

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

November 2021 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE THE YEAR IS RAPIDLY DRAWING TOWARDS THE END OF SCHOOL AND OUR SPRING AND TERM 4 JUNIOR SEASONS, BUT THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF EVENTS YET TO TAKE PLACE, SO ... **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

Fri 26 Nov McDonalds Primary School Champs
Term 4 Junior season finals
Sat 27 Nov Cree Shield v Rocky (R'ton)
Friday 3 Dec Qld Schools State Finals (Brisbane)
Sunday 5th Dec Annual Presentation Night
Tues/Wed 7/8 Dec Spring Season finals

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi fellow pongers, the newsletters roll around very quickly, and 2021 is fast ending. Good luck to all players in the upcoming fixture finals, and to the Bundy Team heading to Rocky on 27 November to hopefully bring back the Eric Cree Shield. I plan to go for moral support and grab a few pics while I'm there. If the internet is good enough, I might even try to Livestream a few of the matches, so stay tuned for that one.

Thanks to Phil Freeman, we finally got a grant submitted on Friday 5th November for Stage 1 of the

aircon project. As it turned out, the quotes we received for insulation and aircon were almost double what we anticipated. As a result, and due to certain constraints with the grant application, we have applied for only the insulation component in this round. Of the 3 quotes we received for insulation, the cheapest was just over \$60K, with the dearest being almost \$80K. One of the major complications, and invariably a cost factor, is protecting the Taraflex flooring while performing the installation. The use of a Cherry Picker on the floor would not be good for it, so work arounds had to be found, which added to the final cost. We will hear about the success or not from this application in February 2022.

The committee has also recently reviewed our insurance, and we have had to increase our building replacement cover and some other minor items on our policy to reflect our circumstances more accurately. The annual premium is quite a substantial amount, so we decided to run a raffle to help raise funds to assist with the cost. There is no need to fear however, as the club is in a sound financial position – we just thought that a decent fundraiser would help offset the cost. So please assist us where you can by selling your allocated book of ten tickets and returning them to the club prior to the annual awards night on 5th December.

See you on the courts, in Rocky or at the awards night.

Regards,
Pete

BUNDABERG SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bundaberg regional tournament was held last **Saturday 13 November**. Despite the number of nominations being very disappointing, due no doubt to the time of year, there were a number of excellent matches in the three age divisions.

In the **Open Division**, **BCC Boys** (Andrew & Matthew Udal, Braydon Chapman) were undefeated, while **Shalom College** (Tahia Zia, Tayla Scott) won the Girls section with a 3-2 victory over BCC (Natasha Jefferson, Kaira Foley).



Matthew, Andrew, Braydon



Tayla, Tahia

BCC (William Te Pairi, Ari Maatta) were successful in the **Junior Boys**, with St Lukes (William Bagnall, Sean Galletly) second and Shalom third.



Ari, William



Sean, William

St Lukes won both of the **Hopes** categories, Thomas Ross and Janiru Hewamadduma taking out the Boys from Shalom, while Sithuki Hewamadduma and Georgie Ross won the Girls.



Thomas, Janiru



Georgie, Sithuki

All the placegetters are eligible to attend the **Queensland Schools State Finals** which will be held in Brisbane on **Friday 3 December**.

McDONALDS BUNDABERG PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This one day tournament is divided into Year 6 and Year 4 & 5 competitions, and is scheduled for **Friday 26 November** from 9.00 am – 2.00 pm. Information has been sent to all primary schools but club juniors (and parents) are asked to tell their schools that they play and would like to get some teams together. The more schools we have will make the tournament much more interesting and exciting for all concerned.

CREE SHIELD v ROCKHAMPTON

Nominations are still open to be part of the Bundaberg team which will travel to Rockhampton to defend the Eric Cree Shield on Saturday 27 November. It's hoped that we can take **our best possible team** so that we can make it back-to-back wins for the first since time since 2001 / 02, so please add your name to the list at the canteen.



Last year's triumphant team

MONSTER RAFFLE

At the Awards Night, this raffle will be drawn. The major prize is a 30 minute scenic flight around the Bundaberg area for three passengers, piloted by Peter Marris who has very kindly donated this prize. We would like **donations of suitable non-perishable goods** to make up **Christmas hampers** for the supplementary prizes, so please bring these to the club **before Sunday 5 December**.

Tickets for this raffle are \$5.00 each with club members asked to take a book of 10 tickets to sell to friends, relatives and workmates. Proceeds will go towards the costs of club insurance and our air-conditioning project.



MONSTER RAFFLE

Tickets \$5



First Prize - 30 minute flight for 3 people in a Piper Commanche (see pictured) around the local Bundaberg area. Minor prize is a hamper of various dry goods.





Combined weight of the 3 passengers not to exceed 300kg
Drawn Sunday 5 December 2021 at 7:30pm at Bundaberg & District Table Tennis Centre. Winners will be contacted by phone.

ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

Please add December 5th into your diary

Our annual awards night has been scheduled for **Sunday 5th December**, from 5.00 – 8.00pm. As well as the presentation of trophies and certificates for the winners and runners-up in all events at the Bundaberg Closed Championships, the major annual awards such as Player of the Year, representative awards, Fair Play award, etc will be announced. A barbecue tea will be provided followed by the presentations. The cost has been set at \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per family.

If you are intending to be here for the barbecue, please add your name to the list at the canteen.

The club will be open as usual for the Sunday Social session, starting at 12.30pm so come along to have a hit then stay for the barbecue and awards.

THIS SEASON

A reminder to please let me know as early as possible, especially as we get into the finals, so that a suitable reserve can be found for your team and so the opposing players don't miss out on matches.

This week will see the final round in the three Spring season divisions, with a three week finals format ending on December 7 & 8.

In the Term 4 Junior season, the final round in Division One will be played this Friday, while the other two divisions play their semi-finals. All the finals are scheduled for Friday 26 November but may be rescheduled to another day if players are unavailable.

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

The numbers of younger juniors attending their coaching sessions this term have continued to be pleasing.

Information has now been sent out regarding coaching during the school holidays in January, to be conducted by Steve and Bernadette Mitchell. They propose to conduct sessions for advanced and intermediate players on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and sessions for beginners and novice players on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The sessions will start on Monday 3 January and run for three weeks. The cost

of each session will be \$10.00 / player but these **MUST** be booked and paid for by **Friday 16 December** so the viability of each session can be confirmed. Contact Steve at steve_mitchell@dodo.com.au or ring / text him on 0407 169 718.

During this term, quite a few Juniors have received Bronze certificate awards after completing series of Table Tennis skills and knowledge tests. These are continuing with several players nearing the completion of their Silver awards. Congratulations to all of you.



Some of the Bronze Award recipients
Sean, Lincoln, Jessica, William, Lachlan, Bailey, William

Thank you to **Rashed Aziz, Louise Lawsen and Steve Ricketts** who have been coming on Friday nights to assist with coaching and the conduct of these tests. **The final Friday night session will be this week.**

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. The final session for the year will be **Thursday 9 December.**

COACHING & TRAINING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors	4.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Monday Adults (Ends Dec)	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Tuesday Juniors	4.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday ParaTT/Special Olympics	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday Juniors (Ends Nov 19)	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Saturday Juniors	10.00am – 12.00 pm

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

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Trevor Barrett
Secretary:	Rhonda Dawson
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Nikki Gourley
Patron	Pauline Langford
Grading Committee	Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt, Nikki Udall
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 Mon. 13 December

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 have now been set

(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 October \$68.80
Total amount so far this year \$715.10

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.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

If you are thinking of giving Table Tennis equipment, clothing, etc as Christmas presents, please let us know and we can try to help you find (and order if necessary) what you are looking for. This should be done preferably by the end of November to allow plenty of time for delivery.

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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