

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

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HI EVERYONE WE ARE GETTING TO THE BUSIEST TIME OF THE TABLE TENNIS CALENDAR, WITH A LOT OF MAJOR TOURNAMENTS COMING UP AS WELL OUR OWN WINTER SEASON, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

May 11 & 12	START Winter season
May 15 & 16	Brisbane Open
May 29 & 30	Rockhampton Open
June 5 & 6	TTQ Training camp (Bundaberg)
June 19 & 20	Qld Open (Gold Coast)
June 25	Finals Term 2 Junior fixtures
July 1 - 11	Australian Para, Junior, Youth & Senior Championships, Caloundra

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi again, just a short update on club activities since our last newsletter. Winter season fixtures are now underway, good luck to all those participating. Unfortunately, I am not playing this season due to getting new knees sometime very soon, but I will be back playing again as soon as I get the clearance from my medical team.

We applied for a grant recently to fund a defibrillator, and upgrade our first aid kit, however we were unsuccessful with that grant. At our committee meeting on Monday 10th of May, the committee voted

to purchase one despite not getting the grant, and Rashed Aziz has been tasked to research and recommend which one for us to buy. Standby for an announcement once we have purchased that defibrillator. Our thanks go to our Patron, Pauline Langford, who has very generously offered to donate a sizeable proportion of the cost.

We have also applied for a grant through the Gambling Fund for 6 solar powered whirly birds. If we are successful with that grant, Andrew McCurley will be installing them for us at some point in the future. We don't expect a decision on that grant for a couple of months.

We have also ordered a new modem to replace our old one, which was bundled with our landline phone and costing us more money than what it was worth. Our new plan will be for a 5G broadband mobile router and no landline phone. You can expect the landline at the club to be disconnected by around the 20th of May. Once the new 5G router is installed, there will be a new WiFi network and password. Those who require access to the WiFi will be given the details as required. I conducted a speed test of internet download in the canteen before ordering the new 5G router, and the speed test results showed downloads around 40 times faster than our current internet (from 6mbps up to 240mbps).

This faster, better internet will give us the option to livestream major events with much more fidelity. I am

researching ways to set that capability up by utilising the club's existing Panasonic HD video camera. It should be possible to not only livestream, but have the ability to overlay text and graphics, for example player names, scores and the club logo. My research shows the Youtube Live offers more functionality than Facebook Live, but if anyone is an expert in this area or can provide valuable advice please feel free to contact me.

That's about it for now, good luck with fixtures and I will keep serving while you receive!

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.



WANTED

Expressions of Interest 2022 Honorary Secretary

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

PRE-WINTER FINALS

Congratulations to the winning teams in the four divisions that contested the Pre-Winter season.

In **Premier Division**, **Lucky Boys (Steve Mitchell & Andrew Udal)** survived a scare from Wanderers in their semi-final before completing an unbeaten season when they defeated Killers (Bernadette Mitchell & Andrew McCurley) in the final. Killers had caused something of an upset in their semi, downing Skinny Legends in a thriller.

Mesbash (Mesbah Ahmed & Ashley Parrott) took out the **Division 1** title when they defeated Magpies (Dave Delpratt, Dillon Whalley) 3-2, after Ashley saved two match points in the fifth game of the third singles against Dave, with Mesbah then winning the decider against Dillon.

Mixtures (Cathy Rivers, Sujee Hewamadduma) defeated DNA (David Chan, Andy Neill) 3-1 in **Division 2** in a final that had plenty of close games, two comebacks from two games down that were eventually won in five games, and something of an upset when Cathy beat David in three close games.

In the **Division 3** final, **Why Not (George Haggard, Casey John & Will Stehbens)** confirmed their favouritism when they comfortably beat Inbetween 8-2 though three of their wins went down to the wire.



Steve Mitchell & Andrew Udal



Mesbah Ahmed & Ashley Parrott



Sujee Hewamadduma & Cathy Rivers



George Haggard, Will Stehbens, Casey John

WINTER & TERM 2 JUNIOR SEASONS

The Term 2 Junior season eventually got underway last Friday after a number of players had been unavailable for the first two weeks of the term. There has been a slight increase in the number of players but pleasingly several new ones which is great to see.

The **Winter season** began this week with one extra team in the Tuesday night Division 3 competition but unfortunately a drop in numbers on Wednesday nights with quite a few players unavailable due to school, work, injury and health reasons. However, with all divisions having six teams there are no byes so overall about the same number of players will be involved each week compared to last season. Thankfully, there are a reasonable number of players who have made themselves as reserves but it will be important that team members make themselves available as much as possible as suitable reserves will not always be able to take their places, especially at short notice.

Wednesday night players **PLEASE NOTE** that there will be three rounds played on **Monday nights – June 7 and July 12** (due to clashes with State of Origin matches) 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.

SCHOOLS TABLE TENNIS

The postponed finals of the **Bundaberg Secondary Schools Summer Table Tennis season** were played on April 28 and, as expected, both divisions were won by the powerful **Bundaberg Christian College** teams. In Division One, **Andrew and Matthew Udal, Braydon Chapman and Natasha Jefferson**, were too strong for all opposition and defeated Shalom College 6-0. In Division Two, former club members **Ari Maatta and Daniel Basson**, along with **Noah Elson**, had to play well to overcome a determined Kepnock team 5-3. The **Term 2 Year 5 & 6 Friday Inter-school competition** began on April 30 with **28 teams (112 players)** from six schools competing over a five week

season. Given these numbers, fourteen tables have to be set up so any assistance with doing this on Thursdays and / or removing the extra tables after the competition finishes about 2.15 on Fridays will be greatly appreciated.

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) which need some more players if it is to continue.

However, with these increased numbers, **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 as soon as possible.

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** has resumed this term with 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

Bundaberg has been selected for a trial of a new program which will see TTQ coaches work with clubs that have only basic coaching programs. While we have a well-established coaching program, our diverse playing group (Juniors, Seniors, Veterans, Para, Special Olympics) is seen as a good example that other associations can aspire to. The camp will be open to all of the above groups at different times over the weekend as listed below.

The camp will be conducted by State Junior coaches, Matthew Pettett and Kelsey Le Maistre, giving them an ideal chance to work with our players who will be competing at the Australian Championships in early July. **However, the camp is open to ALL club members, regardless of age or standard**, so please nominate for at least one or two sessions if possible and really make it a great weekend for all concerned.. It will also be an opportunity for local coaches and those interested in becoming coaches to work with Matthew and Kelsey.

Camp Program

Saturday 8.30 a.m. Hopes (Under 12) and other invited Juniors
10.00 a.m. Veterans
11.30 a.m. Information Session for parents, coaches and playe
12.00 p.m. Lunch break
1.00 p.m. Intermediate players
3.00 p.m. Para TT

4.30 p.m. Combined State Junior team and potential State Juniors
6.30 p.m. Dinner break
7.30 p.m. Qld Junior representatives + Special Guests
9.00 p.m. Finish

Sunday 8.30 a.m. Hopes (Under 12) and other invited Juniors
10.00 a.m. Para TT
11.30 a.m. Information Session for parents, coaches and players
12.30 p.m. Lunch break
1.00 p.m. Intermediate players
2.30 p.m. Combined State Junior team and potential State Juniors
4.00 p.m. Psychology and close of camp

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 forms for the Rockhampton Open at the end of May are available on the TTQ website and at the canteen. This is always a great tournament so please consider attending it as the Rocky players always support our Bundaberg Open.

Congratulations to the Fourro trio, John, Lorraine and Brett, who made the the trip to Mackay for their Open recently and returned with some good results. Lorraine won the Over 30 Womens Singles, Brett won the Under 1700 Singles and all of them were runners-up in a variety of events.

This weekend, several players head to the Brisbane Open which from all reports is going to be one of the biggest from a numbers point of view for many, many years.

SPINNEROOS

This eight week program began last week but there is still the opportunity to register for it on the Table Tennis Australia website. Contact me if you know of anyone who may be interested and would like more information.

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 Chantararat who had already been selected for the team.

We will also have several players in the Queensland Para TT team which will compete at the Championships also. However, this team is yet to officially announced. More will be known by the time next month's newsletter comes out.

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)

– entry form is now available on TTQ website

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

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

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. 21 June

COACHING 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.**

Friday Juniors

7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Saturday Rep. Juniors

1.00 – 3.00 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.

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 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 March \$141.90

Total amount so far this year \$279.00

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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Dave Delpratt