

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

February 2022 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE WELCOME TO THE FIRST CLUB NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR, AND WELCOME ESPECIALLY TO ALL OF NEW MEMBERS. A FAIR BIT HAS BEEN HAPPENING AND, IN SOME CASES UNFORTUNATELY NOT BEEN HAPPENING, AND WE ARE STARTING TO GET INTO THE COMPETITION SEASON, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

Wed 23 Feb Bundaberg Secondary Schools Summer season begins
Sun 27 Feb Andro Team Cup (Moreton Bay)
Sun 27 Feb Special Olympics tournament (Bris)
5 & 6 March UQ Team tournament (Brisbane)
Mon 7 March Annual General Meeting
13 & 14 March East Coast Vets (Gold Coast)
14 March Entries close for Qld Juniors
17 March Entries close for Qld Closed
19 & 20 March All Ages tournament (Moreton Bay)
Fri 1 April Term 1 Junior season finals
Sun 3–Wed 6 Apr Qld Jnr Champs (Bris)
Thu 7–Sun 10 Apr Qld Closed (Gld Cst)

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi, Welcome to a new season of fixtures, good luck to all those playing in all divisions. I'm sad I'm not playing but need to get body parts fixed first. The AGM is

coming up on 7th March at 7:30 pm. Please set time aside to attend, listen in on what's going on at our club, and perhaps nominate for any positions that may interest you. I'm glad to announce that Hannah Sunley has nominated for Secretary, which Rhonda is extremely pleased about. If anyone else is interested in nominating for any position, please collect and fill in the nomination form available at reception.

We should get a response from our grant application for the building insulation very soon, and will keep you posted with the outcome of that. The Solar Whirly Birds still haven't been installed because of a difficulty in getting the correct roof flashing, but I will keep chasing that up. We have ordered a new Kendalls Road sign, which you should see up in the next few weeks. The old one was very faded and had much outdated information.

We are also coming in to the busy part of the year with several major tournaments approaching fast, so take a look at your schedule and see what you are available for. If anyone has an interest in helping to keep our website up to date, please contact me by phone or email. The necessary training will be obviously provided. Anything else of import should be contained elsewhere within this newsletter, so until next time, good luck on the courts.

Regards,
Pete – Club President

A FEW CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jakob Baker who got married recently. Here's hoping we may see him back at the club sometime soon, but in the meantime our best wishes to Jakob and Nicola for their future together.



Nicola and Jakob

Earlier this week, Dillon Whalley celebrated his 21st birthday, so again best wishes for the future Dillon.

Finally, two of our best juniors from the few years are starting on the next stage of their lives – Anushka Mudalige has headed to Cairns to study dentistry while Andrew Udal will attend the Conservatorium of Music to study composing. Again, hopefully both will find the time to still play table tennis, if not immediately then also sometime in the not-too-distant future.

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

Record numbers of Juniors have been training on Monday and Tuesday afternoons – anything up to 22 players some days. This has included many new players, most of whom started at the holiday coaching sessions that Steve and Bernadette Mitchell ran during January. Some of these players have joined the Friday Junior fixtures.

Also very successful were the two Junior Come & Try Nights which attracted very good numbers, again including many new players, considering these were held during the time that the school holidays had been extended. Many thanks to the club members, adults and juniors, who came along to act as coaches on these two nights. Again, as a result of the Come & Try Nights, several juniors have joined and are now playing in the Junior fixtures.



Players and volunteer coaches at the first Come & Try Night

A reminder that besides the **Monday and Tuesday** Junior sessions, there is the **Friday night** session (7.00 – 9.00 pm) and another on **Saturdays** run by the Mitchells from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm.

The **Thursday afternoon Para TT / Special Olympics** session has also started, running from 4.30 – 6.00 pm. More players are most welcome to attend this session so if you know of anyone with a disability who may be interested, please speak to them.

Finally, **Monday night adult coaching** has also started though this will be disrupted over the next month or so due to the Annual General Meeting (March 7) and the monthly Committee meeting the following week. Again, please tell your friends, whether club members or not, about this session. All are welcome !!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This very important meeting is scheduled to be held on **Monday 7 March, starting at 7.30 pm**. All club members are invited and asked to attend. All members who are 18 years old or older are eligible to vote. Parents of juniors are also invited to attend so that you gain a greater understanding of the club's activities.

Members are asked to consider making themselves available for election to the committee or sub-committees, or to volunteer roles within the club (records, publicity, etc).

As the meeting itself usually only takes just over an hour it is not a late night, so please keep Monday 7 March free.

ANDRO TEAM CUP

Bundaberg has nominated two teams to compete at this event which will be held at the Moreton Bay Table Tennis Association in Caboolture on Sunday 27 February. This tournament was first held late last year and is designed to enable young players (Under 15) to gain some experience of playing a tournament against others of similar age and ability. This year, there will be two divisions, Division Two being held in the morning, Division One in the afternoon. Good luck to all the players and enjoy the competition against players from other clubs for the first time.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOURNAMENT

On the same day, the first Special Olympics tournament of the year will be held at Brisbane. No doubt there will be a number of Bundaberg players who will make the trip so, again, good luck and hope you thoroughly enjoy the day.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Brisbane, April 3 -6)

Information about the Queensland Junior Championships was distributed by email earlier this week, or you can check it out on the Table Tennis Queensland website. As there are likely to be quite a

few Bundaberg players going to the Juniors for the first time, a meeting will be held **THIS SUNDAY (20 February)** at 3pm to go through all the arrangements for entries, how the tournament is run, travel and accommodation arrangements, possible fundraising ideas, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me at any time if you can't attend on Sunday.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

Unfortunately the number of players and teams for this season are much lower than usual, due to a variety of reasons – work and study commitments, injury and, in a small number of cases, Covid-related. Hopefully, many of these players will be able to return for the Winter season which is scheduled to start in early May. In the meantime, if you know anyone who is interested in playing, reserve players are needed most weeks so ask them to contact the club.

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

While numbers of players are also still relatively low, the holiday coaching program and the Come & Try Nights have resulted in a solid group of new members now participating in the Friday Junior fixtures. This season will finish on Friday 1 April when the finals in each division will be held.

The Term 2 season is scheduled to start on Friday 22 April and, again, more players are wanted.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

This Queensland Government scheme has been very popular for quite a few years now, enabling eligible families to apply for \$150.00 which can be used by Juniors to play for club membership and playing /coaching fees. The first round for this year opened in late January so if interested please make enquiries as soon as possible. Just [google Fair Play Vouchers](#) to access the website, or contact the club for more information.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SUMMER SEASON

Very pleasingly, a **record eight schools** have nominated teams for this season which starts next Wednesday afternoon. At present, up to **eighteen**

teams will be playing throughout the five week season which is also one of the largest number of teams ever for this competition which has been running for more than twenty years.

WORKING BEE

The working bee held on Sunday 19 January, cleared many unwanted items that were stored in various places at the club. HUGE THANKS to those members who came along to help. One very large trailer load went to the dump, while another trailer of metal items were taken for recycling and raised over \$70.00 .

Does anyone want the plastic chairs and stools (and the door) stored near the television ???

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.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 7 March, starting 7.30 pm

Next Committee meeting Monday 14 March

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

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 1 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

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).

Some older 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 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 December \$82.70

Total amount for 2021 \$927.00 !!!!

Amount raised in January \$38.50

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.

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