

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

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HI EVERYONE THE FIRST SEASONS OF THE YEAR ARE OVER, AS IS THE BUNDY OPEN, OUR PLAYERS ARE IN FULL TRAINING FOR THE QUEENSLAND JUNIORS, THE FLOOR IS FINALLY GOING TO BE COMPLETED, EASTER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND THERE'S PLENTY MORE COMING UP OVER THE NEXT MONTH, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

- April 15 – 19 Centre closed - flooring installation
- 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
- May 11 / 12 Cadet Training camps (Rockhampton / Gold Coast)
- May 18 / 19 Moreton Bay Open
- May 25 Qld Schools tournament (Bundaberg)
- June 8 / 9 Qld Junior team training camp (Brisbane)
- June 28 Qld Schools Finals

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fifteen Bundaberg players will represent the club at the 2019 Queensland Junior Championships next week (April 17 – 20) in Mackay. The teams are:
Under 18 Girls A Leah Scott, Rebecca Tran
Under 18 Girls B Jemimah Lawsen, Tahia Zia
Under 15 Girls Tayla Scott, Natasha Jefferson
Under 18 Boys Andrew Udal, Kaine Ryan
Under 15 Boys Braydon Chapman, Kye Meuli
Under 13 Boys Vinuka De Silva, Kane Chantarat
Matthew Udal (U15 Boys), Amelia Tu (U13 Girls) and Kody Owtrim (U13 Boys) are in Presidents teams.

Steve Ricketts and I will be the team coaches though I'm sure we will need, and get, plenty of assistance from the parents who will be there. Thanks go Steve and Bernadette Mitchell who have helped enormously in preparing of the players for the Championships.

THE FLOOR

The Centre will be closed as **from Monday 15 April** so that the Taraflex from last year's Commonwealth Games can finally be laid !! It is expected that the work will take four or five days to complete, so it should be ready for play when the new season starts immediately after Easter.

The Centre **WILL** be open this Friday and Sunday (April 12 & 15) for the usual Social Sessions. However, Sunday players will be asked to assist in removing all equipment from the floor area so that the contractors can start straight away on Monday morning. If there are enough volunteers, this should only take about half an hour.

2019 BUNDABERG OPEN

Thank you to everyone involved in the Bundy Open. Sixty local members competed, well above the normal number, with another thirty-four coming from other Associations. A special mention must go to the Townsville group who made the trip and distinguished themselves with some good results but more

particularly their fantastic attitude and cooperation throughout the two days. Congratulations to all of our players who performed very well, winning a heap of titles, especially Rebecca Tran (Womens Open Singles plus other titles), Leah Scott (Womens Under 18 Singles plus others), and Andrew Udal (Mens Under 18 Singles), Bernadette and Steve Mitchell (multiple Over 40 & 50 titles). The standard of play was very good and far more consistent by our players than in previous years - a very encouraging sign.



Rebecca



Andrew



Leah

A further thanks to all the volunteers who assisted over the weekend – in the canteen, around the courts and upstairs. Your work was vital to make the Championships the success that they were.

AWARDS TO PETER SPRATLEY AND ASHLEY PARROTT

On the Sunday morning of the Bundy Open, presentations were made to Peter and Ashley. As announced in last month's newsletter, Peter was awarded Life Membership of the Association at the Annual General Meeting. Ashley had previously been

announced as the Table Tennis Queensland Male Para TT Athlete of the Year for 2018. Congratulations to both for these awards.



Ashley & Peter with their awards

PRE-WINTER SEASON

Congratulations to the winning teams for the Pre-Winter season:

Premier Division – Killers (Peter Spratley, Jeff Loughran) def Who Knows (Brendan Connolly, Jakob Baker) 3-2 – 12/10 in the fifth game of the doubles !!!



Peter & Jeff

Division One – What Shed (Matt Payne, Warren Sharrock, Rashed Aziz) def Add On (Ashley Parrott, David Chan, Deleece McDonald) 7-3



Warren, Matt & Rashed

Division Two – Lucky Ducky (Phil Freeman, Matthew Udal) def Mad Keen (Dallas McDermid, Bruce Peterson) 3-2



Phil & Matthew with Nikki Udal

Division Three – Billy Bob (Natasha Jefferson, Mesbah Ahmed, Les Dawson) def RJs (Rashed Aziz, Jemimah Lawsen, John Jackson) 7-1



Mesbah, Les & Natasha

TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

Congratulations to the winning teams for the Term 1 Junior season:

Division One – Chungas (Sam Freeman, Kye Meuli, Tayla Scott) def Banana (Andrew Udal, Natasha Jefferson, Amelia Tu) 7-3



Sam, Tayla & Kye

Division Two – Ivory (Will Stehbens, Ben Edwards, Sithuki De Silva) def Gandhi Gang (Faisal Aziz, Tahsin Ahmed, Emily Owtrim) by **8 points in a countback** after the match was drawn 6 rubbers 12 games each !!



Will, Ben & Sithuki

THE NEW SEASONS

With the start of the Winter and Term 2 Junior seasons coinciding with the week of Easter Monday and ANZAC Day, it has been decided to use the Tuesday and Wednesday nights and Friday afternoon for grading competitions. All players who are available are asked to participate in the competitions, especially any who are new to the club or returning after not playing the last season or more, so that the Grading panels are provided with more information about everyone's relative standard.

Each season will start the following week. **Nominations for Tuesday and Wednesday nights will now close on Sunday 29 April and for Friday Juniors on Thursday 2 May.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rockhampton Teams Carnival and Open This is always an excellent tournament to attend – well run, plenty of matches, the chance to meet and compete against players from the northern associations.

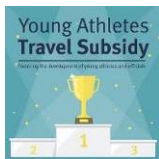
NOTE that **entries close on Friday 19 April** (while the Qld Juniors are on) and that the teams carnival starts on **Friday 26 April**, theoretically a working day.

Cadet Training Camps for players who are fifteen or under this year will be held in Rockhampton and Gold Coast on the weekend of **May 11 & 12**. Nominations for one of these camps at event.tabletennisqld.org close on **May 6**. The camps are free but players need to fund their own travel, accommodation and food.

Moreton Bay Open will be held on the weekend of **May 18 & 19**. Keep an eye out for the entry forms which are expected very soon.

Queensland Schools Tournament (Bundaberg) is scheduled for Saturday 25 May. While information has already been sent to all schools in the Bundaberg area, this will be followed up early in Term 2. Players can assist by speaking to their Phys.Ed. and sports teachers, and their friends to organise teams for the tournament. Successful teams will qualify for the State Finals in Brisbane on Friday 28 June.

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.

The Association has also received funding under the State Government's **Get Going** grant. Some of this grant was used for 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. If interested in attending a coaching course, please see me.

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..

COACHING SESSIONS

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| 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. |
| Saturday training (Steve Mitchell) | 9.00 – 11.00 a.m. |

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, just over \$400.00 has been raised in about four months, so please keep bringing your “empties” to the club. This money will assist our Junior team travel to Mackay for the Queensland Junior Championships over the Easter school holidays.

A decision on how future proceeds will be used is yet to be made.

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.

CLUB SHIRTS

The first order of the **new club shirts** has arrived and available for collection – cost is **\$40.00**. These shirts are lighter, cooler, more comfortable and quicker drying than the previous club shirts. If you would 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 near the canteen.

Some club jackets are also available. Coming into winter, these are lightweight but very comfortable and warm. They are also reduced to **\$20.00**.

FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED LITERALLY.

Anyone who represents Bundaberg at a 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.

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

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| 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

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| Adult | \$12.00 |
| Junior | \$ 9.00 |

Social Fees

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| Adult | \$ 6.00 |
| Junior | \$ 5.00 |
| Adult Non-Member | \$ 10.00 |
| Junior Non-Member | \$ 7.00 |

Coaching

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| Adult | \$ 8.00 |
| Junior Squad | \$ 7.00 |
| Friday Junior | \$ 5.00 |

Weekly Pass

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| Adult | \$23.00 |
| Junior | \$17.00 |

Family Social Fee

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| Members | \$16.00 |
| Non-members | \$20.00 |

Family Junior Pass

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| Family Junior Fixture Pass | \$22.00 |
| Family Junior Squad Coaching Pass | \$20.00 |

Jumbo Junior Pass

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| (Membership plus eight week pass OR ten week pass) | \$150.00 |
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2018 - 19 Committee

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| 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 13 May.

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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The Walsh Family

Dave Delpratt

MORE BUNDABERG OPEN PHOTOS

(Courtesy Steve Ricketts)



Andrew McCurley v Brendan Gaeta (Tvl)



Lorraine Fourro



Tom & Deleece McDonald



Dale Shailer