

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

February 2023 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE, WELCOME TO THE FIRST CLUB NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR, ESPECIALLY OUR NEW MEMBERS. HOPING YOU HAD A GOOD BREAK BUT ARE READY FOR A BUSY YEAR, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

15 February	Start Term 1 Secondary Schools competition.
25 February	Special Olympics (Moreton Bay)
5 March	UQ Teams tournament
12 March	Working bee (TBC)
13 March	Bundaberg Annual General Meeting
18 & 19 March	Bundaberg Open
24 March	Term 1 Junior season finals
2 – 6 April	Qld Juniors (Townsville)
7 – 10 April	Qld Closed (Townsville)
21 April	Start Term 2 Junior season
23 April	World Table Tennis Day

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All,

Welcome to another season and another year. I hope everyone had a good break. Fixtures are now underway, and I hope to be able to pop in and watch a few

matches once I'm a little more mobile after having my knee operation last Tuesday.

The AGM is approaching and Cathy has indicated she would like to step down as Treasurer. She will be very sorely missed and has done a wonderful job in that role over the last six years. If you feel this position is something you could take on, please contact myself or Cathy to gain more information.

Ergon have indicated they will be able to commence work upgrading our electricity supply to 3 phase in June this year. Once that work has been completed, we will be able to proceed with the installation of the air-conditioners. We have another grant application in place to significantly upgrade our solar panels, inverters, and battery storage capability. I see no reason why we shouldn't be playing in an air-conditioned facility during our next summer. How fantastic will that be?

We had a Bunnings sausage sizzle last Saturday and made just over \$1200 in profit. At the committee meeting last Monday, it was agreed that these funds would be used to subsidise Club Juniors attending the Queensland Junior Championships in Townsville in April and those members attending the Veteran Championships.

The Bundaberg Open is being held on the 18th and 19th of March. The entry form has now been finalised and is available to download on the club website. Tournament entries may also be made online in the Events section on the club website. If you do register online, the system will generate an invoice. Please do not pay online. We request you pay your entry fee

when arriving for your first event. Cash or EFTPOS is preferable. This minimises online fees and makes it much easier to process changes and cancellations.

Kind Regards,

NEW CLUB SPONSORSHIP WANTED

Following their takeover of the club's major sponsor since 2007, **Bundaberg Radiology**, the new owners Carlisle Health have regrettably declined to continue the sponsorship "for this year". As a result, the club is now making enquiries to another local firm to see if they are interested in becoming our major sponsor. However, if you know of any business, or individual, who might be interested, please speak to Peter Marris or me so that we can make contact with them.

In the meantime, the club acknowledges the wonderful long term support Bundaberg Radiology has given to us over the last fifteen or sixteen years which all began with a letter-writing campaign to local businesses and sporting / service clubs seeking support for our juniors who had been selected in the Queensland team to compete at the National Championships that year.

BUNNINGS BARBECUE

Thank you to everyone involved in another successful Bunnings barbecue on Saturday, especially to Trevor Barrett in his role as Team Leader which meant he was

on the job from very early in the morning right through without a break until well after the barbecue officially finished. This was in addition to organising volunteers and purchasing / obtaining of most supplies and equipment leading up to the day. Thanks also to those club members and parents who gave up some of their day to help, and of course to Bunnings for their assistance during the day.

BUNDABERG AGM

The Bundaberg Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Monday 13 March**, starting at 7.30 pm.

All club members and parents of Juniors are encouraged to attend.

Information, nomination forms and Notice of Motion forms will be available very soon. Please note that nominations are required at least seven days before the meeting and notices of motion five days prior.

All positions on the Committee will become vacant – Patron, President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Committee member, Grading Committee (Club Selectors), Publicity Officer, Records Officer.

As noted in Pete's Pearls, **Cathy Rivers** wishes to step down as Treasurer after six years – anyone interested in taking on this very important position should speak to Cathy or Pete for details of the work involved.

2023 BUNDABERG OPEN

The Bundaberg Open will be held on **March 18 & 19** so please keep that weekend free so you can play in some events, maybe volunteer in the canteen or as an umpire, or just come along to watch some excellent competition. Players are expected from Townsville right down to the border, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to test your skills against a range of visiting players.

The entry form is now available and has been sent to all members by a separate email so please take a look at what events you can enter.

WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY

Sunday 23 April

World Table Tennis Day has been running for a number of years though we have never been in a position to conduct an event. However, this year we certainly are so we are looking for suggestions. Click on the link below to get some ideas then let me know so we can start to get organised.

On April 23rd, table tennis associations, clubs and communities across the globe will come together to celebrate our wonderful sport. The theme of this year's World Table Tennis Day is 'Think Sustainably, Act Now', with the ITTF encouraging celebrations to focus on the joy of playing table tennis for fun and its ability to bring people together, rather than the competition aspect of the sport.

TTA would very much encourage all clubs and associations to run an activity in celebration of World Table Tennis Day 2023. Examples of the different types of activities run across the globe on World Table Tennis Day's in the past, can be found at -

<https://ittffoundation.org/programmes/tt4all/world-table-tennis-day/past-editions>

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION DONATIONS

As Pete mentioned above, the club has been working for several years towards the goal of air-conditioning the Centre – an unfortunately long, slow, frustrating at times, and costly process but one that is getting closer to fruition. One of the initiatives taken a couple of years ago was to set up an account with the Australian Sports Foundation whereby tax deductible donations can be made towards our air-conditioning project. All money received will go towards the cost of air-conditioning the Centre. If you would like to make a donation, go to asf.org.au, click on Donate and type in Bundaberg Table Tennis. We have been informed that the donation process will soon be made simpler and quicker through Apple Pay and Google Pay but the present process is still quite quick and simple. You can make the donations anonymously if you wish. Thank you for any support you can give to this project which

will definitely enhance the playing conditions in the club.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

After a slightly delayed start to the Wednesday night competition, the Pre-Winter season is underway. There are four teams in the Tuesday night competition, while there are ten teams all in one division on Wednesday nights. So far, most of the results indicate the competitions are going to be very close.

Both nights will continue after the Easter school holidays break before the Winter season begins. Although there are a few more players this year than at the same time last year, we really do need to recruit more players so if you know anyone, former members or new players, who may be interested, please encourage them to come along to some of the social sessions or fixture nights.

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

After a couple of Come & Try Nights in the first two weeks of the school year and some round robin competitions last Friday, the Term 1 season will start this week. Again, if you know anyone interested in playing, it's not too late to nominate as teams will be selected on Thursday. As quite a few players will be heading to Townsville on the last day of term, **the season will finish on Friday 24 March.**

TERM 1 SCHOOLS COMPETITION

A very pleasing seven Bundaberg and district schools have nominated teams for this term's Secondary Schools competition starting on Wednesday this week. This season will run for seven weeks, finishing on **Wednesday 29 March.**

QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Information and entry details are expected in the next week or so for the Queensland Junior and Closed (Senior) Championships which will be held back-to-back in Townsville during the Easter school holidays. The **Juniors (April 2-6)** will be followed by the **Closed (April 7-10)**, so any players who wish to play in either

or both of these events should keep an eye out this information to arrive.

ADULT COACHING & TRAINING

Monday night Adult coaching have resumed on Monday nights (7.00 – 9.00 pm) with several members already attending several times, but there are still plenty of vacancies for others to join, either each week or whenever they are willing and able !!

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).

LOST PROPERTY

There is, again, a growing collection of water bottles, towels, 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 can be recycled. We receive **10 cents** for every eligible container so please deposit your “empties” in the bins in the foyer.

Total amount raised in 2022 was \$771.70

Amount raised in January 2023 was \$87.00

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

2023 Playing Fees (Including GST)

Subject to change

Fixture Fees

Adult	\$ 12.00
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	\$ 24.00
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 2 nd Monday of the month, starting 7.30 p.m.	
Next Committee meeting After the AGM	

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



Also, please support our other sponsors when possible:

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