

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

April 2022 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE AS WE APPROACH THE END OF TERM 1 AND TOWARDS THE EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF EVENTS HAPPENING BOTH ON AND OFF THE COURTS, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

Fri 22 April	Start Term 2 Junior season
23 & 24 April	Brisbane Open
Wed 27 April	Start Spinneroos program
Tue 4 / Wed 5 May	Pre-Winter Finals
Sat 7 May	Bunnings bbq fundraiser
Tue 11 / Wed 12 May	Start Winter season
4 & 5 June	Bundaberg Open

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All,

I trust everyone has had a good break over the holidays and is looking forward to getting back into some serious pong! The Queensland Juniors have come and gone for another year and we had reasonable success with quite a haul of medals. Well done to all those who attended, the reports I have heard reinforce your excellent attitudes and behaviour which is a great credit to yourselves and our club. The solar whirly birds have been installed and hopefully players will notice a difference in playing conditions when the warmer weather is upon us again. The Bundaberg Open is coming up in early June, (4th and 5th) and registrations for that event will be open very soon. We will have online entry capability, plus an online fillable

PDF as an alternative, so standby for more information on that in the very near future. We are hoping to draw good attendance, so please consider entering the event to support our club.

There is a fundraising sausage sizzle on Saturday 7th May at Bunnings and we are looking for volunteers to assist on the day. Delece McDonald will be the Team Captain for that event, so please contact her to offer your time to help out on the day, even if it is only for a few hours.

Fixtures will be resuming next week, so good luck to all those teams in the finals.

Spinneroos is starting again soon, and so is the next term of Junior fixtures, so spread the word among anyone you think may be interested in that program. Details are available on our website or by phoning Dave at the Club.

We still haven't had word about any of our grant applications, but as soon as we do we will pass on that news.

Meanwhile, enjoy the Easter Break this weekend and travel safely if you are on the road.

Regards,

Pete

Club President

RHONDA DAWSON

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION

Following the awarding of Life Membership to Rhonda at the AGM in March, a special presentation was made to her on March 29, attended by club President, Peter Marris, Patron Pauline Langford, current Life Members and club members.



Peter Marris presents Rhonda with a commemorative plaque

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Brisbane, April 3 -6)

Congratulations to all of our Bundaberg team who competed at the Queensland Junior Championships in the first week of the holidays. While we didn't bring home any gold medals, our results were still very encouraging, especially among the younger players who were all attending their first major tournament.

Our medalists were:

Kane Chantararat – silver U17 Mixed Doubles with Emily Steffen (Rockhampton)

Natasha Jefferson – bronze Under 19 Girls Singles

Janiru Hewamadduma – bronze Under 11 Boys Teams and Under 11 Boys Doubles, both with former Bundaberg player, Diwansha Kumaranathunga

Tahia Zia – bronze U19 Girls Doubles with **Natasha**, and bronze U17 Girls Doubles with Emily Steffen

Andrew Udal and Braydon Chapman – bronze Under 19 Boys Doubles

Matthew Udal and Kane Chantararat – bronze Under 17 Boys Doubles.

Additionally, four teams came fourth in their respective team events, another fifth out of eleven teams and another seventh out thirteen teams. All were very competitive and with a little more luck would have finished either with medals or higher up the rankings.

Mention must be made of the players who didn't win medals but all showed great application and improvement during the tournament – **Lincoln and Jessica Carter, Levi Sarin, Thomas Ross, Sithuki Hewamadduma and William Te Pairi.**



Under 17 & 19 medalists – Andrew, Matthew, Tahia, Natasha, Braydon, Kane



Under 11 Boys Teams medalists – Janiru & Diwansha at right

Congratulations to Andrew, Braydon, Tahia, Natasha, Kane, Matthew, Janiru and Sithuki who have all been selected to represent Queensland at the Australian Championships which will be held at Caloundra at the start of July.

REDLANDS SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMP.

Congratulations go to our two Bundaberg representatives, Nicholas Jefferson and Taylah Sim, who attended the Redlands Special Olympics tournament on April 10. Nicholas again excelled, winning both the Division

1 Singles and Doubles, while Taylah won the Division 2 Singles and was runner-up in the Division One Doubles.



Nicholas and Taylah with their ribbons

BUNNINGS BBQ Volunteers wanted

The club has been offered the chance to run a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on **Saturday 7 May**. These have been very successful fundraisers in the past ...**BUT WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS** for the day (8.00 am – 4.00 pm). This is a great opportunity for families including older juniors to be involved.

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BUNDABERG RADIOLOGY

BUNDABERG OPEN SPONSORS WANTED

With the **Bundaberg Open** now less than two months away (**June 4 & 5**), **more sponsors** for the tournament **are needed**. If you would like to assist, either by providing sponsorship yourself or know a business that can be approached, please let me know as soon as possible. The entry form will be available towards the end of this month.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

The Pre-Winter season will resume next week with three weeks of the finals before the finals in all four divisions are played in the first week of May.

WINTER SEASON NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

**Have you nominated for the Winter Season yet ?
Do you know any former or new players who may be interested in playing ?**

**Nominations close Sunday 8 May
Season starts Tuesday May 10 (Div 3) &
Wednesday 11 May (Div 1 & 2)**

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

The Term 1 season ended on Friday 1 April with finals played in Divisions 1 and 2, and the final round of Division 3.

Div 1 Jupiter (Braydon Chapman & Janiru Hewamadduma) def Oompa Loompas (Tahia Zia and William Te Pairi) 3-2

Div 2 Nat 1s (Sean Galletly, Bailey Pin, Oscar Timms) def Grl Pwr (Sithuki Hewamadduma, Jessica Carter, Willow Stuhmcke) 6-3

Div 3 Backhand Warriors (Meredith and Cohen Sheather, Ren Hope) won with the highest points, with Nightmares (Arnaf Ahmed, Cadel Driver, Ahasya Jayakody) second.

The **Term 2 season** is scheduled to start on **Friday 22 April** and, again, more players are wanted. **Nominations close next Thursday, April 21.**

With the increased numbers of players, especially many who are quite young and inexperienced, we need parents to assist when possible during fixtures, either with organising the players, umpiring, or helping in the canteen. If you are available, whether every week or occasionally, please let me know.

TERM 2 SPINNEROOS PROGRAM

The next Spinneroos program has been scheduled to start on **Wednesday 27 April** and run for eight weeks. This highly successful introduction to Table Tennis for children aged between 7 – 11 has been run by the club

three times over the last couple of years, resulting in more than half of the participants now playing regularly in our Junior fixtures and coaching programs.



The weekly one hour sessions will be held on **Wednesday afternoons** from **4.30 – 5.30 pm**. The cost of the program per player is \$120.00 which includes a personalised Spinneroos shirt, a racket and balls and a carry bag.

To obtain more information or book a place in next term's program, go to **Spinneroos.com.au** or contact Dave Delpratt at the club. Please tell your friends and get even more young players in the club !!



The 2021 Term 4 Spinneroos group which included Cohen, Cadel, Saina and Reana who are now all playing Junior fixtures

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

2021 - 22 COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Trevor Barrett
Secretary:	Hannah Sunley
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Rhonda Dawson, Deleece McDonald

Patron	Pauline Langford
Grading Committee	Steve Ricketts, George Haggard, Dave Delpratt

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 Monday 9 May

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 March \$114.40

2022 total so far \$216.70

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.

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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Dave Delpratt

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MORE PHOTOS

Courtesy Steve Ricketts



Rhonda Dawson's Life Membership plaque



Life Members who attended the presentation

Queensland Junior Championships



U17 Mixed Doubles – Emily Steffen & Kane Chantarat runners-up



U19 Girls Singles – Natasha Jefferson bronze medalist



U11 Boys Doubles – Diwansha Kumaranthunga & Janiru Hewamadduma bronze medalists



U17 Boys Doubles – Matt Udal & Kane Chantarat bronze medallists; also former Bundaberg member Vinuka De Silva bronze



U17 Girls Doubles – Tahia Zia & Emily Steffen bronze medalists
Former Bundaberg member, Dhriti Singh Panwar (far L) silver medal



U19 Boys Doubles – Braydon Chapman & Andrew Udal bronze medalists



U19 Girls Doubles – Tahia & Natasha bronze medallists