

# Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

February 2020 Newsletter



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**HI EVERYONE** THE TABLE TENNIS YEAR IS NOW WELL AND TRULY UNDER WAY WITH CLUB FIXTURES AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES, AND STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ALL FEATURING IN THE NEWS IN RECENT WEEKS, SO .... **PLEASE READ ON:**

## Important Dates:

- Feb 29 & Mar 1 UQ Open
- Feb 7 & 8 State & National Umpire course (Brisbane)
- Mon 9 March Bundaberg AGM
- March 14 & 15 Wynnum Open
- March 21 & 22 **BUNDABERG OPEN**
- March 28 TTQ AGM
- April 3 Bundaberg Secondary Schools Summer season Finals Day
- April 4 - 8 Qld Junior Championships (Brisbane)
- April 10 - 14 National Para TT Championships (Brisbane)
- April 13 - 18 National Senior & Youth Championships (Brisbane)
- April 19 & 20 ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification Tournament for Singles and Mixed Doubles (Brisbane)
- April 20 - 25 ITTF-Oceania Junior Championships (Brisbane)
- April 21 - 25 ITTF-Oceania Championships (Brisbane)

## **BUNDABERG**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 9 March 7.30 pm**

**All members and Juniors' parents are invited to attend**

**Nominations are open for all positions**

**2020**  **BUNDABERG RADIOLOGY**

**Bundaberg Open  
Table Tennis Championships  
March 21 & 22**

**Entry Form is now available**

Thank you to our other generous sponsors:

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- Spicy Tonight Thai Indian Restaurant
- Uncle Chan's Chinese Cafe
- Ross Gray Motor City
- Bundaberg Trophies & Gifts
- Ariston Table Tennis Sales

Hon. David Batt (Member for Bundaberg)  
Hon. Stephen Bennett (Member for Burnett)

## **JUNIOR COME & TRY NIGHT**

After a tremendous response from Bundaberg primary schools, eleven of which were visited to promote this year's Junior Come & Try Night on Friday 7 February, a record 70 Juniors attended, more than three-quarters of them non-members. As a result, about twelve are now involved in our Junior fixtures and / or are coming to coaching sessions.

Much of the success of the Come & Try can be attributed to the large group of our older Junior

members who did a great job running the various activities on the night.

Thanks to them and to the adult members who also worked in the canteen and on activities, as well as to Steve Ricketts and Sam Freeman who assisted with the school promotions.



Vinuka working on a serving activity



Many of the players who attended the Come & Try Night

## PRE-WINTER SEASON

The four divisions (Premier, Div 1 and Div 2 on Wednesday nights, and Div 3 on Tuesday nights) now seem to be settling into their respective competitions with generally very even results. Despite the hot and humid conditions the players have faced most nights, most matches have returned close scorelines which keeps everyone on their toes. The season is scheduled to finish in early May.

Thanks to those players who routinely help with sweeping and mopping the courts. **PLEASE remember to shake the dry mops out and rinse the wet mops THOROUGHLY after cleaning your court.**

## MOVE IT EXPO

Another successful promotion for the club was the Move It Expo that was held at Multiplex on Sunday 16 February. As always, the ball machine attracted a lot of interest with it going non-stop from start to finish. Already, several of the public who tried their skills have either joined the club or have indicated their interest in doing so, a very positive result for us.

Many thanks to Peter Marris, Nikki, Andrew and Matthew Udal, Rod and Andrew Stehbins who helped on the day.

## TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

With the influx of the new players from the Junior Come & Try Night, numbers for this season are about 20% higher than for the same season last year, a very pleasing increase. Most of them are still playing trial matches but a short Division Three competition will be started for them next week. However, more players are still welcome to join so do you know anyone else who would like to play ???

## OTHER TABLE TENNIS EVENTS

Despite being so early in the year, there have been plenty of major events happening or scheduled for the next couple of months.

With this being an Olympics year, the Australian Qualification Tournament for the 2020 Olympic Games was held in January, with **Michelle Bromley**,

**Stephanie Sang, Chris Yan and David Powell** earning the right to be nominated into the Australian Olympic Team. For Michelle, this the first time she has qualified for the Olympic games, while Stephanie represented in 2008. David and Chris both played at the 2016 Rio Olympics. There will be further chances for Australian players to qualify for Tokyo when the Oceania qualification events are held in Brisbane in April.



Stephanie, Michelle, David, Chris

April is going to be a very busy month at the Brisbane Table Tennis Centre with three weeks of non-stop action, starting with the Queensland Junior Championships, followed by the National Senior, Youth and Para Championships, then ITTF-Oceania Olympic qualification events, Oceania Championships and Oceania Junior Championships. Anyone who will in Brisbane any time during this period should visit the Brisbane Centre as they will undoubtedly see plenty of great matches.

Last weekend, the Queensland Senior and Youth Championships were held at the Gold Coast Association. For the full details of the results, go to the TTQ website.

On the international scene, Australian juniors, Nicholas Lum and Finn Luu have been competing in European tournaments with some success. At the Czech Junior & Cadet Open, they reached the semi-finals of the Junior

Boys Doubles, while Nicholas made the last 16 of the Junior Boys Singles and was runner-up in the Cadet Boys Teams in a composite team. At the Swedish Junior & Cadet Open, they were quarter-finalists in the Junior Boys Doubles, losing to the eventual winners in a very close four game match, while Nicholas also lost in the quarter-finals of the Junior Boys Singles. Unfortunately, as second seed in the Cadet Boys Singles, Nicholas lost in the second round. However, all of these are very promising results for them and Australia.

## COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
<b>Monday Adults</b>	<b>7.00 – 9.00 p.m.</b>
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.

The last couple of weeks have seen really big numbers of players attending the Tuesday afternoon and Friday night Junior sessions which is great. However, to ensure the players get adequate contact time and help, especially on Friday nights, any experienced adult members who are available to help with coaching will be welcomed wholeheartedly. This is very important as we want the new in particular to progress as quickly as possible.

The other sessions (Monday afternoon rep juniors, Monday night adults and Thursday afternoon Para / Special Olympics) can easily fit in more players so please come along or tell others about these practice times.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR SALE</b> <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glasses</b> <b>\$5.00 each</b> <b>Available now at the canteen</b></p>
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## CONTAINERS FOR CASH

### WANTED

Soft drink, water, fruit juice, beer and spirits cans, bottles, tetra packs to be recycled

to assist our Juniors go to the Queensland Junior Championships.

We receive **10 cents** for every eligible container so please deposit your "empties" in the bins in the foyer

## MEMBERSHIP & PLAYING 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.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Membership fees for 2020 have increased due to increases in TTQ & TTA registration fees.

**Annual membership fees are now due.**

**New members are registered to the end of 2020.**

**Weekly Passes for Juniors have increased to \$23.00, in line with Adult passes. A 10 Week Pass, for both Adults and Juniors, will be \$200.00, for use during school terms.**

**All other Playing Fees will remain as for 2019, though these are still subject to change.**

## 2020 Membership Fees

Adult Club / Tournament	\$95.00
Adult / Student concession	\$85.00
Adult Social	\$50.00
Junior	\$50.00

## 2020 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	\$23.00

### Family Social Fee

Members	\$16.00
Non-members	\$20.00

### 10 Week Pass (Available during school terms)

(Adults and Juniors)	\$200.00
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## 2019 - 20 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 Thursday 12 March.**

## CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **new club shirts** can be taken – cost is **\$40.00**. These shirts are lighter, cooler, more comfortable and quicker drying than the previous club shirts. If you want 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 upstairs.

Some club jackets are also available. Now we're approaching the cooler months, these are lightweight, very comfortable and warm. They are also reduced to **\$20.00**.

**FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED LITERALLY.**

## 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.

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Dave Delpratt