

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

December 2022 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE, THERE'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER OF EVENTS SINCE THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER, RESULTING IN THIS ONE BEING PRETTY LONG, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

23 December Final Friday social session
6 & 8 January Social sessions resume
12-20 January Junior coaching sessions
20/21 January Qld Hopes camp (Brisbane)
27 January First Junior Come & Try Night
31 Jan / 1 Feb Start Pre-Winter season
3 February Second Junior Come & Try Night
10 February Start Term 1 Junior season
11 February Bunnings BBQ
25 February Special Olympics (Moreton Bay)

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All,

Seasons greetings, please have a merry Christmas and safe new year if you are travelling. Congratulations to the fixture winners, looking forward to seeing you all back on the courts in the new year. As I mentioned at the presentation night, we are making some progress

with the air conditioning project, however it does appear that a three-phase power upgrade will be required to supply the 8 units we will be installing. The cost for this is unknown, however Phil is expecting a quote from Ergon any day now. Once we know the cost we can make some plans to press on.

I'd like to personally commend all the Bundy players that attended the Qld Schools Championships in Brisbane on 2 December. I travelled down with the players on the bus and was extremely proud of not only their haul of medals, but how they conducted themselves and represented their schools and the Bundy Club in a professional manner. Well done!

See you all in 2023!

Kind Regards,

TREVOR BARRETT – QUEENSLAND SPORT SERVICE TO SPORT AWARD

Congratulations to Trevor Barrett who was one of four recipients of a Service to Sport Award at the recent Queensland Sports Awards Night in Brisbane. Trevor's award is in recognition of his many years of administration in Table Tennis, firstly at the Gold Coast Association where he was President for many years for which he was awarded Life Membership. Trevor then was elected President of Table Tennis Queensland in 2007,

a position he held until he stepped down in 2019. He is currently Vice-President of both TTQ and Bundaberg.



Trevor presented with a crystal Waterford vase by the Premier.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations also got to:

Lorraine Fourro who has been named at # 12 in this year's Over 50 Womens TTA Veterans ranking list and #14 for Over 40 Womens list.

At the Bundaberg Special Olympics annual awards lunch on Saturday **Margaret Jefferson** was named as Bundaberg Special Olympics Club Person of the Year.

Nicholas Jefferson was named as the Bundaberg Player of the Year, while **Michael Bridgeland** is their Ten Pin Player of the Year. Regular Thursday afternoon session attendee, **Chris Cater**, was selected as the Most Improved Table Tennis player.

At the STEPS Group awards function at the PCYC last Monday, Bundaberg Table Tennis was awarded the

Social Inclusion Club of the Year for our SIBS (Stepping into Bundaberg Sport) program in Term 3. This program was for young people with autism to try a wide variety of different sports throughout the year, so to be selected for this award was quite a surprise but greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Steve Ricketts, Bruce Hornsby and Jim Buttling for their involvement with this program.

VALE JOHN McDOWELL

Former club President John McDowell passed away recently after a long illness. He originally joined the club in the early 1970's and was elected President in 1977 and 1978. Returning to Bundaberg in the early 2000's after a very successful business career on the Gold Coast selling caravans, John was again elected President for one year in 2008. In recent times, he was a regular at the Friday morning social sessions when he was not travelling with his wife, Pam, who sadly also passed away earlier this year.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Sunday 27 November 5.00 – 8.00 pm

Congratulations to all the recipients of annual awards as well as those who received trophies and certificates for their efforts at the Bundaberg Closed earlier in the year.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR	Lorraine Fourro
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	Steve Ricketts
NOEL WILSON FAIR PLAY AWARD	Jason Dugdell
JUNIOR MALE REPRESENTATIVE	Andrew Udal
JUNIOR FEMALE REPRESENTATIVE	Natasha Jefferson
JUNIOR ROOKIE REPRESENTATIVE	Janiru Hewamadduma
VETERAN REPRESENTATIVE	Lorraine Fourro
PARA TT REPRESENTATIVE	Nicholas Jefferson
MENS OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION	Brett Fourro

WOMENS OPEN SINGLES CHAMPION

Lorraine Fourro

JUNIOR MALE SINGLES CHAMPION

Andrew Udal

JUNIOR FEMALE SINGLES CHAMPION

Natasha Jefferson



Player of the Year, Lorraine Fourro with Club Patron, Pauline Langford

[See more photos on the last page](#)

CREE SHIELD v ROCKHAMPTON

Bundaberg got within one match of regaining the Cree Shield when Rockhampton visited on November 19. As is usual, Rocky dominated on the top three tables, winning each match very comfortably. Our fourth team of Kane Chantarat, Susan McDonald and Lorraine Fourro snatched a last gasp 6-5 win, Kane winning his three singles, Susan two singles including an incredible display of her power in the final singles against Erica Nolan, and Lorraine one singles. Our fifth team unfortunately could not convert a 5-4 lead into the win which would have clinched the Shield for us. Ironically, Emily Steffen won the last singles for Rocky this time after she lost the deciding final match to Deleece McDonald in 2020 when we last won the Shield. Travis McDermid led the sixth team to a 6-5 victory with four wins overall, coming back from 5/10 in the fifth game of the last singles for another amazing result. Our seventh team were much too strong for their opponents, winning 10-1.



Peter Marris hands the Cree Shield back to Rockhampton President, Allan Clarke

[See more photos on the last page](#)

JUNIOR & HOPES TRAINING CAMP

As well as the Cree Shield, the weekend also included a Junior and Hopes training camp under the guidance of Queensland High Performance and Development Coordinator, Matthew Pettett, and Kelsey Le Maistre. Conducted over Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, the camp enabled Matthew and Kelsey to work with some established juniors as well as meeting a number of new players. The camp finished with a competition for the 2023 Hopes players (12 years and younger) to qualify for the Queensland Hopes camp in Brisbane at the end the school holidays in January.

QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – STATE FINALS

Bundaberg schools had plenty of success at the State Finals in Brisbane on Friday 2 December. Three teams won their competition, three more were runners-up and two others came third. The remaining two teams came fourth, narrowly missing out on winning medals. In the Open Boys, Bundaberg Christian College made it back-to-back wins after also claiming gold last year. Braydon Chapman and Matthew Udal again had the narrowest of wins over the Bundaberg State High team of Kane Chantarat and Kye Meuli in a repeat of their match at the Bundaberg qualifying tournament in early November. In a match of the highest quality and close results, Braydon edged out Kane in the final game of the last singles for a 3-2 victory to decide the overall winner of the competition.



Jack Banyard & Fletcher Reichman (3rd), Matthew & Braydon (1st), Kye & Kane (2nd)

Christina and Hannah Lee won the Junior Girls event, defeating St Lukes Sithuki Hewamadduma and Shanae Oosthuizen in a reversal of the result in Bundaberg. After losing 3-2 in Bundaberg, the Shalom girls played very well to win 4-1.



Shanae, Sithuki (2nd), Christina, Hannah (1st)

Woongarra claimed the Hopes Girls title in a tense final round against Whitsunday Anglican School. Meredith Sheather and Sophie Elder won the first two singles but their opponents fought back to level the score before Meredith showed great determination and tactical awareness to win the final singles. Woongarra's second team of Rebecca Zapp and Pyiper Redgard came third.



Rebecca Z (3rd), Meredith & Sophie (1st), Misha & Saisha (2nd)

The Shalom Junior Boys team of Will Martin, in his final appearance before moving to Canberra next year, and Lincoln Carter also won silver in a very close competition against numerous difficult opponents. BCC's William Te Pairi and Ari Maatta came fourth.



Johnson Liu & Tim Hu (3rd), Milaan Sohal & Xiangdong Xi (1st), Lincoln & Will (2nd)

In the Hopes Boys event, St Lukes Janiru Hewamadduma and Lucas Nejman played very well to come third behind two very strong teams, while Woongarra's Cohen Sheather and Oscar Dunlop narrowly missed out on the bronze medal.



Ken & Han Leung (2nd), Jaden & Ian Cao (1st), Janiru & Lucas (3rd)

Many thanks to the schools who supported both the local competition and the State Finals, and to the players' parents.

SPRING SEASON

Congratulations to the successful teams this season.

Division One premiers are Killers (Peter Spratley, Susan McDonald) who defeated Pearl Jam (Brett Fourro, Steve Ricketts) 3-2 in the final.



Peter & Susan

Rumbos (Travis McDermid, Cathy Rivers, Hayden Vincent) won Division Two from Stiga (Phil Freeman, Nicholas Jefferson, Joel Lee). Travis, Cathy and Hayden will be presented with their prizes at the start of next season.

In Division Three, Marvels (Nev Newitt, Pat Rodgers, Heather Bourke) were runaway winners with GTs (George Haggard, Tom Morgan, Kaine Dugdell) coming second.



Nev, Pat & Heather

TERM 4 JUNIOR SEASON

Bing Chilling defeated H2NO 3-1 in the final of Division One. After the first two singles were shared, Lincoln Carter, substituting for Kane Chantararat who had to work, won a thrilling 13/11 fifth game against Matthew Udall, then Thomas Ross overcame Shaurya Jain to clinch the match.



Thomas & Lincoln – Div 1 champions

Just Unbeatable (Meredith Sheather, Ren Hope, Nirvaan Jain, Lakitha Somirathne) lived up to their name with an all-team 7-1 win over Fighting Nuggets to claim the Division Two premiership.



Div 2 champions – Meredith, Ren, Nirvaan, Lakitha

Braydon Chapman completed a clean sweep of the Division One players averages when he was the top player again for the season, having also won in each of the previous three seasons. Meredith and Nirvaan won their respective sections in Division Two.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Congratulations to Oscar Quarrell, Taylah Sim and Chris Cater who added to their collection of ribbons when they competed at the Sunshine Coast Special Olympics tournament on November 19. The first tournament in 2023 will be on February 25 at Moreton Bay.



Taylah and Oscar with ribbons and friends



Chris getting photo-bombed

JANUARY JUNIOR TRAINING SESSIONS

Steve and Bernadette Mitchell will again conduct coaching sessions during the last two weeks of the school holidays. The players who have booked have been placed into one group which will now train on Wed 11, Fri 13, Mon 16, Wed 18 and Fri 20 January from 10.00am – 12 noon, though the beginners will finish at 11.30 am. The cost for each session will be \$15.00 per player.

Bookings can still be made by contacting Steve on 0407 169 718 or steve_mitchell@dodo.com.au.

ADULT COACHING & TRAINING

Monday night Adult coaching will resume on Monday nights (7.00 – 9.00 pm) after the start of the 2023 school year.

CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **club shirts** can be made at any time – cost is currently **\$50.00**. 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 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).

FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED LITERALLY

TT SHIRTS FOR SALE

Looking for a Table Tennis present to give a young Junior for Christmas ? 😊😊

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:



LOST PROPERTY

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

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 November \$122.50 (WOW !!!)

2022 total so far \$716.70

Please save all your bottles and cans over the holidays then bring them to the club so we can build our 2023 fundraising in a BIG way.

Many thanks to our regular and occasional contributors.

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.

2023 Membership Fees

Subject to change

(NOTE: New members joining now 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

2022 - 23 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 December

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Wishing all members and families a happy and safe holiday break and looking forward to seeing you back in 2023

Dave Delpratt

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CREE SHIELD PHOTOS



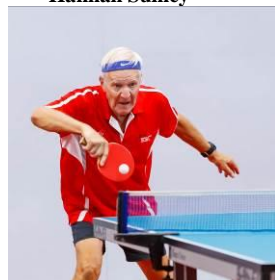
Andrew McCurley



Ayo Adeniji



Hannah Sunley



Pieter Poldervaart

ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS PHOTOS



Volunteer of the Year, Steve Ricketts, with Pauline Langford



Noel Wilson Fair Play Award, Jason Dugdell



Club Singles champions, Brett & Lorraine Fourro



Junior Male champion & Representative Player, Andrew Udal



Junior Female champion & Representative Player, Natasha Jefferson



Junior Rookie Representative Player, Janiru Hewamadduma



Para TT Representative Player, Nicholas Jefferson