

# Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

March 2020 Newsletter



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**HI EVERYONE** OBVIOUSLY, A LOT HAS CHANGED IN THE WORLD IN RECENT WEEKS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER, SOME OF WHICH HAS ALREADY HAD AN IMPACT ON THE CLUB BUT WE ARE STILL CURRENTLY OPERATING AS MUCH AS USUAL AS WE CAN, SO .... **PLEASE READ ON:**

## Important Dates:

- March 28  
April 3 TQ AGM (video / teleconference)  
Bundaberg Secondary Schools  
Summer season Finals Day  
- cancelled
- April 4 – 8 Qld Junior Championships  
(Brisbane) - cancelled
- April 10 – 14 National Para TT Championships  
(Brisbane) - cancelled
- April 13 – 18 National Senior & Youth  
Championships (Brisbane) -  
cancelled
- April 19 & 20 ITTF-Oceania Olympic Qualification  
Tournament for Singles and Mixed  
Doubles (Brisbane) - cancelled
- April 20 – 25 ITTF-Oceania Junior  
Championships (Brisbane)  
- cancelled
- April 21 – 25 ITTF-Oceania Championships  
(Brisbane) – cancelled

## ALL PLAYERS AND VISITORS PLEASE NOTE

Whenever entering the building or after using the bathroom, please use the hand sanitiser that is on the canteen counter and / or thoroughly wash your hands using the soap dispensers in the bathrooms. Continue to wash your hands regularly while here, as well as following other hygiene practices.

## Thank you for your cooperation.

### SOME GENERAL HYGIENE PRACTICES TO FOLLOW

If feeling ill, DO NOT attend fixtures, coaching, etc

Avoid coughing or sneezing near other people and cover your mouth / nose

Avoid physical contact with others eg hand shakes

DO NOT wipe your hands on the tables

### CANCELLED EVENTS

Once the situation regarding COVID-19 becomes clearer in the coming months, decisions will be made about whether cancelled events such as the Bundaberg Open, the Queensland Juniors, etc can be rescheduled for this year.

At present, TTA has not cancelled the Australian junior Championships in Mandurah, WA, but it is very unlikely they will go ahead and even if they, it's also unlikely Queensland will send teams.

### BRISBANE TOURNAMENTS

Two of the last Table Tennis events to be held in Brisbane were the Uni of Qld Open and the Brisbane Special Olympics tournament. Quite a few Bundaberg players attended the **UQ Open**, with **Andrew and Matthew Udal and Anushka Mudalige** being the most

successful, each coming home with one or two titles and some other good results.

**Nicholas Jefferson** was our only representative at the **Special Olympics** event but he won both the **Division 1 Singles and Doubles titles**.

Unfortunately, due to some last minute problems, several players had to withdraw from the Wynnum Open last weekend, possibly the last tournament to be held for quite a while in Queensland, if not Australia.

## BUNDABERG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the club's AGM on Monday 9 March – a larger than usual number which was very pleasing.

After seven years as President, Phil Freeman stepped down from that position and has been replaced by **Peter Marris** who unfortunately has had a real baptism of fire with the dramas surrounding the cancellation of the Bundaberg Open, and various issues to do with COVID-19. Also welcomed onto the Committee are **Trevor Barrett** who brings a wealth of knowledge having been President of the Gold Coast Association before moving here, then President of Table Tennis Queensland for many years, and also **Rashed Aziz** whose medical skills are undoubtedly going to be very useful over the coming weeks and months. **The full committee can be seen later in this newsletter.**

## PHIL FREEMAN – LIFE MEMBER

At the AGM, a motion was carried unanimously to award Life Member of the Association to **Phil Freeman** for his outstanding achievements during his time as President towards the development of the Table Tennis Centre. These included the new canteen, bathrooms and socialising area, the installation of the wall vents and the painting of the roof and exterior to cool the building, obtaining and installing the Taraflex flooring following the Commonwealth Games, the installation of solar panels and many other projects, almost all through his meticulous writing of grant applications. Congratulations Phil on a very well-deserved award.



**Phil Freeman – 2020 Life Member**

### PRE-WINTER SEASON

For the time being, the Tuesday and Wednesday night competitions are going ahead as scheduled but depending on local, state and national developments both within Table Tennis and in general, changes may have to take place at very short notice. Please checking your emails regularly to stay up-to-date with what is happening in the club. Information is likely to be on the club's website and on our Facebook page.

At present, there are still two more weeks of both nights' competitions to be played before the Easter school holidays, followed by one more week after the break, followed by semi-finals and finals.

There are two vacancies in Division Three (Tuesday nights), one that has been present most of the season, the other has just occurred due to family reasons. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in playing for the rest of this season, please contact me as soon as possible.

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.**

### TERM 1 JUNIOR SEASON

The Term 1 Junior season is rapidly coming to a close with semi-finals in both divisions this week (March 20) and the finals on March 27.

Decisions regarding the Term 2 season will be made nearer to the scheduled starting date (Friday April 24) so again, please keep an eye on your emails, our website and Facebook.

### COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
<b>Monday Adults (Cancelled indefinitely)</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.

With the cancellation of the Bundaberg Open there will be Junior coaching this Friday night (March 20) but now none after the Junior finals the following Friday.

Other coaching sessions will continue as scheduled unless otherwise advised.

With the cancellation of the Queensland Juniors and other national events in Brisbane over the Easter holidays, decisions on whether coaching sessions will be held during that period will also be notified in due course.

### CONTAINERS FOR CASH

### WANTED

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

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

### FUNDRAISING IDEAS

One of the main items discussed at the first meeting of the new Committee was the need to do more fundraising to improve our financial situation. Several ideas such as Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, trivia nights, weekly in-club raffles were discussed. Unfortunately, Bunnings have cancelled their sausage sizzles for the present. If you have any ideas for fundraising, please speak to Peter Marris.

### FOR SALE

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Glasses**

**\$5.00 each**

**Only 10 left**

**Available now at the canteen**

### 2019 - 20 Committee

President:	Peter Marris
Vice President:	Nikki Udal
Secretary:	Rhonda Dawson
Treasurer:	Cathy Rivers
Committee Members:	Rod Stehbens, Trevor Barrett, Michele Brockhurst, Rashed Aziz
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 16 April.**

### 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.**

## 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.**

### 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

<b>Fixture Fees</b>	
Adult	\$12.00
Junior	\$ 9.00
<b>Social Fees</b>	
Adult	\$ 6.00
Junior	\$ 5.00
Adult Non-Member	\$10.00
Junior Non-Member	\$ 7.00
<b>Coaching</b>	
Adult	\$ 8.00
Junior Squad	\$ 7.00
Friday Junior	\$ 5.00
<b>Weekly Pass</b>	
Adult	\$23.00
Junior	\$23.00
<b>Family Social Fee</b>	

Members	\$16.00
Non-members	\$20.00
<b>10 Week Pass (Available during school terms)</b>	
(Adults and Juniors)	\$200.00

**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.**

## 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.

## OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



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Dave Delpratt

## 2020 CLUB OFFICE BEARERS



Pauline Langford (Patron)



Peter Marris (President)



Nikki Udall  
(Vice President & Grading)



Rhonda Dawson (Hon. Sec.)



Cathy Rivers  
(Hon. Treasurer)



Rod Stehbens  
(Committee & Grading)



Michele Brockhurst (Committee)



Trevor Barrett (Committee)



**Rashed Aziz (Committee) Steve Ricketts (Grading)**



**Dave Delpratt (Development Officer, Grading, Publicity)**