

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

December 2018 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW WEEKS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER BUT A LOT OF EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THAT TIME, BOTH HERE AND ELSEWHERE, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

December 21 Last Social session of the year
February 1 & 8 Junior Come & Try Nights (tbc)
February 5 & 6 Start pre-Winter season (tbc)

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

In recent weeks, the club has obtained grants from both the Queensland and Federal governments - thanks and congratulations to our President, Phil Freeman who wrote the applications.

Get Going funding (Qld Govt) – about \$7000 to conduct a series of Come & Try events (for all ages), a 12 week course for wheelchair players, enable up to five members attend a Level 1 coaching course, purchase playing equipment for beginners.

Community Sport Infrastructure Grant (Federal Govt) – approximately \$24 000 to lay the Taraflex flooring

Stronger Communities Program – approximately \$4000 to install ventilation vents.

It's expected the flooring and ventilation work will be done in early January, so the Centre might look and feel quite different when you return in the new year.

WORKING BEE

A short working bee has been scheduled for next Friday (December 21) to clear the courts of the tables, barriers and chairs so they are clear for when the flooring contractors arrive at the start of January. The working bee is due to start at the end of the Social

Session at about 11.30 a.m. If you are available at that time, please come along and give a helping hand and a bit of muscle at times.

A VERY AWARDING FEW WEEKS

Following on from the club's Annual Presentation Night, various members have attended award functions or have been named as award winners for 2018.

On Wednesday 28 November, club President, Phil Freeman and I, along with TTQ President, Trevor Barrett, attended the annual QSports Awards at the Brisbane Convention Centre. TTQ had nominated Phil for the Volunteer of the Year award and yours truly for Official of the Year. While neither of us won in what were undoubtedly very strong fields of contenders, it was a very enjoyable event, so many thanks to TTQ for the nominations and opportunity to attend.



Phil & Dave as rarely seen

Table Tennis Queensland recently published their Player of the Year awards. Ashley Parrott has been named the Male Athlete with a Disability winner, and Bernadette Mitchell the Female Veteran winner. Former Bundaberg player, Hayden Green was awarded the Male Junior award. These awards will be

presented to the winners at an appropriate occasion early next year.



Ashley's 2nd favourite activity



Bernadette's favourite activity ?

During the World Junior Championships in Bendigo, Table Tennis Australia announced the winners of its inaugural Volunteer awards. Trevor Barrett was one of three to receive 25 Year of Service Awards, Townsville's President, Brendan Gaeta, was the joint winner of the Administrator of the Year Award (mainly for his efforts in organising the highly successful Australian Junior Championships), while I was named Official of the Year. Much to my surprise, considering the outstanding contributions to Table Tennis by all the other award winners, I was also named as the overall Volunteer of the Year.



Trevor, Dave & Brendan

On the local club scene, Top Average winners of the Junior Term 4 fixtures were also announced – Andrew Udal (Div 1) and Faisal Aziz (Div 2).



Andrew with Steve Mitchell Faisal with Rod Stehbens
 Congratulations to all of the above award winners.

McDONALDS PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thirty-three teams from four schools (approximately 125 players) competed in this year's tournament on Friday 23 November, considerably lower than the numbers for previous few years but this was due to several schools having other commitments on the day.

Nevertheless, it was again a very successful event with the major winners being:

Year 6 Boys Division 1 East State School – Kane Chantarat, Josh Anderson, Noah Hensel, Tristen Ryan (all club members)



Josh, Tristen, Kane, Noah

Year 6 Girls Division 1 Woongarra State School – Rosalie Lunnon, Poppy Loeskow, Bianca Lawman

Year 4 & 5 Boys Division 1 Bundaberg Christian College – Kody Owtrim, Jack Cooper, Ari Maatta (all club members)



Ari, Kody, Jack

Year 4 & 5 Girls Division 1 Woongarra State School – Hannah Cavanagh, Taya Hartfiel, Lilly Devine, Isabelle Hahn

Many thanks to all club members who volunteered their time to work as umpires / table managers, and / or in the canteen throughout the day.

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

I had the pleasure, and privilege, to be a Deputy Referee at the World Junior Championships which were held in Bendigo in the first week of December. As always, there were some fantastic play, none more so than in the Boys Singles quarter-final between Cristian Pletea (Roumania) and Hu Heyi (China) which was one of the best matches I have ever seen and contained the best rally most have ever seen at 2-0 and 10/9 in the third game. Look for it on the ITTF website or Youtube (Day 7 afternoon, towards the end). As usual, China dominated with all gold medals going their players but a number of other Asian and European countries made their presence felt. The venue, a new addition to the Bendigo stadium, was also one of the best I have seen.

CASH FOR CONTAINERS

So far, after only two trips to the recycling centre, the club has raised over \$75.00 from this program in a month with more to come before Christmas. Big thanks to those who put their empty drink containers directly into the bins in the canteen foyer rather than the rubbish bins, those who take discarded containers from the rubbish bins and put them in the correct recycling bins, and those who have brought their empty containers from home and donated them to the club. With Christmas and New Year parties sure to produce plenty of empty bottles, cans and other eligible containers, please consider bringing them to the club when possible.

START OF PLAY IN JANUARY

Once the new flooring has been laid, a decision when play can commence for 2019. However, it's expected to be around the middle of January. Keep an eye on your emails for further information.

The Pre-Winter season is scheduled to start in the first week of February (Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th) so make sure you get your name down on the nomination lists by Sunday 3rd February.

COACHING SESSIONS

While all coaching sessions have finished for this year, it's hoped to start at least some as early as possible in January, especially for Juniors and the Thursday Para TT / Special Olympics as both groups have competitions fairly early in the new year. Again, keep an eye on your emails for further information.

COME & TRY NIGHTS

The annual Junior Come & Try Nights are scheduled for Friday 1st & 8th February. In addition to these nights, funding has been received to conduct other Come & Try events but who these will target and when they will be held are yet to be finalised. As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, funding to conduct a twelve week program for wheelchair players has also been obtained. Again, the timing of this program will be decided in the new year.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Spring Season

The Spring Season concluded this week in the three divisions, with the winning teams being:

Division 1



Wanderers John & Lorraine Fourro, Kye Meuli

Division 2



Mixtures Vinuka De Silva / Rashed Aziz, Kaine Ryan, Trevor Barrett, Anek Chantarat – Briahna Connolly and Nev Newitt subbed for Kaine and Trevor in the final round.

Division 3



Juggernauts Chris Parker, Kate Juillerat, Dave Delpratt

Term 4 Junior Season

The Term 4 Junior season ended on Friday 7 December. This season, as well as a final in each division, all teams played for a final position, including a play-off for third place.

The successful teams were:

Division 1



Premiers Donkey Kong Kaine Ryan & Dallas McDermid with Steve Mitchell

Runners-up Dragons Braydon Chapman, Aiman Rahman / Dhriti Singh Panwar

3rd Place Nets & Edges Brendan Connolly, Atharv Singh Panwar

Division 2

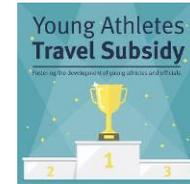


Premiers No Names Josh Anderson & Caleb Cadell with Rod Stehbens

Runners-up Spinnerz Tahsin Ahmed, Casey John

3rd Place Dubs Will Stehbens, Zander Ephraims

GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES



Players and parents are reminded that the Queensland State Government **Young Athletes Travel Subsidy (\$200-)** is available to eligible applicants who attended the Queensland Junior Championships and / or the Queensland Schools State Finals, and / or the Australian Junior Championships **(\$400-)**. Also, at least three of our Juniors who represented Queensland at the Australian Championships in Townsville have received **Local Sporting Champions** grants through the Federal government – congratulations **Leah, Tayla and Andrew**.

MASTERS GAMES

23 – 26 May, 2019

FEES

Membership Fees should be paid as soon as possible **if you have joined to play in one or more of the weekly club competitions OR PLAY AT THE CLUB REGULARLY**. If you require more time to pay, please discuss this with Phil Freeman, Cathy Rivers or myself.

2019 Membership Fees

New Members will be registered with Table Tennis Queensland until the end of 2019.

Adult Club / Tournament	\$90.00
Adult / Student concession	\$80.00
Adult Social	\$40.00
Junior	\$40.00

2019 Playing Fees (Including GST)

Subject to change

Fixture Fees	
Adult	\$12.00
Junior	\$ 9.00
Social Fees	
Adult	\$ 6.00
Junior	\$ 5.00
Adult Non-Member	\$ 10.00
Junior Non-Member	\$ 7.00
Coaching	
Adult	\$ 8.00
Junior Squad	\$ 7.00
Friday Junior	\$ 5.00
Weekly Pass	
Adult	\$23.00
Junior	\$17.00
Family Social Fee	
Members	\$16.00
Non-members	\$20.00
Family Junior Pass	
Family Junior Fixture Pass	\$22.00
Family Junior Squad Coaching Pass	\$20.00
Jumbo Junior Pass	
(Membership plus eight week pass OR ten week pass)	\$150.00

2018 - 19 Committee

President:	Phil Freeman
Vice President:	Steve Ricketts
Secretary:	Rhonda Dawson
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Nikki Udal, Louise Lawsen, Delece McDonald, Tom McDonald
Patron	Pauline Langford
Grading Committee	Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt, Nikki Udal
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.**

The next meeting is Wednesday 9 January.

COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors (Rep. squad)	4.00 – 7.00 p.m.
Monday Adults	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Tuesday Juniors	4.00 – 7.00 p.m.
Thursday AWD / Special Olympics	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday Juniors	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Saturday	By arrangement

CLUB SHIRTS

These are excellent shirts being light, cool and hard-wearing. Samples are available for sizing purposes. If you would like one or to place an order, please see me. Some club jackets are also available.

Anyone representing Bundaberg at State Championships is required to wear the club shirt in team events.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

With Christmas fast approaching, maybe consider some Table Tennis equipment, clothing or other items as gifts for the player/s in your family, or to get someone you know interested in playing. Purchases will need to be made by **Friday 21 December** as the club will be closed until after New Year.

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 poor quality. However, if you are planning to buy a Table Tennis table, Bundaberg Sportspower stock very good quality tables suitable for home use.

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Wishing all members and their families and friends a safe and happy Christmas and New Year and looking forward to seeing all you in 2019.

Dave Delpratt