

# Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

## August 2021 Newsletter



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**HI EVERYONE** WE'RE COMING UP TOWARDS SEVERAL MAJOR EVENTS INCLUDING THE BUNDABERG SECTION OF THE QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE BUNDABERG CLOSED AND THE END OF THE VARIOUS FIXTURE SEASONS, PLUS THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY HAPPENING RECENTLY, SO .... **PLEASE READ ON:**

### Important Dates:

- August 21 ~~Bundaberg Schools Championships~~  
(Postponed due to COVID situation)
- August 27 -29 ~~Bundaberg Closed Championships~~
- September 10 Term 3 Junior season finals
- September 14 BDSSA Winter Finals Day  
Division 3 Winter final
- September 15 Division 1 & 2 Winter finals
- September 17 ~~Old Schools Finals (Brisbane)~~  
(Postponed due to COVID situation)

### PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Welcome to the August newsletter.

The Bundaberg Closed Championships are on later this month and I would encourage members to utilise our online registration system available on our website. At

the time of writing, there is still an unresolved issue with RevSport regarding capped priced invoices. If you enter more than five events, the invoice total should be capped to \$30.

The back end of our system is doing that but the invoices being issued to members is not. So please only pay \$30 if your invoice is more than that until RevSport can remedy this glitch.

Congratulations to our Veterans who participated in the recent Championships held in Brisbane. Detailed results and Orders of Merit are posted on our website, and there is a short summary elsewhere in this newsletter.

A committee meeting was held on 9 August and a brief summary of matters discussed include another successful grant application thanks to Phil Freeman for supply and installation of solar powered whirly birds in the roof. Expect this to occur in the near future. More research and information is being gathered regarding our options for cooling the centre in the summer months. The committee agreed to engage a specialist electrical engineering consultant to provide advice on the best and most efficient way to proceed. More about that as the information comes to hand.

Regards, Pete (Club President)

### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The second of two free training sessions, conducted by paramedics from Queensland Ambulance, on how to use the club's new defibrillator will be held **THIS SUNDAY (August 15) from 12.00 – 1.00 pm**. The first was last Friday, attended by a large group, mainly consisting of the Friday morning social players. All found the session to be very interesting and informative, as well as important.



Part of the group at the first session

If interested in attending this Sunday, please arrive before noon. You do not need to book – just turn up.

## 2021 QUEENSLAND VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to our players who competed at this tournament recently, bringing home a host of medals from both team and individual events.

**Bernadette Mitchell** had the most success, winning four titles – Over 50 Womens Teams with **Lorraine Fourro**, Over 40 Womens Singles, and both the Over 40 and Over 50 Mixed Doubles with husband Steve, Bernie also was runner-up in the Over 50 Womens Singles and the Over 50 Womens Doubles (with Lorraine).

**Steve Mitchell**, as well as his Mixed Doubles wins, was runner-up in the Over 50 Mens Doubles with **John Fourro**, and came third in the Over 50 Mens Teams with John, and **Andrew McCurley**. John and Andrew were bronze medalists in the Over 40 Mens Doubles.

**Peter Spratley and Reinhard Lot** were runners-up in the Over 65 Mens Teams.



Andrew McCurley, Pieter Poldervaart, John Fourro, Lorraine Fourro, Bernadette Mitchell, Steve Mitchell, Reinhard Lot  
(Peter Spratley absent)

As a result of their performances at the Queensland Championships, five of our players have been selected in Queensland teams for the National Championships that will be held in Darwin (9-16 October) - **Bernadette** (Over 50 Womens "A"), **Lorraine** (Over 50 Womens "B"), **Steve** and **John** (Over 50 Mens "B") and **Peter** (Over 65 Mens "A"). Again, congratulations to all of you.

## BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entry forms for the 2021 Bundaberg Closed Championships (Friday 27 – Sunday 29) are now available. This tournament is open only to Bundaberg Association members, except for the combined Para TT / Special Olympics Singles for which Bundaberg Special Olympics members can also enter. An addition to this year's tournament is a Doubles event for members who regularly attend the Friday morning Social session. Hopefully this will prove to be a very popular event and one that will be retained in future years.

**Entries for all events close on Thursday 26 August.**

Entry forms and Grading lists have been emailed in recent weeks but are also available at the club and on the club's website. Entries can also be made online through the website, or by returning the hard copy entry forms.

This is always an excellent weekend of table tennis as all players can compete in a number of different events, in their own age group and / or their own playing level.

If you would like more information, please contact me at the club over the next week.

## FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

The next round of applications for these vouchers is now open. These Queensland Government grants provide up to **\$150.00 for juniors** to participate in sport – for membership and playing fees. They have been extremely popular in the club over many years. Please see me if you need more information or just google **Fair Play Vouchers**.

## BUNDABERG SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

As indicated at the start of the newsletter in **Important Dates**, both the Bundaberg Schools Championships scheduled for Saturday 21 August and the State Finals on September 17 have been postponed due the restrictions in place for community and school sport due to the COVID situation. Table Tennis Queensland

will be looking at transferring all the regional events and the State Finals to dates in Term 4, and will advise these in the coming weeks.

## Learn OBS Studio...



The club is considering investing some funds to acquire dedicated hardware to enable professional live streaming of fixture finals and club events to Facebook and Youtube. Unlike other clubs who live stream with a single camera and a fixed view, without audio, and quite often difficult to determine who is playing and what the score is, our club would like to do it better! This means multiple camera angles, score overlays, fancy graphics and intro videos, even background music! The downside to this is that it requires a dedicated operator at the computer to control the transitions between cameras, keep the scores accurate and make the live stream feed entertaining to watch. Peter Marris has done extensive research into how to do this effectively, but requires the assistance of at least two other people who would be willing and available to get trained on how to setup and co-ordinate a live stream for times when he is unavailable to do so. Ideally, these people would have an interest in IT and Social Media and be non-players (perhaps parents of Juniors) who would be willing to assist on the occasions we wanted to live stream. If this sounds like you, please contact Pete directly on 0427 987363 to discuss, or email at [pete@proavia.com.au](mailto:pete@proavia.com.au).

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Senior, Youth, Junior and Para Table Tennis Championships which were originally to have been held over the last school holidays have now been rescheduled for December 12-19, again at Caloundra. Hopefully, all of our Bundaberg players who were selected for Queensland teams will still be able to attend.

## WINTER & JUNIOR SEASONS

All club fixtures are into their final preliminary rounds before the start of their finals which will be played in the second half of September. With most competitions having an even number of teams and therefore no byes, it has sometimes been very difficult to recruit sufficient reserve players when required. Many thanks to those reserve players who have made themselves available, some on a very regular basis, so that the teams they have played for, and their opponents, are not unduly disadvantaged.

## CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

It has been extremely pleasing to see our juniors attending their coaching sessions in solid numbers for all available sessions since the start of this term. As a result, many of our younger players are showing a lot of improvement and, just as pleasingly, increased enthusiasm with their training and in competition. However, more juniors are most welcome to join these sessions:

**Monday 4.00 – 6.00** Younger Juniors training with Steve Mitchell and Dave Delpratt

**Tuesday 4.00 – 6.00** Representative Juniors training with Steve; other Juniors training with Dave (4.30 – 6.00)

**Friday night 7.00 – 9.00** All Juniors, including non-member beginners, are welcome.

A **Weekly Coaching pass** has been re-introduced to complement the **Term Pass** which proved very popular. The Weekly Pass caters for those players who were not available for the whole term due to studies or

other reasons, or are just starting to attend these sessions now.

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| Single Coaching session                | \$10.00  |
| Weekly Coaching Pass (2 sessions)      | \$18.00  |
| Weekly Coaching Pass (3 sessions)      | \$25.00  |
| Term 3 Coaching Pass (1 session/week)  | \$80.00  |
| Term 3 Coaching Pass (2 sessions/week) | \$150.00 |
| Term 3 Coaching Pass (3 sessions/week) | \$220.00 |

The above fees apply to all club members – Juniors and Adults.

A further request - **more coaches are needed**, especially on Monday afternoons and Friday nights. **Club members or parents with a playing background** are needed to assist with the younger players so that they can progress more rapidly. If interested in assisting on Friday nights, or at other times, please contact me at the club.

Thanks again to **Kameron Chan** who assisted for much of this year on Friday nights to work with our Juniors. He has now returned to Melbourne which is the reason for the request above. **CAN YOU HELP ??** Thank you to **Louise Lawsen, Andrew McCurley and Rashed Aziz** who all did a wonderful job helping last Friday night which turned out to be one of the best sessions this year.

The **Thursday afternoon session (4.30 – 6.00pm)** for **Para TT and Special Olympics players** also has a strong regular attendance but more players are welcome. If you know anyone with a physical or intellectual disability who may be interested in playing Table Tennis, please suggest they make enquiries about this session.

A small group of players from **STEPS** will finish their five week Stepping Into Bundy Sports (SIBS) program this week. Many thanks to **Lorraine Fourro, Bruce Hornsby and Andrew Udal** for providing their time and effort in assisting with this program which has seen several of the players improve incredibly over this short period.

## WANTED

### Expressions of Interest 2022 Honorary Secretary

so Rhonda can retire after ten years in the position.  
Training available over the next 12 months.

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

There are still three regional Open tournaments coming up in the next couple of months:

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| <b>August 28 &amp; 29</b>                           | <b>Gold Coast Open</b>     |
| (Postponed to later date due to Covid restrictions) |                            |
| <b>September 11 &amp; 12</b>                        | <b>Toowoomba Open</b>      |
| <b>September 25 &amp; 26</b>                        | <b>Sunshine Coast Open</b> |

A date for our trip to Rockhampton to defend the **Eric Cree Shield** is yet to be decided but most likely it will be in early November.

## COURT CLEANING

Each court now 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**

## 2021 - 22 COMMITTEE

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|---------------------------|--|
| <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                         |



**Grading Committee** Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt,  
Nikki Udal  
**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<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, starting **7.30 p.m.**

**Next Committee meeting Mon. 13 September**

## 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.*

### 2021 Membership Fees

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 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

|        |          |
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| Adult  | \$ 25.00 |
| Junior | \$ 19.00 |

#### Family Social Fee

|             |          |
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| Members     | \$ 16.00 |
| Non-members | \$ 20.00 |

#### Coaching

|                            |          |
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| Adult                      | \$ 10.00 |
| Junior Squad               | \$ 10.00 |
| Weekly pass (two sessions) | \$ 18.00 |
| Friday Junior              | \$ 7.00  |

### Term 3 Coaching Passes (to be confirmed)

(Adults and Juniors)

|                       |          |
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| One session / week    | \$ 80.00 |
| Two sessions / week   | \$150.00 |
| Three sessions / week | \$220.00 |

## COACHING & TRAINING SESSIONS

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|---|-------------------------|
| Monday Juniors                              | 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.        |
| <b>Monday Adults (By prior arrangement)</b> | <b>7.00 – 9.00 p.m.</b> |
| Tuesday Juniors                             | 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.        |
| Thursday ParaTT/Special Olympics            | 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.        |
| <b>Thursday Adult Training</b>              | <b>7.00 – 9.00 pm</b>   |
| Friday Juniors                              | 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.        |
| Saturday Juniors                            | 10.00am – 12.00 pm      |

## CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **new club shirts** are being taken – cost is now **\$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

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE WANTED

Soft drink, 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 June / July \$99.00**

**Total amount so far this year \$531.50**

## 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

## GOOGLE PLAY CARDS

The Club has a supply of 8 x Google Play Gift Cards valued at \$50 each. If anyone is interested in purchasing some, or all of these cards, please contact Dave to discuss.



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