

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

February 2019 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE START OF THE YEAR, SOME THINGS HAVE NOT HAPPENED, AND THERE'S PLENTY COMING UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

- Wed 20 Feb Start Secondary Schools Summer Table Tennis season
- Sat 23 Feb Special Olympic tournament (Brisbane)
- Sat 2 March TTQ AGM & Development Forum (Brisbane)
- Mon 4 March Bundaberg AGM
- March 16 / 17 Wynnum Open
- March 23 / 24 Uni of Qld Open
- Sun 24 March Qld Para TT Training camp (Brisbane)
- March 30 / 31 BUNDABERG OPEN
- April 2 & 3 Pre-Winter Finals
- April 5 Junior Term 1 Finals
- April 17 - 20 Qld Junior Championships (Mackay)



SPONSORSHIP

With great pleasure and gratitude, it can be announced that Bundaberg Radiology has again agreed to be our Major Sponsor for 2019, continuing their support that began in 2006. Their sponsorship annually assists funding of the Bundaberg Open, subsidizing our representative players and other club programs.

CLUB IMPROVEMENTS

As has been explained to the Tuesday and Wednesday night fixture players, the laying of the Taraflex flooring, which was scheduled to be done in January, will now take place during the Easter school holidays. This is a result of problems encountered with the original contractor who has now been replaced by the contractors who installed the Taraflex flooring at the Brisbane Table Tennis Centre last year.



The new vents from the outside

Those who have at the Table Tennis Centre over the last week will know that **four vents** have been installed, thanks to the combined grants from Table Tennis Australia and the Federal Government. The vents appear to be doing their intended job, cooling the Centre. Thanks also to our President, Phil Freeman, who was instrumental in obtaining these grants.



..... and from the inside

OTHER GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

The first round of the State Government's **Get Started Voucher** program is now open. This provides eligible families with **\$150.00 per child** to pay for membership and playing fees. Google Get Started for more information or see your child's school principal.



Players and parents are reminded that the Queensland State Government **Young Athletes Travel Subsidy (\$200-)** is available to eligible applicants who attend the Queensland Junior Championships and / or the

Queensland Schools State Finals this year, and / or attended last year's Australian Junior Championships.

The Association has also received funding under the State Government's **Get Going** grant. Some of this grant has already been used for the recent Junior Come & Try visit by Hayden Green, and purchasing equipment for coaching and other training programs. Additionally, this grant will assist in advertising and conducting further Come & Try events and programs, and to train up to five club members as coaches.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

The Pre-Winter season began last week with a similar number of players as for the same time last year. This is despite a number of players being unavailable due to travel plans or work commitments. Hopefully most of them will be available for the Winter season. This season will finish in the first week of April, just before the Easter school holidays. As only Division Two on Wednesday nights has a bye each week, teams in the other divisions are scheduled to play every week up to the finals.

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

The Junior Term 1 season started on Friday and is also scheduled to finish in the first week of April. More players are welcome so if you know anyone interested please ask them to contact me at the club.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Thank you to many players who have already paid their membership fees for the year. These fees are due to be paid by the end of February, though arrangements can be made to pay the fees in installments if necessary.

PLEASE NOTE: *Players who regularly come to Social sessions and / or coaching sessions are still expected to pay membership fees so that they are covered by insurance.*

2019 Membership Fees

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
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BUNDABERG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for **Monday 4 March**, commencing at **7.30 pm**. As always, this is a very important event to which all members, Juniors' parents and interested individuals are invited, though only adult members are eligible to vote. **Please attend.**

More information will be distributed next week.

JUNIOR COME & TRY NIGHTS

Two Junior Come & Try Nights were held on the first two Fridays of the school term. Former Club Champion, **Hayden Green**, who found out just before he arrived that he has been selected in the Australian Junior team to compete in the Junior World Circuit event in Darwin in late April, returned to Bundaberg for the second week and visited nine schools to promote last week's C&T. Many thanks to Hayden for his efforts and assistance, and to all other club members who also contributed in any way. Hopefully the club will gain a few new members.



Hayden Green with some of the players at the Junior Come & Try Night.

2019 BUNDABERG OPEN

The 2019 Bundy Open will be held on **March 30 & 31** so please keep that weekend as free as possible so you can either compete, volunteer some of your time or just come along and watch the action. This year is a special one as it our 50th anniversary since the Association was formed. We are therefore planning some increased prizemoney for many of the events. If you know of any business or organisation that may be interested in sponsoring an event, please let me know so they can be contacted. The entry form will be available in early March.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This tournament will be held in Mackay from Wednesday 17 – Easter Saturday 20 April. It's hoped that Bundaberg will again take a large and strong team to the Championships at which we have had a great amount of success over the last twenty years, both in titles and medals won, and in the numbers of players selected to represent Queensland. However, at present, we are lacking players particularly in the Under 11 and Under 13 age groups, especially girls. If you are at all interested, please contact me as soon as possible for more information.

Nominations are required by early March as entries close on March 21.

CONTAINERS FOR CASH

Many thanks also to those members who have brought their cans, bottles and other containers to add to those collected at the club. Already, more than \$200.00 has been raised in just over two months, so please keep bringing your "empties" to the club. This money will be used to assist our Junior team travel to Mackay for the Queensland Junior Championships over the Easter school holidays.

Players are asked to assist by taking a little extra time to place their "empties" in the correct bin at the canteen rather than in the rubbish bins around the club.

WHEELCHAIR PLAYERS WANTED

As mentioned earlier, we have received **Get Going funding** to establish a **free 13 week coaching and social competition program** for wheelchair players. This will be in addition to our regular Thursday afternoon Para TT / Special Olympics group, though hopefully the two groups would eventually combine. If you know anyone who uses a wheelchair and may be interested in playing Table Tennis, whether they have played before or not, ask them to contact me at the club. When there are a sufficient number of players, the program will be conducted.

COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors (Rep. squad)	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Monday Adults (Starts Feb 18)	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Tuesday Juniors	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Thursday ParaTT/Special Olympics	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday Juniors	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

MASTERS GAMES



23 – 26 May, 2019

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.**

AGM Monday 4 March 7.30 pm

Next Committee meeting Monday 11 March.

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

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 good quality tables suitable for home use.

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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Dave Delpratt