

Bundaberg Table Tennis Association

February 2021 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:

Feb 21	Special Olympics (Brisbane)
March 6 / 7	Uni of Qld Open
March 8	Bundaberg TTA AGM
March 13 / 14	Bundaberg Junior training camp
March 20 / 21	Bundaberg Open
March 27	Special Olympic State Games tournament (Moreton Bay)
April 3	Special Olympic State Games tournament (Mackay)
March 28	TOPS coaching course (Brisbane)
April 5 – 9	Qld Junior Champs (Townsville)
April 9 – 12	Qld Closed Champs (Townsville)

PEARLS FROM PETE



Club President, Peter Marris

It's been a busy start to the year which is a great thing for our club! We've successfully launched the pre-winter fixtures with good numbers and good healthy competitive rivalry in all divisions. Annual memberships are now due so please arrange to make payment if you haven't already done so. Our numbers are sitting just under 100 paid up members, with quite a few of those being new, so a hearty welcome to

those new members on behalf of myself and the committee.

Most of you should have received a welcome email notifying you of your username for access to our new Revolutionise Sport portal, asking you to set your password. Once you've done this, it will give you access to the RevSport BundyTT portal, which we are moving to as we speak. We are currently in the 30 day trial period, with a little over 3 weeks of the trial to go. The RevSport portal is being widely used across Australia (and Internationally) by hundreds of sporting organisations offering diverse functionality for membership tracking, website information, fixtures and events, an online shop and a finance module. I would like to thank Kameron Chan for his help in setting up the portal – he has an in depth understanding of how to use the portal to maximum benefit. We are very close to having registrations for the Bundaberg Open available on the portal, so standby for an announcement on that very soon. Feel free to browse round the site and if you notice any errors or typos, please let me know so they can be corrected. For the time being, I have allowed members to edit their own personal information. Please check the details that have been entered for yourself, and update them if required. In particular, I am referring to correct spelling of your name, address, phone and email contact information. At this stage, the home phone field has your TTQ membership number, so do not change that unless you know for a fact that it is incorrect. If you do make any changes, can you please email myself and

Dave so that we can update our master records accordingly. Once everyone has checked their details, the fields will then be locked for editing.

The BDTTA AGM is approaching quickly, scheduled for 1930 on Monday 8th March. Please set aside time to attend, we would like as many members as possible in attendance at the meeting. Nominations for office bearers and committee members are now being taken. If you wish to nominate for a position, nomination forms are available at the canteen. This will be Rhonda Dawson's 10th year as secretary and she is keen to step down, so if you are interested in nominating for Secretary, please make it known. □

Work and research is progressing regarding the air-conditioning project. I will present a more detailed report on that at the upcoming AGM. We have recently had all the fluoro lights replaced with energy efficient, brighter, longer lasting LED lights. Thanks to Andrew McCurley for completing that work prior to commencement of our fixture season. The southern side of the building has also had new gutters and downpipes fitted. Bundaberg Council contacted us nearly 12 months ago about needing to perform that work, and we have recently had that done by Glen Huntly plumbing. We are still having issues with the solar batteries. Scott Burke Electrical are working on the problem and we hope to have it rectified very soon. *That's it this time around, I'll keep serving while you receive!*

Regards, Pete

2021 BUNDABERG AGM

Monday 8 March 7.30 pm

All club members,
parents of Juniors
and interested members of the public
are invited to attend.

Nomination forms for the Executive and
Committee and other positions
(Grading, Publicity, Records, etc),
and Notices of Motion forms
are available at the canteen.

2021 JUNIOR COME & TRY NIGHTS

The annual Junior Come & Try Nights were held on the first two Fridays of the school term, with a very pleasing number attending the second night in particular. Already, several new players have either joined the club to play fixtures and / or train which is very encouraging.

Many thanks to the club members (adults and juniors) who came along to assist on one or both nights – you help, enthusiasm and encouragement certainly helped making the nights so successful.

PRE-WINTER & TERM 1 SEASONS

Numbers for this season, both on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, are quite pleasing. A reminder that players who are unavailable should contact me at the club so suitable reserves can be obtained, both for their own team's benefit but also so the players on the opposing team do not miss out on any matches.

Unfortunately, numbers for the Friday Junior fixtures are the lowest at present for many years. However, with some new players coming on Friday nights and other Junior coaching sessions, hopefully the numbers will begin to rise again soon. New players are still welcome to join the Junior fixtures so if you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact me at the club.

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BUNDABERG OPEN

March 20 & 21

Entry forms will be available next week.
Please keep that weekend free.

TRAINING CAMPS

A training camp for invited Juniors has been proposed for the weekend of **March 13 & 14**, to be run by Steve and Bernadette Mitchell. It is designed to further prepare our representative Juniors for the Bundaberg Open the following weekend and the Queensland Junior Championships two weeks after that. Information has been sent out to those players to gauge interest.

On the same weekend, a training camp for all-comers (juniors and adults) will be held on the Sunshine Coast, led by Patrick Wuertz with former Australian representative and coach, Brett Clarke. The cost is \$70 (one day) / \$120 (two days).

Book at www.tabletennis.net.au/qld or contact Patrick on 0402 291 244.

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

With the start of the playing year and some changes to coaching structures and costs, it's very pleasing to see an increase in the number of players attending the various coaching sessions available during the week, particularly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and now Friday evenings.

More young juniors are welcome to attend on both Monday and Tuesday afternoons (4.30 - 6.00 pm), as well as Friday nights (7.00 – 9.00 pm).

However, with these increased numbers, **more coaches are needed**, especially on Friday nights, as a couple of coaches who have been involved over the last few years are now, unfortunately, no longer available on a regular basis. If interested in assisting on Friday nights, or at other times, please contact me at the club as soon as possible.

MONDAY NIGHT ADULT COACHING

7.00 – 9.00 pm

\$10.00 each

Starts this Monday 22 February

All welcome

Please book by ringing Dave 0418 526 968

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

The tournament season is almost underway with the **University of Qld Open** kicking things off on **March 6 & 7**. Their entry form is available on the TTQ website. There will be two **Special Olympics Table Tennis tournaments (Moreton Bay March 27 / Mackay April 3)** as part of their State Games. Entries for those events are now open. Following the tournaments, players will be selected to represent Queensland for the first ever Table Tennis competition at the Special Olympics National Games in 2022. It's expected Bundaberg players will attend one or other of the two tournaments, so good luck to them.

The **Queensland Junior Championships** will be held in Townsville from **April 5-9**. Bundaberg will have a much smaller team than usual, unfortunately. Nominations close on the TTQ website in early March. Immediately following the Juniors, the **Queensland Closed Championships** will also be held in Townsville from **April 9 – 12**. At present, it appears that Steve Mitchell may be our only representative – does anyone want to join him ??

SPINNEROOS

Following the success of the club's first Spinneroos program in Term 4 last year, another program is planned for Term 2. Hopefully details will be available in the next couple of weeks. Players who participated last year as welcome to be involved again while it is hoped that there will be interest from a lot of new players as well.

Encouragingly, three of last year's Spinneroos have joined our Junior fixtures and are continuing to train as well, so they will definitely improve very rapidly now.

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)

2020 - 21 Committee

President: Peter Marris
Vice President: Nikki Udall
Secretary: Rhonda Dawson
Treasurer: Cathy Rivers
Committee Members: Rod Stehbins, Trevor Barrett, Michele Brockhurst, Rashed Aziz
Patron: Pauline Langford
Grading Committee: Steve Ricketts, Dave Delpratt, Nikki Udall, Rod Stehbins
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. 15 March

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	\$ 13.00
Junior	\$ 10.00

Social Fees

Adult	\$ 6.00
Junior	\$ 5.00
Adult Non-Member	\$ 10.00
Junior Non-Member	\$ 7.00

Weekly Fixture Pass

Adult	\$ 25.00
Junior	\$ 19.00

Family Social Fee

Members	\$ 16.00
Non-members	\$ 20.00

Coaching

Adult	\$ 10.00
Junior Squad	\$ 10.00
Extra Sessions	\$ 7.00
Friday Junior	\$ 7.00

Coaching Pass (Term 1 – other Terms TBA)

(Adults and Juniors)

One session / week	\$ 60.00
Two sessions / week	\$115.00

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

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.

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