run for two weeks. More players are welcome to apply for either the Advanced / Intermediate group which will train on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or the Beginners group on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Steve at [steve\\_mitchell@dodo.com.au](mailto:steve_mitchell@dodo.com.au) or ring / text him on 0407 169 718.

During this term, quite a few Juniors continued to work on their Bronze and Silver awards. At the Annual Awards night, four of them were presented with their Silver certificates by Rashed Aziz who had done a lot

of their training. Others who completed their awards will receive at the start of next year. Congratulations to all of you.



Rashed with Lincoln, Lachlan, William B, Sean

Many thanks to **Rashed, Louise Lawsen** and **Steve Ricketts** who regularly attended on Friday nights to assist with coaching and the conduct of these tests.

## ST JOSEPHS OSHC GROUP

A group of almost 50 children from the St Josephs OSHC holiday care group visited the Centre on Tuesday for two hours of activities. With ages ranging from 5 - 12 years old, most of whom had never or rarely played table tennis, a variety of activities were provided under the guidance of club volunteers who included eight juniors (Braydon, Anushka, Kane, Lincoln, Jessica, Will M, Sithuki and Janiru). Thank you to all of you, and Steve R, Jim, Bruce and Trevor, for answering this last minute call for assistance. Hopefully, some the players will be back for more in the new year as there appeared to be quite a bit of natural talent.



## WORKING BEE

A working bee has been scheduled for Sunday 19 January, starting at **11.00 am** to clear the unwanted items that are stored in various places at the club. This will precede that afternoon's social session. All help will be greatly appreciated – bring your gloves and shoes.

**Does anyone want the plastic chairs stored under the television ???**

## LOST PROPERTY

As always there are plenty of towels and water bottles that have been left at the club over recent (and long) times. Some of the items in the photos below have been collected but those that are left will be donated to charity early next year if not collected by their owners.



## WANTED

### Expressions of Interest 2022 Honorary Secretary

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

## 2021 - 22 COMMITTEE

<b>President:</b>	Peter Marris
<b>Vice President:</b>	Trevor Barrett
<b>Secretary:</b>	Rhonda Dawson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Cathy Rivers
<b>Committee Members:</b>	Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Nikki Gourley
<b>Patron</b>	Pauline Langford
<b>Grading Committee</b>	Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt, Nikki Udall
<b>Development Officer</b>	Dave Delpratt
<b>Publicity / Records</b>	Dave Delpratt

All members are welcome to attend and speak at our monthly Committee meetings. Meetings are normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, starting **7.30 p.m.**

**Next Committee meeting Thurs. 13 January**

## COURT CLEANING

Each court has a separate dry mop, wet mop and bucket.

**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**

## 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.**

### 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

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

## 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.

Many thanks to those who have contributed lately.

**Amount raised in November \$131.20**

**(Our best ever month – thank you !!)**

**Total amount so far this year \$846.30**

**Please save all your bottles and cans over the Christmas and New Year period, then bring them to the club so we can start our 2022 fundraising in a BIG way.**

## CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **club shirts** can be made at any time – cost is currently **\$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.

Also available now 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**.

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**

## 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.

## OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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**Wishing all club members and your families a very safe and happy holiday period, and looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the club in 2022 – bring your friends too !!!**

**Dave Delpratt**

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