

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

November 2020 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF BIG EVENTS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKENDS AND NOW WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THE FINALS OF THE CURRENT SEASONS, SO PLEASE READ ON:

Important Dates:

Dec 4 **Finals Term 4 Junior season**
Dec 8 & 9 **Finals Spring season**
Dec 11 (Fri) **Annual Presentation Night**
Dec 15 - 17 **Junior Training Camp with
Townsville (tbc)**

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up from the Bundy Closed Championships. I was fortunate enough to watch lots of the action, and was very entertained watching some great table tennis and superb rallies from quite a few of our elite players. Thanks to everyone who entered and supported the event.

Well done to all our players in the Cree Shield. It was a sterling effort to regain the shield from Rocky after several years of trying. Let's hope we can defend it well next year.

Keep your calendars free for our Annual Presentation Night on Friday 11 December. More information and detail about that can be found later in this newsletter. The club is in a much better financial position now that regular fixtures have been running and the residual effects of COVID are slowly diminishing. We have the funds available from successful grant applications to complete the lighting upgrade. Andrew McCurley should be able to get that done over the Christmas break, and we are continuing to research and investigate the possibility of air conditioning the club. The success of that project will depend on many variables. Obtaining sufficient funding is the obvious one. If there are any members, or you know of anyone willing to assist with funding by way of a tax deductible donation or low interest loan then please contact me to discuss. That's about it for this month. As usual I'll serve and you receive 😊.

CREE SHIELD v ROCKHAMPTON

YES, WE DID IT !! Thanks to the tenacious late efforts by **Steve Ricketts, Vinuka De Silva and Deleece McDonald** in the last match to finish, we regained the **Eric Cree Shield** from Rockhampton for the first time in four years on Saturday 7 November. With matches level at 3-all, and Rocky leading 5-3 in that final match to be decided, Steve, Vinuka and Deleece had to win the last three singles to win on their table and give Bundy the Shield. Steve overcame Linda O'Sullivan in four torrid games then Vinuka proved too strong for

Patricia Green to leave Deleece facing newly-crowned Queensland Under 15 Girls champion, Emily Steffen, in the all-or-nothing final singles. Deleece won the first and third games but each time Emily fought back to take it to the fifth game. Deleece led narrowly at the change of ends then played several wonderful rallies to win it 11/6, much to the joy of all the Bundaberg team members and supporters.



Peter Marris receives the Cree Shield from Allan Clarke

In the other matches, Rocky were too strong for our top two teams though Brett Fourro, Anushka Mudalige, Peter Spratley, Braydon Chapman and Kaine Ryan fought hard for every point. Andrew Udal led the third

team to a 6-5 win on Table 3 (after leading 5-1!!! WHEW), along with Lorraine Fourro and Jakob Baker. Rocky won Table 4 from Pieter Poldervaart, Kane Chantarat and Dave Delpratt, but Matthew Udal, Travis McDermid and Rashed Aziz (Table 5) and Natasha Jefferson, Tahia Zia, Hannah Sunley and Kingsley Parrott (Table 7) had more comfortable victories to leave Steve, Vinuka and Deleece with their unenviable though ultimately triumphant task on Table 6.

This was a great way to celebrate 50 years of inter-club competition between Bundaberg and Rockhampton, and it was wonderful that several of the players from the matches in 1970 were able to attend to watch, and in the case of Rocky President Allan Clarke take part in, the action.



Players from the matches in 1970 – Allan Clarke (Rocky), Jan Fourro, Joy & Richie Haworth, Nev Newitt (Bundaberg) with Bundaberg founding member and current Patron, Pauline Langford.

Congratulations to all of our players, AND to the Rocky team members and supporters for their very sporting conduct in a losing battle.

BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thank you to all the club members who competed at last weekend's Bundaberg Closed Championships in very hot and humid conditions. Unfortunately, entries were well down on the usual numbers but there were still many good matches and close results. All of these can be seen on the main noticeboard.

Congratulations to Brett Fourro who won his first Bundaberg Mens Singles title and to Lorraine Fourro who won for the first time since 2008, making this her seventh Womens title dating back to 1987!! John Fourro was also highly successful with a total of six titles, mostly in the Veterans events in which Lorraine also dominated.

Congratulations also to Braydon Chapman and Natasha Jefferson who both won their respective Under 18 Singles events for the first time.

Also worthy of mention are Andrew Udal (three titles), Matthew Udal (four doubles titles), Vinuka and Sithuki De Silva (two singles titles each), seven year old Janiru Hewamadduma (two titles) and Tahia Zia (two doubles titles and twice runner-up to Natasha in excellent matches).

There were plenty of other winners and runners-up, all of whom will receive their certificates at the Annual Presentation Night on Friday 11 December. All prizemoney is currently being distributed.

Many thanks to Rhonda Dawson who, as usual, manned the canteen for long periods of time, to Nikki Udal and Cathy Rivers who manned the computer upstairs and to all others who helped in various ways over the weekend.

SPINNEROOS

The Spinneroos program now has nine participants who attend the hour long session each Wednesday afternoon. The eight week program will finish on December 2. Hopefully, following their involvement in this introductory program, most if not all of the players will continue playing next year.

The club has decided to run its next Spinneroos program in Term 2 next year. For more information, please contact me at the club or go to Spinneroos on the Table tennis Australia website.

SPRING & TERM 4 JUNIOR SEASONS

The finals for Division Three in the Spring season and Division One in the Term 4 Juniors begin this week, followed by the Wednesday night Division One and Two finals next week. Check out the draws to see the various final formats being used.

The Junior Division Two Round Robin Series will continue through to December 4 with players vying for first place overall, the highest number of match points over the whole competition and for the player who has improved their original starting position the most.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

4.30 pm Family Activities, socialising
 6.00 pm Barbecue
 7.00 pm Presentations – Bundaberg Closed Awards; Annual Awards (Player of the Year, Representative Awards, etc)
 Followed by more socialising !!

COST: \$8.00 / Person

All club members, family members and friends welcome

RSVP: Wednesday 9 December

2021 NATIONAL & STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 2 – 11, 2021 Australian Senior / Youth / Junior / Para Championships (Caloundra Indoor Stadium)

Oct 9 – 16, 2021 Australian Veterans (NT Netball Stadium, Darwin).

April 5 – 9* Qld Junior Championships
April 9* – 12 Qld Senior Championships

These tournaments will be held back-to-back in Townsville with the Seniors scheduled to start almost immediately after the Juniors finish. As these tournaments are in the Easter school holidays, our older Juniors have the opportunity to compete in both. This means Bundaberg competing at the Seniors for the first time in many years, something the club should really strive to do.

Date TBA Qld Open Champ's (Gold Coast)
July 22 – 25 Qld Veterans Champ's (Brisbane)

PLEASE NOTE: The 2021 BUNDABERG OPEN has been scheduled for March 20 & 21 and the Qld Special Olympics State Games on March 27 in Brisbane.

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. 7 December

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 of 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 – Courtesy Steve Ricketts

CREE SHIELD



Anushka Mudalige serves to Matthew Pettett while Brett Fourro and Joel Coughlan watch



Womens Open Singles champion, Lorraine Fourro



Wheelchair Singles final, Jan Baldock v Nikki Gourley



Bundaberg's victorious Cree Shield team members

BUNDABERG CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS



Mens Open Singles champion, Brett Fourro



Under 18 Boys Singles champion, Braydon Chapman



Para TT Singles champion, Gordon Albrecht



Under 18 Girls Singles champion, Natasha Jefferson



Under 13 Boys Singles champion, Kody Owttrim