

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

March 2019 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD, A COUPLE OF TOURNAMENTS HAVE COME AND GONE AND MANY MORE COMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

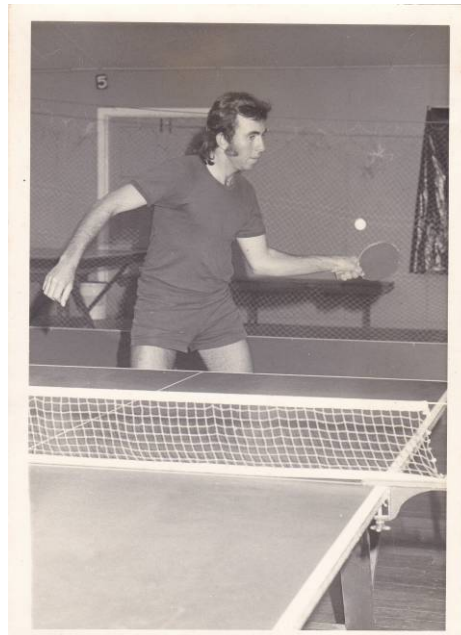
- March 16 / 17 Wynnum Open
- March 23 / 24 Uni of Qld Open
- Sun 24 March Qld Para TT Training camp (Brisbane)
- March 30 / 31 **BUNDABERG OPEN**
- April 2 & 3 Pre-Winter Finals
- April 5 Secondary Schools Summer Finals
Junior Term 1 Finals
- April 17 - 20 Qld Junior Championships (Mackay)
- April 23 / 24 Start of Winter season
- April 26 Start of Term 2 Junior season
- April 26 - 28 Rockhampton Teams & Open Championships

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - PETER SPRATLEY

Congratulations to **Peter Spratley** who was awarded **Life Membership** of the Association at the recent Annual General Meeting "in recognition of his outstanding record in club and higher competition spanning more than forty years."

Peter joined the Association in 1972 as a teenager and quickly rose through club ranks, to such an extent that he won his first Bundaberg Closed Mens Singles Championship in 1976. Since that first win, Peter has won another eleven of these titles, along with many others at Bundaberg Closed and Bundaberg Open Championships. He has also won **twelve Premier / Division One Winter season premierships**, all but one in his trademark Killers team. The first of these

was in 1979, the most recent in 2017, but for sure **he ain't finished yet !!** Of course, he has also won many other premierships in other seasons throughout the years, rarely having missed a season except a short period when he was working away from Bundaberg.



Peter, Club Champion in 1976

During his career, Peter has also represented Bundaberg in the former State League, at many Queensland Senior and Veterans Championships, and several times has been a Queensland Veterans

representative. At all of these events, he has performed wonderfully and earned the respect of his opponents for his excellent play. His forehand is still a joy to watch for its simplicity, timing and power.



Peter, competing at the Queensland Veterans Championships in Bundaberg, 2017

BUNDABERG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bundaberg Annual General Meeting earlier this month. There were a number of changes to the Committee, although Phil Freeman, Rhonda Dawson and Cathy Rivers were returned unopposed to their respective positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nikki Udal has stepped up to be Vice President, replacing Steve Ricketts who has decided to have a break from the Committee. Michele Brockhurst has returned as a Committee member, and is joined by newcomers

Hannah Sunley, Peter Marris and Rod Stehbins. Thanks go to Steve Ricketts, Deleece and Tom McDonald and Louise Lawsen who did not stand for re-election this year.

While a Grading Sub-Committee of Steve Ricketts, Nikki Udal, Rod Stehbins and Dave Delpratt was elected, it was also decided to form a Tuesday night Division Three Selection Panel to be responsible solely for the selection of Division Three teams over the next three seasons. This process will be carried out over the next couple of weeks in readiness for the Winter season.

2019 BUNDABERG RADIOLOGY **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. Extra events (Over 30s events, Under 700 Rating Points Singles and Doubles, more Womens Singles events) have been added. The entry form is now available on the TTQ website, or at the canteen for those who are unable to print a copy at home.

Volunteers are needed to help throughout that weekend, in the canteen, with the barbecue, umpiring, tournament control, cleaning, etc, etc. Please let me know when you are available.

There will be a **working bee on Sunday 24 March, starting at 9.00 a.m.** to spruce up the Centre for the Open. If you have an hour or so to spare that day, please bring along any cleaning equipment you can. Those who help at the working bee can then stay on for the Social session in the afternoon free of charge.

SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you to all club sponsors who have confirmed their support of the upcoming Bundaberg Open.:

Bundaberg Radiology, the Walsh Family, Dymocks Books (Phil Freeman), Spicy Tonight Restaurant (Anek Chantararat), Uncle Chans Chinese Restaurant (David Chan), Ross Gray Motor City, Bundaberg Tax & Accounting, Bundaberg Trophies & Gifts, Hon. David Batt MP (Member for Bundaberg), Hon. Stephen Bennett MP (Member for Burnett), Ariston Table Tennis Sales, Tropical Gardens Motor Inn. Please try to support these sponsors whenever possible.

In particular, a substantial donation has been offered by the **Walsh family (John, Kym, Liam and Erin)**. As well as going towards prize money for the Bundaberg Open, it is planned to use a proportion to support our Special Olympics and Para TT players attend tournaments this year, and also to assist funding of our Bundaberg team which will attend the Queensland Junior Championships.

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. **Work is due to start on Monday 15 April** and will hopefully be completed before the Friday Social session that week.

OTHER GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES



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 was used for the 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.

The Association has also been successful in obtaining a grant from Table Tennis Queensland to fund a program to attract more girls to play. This will take place later in the year.

The first round of the State Government's **Get Started Voucher** program is now **closed** though families who have not yet redeemed their vouchers with the club can still do so. The voucher 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.

The next round will open in July.

PRE-WINTER SEASON

The Pre-Winter season is nearing the finals stage, starting with Premier Division and Division One next week, and the other two divisions the following week. After the break for the Easter school holidays, the Winter season is scheduled to start on April 23 & 24.

Nominations are now being taken for that season.

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

The Junior Term 1 season is also scheduled to finish in the first week of April. Nominations are also being taken for the Term 2 season scheduled to start on April 26.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Congratulations to the Bundaberg Special Olympics players who competed at the Brisbane tournament recently. Bundaberg had the largest team and had plenty of success. Nick Jefferson won the Division One Singles, with Liam Walsh second, Erin Walsh won Division Two, while newcomers, Nathan Curd, Chris

Carter and Riaan Bonel came first, second and fourth in Division Four.



Nick & Liam with their Singles certificates and ribbons



Erin with her Division Two blue ribbon and certificate

In the Doubles, Bundy players were paired with partners from other clubs. Nick again came first in Division One, Erin came third and Liam fourth. In Division Two, Nathan came second, Riaan third and Chris fourth.

This tournament was one of the largest ever held, outside of 2017 State Games, with twenty-four players coming from five clubs including Mackay.

COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors (Rep. squad) 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Monday Adults 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.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

This tournament will be held in Mackay from Wednesday 17 – Easter Saturday 20 April. Bundaberg will again take strong team of **fifteen players** 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.

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 \$300.00 has been raised in just over three 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 in last month’s newsletter, 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.

MEMBERSHIP 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.

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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2018 - 19 Committee

President: Phil Freeman
 Vice President: Nikki Udal
 Secretary: Rhonda Dawson
 Treasurer: Cathy Rivers
 Committee Members: Michele Brockhurst, Hannah Sunley, Peter Marris, Rod Stehbens

Patron: Pauline Langford
 Grading Committee: Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt, Nikki Udal, Rod Stehbens
 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 8 April.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Phil Freeman



Nikki Udal



Rhonda Dawson



Cathy Rivers



Rod Stehbens



Michele Brockhurst



Hannah Sunley



Peter Marris

PATRON



Pauline Langford

CLUB SHIRTS

New club shirts will be ordered very soon being lighter, cooler, more comfortable and quicker drying than our current shirts. 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 (current or new) 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.

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