

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

September 2021 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE AS YOU WILL SEE FROM A MUCH LONGER THAN USUAL NEWSLETTER, A GREAT AMOUNT HAS HAPPENED OVER THE LAST MONTH SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER, AND PLENTY MORE IS COMING UP DURING OCTOBER AND INTO NOVEMBER, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

October 2	Special Olympics tournament (Bundaberg)
October 3	Junior development tournament (Moreton Bay TTA)
October 5	Division 3 Spring season starts
October 6	Division 1 & 2 Spring season starts
October 8	Term 4 Junior season starts
October 15	Spinneros program starts

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

A lot has happened since our last newsletter. We have had a successful Bundaberg Closed Championship, had the Term 3 Junior Finals and Schools Finals, concluded our Winter Season fixtures with some great finals matches, had our September committee meeting, and facilitated a TOPS (Entry Level) Coaching Course. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up of the finals and all participants in the Bundy Closed. I look forward to seeing most of you

back for the Spring Season fixtures starting 5th and 6th October. If you haven't already nominated, please let Dave know asap, even if you can put your name down as a reserve.

At our last committee meeting, the decision was made to engage the professional services of an engineer to assist us in deciding the best way to proceed with our air conditioning project. This decision was made because of the myriad of options and suggestions that were being presented and our lack of specific knowledge in deciding the most efficient and cost-effective way forward. To that end, Phil Freeman contacted Tim Muller (Electrical Engineer) from Geared Projects, and we subsequently engaged Tim's services to provide us with guidance on the best way for us to proceed. Tim has provided his initial report which we (myself, Phil and Dave) followed up with a face-to-face meeting at the Club on Friday 17th September. Tim is now preparing a project scope document outlining the specific requirements for us to approach contractors to supply quotes.

There are three main areas of work, including electrical upgrades, roof insulation and aircon system installation. Once we have this scope document, we can obtain 3 quotes for each area of work and submit our grant application before 2 November 2021. Initial estimates predict we could achieve the roof insulation, 8 split system aircon units and electrical upgrades for around \$60K, meaning the Club should contribute around \$12K and hopefully a grant for the remainder. We will keep you posted on the progress of the project.

In the meantime, we received the funding to install solar powered whirly birds in the roof, additional to our existing whirly birds. This work should be done hopefully very soon, which should provide some immediate relief for the upcoming summer.

Finally, just a quick mention regarding the livestreaming of our major events recently. I hope you have had a chance to look at some of the action. For those of you that don't have Facebook, the videos are also on our Bundaberg Table Tennis YouTube channel. It would be great if we could get a lot more subscribers on the YouTube channel. I am always open to suggestions and positive feedback on how to make things better. I am sure you can imagine how time and resource intensive it is to provide this service. That's it for this month.

Regards,

Pete
Club President

TEMPORARY CLEANING POSITION AVAILABLE

As our wonderful cleaners are currently unavailable for the next couple of months, the club is looking for someone who can take on this role temporarily. It will involve cleaning the Centre once a week, a job that usually takes about two hours. Payment has been set at \$50.00 / week. A full description of the cleaning required can be obtained on application. If interested,

or you know someone who might be, please contact the club as soon as possible.

BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

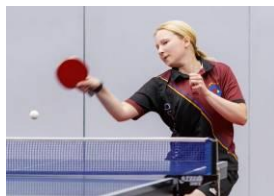
Congratulations to everyone who played in this year's Bundaberg Closed Championships, and especially to all the winners. **Steve and Bernadette Mitchell** won the Mens and Womens Open Singles titles, both for the second time, as well as four other titles each.



Open Singles champions, Steve & Bernadette Mitchell



Andrew Udal and Natasha Jefferson are the club's Junior champions after winning their Under 19 Singles events, Andrew claiming five other titles in addition to be the most successful player for the tournament.



Junior Singles champions, Andrew Udal & Natasha Jefferson

Lincoln Carter also had a tremendous weekend winning four events to be the best of our younger juniors who supported the Championships in encouraging numbers. Also good to see was the response to the introduction of the Friday Social Doubles event which attracted six pairs of our regular Friday morning players. Hopefully that event will become a fixture in the Closed program.

All the event results are on display on the noticeboard near the stairs. Finally, many thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard throughout the weekend – **Rhonda, Kelly B, Pauline, George** in the canteen,

Cathy and Nikki U upstairs on the computer, **Steve R** who again took a multitude of great action photos, and **Peter M** on the live streaming which was also a wonderful addition to the tournament. Apologies, but thanks also, to anyone not mentioned.

TOPS COACHING COURSE

Seven Bundaberg members attended last Saturday's TOPS coaching course, conducted by highly credentialed coach and trainer Patrick Wuertz. Once all have completed their accreditation, they will be welcome additions to the club's coaching group. Thank you and well done to **Rashed Aziz, Andrew Udal, Bruce Hornsby, Louise Lawsen, Jim Buttling, Nikki Montgomery and Michael Bridgeland**.



TOPS coaching course participants

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE GAMES

On the same weekend as the Closed, Nicholas Jefferson and Kate Juillerat attended the second section of the Queensland Special Olympics State Games Table Tennis competition at the Moreton Bay club, along with Taylah Sim. Congratulations to Nicholas who won both the Division One Singles and Doubles events, while Kate was runner-up in the Division One Singles after what has been described as a great match against Nicholas. Taylah came fourth in the Division Two Singles and third in the Division Two Doubles. Kate didn't contest the doubles as she went on to compete in Ten Pin where she also had success.



Taylah & Nicholas with their medals



Kate playing

The players, together with Andrew Udal who won his Singles event at the Mackay section of the State Games earlier in the year, are now waiting for selections for the Queensland team to compete at the Special Olympics National Games which are scheduled to be held in Launceston, Tasmania in October next year.

BUNDABERG SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOURNAMENT

This year's Bundaberg Special Olympics Table Tennis tournament will be held on Saturday 2nd October from 9.00 am – 2.00 pm. All local Special Olympics members are invited, as well as any potential members. As it's expected there will be quite a few players coming from other clubs, some volunteer umpires and canteen workers will be needed so please contact me if you are available.

MORETON BAY JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TOURNAMENT

A special tournament for young juniors who have not yet represented their clubs will be hosted by the Moreton Bay Association on Sunday 3 October. Bundaberg will send two teams of players who will hopefully get the taste for travelling away, meeting and competing against others of a similar age and standard, and start the formation of new friendships and friendly rivalry between the various clubs.

TERM 4 SPINNEROOS PROGRAM

Do you know anyone in the 7 – 11 year age range who might like to try Table Tennis ? Starts Wednesday 15 October and runs for eight weeks.

Ring Dave for more information 0418 526 968.



FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

The current 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 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WINTER SEASON

The finals of the Winter season of the Bundaberg Secondary Schools Sports Association were held last Tuesday, with BCC again reigning supreme but not with their usual team of Queensland representatives. This time, it was left to some younger club and school players to win the shield, defeating St Lukes 5-1 in the final. Congratulations to William Te Pairi and former

club members Daniel Basson, Ayden Betts and Reuben MacPherson.



Reuben, Daniel, William, Ayden

IFs, BUTs & MAYBES

Now the National Para, Junior, Youth and Senior Championships, scheduled for Caloundra in December have been cancelled, we will now be able to schedule other events over the next few months leading up to Christmas. These include:

Queensland Schools Championships

The Bundaberg regional tournament is tentatively scheduled for Saturday 13 November, while no decision has been made about a date for the State Finals in Brisbane.

Green Shield v Rockhampton Following discussions with Rockhampton who will host this year's inter-club match, it is likely to be **either Saturday 20 or 27 November**. This will depend on other factors but in particular availability of players for those dates.

McDonalds Bundaberg Primary Schools Teams Championship This one day tournament is definitely scheduled for **Friday 26 November**.

Annual Presentation Function A date and time for this event will be decided once all of the above events have been finalised.

WINTER & JUNIOR SEASONS

Congratulations to the successful teams and players who won their respective finals of the Winter and Term 3 Junior seasons over the last week or so.

Old Boys (Steve Mitchell, Pieter Poldervaart) won Division One, downing Doubles Bs (Bernadette

Mitchell, Braydon Chapman) 3-2 in an excellent final. This gives Pieter a threepeat having got his name on the Winter Division One shield in 2019 with Travis McDermid and last year with Brett Fourro !!



Div 1 Premiers Steve & Pieter **Div 2 Premiers Dave, David & Rob** Magpies (Dave Delpratt, David Chan, Rob Freeman) edged out Bundy Bears (Travis McDermid, Phil Freeman, Cathy Rivers) by three games in a countback after the Division Two final finished 6-all. CeeDeeMee (Casey John, Daniel Strathdee, Matt Johnson) won the Division Three premiership 7-5 from Dream team (Aimee Westerman, Jason and Kaine Dugdell), the match going to the final doubles for a result.



Div 3 Winter Premiers Matt, Casey & Daniel

All three Term 3 Junior finals returned 3-2 results. In Division One, Tokyo 2021 (Braydon Chapman, Natasha Jefferson) beat A² (Andrew Udall, Amelia Tu) in a match that had several outstanding individual contests.



Term 3 Junior Div 1 Premiers Braydon & Natasha
Double Trouble (Will Martin, Lincoln Carter) caused a minor upset in Division Two when they defeated Stars (Casey John, Levi Sarin) who had led for most of the season.



Term 3 Junior Div 2 Premiers, Will & Lincoln
In an absolute thriller, Elephants (Bailey Pain, Willow Stuhmcke) won Division Three from Fantastics, winning both the last two singles in five games.



Term 3 Junior Div 3 Premiers, Willow & Bailey

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 (4.00 – 6.00)

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

A **Weekly Coaching pass** as well as the **Term Pass** will continue for Term 4. 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.

Single Coaching session	\$10.00
Weekly Coaching Pass (2 sessions)	\$18.00
Weekly Coaching Pass (3 sessions)	\$25.00
Term 4 Coaching Pass (1 session/week)	\$80.00
Term 4 Coaching Pass (2 sessions/week)	\$150.00
Term 4 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. **CAN YOU HELP ??** Thank you to **Louise Lawsen, Reinhard Lot and Rashed Aziz** who have all been coming along regularly on Friday nights to assist with coaching.

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.

Coaching sessions during the school holidays are:

Monday 20 Sept	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Adults
Tuesday 21 Sept	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Juniors
Wednesday 22 Sept	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Juniors
Thursday 23 Sept	4.30 – 6.00 pm	Para / SO
Tuesday 28 Sept	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Juniors
Wednesday 29 Sept	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Juniors
Thursday 30 Sept	4.30 – 6.00 pm	Para / SO
Friday 1 Oct	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Juniors
Monday 4 Oct	7.00 – 9.00 pm	Adults

COACHING & TRAINING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors	4.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Monday Adults (By prior arrangement)	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	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 12 months.

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

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. 12 October

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
Weekly pass (two sessions)	\$ 18.00
Friday Junior	\$ 7.00
Term 3 Coaching Passes (to be confirmed)	
(Adults and Juniors)	
One session / week	\$ 80.00
Two sessions / week	\$150.00
Three sessions / week	\$220.00

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 August \$83.70

Total amount so far this year \$615.20

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 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.



OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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Dave Delpratt

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BUNDABERG CLOSED PICS
Courtesy Steve Ricketts



Aimee Westerman



Chloe Knight v Liam M & Lachlan A



Ben Edwards



Casey John



Cathy Rivers v Deleece McDonald



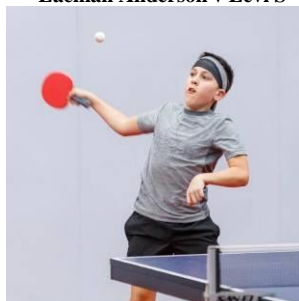
Wheelchair champ, Jan Baldock



John & Lorraine Fourro v Andrew McC & Peter S



Lachlan Anderson v Levi S



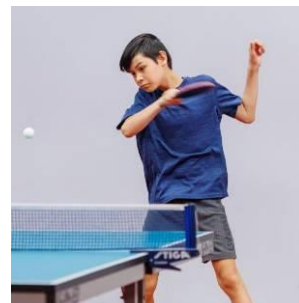
Liam Moore



Andrew McCurley & Peter Spratley



Thomas Ross



Four time winner, Lincoln Carter



Jessica Carter



Sithuki Hewamadduma



Tahia Zia



William Bagnall



William Te Pairi