

# Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

May 2019 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE THE WINTER SEASON IS NOW IN FULL SWING, OUR JUNIORS PERFORMED WELL AT THE QUEENSLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE NEW FLOOR LOOKS GREAT, A NEW WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM IS TAKING SHAPE, THE QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, SO .... PLEASE READ ON:

## Important Dates:

May 18 /19	Moreton Bay Open
May 25	Qld Schools tournament (Bundaberg)
June 1 / 2	Qld Open Championships (Gold Coast)
June 8 / 9	Qld Junior team training camp (Brisbane)
June 28	Qld Schools Finals
July 7 – 13	Australian Junior Championships (Wollongong, NSW)
July 9 – 14	ITTF World Tour Australian Open (Geelong, Vic)
July 19	Start Term 3 Junior season
July 24 – 28	Qld Veterans Championships (Wynnum)

## WHEELCHAIR COACHING PROGRAM

As part of the Get Going Clubs grant which the Association received earlier this year, a **free thirteen week** introductory Wheelchair Table Tennis program has been scheduled to start in the first week of June, finishing in early September. Wheelchair events are an integral feature of the Paralympics and all other major Para TT tournaments. Members from the 1980s and 1990s will remember Trevor Barsby, an excellent player who was unlucky not to go to the Paralympics. If you know anyone who is in a wheelchair and may be interested in participating in this program, please tell

them about it. See further details at the end of this newsletter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Queensland Schools Tournament (Bundaberg)** is scheduled for Saturday 25 May. It looks like we will have quite a few teams in the Hopes (Under 12) divisions and enough in the Junior and Open divisions to give everyone plenty of matches for the day. Successful teams will qualify for the State Finals in Brisbane on Friday 28 June. **Volunteers are needed to help in various ways. If available, please see me.**

**Bundaberg Closed Championships** will held from **Friday 16 – Sunday 18 August**. Please try to keep those dates free.

## NEW WATER COOLER

The new water cooler in the foyer was paid for largely thanks to a generous bequest from Lachlan McCurley, our former longtime member who passed away late last year. A suitable plaque will be placed near the cooler in the very near future.

Our thanks go to M & S Anderson Plumbers for installing the cooler, and to Andrew McCurley for donating his time to provide the power to run it.

We can now enjoy cold water without having to fill up the other coolers continuously, though they will be retained at least for the time being.

## THE FLOOR

So, finally the new flooring got laid over the Easter school holidays. The contractors did a great job and it's looking fantastic. I'm sure everyone will enjoy playing on it once we get used to having to lift our feet to move after being able to slide around for the last few years !! Our thanks go to the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and Queensland Government for making the flooring, along with other Games equipment, available to the club, and the Queensland and Sport Australia (Federal Government) for the grants which provided the funding for installing it. Keep this photo to help remind you what the old floor looked like. ☺



Before



Now

## QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all of our players who competed at the Queensland Junior Championships in Mackay during the Easter school holidays. While Wynnum totally dominated in almost every event (with the assistance of several former Bundy players☺), our players won five titles. **Tayla Scott** won three of these – the Under 15 Girls Singles, Under 15 Girls Doubles with **Natasha Jefferson** and the Under 15 Mixed Doubles with **Braydon Chapman**. **Leah Scott and Rebecca Tran** won the Under 18 Girls Doubles, while **Amelia Tu** shared the Under 13 Girls Doubles with Emily Steffen (Rockhampton). Tahia Zia was runner-up to Tayla in the Under 15 Girls Singles after narrowly beating Natasha in the semi-final while Vinuka De Silva was runner-up for former Bundy boy, Lochie Green, in the Under 13 Boys Singles after an epic semi-final against Kane Chantararat. There were plenty of bronze medals as well.



The Bundy team



Tayla Scott who won three Under 15 titles

Following the Championships, ten Bundy players have been named in the Queensland Junior team to compete at the Australian Juniors in Wollongong in early July – Leah (U18 Girls A team), Rebecca (U18 Girls B team); Tayla, Tahia and Natasha (U15 Girls team); Braydon Chapman (U15 Boys B team); Vinuka and Kane (U13 Boys team); Kye Meuli (U15 Boys President team nomination); Amelia (U13 Girls President team nomination).

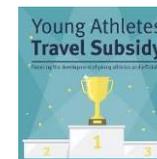
**Congratulations and good luck to all of you.**

## THE NEW SEASONS

After some early season problems, it looks like the Winter and Term 2 Junior seasons are starting to settle down. It is especially pleasing to see 42 players taking part on Wednesday nights, easily the most for a very long time. On Tuesdays, there are again a healthy 24 players, the same as for last season, while Friday Juniors seems to have settled on 36 players again with several others unavailable due to observing Ramadan. However, we really do need to boost our Junior numbers back up to the levels of previous years so please try to encourage your friends and relatives, whether they have played before or not. The Junior season is scheduled to finish on June 28 though this may change if the players in the finals are also involved in the Queensland Schools State finals in Brisbane the same day. A decision will be made closer to the date.

The Winter finals are scheduled for the week of September 17 & 18. A reminder that Premier, Division One and Two will play on **Monday 3 June** (State of Origin week) and **Monday 22 July** (Qld Veterans week). If unavailable, please let me know as early as possible.

## 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 is currently scheduled to take place in Term 3.

## COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors (Rep. squad)	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
<b>Monday Adults</b>	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.
<b>Saturday training (Steve Mitchell)</b>	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.**

## 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

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

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, starting **7.30 p.m.**

**Next Committee meeting Monday 10 June.**

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# BUNDABERG & DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.



Kendalls Rd (next to the new Showgrounds / Agrotrend) Bundaberg 4670

## FREE 13 WEEK WHEELCHAIR TABLE TENNIS COACHING PROGRAM



**Starts** first week in June

**Finishes** first week in September

Two hours per session once a week  
No previous playing experience required

All Table Tennis equipment provided  
Accredited coaches

Table Tennis is one of the most popular sports at the Paralympic Games, and can be played by all ages all year, SO GIVE IT A GO !!

Further enquiries – Dave Delpratt (Bundaberg Table Tennis) Phone 4155 2388 / 0418 526 968 Email [bundytt@bigpond.com](mailto:bundytt@bigpond.com)

## WHEELCHAIR TABLE TENNIS COACHING PROGRAM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CARER'S NAME (if required): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED DAY:

TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / EITHER

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED TIME:

10.00a.m. – 12.00 p.m. / 1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. / EITHER

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE A MANUAL WHEELCHAIR (i.e. NOT MOTORISED)? YES / NO

HAVE YOU PLAYED TABLE TENNIS? YES / NO

HAVE YOU PLAYED OTHER SPORTS?  
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THE PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED TO START ON JUNE 4 (TUESDAY) OR JUNE 5 (WEDNESDAY) AND RUN FOR 13 WEEKS, FINISHING ON SEPTEMBER 3 OR 4.

**(The program will be conducted on the most preferred day and time)**

WILL YOU BE AVAILABLE TO START ON THE ABOVE DATE/S? YES / NO

IF "NO", WHEN WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO START? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THIS PROGRAM IS **FREE** AND ALL TABLE TENNIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

**PLEASE RETURN THIS INFORMATION BY MONDAY 27 MAY**

**TO**

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