

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

August 2020 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE FINALLY, AFTER ALMOST FOUR MONTHS OF NOT BEING ABLE TO PLAY FIXTURES, WE ARE ALMOST READY TO GET STARTED AGAIN WITH THE WINTER AND TERM 3 JUNIOR SEASONS. HOWEVER, IN SOME WAYS A FAIR AMOUNT HAS HAPPENED DURING THE BREAK AND THERE IS PLENTY ON THE HORIZON, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

August 22/23	Rockhampton Open
August 29	Moreton Bay Veterans
Sept 5 & 6	Bundaberg Open
Sept 12 & 13	Toowoomba Open (CANCELLED)
Sept 19/20/ 21*	Mackay Open (* See later article)
Sept 21*/22/23	Townsville Open
Sept 24- 28	Qld Veterans Championships (Tvl)
Oct 1-4	Qld Junior Championships (Bris)
Oct 3	Special Olympics tournament (Bbg)
Oct 17 & 18	Gold Coast Open
Nov 7	Eric Cree Shield v Rocky (TBC)
Nov 14 & 15	Bundaberg Closed Championships

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.](#)

As announced by the QLD Premier, Stage 3 of the easing of COVID-19 restrictions were brought forward to 12:00pm on Friday 3rd July.

To view the current roadmap to easing restrictions please visit:

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>

Changes for the Table Tennis Community that now apply:

As of 12noon on Friday 3rd July, permitted activities for sport, recreation and fitness organisations when following a COVID Safe Industry Plan include:

- Indoor sports facilities can open with one person per 4 square metres (off the field of play)
- No social distancing of participants required in the 'field of play' during competition and training
- DOUBLES are now permitted
- Social distancing to apply everywhere else within the venue
- Players encouraged to 'play/train' and then depart asap, rather than socialising for extended periods at the venue

Please continue to observe the continuing restrictions during Stage 3 including:

- Social distancing, 1.5 metres and hygiene
- Stay at home if you're sick
- Tracking, tracing, rapid response
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection
- Ongoing personal hygiene and safety practices

More events allowed: Fewer than 500 people – no approval needed when following a COVID Safe Event Checklist

COVID Safe Industry Plans continue to apply with revisions to reflect changes in Stage 3.

To view the Indoor Sports COVID Safe Plan please visit:

https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/130227/industry-covid-safe-indoor-sports-groups.pdf

The Table Tennis Queensland Board of Management have agreed to comply with the plan.

LOCAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Following the Committee meeting held last Tuesday night, several changes were made.

Please continue to follow when playing here until further notice:

*Players **WILL** change ends after each game during a match*

*Each player is to use a sanitised wipe to clean the table **at the end of the entire match** or at any other time as they feel is necessary.*

*Umpire chairs **WILL BE** used but **NOT** score indicators – players can decide whether they want to umpire their own match or have an umpire who will call the score after every rally. The chair should be wiped after every individual match if used.*

*Hands are **NOT** to be wiped on the tables
Players / umpire should not shake hands at the end of the match.*

Some, or all, of the above conditions of play may be relaxed by the committee at any time in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS

With the restart of club competition, two important presentations were made to club members.

Phil Freeman, after having been nominated for **Life Membership** of the Association at the Annual General Meeting just before the break in club activities in March, was finally presented with his Life Member badge and a plaque by Peter Marris who had replaced Phil as Club President at the AGM.



Phil (left) is presented with his Life Membership plaque by Peter Marris

The following week, **Nikki Udal** was presented with her certificate from the International Table Tennis Federation in recognition of passing her **International Umpire** exam (with a very high mark !!) in late April.



Nikki with her International Umpire certificate

Congratulations to both Phil and Nikki – Phil for his outstanding achievements for the club during his years as President, and Nikki for becoming Queensland's first female IU.

BUNDABERG TOURNAMENTS

The **Bundaberg Open** has now been scheduled for **September 5 & 6**, with the entry form now available. This is a great opportunity to test yourself against players from other Associations.

We will also need to more volunteers than usual so that we can abide by the COVID 19 regulations under which the tournament must be conducted. If you can spare a few hours, please make yourself available.

The annual **Special Olympics** tournament in **Bundaberg** is scheduled for **Saturday 3 October** with players expected from several clubs from the south-east area expected to join our local players, many of whom train here on Thursday afternoons. Again, a number of volunteers are needed, especially to help in the canteen, with COVID regulations (cleaning, etc) and with umpiring. If you are available from mid-morning to early afternoon, please let me know.

An invitation has been sent to Rockhampton to visit here on **Saturday 7 November** to defend the **Eric Cree Shield** which is the symbol of supremacy between our two clubs. While this date is still to be confirmed, please keep it free as we want our best possible team available to regain the Shield which has been missing from our club for several years !!

The **Bundaberg Closed Championships** has been scheduled for the weekend of **November 14 & 15**. This is much later in the year than usual but with the number of events in the next couple of months plus school exams during the latter part of October and early November, this is thought to be the best time to hold the tournament.

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **Queensland Juniors** will go ahead in Brisbane in the second week of the next school holidays, from **Thursday 1 – Sunday 4 October**. (Monday 5 October is the Queen's Birthday public holiday). Entry details were distributed earlier this week or go to the TTQ website.

Players who intend playing at the Championships need to let me know as soon as possible.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

There are several other Queensland tournaments over the next couple of months that have been confirmed, starting with the **Rockhampton Open** on **August 22 & 23**. Entry forms are available at the canteen or on the TTQ website. Information has been released about this proposed series of tournaments in Mackay and Townsville in the first half of the September school holidays. It will begin with the **Mackay Open** on the first weekend of the holidays (**Sept 19 & 20**) followed by the **Townsville Open** on **Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 September**. The intervening day (**Sept 21**) may be used to complete the Mackay events or start the Townsville Open, depending on overall entries. Entry forms and more information about these tournaments are expected to be available soon.

The **Queensland Veterans** will then be held in Townsville, from **Thursday 24 – Monday 28 September**. Entry details for the Vets are now available on the TTQ website.

This is obviously a great chance to play up to three separate tournaments in a relatively short period of time, as well as do a family road trip up north during the school holidays.

A final decision is expected in September whether the the Australian Veterans Championships (November 28 – December 5) and the Australian Senior / Youth / Junior / Para Championships (December 11 – 19) will go ahead at Traralgon, Victoria.

COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors **4.30 – 6.00 p.m.**

Monday Adults (By prior arrangement)

Tuesday Juniors	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
Thursday ParaTT/Special Olympics	4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Friday Juniors	7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

WINTER & TERM 3 JUNIOR SEASONS

Both seasons reached their halfway mark this week. However, with the varying number of teams in the competitions, the Finals format for each will be different.

For the **Winter season**, the last round will be played on 16/9/20, just before the next school holidays begin. It is proposed that the finals for all three divisions will be held in the first week of those holidays as follows:

Monday 21 Sept Semi-finals 1st v 4th; 2nd v 3rd
Wednesday 23 Sept FINAL S/f winning teams

Term 3 Junior Season:

Tuesday 15 Sept Division One Semi-finals
Friday 18 Sept Div One Final – S/f winners
Div 2 & 3 Finals – 1st v 2nd

If any players are unavailable during the finals of both competitions, alternative times will be looked at or suitable replacement players will be found.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS



Applications close October 7.

This very popular program enables families to apply for vouchers valued at up to **\$150.00** which can be used by juniors to pay for club membership and playing fees. Google Fair Play vouchers for more information and how to apply to or see the email that has been sent to Juniors' families this week.

CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **new club shirts** are being taken, especially for those who will be representing the club at State Championships in September and October – cost is **\$40.00**. These shirts are light, cool, comfortable and quick drying. 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 in the cooler months, these are lightweight, very comfortable and warm. They are also reduced to **\$20.00**.

FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED LITERALLY.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

The club needs to do some fundraising to improve our financial situation. Several ideas such as Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, trivia nights, weekly in-club raffles have been discussed previously.

Bunnings have indicated that we are on their list to conduct a sausage sizzle, possibly some time in October.

If you have any ideas for fundraising, please speak to Peter Marris.

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.

Many thanks to those who have contributed.

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.

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	\$50.00*
Adult / Student concession	\$50.00*
(* Special discount for new fixture players joining this season will be registered to the end of 2020)	
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

2020 - 21 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 2nd Monday of the month, starting 7.30 p.m.

Next Committee meeting Mon. 14 September

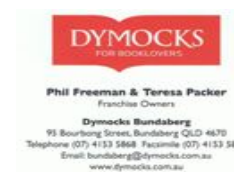
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