Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

June 2022 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE WE ARE NOW GETTING UNDERWAY FOR THE CURRENT SEASONS, AND WE ARE FAST APPROACHING THE BUNDABERG OPEN, THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OTHER TOURNAMENTS, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

18 & 19 June	Rockhampton Open
24 June	Term 2 Junior finals
3 – 9 July	National Senior, Youth, Junior, Para
-	Championships (Caloundra)
20 – 24 July	QId Veterans Championships

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All,

Welcome to another newsletter, they come around very quickly! We had a very successful Bundaberg Open Championships with a pleasing number of our own club members participating, particularly our juniors. It was a little disappointing to not attract our usual number of players from other clubs. The reasons for that are many and varied and hopefully will be the exception rather than the rule for future events. Congratulations to all the participants and a sincere thank you to Dave, Cathy, Nikki and Rhonda for their usual efforts in running the event. I would also like to personally thank all those organisations, businesses and individuals that sponsored or supported the event in some way. Without them, it would not be the success it was! Nationals are approaching fast, and we have a contingent of juniors attending that event in Caloundra in early July. I will be going to spectate and support in any way I can, and know that our players will do us proud while representing our club. Good luck to those participants.

I would like to provide an update now on our insulation and air-conditioning project. As stated last month, our grant application was unsuccessful. However, since then we have been very fortunate in receiving a very generous donation from a past club member, and had another offer of very sizable, interest free loan from a current club member to assist with funding the project. This has given us considerable traction, but we are still a little way short of having enough funds to press the go button on Stage 1 of the project. As it is coming very close to the end of the financial year, now is a really good time to make a fully tax deductible donation towards this project. Visit our fundraising page at the Australian Sports Foundation at the following address: https://asf.org.au/projects/bundaberg-and-district-tabletennis-association . Any donation amount, large or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Cheers until next month.

Regards,

Pete (Club President)

2022 BUNDABERG OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The tournament attracted 73 entrants which, while it was a little disappointing there were only about twelve players from other clubs, it was wonderful to see so many of our young juniors take part, many for the first time in an Open tournament. Congratulations to all players for their efforts and in particular those who were able to win events. Most of the major events were dominated by visiting players but we were privileged to see plenty of excellent matches, especially in the Mens Open Singles. Congratulations go to former Bundaberg junior, Hayden Green, on winning the Mens Open Singles in a tremendous seven game contest with To-kyo Paralympic Mens team silver medallist, Joel Coughlan.



Mens Open Singles champion, Hayden Green

Kelsey Le Maistre had a more comfortable win in the Womens Open Singles, downing Rocky team mate, Emily Steffen in the final.



Womens Open Singles champions, Kelsey Le Maistre

Congratulations also go to Kane Chantarat, selected as Bundaberg's Player of the Tournament.



All the results can be seen on the noticeboard near the stairs and in the results book at the canteen. Videos of most of the finals and other matches, live-streamed expertly again by Peter Marris, can be seen by going to the club website. Click on **Home** then scroll down **Latest News** to the list of videos. A large collection of excellent photos taken by Steve Ricketts can also be seen on the website.

A very big thank you to the many club members who volunteered their time and efforts throughout the weekend in a variety of ways. This ensured that everyone had a good experience and hopefully will return next year.



Open – Bundaberg Radiology, DGZ Chartered Accountants, Takalvans, Total Tools, Wide Bay Canopies & Filter Cleaners, Dymocks Bookstore, Ross Gray Motor City, Wessel Petroleum, Uncle Chans Chinese Cafe, Waldo's Mower Doctor, Hon. Tom Smith (Member for Bundaberg, and TTQ Patron) & Hon. Stephen Bennett (Member for Burnett)

BUNDABERG OPEN RAFFLE

Another thank you goes to everyone who supported the recent Total Tools raffle that was drawn at the Bundaberg Open. Well over \$1000.00 was raised which is certainly a wonderful boost to the club's finances.

The winner was **Helen Walter** (ticket **Red Y82**), a work mate of Deleece McDonald who, apart from selling the winning ticket, sold a complete book of 100 tickets, an incredible effort. Thank you Deleece.

The two \$50.00 fuel vouchers, donated by Wessel Petroleum, went to Levi Sarin's mother, Deena, and to Cherie Golding, a work mate of Thomas and Georgie Ross' parents at Gin Gin State High.

QUEENSLAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nominations for the Queensland Vets, to be held in Mackay from July 21 – 24, close for both club teams and individual events on Friday 1 July. If you wish to be included in a Bundaberg or Presidents team, please let me know by Thursday 14 July so entering can be finalised by the due date. Individual event entries are each player's responsibility. For more information and to enter the individual events, go to the TTQ website.

WINTER SEASON

The Winter season is approaching both its halfway point as well as the mid-season break for the school holidays. A **reminder for the Division One and Two players** that immediately following the holiday break, play in the first two weeks will on **Thursday 14 July** (after the third State of Origin match) and **Monday 18 July** (before the Qld Veterans Championships). Players who know they will be unavailable for either of those two nights are asked to contact me as soon as possible so reserve players can be arranged.

TERM 2 JUNIOR SEASON

The finals in all three divisions of this term's Junior fixtures will be played next Friday. If your team is in the final and you are not available, please contact me urgently in case your match can be played on a different day in the coming week.

Nominations for Term 3 Junior fixtures, starting on July 15, are now being taken. If you or anyone you know wants to play, please add you name to the list or let me know.

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

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) and / or the **Thursday night training** session run by Steve and Bernadette Mitchell (7.00 – 9.00 pm; cost \$6.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members). New players are welcome to either session.

GIRLS TRAINING GRANT

The proposed Girls Only training group is gradually gaining more applications but there are still plenty of

vacancies. This program will see Bernadette Mitchell conduct a ten week girls only group session once a week in Term 3, most likely on a Saturday OR Sunday morning, depending on which is most preferable to the players. 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 at training.

SPINNEROOS

This term's Spinneroos program finished this week. Hopefully at least some of the eight players will be continuing by joining our other coaching sessions and / or joining Junior fixtures.



Harry, Darcy, Liam, Joseph, Lucas, Charli, Eddie, Martin

SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Next term is shaping up to be a very busy one with both Secondary and Primary School weekly competitions being conducted on Wednesdays and Fridays. Both start late July and will run for six and five weeks respectively.

Information about the Queensland Schools Championships is expected soon with regional qualifying tournaments likely to be held during Term 3.

Additionally, two groups from the SIBS (Step Into Bundaberg Sport) program conducted by STEPS will come to the club for four weeks each on Thursdays, starting on July 14.

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 Haggar,
	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 Monday 11 July

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

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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 May \$50.80

2022 total so far \$346.50

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. Also, a **Size 12 club shirt** was left here several weeks ago – is it yours ?



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

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



Dave Delpratt

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MORE BUNDY OPEN PICS Thanks Steve Ricketts



Christina Lee



Hannah Lee



Mens Open Singles runner-up Joel Coughlan



Tahia Zia & Matt Udal



Willow Stuhmcke v Meredith Sheater



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Susan McDonald



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