

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

March 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:

Sat 26 March	TTQ AGM & Develop. Forum
Fri 1 April	Term 1 Junior season finals
Sun 3–Wed 6 Apr	Qld Jnr Champs (Bris)
Thu 7–Sun 10 Apr	Qld Closed (Gold Coast)
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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the club's AGM earlier this month. Annual reports delivered by Peter Marris (President), Cathy Rivers (Treasurer) and myself (Development Officer). Copies of these are available if you wish to read them.

The new committee for 2022 was elected as follows:

President	Peter Marris
Vice-President	Trevor Barrett
Secretary	Hannah Sunley
Treasurer	Cathy Rivers
Committee	Rhonda Dawson, Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Deleece McDonald
Grading	Steve Ricketts, George Haggart, Dave Delpratt
Publicity & Records	Dave Delpratt

Rhonda Dawson was awarded **Life Membership** of the Association, in recognition of not only her ten years as Secretary but also her outstanding work over more

than forty years organising, and working in the canteen during tournaments and other club events such as annual presentation nights and especially the club's 50th anniversary celebrations in late 2019. On many occasions, Rhonda also filled in voluntarily as the club cleaner. Congratulations, and thank you, Rhonda for your wonderful service to the club over all these years.



Then TTQ President, Trevor Barrett, makes a presentation to Rhonda for her untiring efforts catering for the 2017 Queensland Veterans Championships in Bundaberg.

INVITATION

Life Members, present and past members, family and friends are invited to attend the official presentation of
Bundaberg & District Table Tennis Association Inc
Life Membership
to
Rhonda Dawson
Wednesday 30 March at 7.00 pm

SOLAR WHIRLY-BIRDS

Five solar-powered whirly-birds were installed on Saturday, the first of the club's three stage project to air-condition the Centre. This stage was financed by a grant from the **Gambling Community Benefit Fund** in another successful application by Phil Freeman. We are now waiting to hear if our application for the second stage, to insulate the Centre through a grant from the Queensland Government's Active Gameday Projects, has been successful.



The new additions to the roof



Looking up from inside

A reminder that **tax deductible donations** towards the air-conditioning of the Centre can be made through the **Australian Sports Foundation** website. Scroll down to "Donate Now" and search Table Tennis to view our project along with those from other Associations.

ANDRO TEAM CUP

Two teams attended the Andro Cup tournament at the Moreton Bay club last Sunday. This is a modified team competition for players, 15 years old and younger, who are yet to represent Queensland. For many of our players it was their first time to play outside of Bundaberg and against players from other associations. With most of them about to represent the club at the upcoming

ing Queensland Junior Championships, it was valuable experience to pit themselves against a range of different opponents. Neither of the teams had many wins but all had a number of good performances and several exciting matches. Thanks to their parents for making the trip and tier support during the day.



Andro Cup Division 1 players and coaches

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Brisbane, April 3 -6)

Thirteen players will represent Bundaberg this year, including quite a few "rookies" which is great to see. The teams are:

Under 19 Boys Andrew Udal, Braydon Chapman

Under 19 Girls Natasha Jefferson, Tahia Zia

Under 17 Boys Kane Chantarat, Matthew Udal

Under 15 Boys William Te Pairi (Presidents team)

Under 13 Boys Lincoln Carter, Levi Sarin,
Thomas Ross

Under 13 Girls Sithuki Hewamadduma, Jessica Carter

Under 11 Boys Janiru Hewamadduma (Presidents team)

The coaches will Steve and Bernadette Mitchell, Steve Ricketts and Dave Delpratt.

Good luck to all players, have a great time, and make new friends.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

The Pre-Winter season is moving towards the end of the preliminary rounds which will finish just before the Easter school holidays, with the finals starting immediately after the holidays finish. The finals will be played in the first week of May, with the start of the Winter season the following week (May 10 & 11).

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

The Term 1 season is rapidly drawing towards the finals for Divisions One and Two on Friday 1 April, while the newly formed Division Three will continue through to that day when the last round is played. It's been wonderful that we have been able to make five teams of three players for Division Three and to see some excellent matches already by these players.

However, with the increased numbers of players, especially many who are quite young and inexperienced, we would like 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.

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

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

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 !!

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SUMMER SEASON

This competition is nearing the end of the season, with only next week's round to be played in the Open Division to determine the winner, while the Junior finals will be held after this week's crossover semi-finals in three divisions.

LAST CHANCE

The plastic chairs near the television are still available for anyone who wants to take some OR all of them. If there are no takers, the chairs will be disposed of appropriately in the very near future.

2021 - 22 COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Trevor Barrett
Secretary:	Hannah Sunley
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Rashed Aziz, Phil Freeman, Rhonda Dawson, Delece 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 2 nd Monday of the month, starting 7.30 p.m.	
Next Committee meeting Monday 11 April	

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

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.

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 February \$63.80

2022 total so far \$102.30

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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ANDRO CUP PICS

(Courtesy Neil Sheriff, MBTTA, & Sujee Hewamadduma)



Janiru Hewamadduma



Sithuki Hewamadduma



Thomas Ross



Jessica Carter



Lincoln Carter



Georgie Ross