

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

October 2020 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE WITH ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES MOREORLESS BACK TO NORMAL, PLUS A FEW OTHER EVENTS COMING UP OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, THERE IS PLENTY OF INFORMATION TO PASS ON TO YOU, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

Nov 7 Eric Cree Shield v Rocky (TBC)
Nov 13, 14, 15 Bundaberg Closed Championships
Nov 27 Bundaberg Primary Schools Teams Championship (tbc)
Dec 11 (Fri) Annual Presentation Night
Dec 14 - 16 Junior Training Camp with Townsville (tbc)

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Welcome to my first update as Club President. It has been a tumultuous introduction I have to say, but things are now settling down after a difficult few months. We are almost back to normal with fixtures and routine, but I fear our new normal will be not like it was pre COVID.

I thought for my first column I would provide members with some insight as to one of the projects the committee are investigating for our club. We

recently had an inquiry from a club member about air-conditioning our facility. Over the years the committee has discussed this matter several times, but it has not been developed any further because of the substantial cost involved. To put this in perspective, there are four distinct areas that need to be addressed to bring it to fruition. The building as it currently stands is not lined or sealed. Advice from an air-conditioning specialist that I obtained on Monday 19 October is that insulating and sealing the building would firstly mean that a smaller air con unit would be needed, the efficiency would be much better and the ongoing running costs would be less. There are a couple of options to seal and line the building, the latter being installation of a suspended ceiling and repositioning the lighting. As well as the ceiling and lighting being sorted, the electricity supply to the building needs to be upgraded to 3 phase and then the solar panels and inverter increased to allow the cost of running the air con to be manageable. Then there is the cost of the air con installation itself, which includes an area outside the footprint of the building to house the machinery on a slab with security in mind. One school of thought is to break this project down in to four stages and aim to complete one stage each year with the aid of grants. Another way to tackle it is to apply for one large grant (but we would have to then contribute around 50% of the costs ourselves) which we don't currently have. It means a loan from either a financial institution or a

group of wealthy club members which then gets paid back as soon as possible. From my initial inquiries, and I am yet to get a quote for sealing, lining and insulating the building or for any of the electrical work, but a ball park figure for the total project would be somewhere around \$120-140,000. If there are any members with specialist knowledge or skills in this area feel free to contact me at pete@proavia.com.au to discuss further. In the meantime, the committee will continue to explore avenues and seek advice in an effort to improving the playing conditions in our wonderful facility. Until next time, I hope I serve and you receive well!

CLUB SECRETARY POSITION

Our Honorary Association Secretary, Rhonda Dawson, has indicated that she will not be nominating for that position at our Annual General Meeting next March. Rhonda has been our Secretary since 2012, as well as coordinating the canteen during tournaments and other functions, and subbing in as club cleaner when required, fulfilling all of these roles with diligence and thoroughness. Anyone who is interested in taking over as Secretary should speak with Rhonda, and perhaps attend one or more of our monthly Committee meetings between now and March to find out more about the position and the duties that are involved.

CLUB CLEANER POSITION

Expressions of interest are being sought for the position of General Cleaner of the Club Facilities.

For specific details or more information, contact the Club President, Peter Marris, via email at pete@proavia.com.au.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Many thanks to all the club and family members who helped at this very successful fundraiser in late September. Well over \$1000.00 was raised, some of which has been used to subsidise Queensland Junior Championship families who attended on the day. It's hoped that the club will have another opportunity sometime next year.



Some of the morning (and afternoon) shift workers

QUEENSLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

With a smaller team than usual, and the ever-improving development of players in other clubs,

our results at this year's Juniors were not as numerous as in previous years. Also, with the cancellation of the National Junior Championships, only Honorary Queensland teams have been announced, congratulations going to **Natasha Jefferson** (Under 18 Girls) and **Tahia Zia** (Under 15 Girls) who were selected.

Congratulations also to **Leah Scott** who was our only gold medallist this year, winning the Under 18 Mixed Doubles with Brisbane's Richard Littler. **Natasha** and **Tahia** were runners-up in the Under 18 Girls teams. Bronze medals went to **Natasha** and **Leah** (U18 Girls Singles), **Natasha** and **Tahia**, and **Leah** and Brisbane's Meena Bakanay (U18 Girls Doubles), **Kaine Ryan** and **Tahia** (U18 Mixed Doubles), **Tahia** and Rockhampton's Emily Steffen (U15 Girls Doubles) and **Vinuka De Silva**, **Kane Chantarat** and **Matthew Udal** (U15 Boys Teams) while **Vinuka** and **Kane** also won bronze in the U15 Boys Doubles.



U18 Girls Singles – **Natasha**, **Leah**, **Meena Bakanay** (winner), **Caitlin Woods** (runner-up)

In the **Order of Merit** lists, eight Bundaberg players were named:

U18 Girls – **Natasha** (5th), **Tahia** (6th)

U18 Boys – **Anushka Mudalige** (8th), **Kaine Ryan** (9th), **Braydon Chapman** (10th)

U15 Boys – (**Vinuka** (5th), **Kane** (6th), **Matthew** (7th))

BUNDABERG SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations also to everyone involved in this tournament that was held on Saturday 3 October. From all reports, it ran very smoothly and was a great success with players coming from several southern clubs to compete against the Bundy players who included a number participating for the first time.



Div. 1 Doubles including club members **Hayden Bridgeland**, **Gordon Albrecht** & **Nick Jefferson**

CREE SHIELD v ROCKHAMPTON

Our annual inter-club match against Rockhampton for the **Eric Cree Shield** will be held here on **Saturday 7 November**. Rockhampton currently hold the Shield, and have done so for several years, so it's time to **GET IT BACK**. If you are available, please add your name to the list at the canteen – we want our strongest possible team because Rocky always sends most of its best players. We need at least 21 players so here is your chance to wear the **red Bundy shirt** in a representative team.

Play is scheduled to start at 6.30 pm after a barbecue at 5.30 pm. Both the barbecue and play are free to everyone.

BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our annual club championships, which are open to ALL club members, will be held on the

weekend of **Friday 13 - Sunday 15 November**. The entry form and players' gradings will be sent out separately from this newsletter so keep an eye out for it. There are 49 events in total so everyone has at least a couple of events that they should consider entering. As usual, for the weekend events, you can enter as many events as you like for only \$25.00 – each individual event costs \$6.00 . For the Friday Junior events, each costs \$5.00 . For a weekend of great competition, make sure you get involved !!!

SPINNEROOS

This new Table Tennis Australia program to introduce our sport to children between 6 – 10 years old began here Wednesday last week with seven participants. In each hour long session, the players take part in a series of fun activities that increase their skills and understanding for Table Tennis over a period of eight weeks. Even though the program has started, more registrations are welcome so if you know anyone who may be interested, ask them to contact me or go to www.spinneroos.com.au .



Our first Spinneroos group

SPRING & TERM 4 JUNIOR SEASONS

All three fixture competitions are now well under way with generally satisfactory numbers of players. It's especially pleasing to see the return of the Tuesday night Division Three comp after it

didn't go ahead in the Winter season, and that it has attracted quite a few new or returning players, some of whom haven't been involved for a considerable length of time. **Welcome all of you.**

2021 NATIONAL & STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Table Tennis Australia have announced the dates and venues for all National Championships in 2021.

The combined **Senior / Youth / Junior / Para Championships** will be held at the **Caloundra Indoor Stadium** between **July 2 – 11**. This is where the Australian Veterans Championships were held a few years ago. The **Australian Veterans** will be in Darwin at the **NT Netball Stadium** from **October 9 – 16**.

While the venues for the various Queensland Championships haven't been decided, the **Queensland Junior and Senior Championships** will be held back-to-back at a northern centre from **April 6 – 10 and April 11 – 15** respectively. As both of these tournaments will be in the Easter school holidays, it gives our older Juniors the opportunity to compete in both events. This would mean Bundaberg competing at the Seniors for the first time in many years, something the club should really strive to do.

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. 9 November

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.

2021 Membership Fees

Adult Club / Tournament	\$100.00
Adult / Student concession	\$ 90.00
Adult Social	\$ 55.00
Junior	\$ 55.00

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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COACHING SESSIONS

Monday Juniors 4.30 – 6.00 p.m.
Monday Adults (By prior arrangement) 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.

CLUB SHIRTS

Orders for the **new club shirts** are being taken – 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. 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.

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.

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



Dave Delpratt

More pics - Qld Juniors



U18 Girls Teams – Natasha & Tahia silver



U18 Mixed Doubles – Leah & Richard gold, Tahia and Kaine bronze

Bundaberg Special Olympics



Hayden Bridgeland



Gordon Albrecht



Nikki Gourley