

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

December 2020 Newsletter



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HI EVERYONE ANOTHER YEAR ALMOST FINISHED, AND ONE MOST OF US ARE PROBABLY HAPPY TO LEAVE BEHIND, BUT THERE IS PLENTY TO REPORT ON, BOTH IN THE RECENT PAST AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE, SO **PLEASE READ ON:**

Important Dates:

Sun 20 Dec	Last Social session for 2020
Mon 4 Jan	First Junior training session with Steve and Bernadette Mitchell
Fri 8 Jan	First Friday Social Session
Sun 10 Jan	First Sunday Social session
Wed 13 Jan	First Social evening session (TBC)
Fri 29 Jan	First Junior Come & Try Night
Tue 2 / Wed 3 Feb	Start Pre-Winter season
Fri 5 Feb	Second Junior Come & Try Night
Fri 12	Start Term 1 Junior season

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

Thanks to everyone who attended the annual awards and presentation evening; yet another successful event. It was great that Phil Freeman could persuade Tom Smith to attend as a special guest, hopefully Tom will become a valuable ally of our Club.

I am able to report that club activities are progressing smoothly, the latest being the Tigers on Tour coaching sessions and mini competition held 15-17 December 2020. Thanks to all those who attended and assisted in that activity. It was quite a hot and humid couple of days, especially the last day where the taraflex flooring became quite slippery. This is just another one of the reasons that air-conditioning our club would be such a good outcome. I am currently investigating and researching a new product called Climate Wizard, which is a South Australian based company that provides an alternative technology to traditional air-conditioning. The Brisbane Table Tennis Club are looking at the same product as a possible solution for their venue, and have utilised the services of one of their club members, who is also an engineer, to

provide a report on the cost and viability of this technology. We will keep you posted with updates on the progress of that project.

Meanwhile, have a safe, joyous and fun filled break over the festive season and we will catch you back at our great centre in 2021.

Best wishes, Pete ☺

JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP

Nine Bundaberg Juniors joined twelve others from Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton in a three day training camp earlier this week. Under the very watchful eye of Townsville's head coach, former Greek representative, George Logothetis, the players trained from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm on the first two days, followed by a round robin tournament on third day. For the northern players this was the third of four consecutive camps, having already been to Mackay and Rockhampton before heading to Wynnum for the final camp this weekend. Bundaberg's Will Martin joined the tour for the Rocky camp and has also travelled to Wynnum, and is certainly showing the benefit of the very intensive program set by George each day. Congratulations go to Anushka Mudalige who came third in the round robin on Thursday, while Matthew Udal won the second group and Kody Owtrim who won the third group.

JANUARY JUNIOR COACHING SESSIONS

With Steve & Bernadette Mitchell

Starts Monday 4 January

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday

4.30 – 6.30 pm

\$10.00 / session (Payable in advance)

Contact Steve on 0407 196 718

OR

steve_mitchell@dodo.com.au

for more information

and to book your sessions

All Juniors welcome

ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

About 80 club and family members attended the Annual Presentations on Friday 11 December. The newly elected Queensland Member of Parliament for Bundaberg, Tom Smith, joined with Pater Marris to present all the awards for the Bundaberg Closed Championships, then the club's Annual Awards.

Congratulations to **Brett Fourro** who was named as the **Player of the Year** for his outstanding results in the last two season of club fixtures, as well as his success at the Bundaberg Closed and Bundaberg Open Championships.



Brett with Peter Marris and Tom Smith

The other awards were:



Junior Male Representative Player – Anushka Mudalige

**Junior Female Representative Player – Natasha Jefferson
– to be presented**



Junior Rookie Representative Player – Sithuki De Silva



Junior Encouragement Award – Will Martin



Volunteer of the Year – Phil Freeman



Noel Wilson Fair Play Award – Rashed Aziz

Thank you to everyone who came to the night, and especially those who helped with the barbecue and in

the canteen, particularly **Rhonda Dawson** who organised all the food.

SPRING & TERM 4 JUNIOR SEASONS

Most of the finals were close matches but none more so than in Division One of the Wednesday night Spring competition in which Kane Chantarot edged out Rashed Aziz 15/13 in the fifth game of the final singles to give Killers a 3-2 victory over AC/DC. Congratulations to Peter Spratley and Kane, and commiserations to Brett Fourro and Rashed.



Peter & Kane with Peter Marris

Division Two went Point Taken (Travis McDermid, David Chan, Peter Marris) who defeated DNM (Matt Payne, Dallas McDermid, John Martens who stood in for Nick Jefferson) 8-3 after several narrow wins.



Peter, David & Travis with Cathy Rivers

In the Division Three final RJs (Rashed Aziz, John Jackson, Jason Dugdell) had a 7-4 victory over Nicks who unfortunately were also without Nick Jefferson, Matt Neill taking his place alongside Andrew Neill and Nikki Gourley.



Rashed, John, Jason

SPINNEROOS

In the Term 4 Junior Division One final, KFC (Kaine Ryan, Amelia Tu, Casey John, Josh Anderson) defeated Sporky Things (Kye Meuli, Natasha Jefferson, Kody Owtrim, Faisal Aziz) 7-5, winning three of the four doubles to clinch the premiership.



Josh, Kaine, Amelia, Casey

Diwansha Kumaranathunga was the winner of the Division Two Round Robin Series, winning the final round of singles and also finishing on top of the overall points tally. Janiru Hewamadduma was the biggest improver for the competition.



Diwansha

Janiru

NEW JUNIOR AGE GROUPS

Table Tennis Australia, and most likely TTQ, has followed the change to the Under 18 Junior age group announced recently by the ITTF. From the start of 2021, the Under 18 age group has been split into Under 17 and Under 19. This will mean an extra year as Juniors for Kaine Ryan, Aimee Westerman, Casey John, Ben Edwards and Will Stehbens.

The first eight week program finished on December 2, with most if not all of the players indicating they 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.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andrew Udal who was recently announced as School Captain of Bundaberg Christian College for 2021.

Nick Jefferson was again most successful at the Special Olympics Invitational tournament that was held on the Sunshine Coast, winning the Division One Singles with Kate Juillerat second. Others to do well were Nikki Gourley, and also Taylah Sim who attends our Thursday afternoon Special Olympics sessions. Several others from the group also attended the tournament which was good to see.

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.

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

2021 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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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. 11 January

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.

Save your cans and bottles over the holiday period and bring them to the club early in the New Year

OUR MAJOR SPONSORS



Dave Delpratt

MORE PICS – Courtesy Steve Ricketts

BUNDABERG CLOSED PRESENTATIONS



Mens & Womens Singles champions Brett & Lorraine Fourro



Boys Singles champion, Braydon Chapman



Winner of six titles, John Fourro



Para TT / Special Olympic champion, Gordon Albrecht



Wheelchair Singles champion, Jan Baldock



Under 15 Singles champion, Vinuka De Silva

JUNIOR TRAINING CAMP



The training group



Anushka Mudalige



Lily Boland (Mackay)



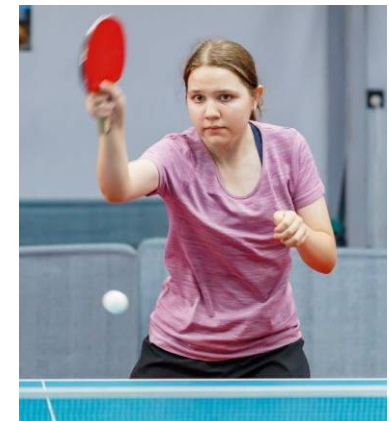
Kane Chantarot



Taleisha Gaeta (Townsville)



Andrew Udal



Emily Steffen (Rockhampton)