

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

June 2021 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE WE ARE ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH THE YEAR ALREADY, WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT NATIONAL AND STATE TOURNAMENTS COMING UP IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS AS WELL AS OUR OWN FIXTURE SEASONS, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

June 19 & 20	Qld Open (Gold Coast)
June 25	Finals Term 2 Junior fixtures
July 1 – 11	Australian Para, Junior, Youth & Senior Championships, Caloundra
July 16	Start Term 3 Junior season
July 22 – 25	Qld Vets Championships (Brisbane)
August 21	Bundaberg Schools Championships

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All, another month has flown by and things are progressing smoothly and steadily. Fixtures are going well, we are now well established into the competition with some interesting results being seen. I must say I prefer playing in the cooler weather over the heat. The 5-6 June weekend training camp run by Matthew Pettett and Kelsey Le Maistre went very well, with good support for most sessions. For those that couldn't make the Education Session, it has been recorded and

edited and should appear on the Club Facebook Page very soon for viewing at your leisure. There was a host of good information there for not only our Rep players, but players of all levels so I encourage you to watch it once it becomes available. Note that our ability to Live Stream has dramatically increased with the upgrade to our internet service, so you will notice on our Facebook Page that events of note will most likely be Live Streamed from now on. I would be keen to show a few other people how to setup and live stream so that it can be done when I am not available. If you are interested in this aspect, please contact me directly.

Our new Defibrillator has arrived and we will be getting it installed in a suitable location as soon as possible. Once I have looked through the paperwork, I will advise of any important considerations to be aware of before using it in anger. Let's hope that never has to happen! A big thank you must go out to Pauline Langford who has made a considerable donation to the club to assist with the purchase of the defibrillator.

Rhonda Dawson has had her surgery now and from all reports, her rehabilitation is progressing well. We look forward to seeing her back at the club in the near future. On that note, my knee surgery is now scheduled for next Tuesday, June 15. I will then have my second knee done as soon as possible after the first, so will be out of fixtures for at least 6 months.

The Nationals are approaching quite quickly, and our Qld players are training well in preparation to represent

Bundaberg, and Qld, at the Sunshine Coast event in July. Good luck to all players involved, I know you will all do your best, which is all that can be expected.

For those of you that haven't been using our new RevSport Website, please take the time to have a look around and explore the information and content now available to you. Dave and I will be working on a way to improve the flow of information, in particular Fixture results, over the coming weeks so standby for some developments in that area. Currently, the team structures, draw and overall results as well as the points table are updated each week after fixtures.

That's about it for this month,

Cheers
Pete.

WANTED

Expressions of Interest 2022 Honorary Secretary

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

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.



BUNDABERG SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bundaberg regional qualifying tournament for the 2021 Queensland Schools Championships will be held on **Saturday 21 August**. Information has been sent to all schools in the Bundaberg area, as well as Phys Ed teachers and other contacts at the schools. There are three age categories – 12 years and under, 15 years and under, 18 years and under.

The competition is for teams of two players (same gender) but extra players can be nominated to a team on the entry form if necessary.

Teams which win or are runners-up in their category in Bundaberg will be eligible to enter the **State Finals** which will be held in Brisbane on **Friday 17 September**. In the past, Bundaberg teams have had a great amount of success at the State Finals.

The **Queensland Schools Para Championships** will also be held on **Friday 17 September** at Brisbane in conjunction with the Schools State Finals. In this tournament, teams can have mixed genders and players do NOT have to be from the same school.

It's hoped that many of our club Juniors will organise teams at their school, either between themselves or with friends. With the club looking for more junior

players, this tournament will be a great way to introduce new players to competition, so please try to get as many teams as possible from your school. For more information about these tournaments, go to the TTQ website or contact me at the club.

TABLE TENNIS AUSTRALIA HALL OF FAME

On a personal note, my thanks again go to everyone who has offered me their congratulations following my recent induction to the TTA Hall of Fame (Umpires and Referees category). It obviously is an enormous honour to be recognised in this way, especially when compared with the wonderful achievements and deeds of all the other inductees in the various categories.

I encourage you go to the TTA Hall of Fame to learn about these wonderful players, administrators, coaches and the other two Umpires / Referees, who have all had an enormous impact not just on Table Tennis in Australia but also in many cases with ITTF.

WINTER & TERM 2 JUNIOR SEASONS

The **Term 2 Junior season** is nearing the finals with the last preliminary round being played this week. The semi-finals will be held on Friday 18 and the finals in both divisions on June 25.

The **Winter season** is progressing reasonably smoothly in all three divisions now though there have been a few disruptions due players' injuries, illness and other reasons. As usual, there will be a two week break for the June / July school holidays. On resumption, the season will run through to the middle of September when the finals will be played.

Wednesday night players **PLEASE NOTE** that there will be two more rounds played on **Monday nights – July 12** (due to the clash with the State of Origin match that week) and **July 19** (due to many players going to the Queensland Veterans Championships that start on Thursday 22 July). Please make a note and let me know if you are unavailable for any of those nights in particular.

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

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

Club coaching continues for the rest of Term 2 for Juniors and adults. The cost for attending coaching sessions if you don't have a pass remains at \$10.00 .

More young juniors are welcome to attend on both **Monday and Tuesday afternoons** (4.30 - 6.00 pm), as well as **Friday nights** (7.00 – 9.00 pm).

There is now a **Thursday night** training session for adults (7.00 – 9.00 pm) – all players are welcome. This is in addition to the **Monday night** adult coaching sessions (7.00 – 9.00 pm).

However, **more coaches are needed**, especially on Monday afternoons and Friday nights, as a couple of coaches who have been involved over the last few years are now, unfortunately, no longer available on a regular basis. **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.

Continued thanks to **Kameron Chan** who will continue to assist for the time being on Friday nights to work with our Juniors.

The **Thursday afternoon session (4.30 – 6.00pm) for Para TT and Special Olympics players** now 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.

TTQ TRAINING CAMP Bundaberg, June 5 & 6

Queensland Junior coaches, Matthew Pettett and Kelsey Le Maistre, visited Bundaberg last weekend to conduct a series of sessions for a variety of age groups and ability levels. This included a group of younger juniors who were attending their first training camp at this level, as well as some of our Thursday afternoon Para / Special Olympics group. The activities that Matt and Kelsey conducted with every group were thoroughly enjoyed and will hopefully have helped motivate all the players to continue to train in their efforts to attain their potential.



HOPES players and others with Matt & Kelsey



Some of the Para / Special Olympics group training



Bundaberg's Queensland Junior team members training

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

As you will have seen in Important Dates at the start of the newsletter, there are a number of Open tournaments scheduled for the next month or so. The entry form for Queensland Veterans Championships is now available on the TTQ website, with the closing date being July 5. Hopefully there will be plenty of Bundaberg players who will attend that tournament. Congratulations to Braydon Chapman who was Bundaberg's sole success at the huge (199 players !!!) Brisbane Open where he won the Mens Under 19 Singles.

Bundy players had a fair bit more success at the Rockhampton Open with John Fourro winning both the Over 40 and Over 50 Mens Singles, each time downing Andrew McCurley in the final. Brett Fourro continued his run of wins in the Under 1600 Singles. I managed to have possibly my best ever results at an Open tournament, winning the Under 1300 Singles and Under 1300 Doubles, the latter mainly thanks to Rashed Aziz, while Reinhard Lot won the Over 60 Singles, downing me in the final.

2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to **Anushka Mudalige** and **Braydon Chapman** who have been named in the Queensland Under 17 Boys B team for the Australian Juniors. They join **Andrew Udal**, **Tahia Zia**, **Natasha Jefferson** and **Kane Chantarat** who had already been selected for the team.

Joining them in Caloundra when they compete as members of the Queensland Para TT team will be **Ashley Parrott** and **Nicholas Jefferson** (Class 11 events) and wheelchair State debutants, **Nikki Montgomery** and **Jan Baldock**.

Good luck to all of our Bundy players at the Championships.

July 2 – 11, 2021 Australian Senior / Youth / Junior / Para Championships (Caloundra Indoor Stadium)

Oct 9 – 16, 2021 Australian Veterans (NT Netball Stadium, Darwin).

June 19 / 20 Qld Open Champ's (Gold Coast)

July 22 – 25 Qld Veterans Champ's (Brisbane)
Entries close July 5

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 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 2nd Monday of the month, starting **7.30 p.m.**

Next Committee meeting Mon. 14 June

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

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	\$ 7.00
Friday Junior	\$ 7.00

Coaching Pass (Term 2 – other Terms TBA)

(Adults and Juniors)

One session / week	\$ 65.00
Two sessions /week	\$120.00

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

COACHING & TRAINING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Monday Adults (By prior arrangement)	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Tuesday Juniors	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday ParaTT/Special Olympics	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday Adult Training	7.00 – 9.00 pm
Friday Juniors	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Saturday Rep. Juniors	1.00 – 3.00 pm

CONTAINERS FOR CASH

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 April / May \$102.80

Total amount so far this year \$432.50

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.

Some club jackets are also available. These are lightweight, very comfortable and warm. They are also reduced to **\$20.00**.

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