

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

July 2021 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE WE'RE CLOSE TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE WINTER SEASON AND THE START OF THE TERM 3 JUNIOR SEASON BECKONING, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS WHICH ARE OUTLINED IN THE NEWSLETTER, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

July 15	Starts STEPS five week program
July 16	Start Term 3 Junior season
July 22 – 25	Qld Vets Championships (Brisbane)
July 28	Start Winter Secondary Schools season
August 21	Bundaberg Schools Championships
August 27 -29	Bundaberg Closed Championships
September 17	Qld Schools Finals (Brisbane)

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Hi All,

School holidays are just about over as we prepare to embark on Term 3 activities. Fixtures will resume on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th July for adult Divisions. Although I am not playing, I may see you there as I hope to visit, watch some matches, and perhaps even Live Stream a few ☺. I am now 3 weeks

post op on my first knee, which went well, and I am getting prepared for the second knee in a few more weeks.

It was unfortunate that the Nationals were cancelled for the second year in a row. We are waiting for the survey results and an announcement from TTA whether they will be cancelled altogether or rescheduled for a date later in the year. Let's hope the Veterans event goes ahead as planned.

We have quite a few scheduled activities coming up in Term 3, but as always, we are looking for new players, both Junior and Senior. May I encourage you all to be ever vigilant in looking for new players, often it is word of mouth that is the best form of advertising.

Our RevSport website is continuing to grow and evolve. RevSport regularly add new features which are great tools for helping grassroots clubs like ours to efficiently run and manage their activities. If you don't already, I encourage you to take a look at our site and make use of the information now available from anywhere with internet access. Dave and I have been working on Fixture result information over the past few weeks. Previous round scores and points tables for our current season are now on the website for all senior divisions, and will be updated weekly for your convenience. I will also add Juniors once the next term competition is under way.

An email was sent out to juniors and parents on Thursday 8th July outlining the Club's plans moving forward for Term 3 regarding costs for coaching. The costs will be increased this Term to help cover the cost of coaching. Even with those cost increases, the Club is still subsidising the cost of coaching to some extent.

Finally, the next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 July at 1930. The committee will be discussing a range of agenda items, so I will be able to give you an update on that in the August newsletter. Until then, good luck to all players resuming fixtures next week.

Regards,

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.**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS "POSTPONED"

As indicated above in Pete's Pearls, the National Championships that were scheduled to be held in Caloundra during the school holidays had to be

postponed because of the Covid-related lockdown just before they were due to start. Obviously, this was very disappointing for all concerned but hopefully they can be held at a later date.

WINTER & JUNIOR SEASONS

The **Term 2 Junior season** finals were played during the last week of the term. Congratulations to the winning teams and players:

Division 1 Scooby-Doo (Matthew Udal, Aimee Westerman, Ben Edwards) defeated ZNT (Tahia Zia, Natasha Jefferson, Zander Ephraims) 6-3



Div 1 winners Ben, Aimee, Matthew

Division 2 Stars (Janiru & Sithuki Hewamadduma) defeated Shrimpred (William Bagnall, Jessica Carter) 5-0

Highest Average winners were:

Division 1 Braydon Chapman

Division 2 Lincoln Carter & William Bagnall (equal)

The Term 3 Junior season is scheduled to start next **Friday (July 16)**. Nominations close next Thursday so please contact the club if you intend to play or to make sure your name is already on the nomination list. If you have any friends who may be interested in playing, please ask them to contact the club as soon as possible so they can be included.

The **Winter season** resumes next week at the midway point of the competition in all three divisions.

Wednesday night players PLEASE NOTE that the next two rounds will now be played next **Thursday night (July 15)**, and on **Monday (July 19)**.

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

With the start of the new term, club coaching will resume next week. However, some changes are planned, especially with the Junior sessions. These will be confirmed at next Monday's Committee meeting, but are expected to be:

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 (4.30 – 6.00)

Other sessions remain the same as for last term.

Coaching fees have had to be increased as explained by Peter in his column. A **Weekly Coaching pass** has been re-introduced to complement the **Term Pass** which proved very popular. The Weekly Pass will cater for those players who may not be available for the whole term due to studies or other reasons.

Single Coaching session	\$10.00
Weekly Coaching Pass (2 sessions)	\$18.00
Weekly Coaching Pass (3 sessions)	\$25.00
Term 3 Coaching Pass (1 session/week)	\$80.00
Term 3 Coaching Pass (2 sessions/week)	\$150.00
Term 3 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. If interested in assisting on Friday nights, or at other times, please contact me at the club.

Thanks again to **Kameron Chan** who assisted for much of this year on Friday nights to work with our Juniors. However, he will be returning to Melbourne in

the next week or so, which is partly to reason for the request above. **CAN YOU HELP ??**

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.

Also for the first five weeks of this term, about twelve players from STEPS in their Stepping Into Bundy Sports (SIBS) will receive coaching from 3.30 – 5.00 pm on Thursday afternoons. As this clashes to some extent with the Para / Special Olympics session, some further help will be greatly appreciated with either or both groups. If available, please contact me for more details.

SPINNEROOS

The Term 2 Spinneroos program finished in the last week before the school holidays. Although there were only three participants this time, we all had a great amount of fun, and pleasingly all three are very keen to continue playing. Just as pleasing is that they are all **LEFTHANDERS** because we need more in the club !! Congratulations to Willow, Shruthi and Senuth for completing the program and we are looking forward to working with you a lot more in the future.



Senuth, Shruthi, Willow

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.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

In addition to the Queensland Veterans Championships in Brisbane later this month, there are three Open tournaments scheduled for August and September. These are the Gold Coast Open (Aug 28 & 29), Toowoomba (Sept 11 & 12) and Sunshine Coast (Sept 25 & 26).

At the **Queensland Open Championships**, held at the Gold Coast in June, our sole club representative was **Nikki Montgomery** who was runner-up in the Para Singles. Congratulations Nikki !!



Nikki, with gold medalist Nigel Corish

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

OTHER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Many thanks to all the volunteers who came to help when about forty children from the St Marys OSHC holiday group visited the Centre on June 29 for an hour and a half. With almost all the players never having played before, a range of activities suited to their various ages were provided to keep them going throughout the visit which was deemed as a great success by their group leaders. Hopefully we will see some of these players back again in the near future.



Players and volunteers at the end of the session

Thanks also to Cathy Rivers, Reinhard Lot and various other volunteers who fixed the "bubble" in the flooring on Court #3. This was very necessary as the bubble had grown far worse in recent weeks. It took several hours to complete the job requiring a fair amount of effort and patience but the final result is about as good as could have been expected.



Cathy & Reinhard nailing the trimmed boards back onto the original floor before gluing and repositioning the Taraflex

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. 14 June

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 **4.00 – 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.**

Thursday Adult Training **7.00 – 9.00 pm**

Friday Juniors **7.00 - 9.00 p.m.**

Saturday Juniors **1.00 – 3.00 pm**

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

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 April / May \$102.80

Total amount so far this year \$432.50

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.



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