



TENNIS CLUB

Newsletter

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Thank you for all your contributions to the Newsletter. If anyone has any news items and/or photos, etc, please email to the club.

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From the Committee

Greetings to all and a special welcome to our new members! Many thanks to all those who attended the July AGM or sent their apologies. Special thanks to all our club volunteers and committee members for their valuable contributions in the past year and also to retiring committee members, David Mottolini, Irene Bailey, David Krauskopf, Carlo Piva and Shelly Linke. A warm welcome to our new committee members, **Anthony De Silva (President)**, **David Buckoski (Junior Coordinator)**, **Jayne Bullock (Treasurer)** and **Suzanne Lucas (Ladies Captain)**. The position of Social Director is still vacant and the

committee would warmly welcome anyone interested in taking up this position.

The new committee for the 2016-2017 club year is as follows:

President	Anthony De Silva
Vice President	John Genovese
Secretary	Barbara Troncone
Treasurer	Jayne Bullock
Club Captain	Ben Cribb
Ladies Captain	Suzanne Lucas
Junior Director	David Buckoski
Social Director	- Position vacant -
Office Manager	Anna Thrumble
Head Coach	Richard Sampson

Volunteers needed

It would be greatly appreciated if members or parents of juniors can volunteer to help the club by accepting to do one or more of the tasks on a regular or casual basis. Volunteers are needed to help with activities such as club maintenance, kitchen duties during tournaments and general assistance during junior pennants and other club activities. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Your help will greatly assist the club to operate better and keep running cost to a minimum.

Please email Anna at the club office for more information or to indicate which tasks you would like

to help with. Copies of club keys can be provided to volunteers to access the clubhouse and storerooms. We have a great club and hope that all our members take pride in it and help to keep it that way. Any suggestions to improve our facilities or streamline our operations are always welcome.



Elected- Jayne Bullock (Treasurer) and Anthony Da Silva (President)

CSRFF grant

Improvements made to the club to date through this grant include replacement of the four wooden shelters with metal ones, resurfacing of courts 1 to 4 and replacement of most of the old remaining mesh fence on the western side of the club. Additional improvements planned as part of the grant include resurfacing of courts 9 to 12, replacement of the fence around the hit up wall and installation of sun shades above the seats on courts 1, 5 and 9. This work will hopefully be completed during the next month before the start of summer pennants.

Pennant news

The 2015/16 summer pennant season finished with only two adult teams winning their grand finals- Saturday Men's Div. 5 and Div. 12A. The Winter 2016 pennant season finished with 3 adult teams, Ladies Midweek Div. 1, Saturday Ladies Div. 2 and Saturday Men's Div. 9, winning their grand finals. The Boys 14 and under Div. 1 team was also successful in winning

its grand final in the away match at Onslow Park Tennis Club. Congratulations to all the successful teams and a big thank you to all the pennant players for making it a great season of tennis.



Saturday Open Men's Div 9 winners

Nomination for **Tennis West Summer Pennants** closed on 1 September 2016 and NDTA pennant nominations will also be due soon. Please put your paid nominations in as early as possible to avoid any problems. The summer pennant season runs from the end of October to the end of March 2017 with a long break over the Christmas holidays. Entry forms are available at the club or can be downloaded from our website at sorrentotennis.myclub.org.au and posted in the club letterbox with payment or scanned and emailed to the club at sorrentotennis@westnet.com.au.



New Junior Co-ordinator David Buckoski

From the new Ladies Captain

After a stellar four years as Ladies Captain **Irene Bailey** resigned at our recent AGM and I have taken on her job. Our thanks and appreciation to Irene for all her hard work – you will be a big act to follow Irene!

On the “ladies” front we recently held our annual “Wimbledon Championship” comp which was organised and run by Richard. Many thanks to Richard for another task well done! Our winning team, aptly, was Team Margaret Court. Tennis was followed by morning tea, champagne and, of course, Pimms.



Ladies Wimbledon Day winners

A few months ago, to ward off April showers, we held a Wear a Shower Cap Day. This was a fun day with a few classic shower caps coming out of our bathrooms.

On the pennants front, the Tennis West winter season has now finished. All eight of our ladies teams finished in the top four and seven made it through to finals. Our Division 1 Wednesday Women's Open Doubles team played a nail biting finals and defeated Reabold Tennis Club by one game! Congratulations to Captain Yoshie and her team Rebecca, Teresa, Barbara and Angela who played magnificently on the day. Our Saturday

Women's Open Division 2 team had to endure rain delays but managed to eventually secure the trophy on 20 August defeating Dalkeith at an away match. Well done everyone.

Our teams are now re-freshing, re-charging and preparing for the summer season which commences the week of the 17th October. The Women in Tennis Gala Day is scheduled for Wednesday the 12th October so keep an eye out for that entry form too. Our NDTA Saturday mixed doubles team finished on top of the ladder and will play in the grand final next Saturday. Good luck!

Spring is just around the corner so I hope to see those of you who have been hiding from the rains back playing on our social days. Our regulars are staying strong despite the weather so come along for a hit and/or a cuppa and a chat.

Suzanne Lucas



Suzanne Lucas, Janelle Stewart and Judy Mobbs

2016 Club Championships

Congratulations to our new club champions Luke Keddie and Levena Ling for their success in the 2016 Club Championships. Congratulations also to Junior Girls and Boys 16&U Champions Paris Henson and Kendrick Chia. The list of other winners is posted on our club website. Well done to all winners and thank you to all participants and volunteers for making it a successful tournament.

QUIZ NIGHT

16 September 2016

Tables of 8

\$12 per ticket

All welcome



Junior Tournaments

Two Junior tournaments were held at the club this year, the 2016 City of Joondalup Junior Tournament, during the July school holidays and the Sorrento Junior Development Tournament (3) on 27/28 August. The first tournament attracted 235 entries including about 25 Sorrento players and feed-back from parents of participants indicated a high level of satisfaction with the organising and running of the event. The Junior development tournament only attracted 31 players and may not be held in future years.

These tournaments are a significant source of income to our club and the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and all the volunteers who came to the busy bee and helped during the tournaments. I particularly would like to thank the kitchen kiosk ladies headed by Jenny Scott who raised nearly \$4,000 through their hard work.

Club Membership

Our club membership has declined in the past few years, mainly with junior members and the committee will be organising a membership drive

to redress the situation. Slight adjustments of our fee structure have been made for this year's CPI increases. Congratulations to members Mike and Erica who won the early bird membership renewal prize of one night's accommodation at the Sorrento Beach resort.

All past members who have not renewed their membership are reminded that they need to be financial members to be eligible to play in any pennant competitions and sanctioned tournaments. A visitor's fee will be charged to those who have not renewed and wish to continue to play social tennis. Membership can be renewed online and payment made by bank transfer. See our webpage for details:

sorrentotennis.myclub.org.au

What's happening

Club Member of the Year Award

Congratulations to **Hedley Vaughan** on his award of Club Member of the Year that was presented at our Annual General Meeting on 23 July this year. Hedley has been a member of the Club Captain's sub-committee for over 20 years and has been instrumental in keeping the NDTA competition running during that time. The committee and other members strongly supported the award and wish to thank Hedley for his great contributions to the Sorrento Tennis Club and to other clubs participating in the NDTA competition.



Hedley Vaughan, Albert Trutwein and Chris Limb

Anna Thrumble's Wedding

Congratulations to Anna and Liam Thrumble on their marriage on Saturday 16th April at St Michael's Church, Leederville. The ceremony was attended by several club members and the church was packed out. The committee would like to wish the newly-weds a very happy future together.



Congratulations- Anna and Liam Thrumble

Mel O'Neil's 90th Birthday Celebration

Our club patron and long-time life member Mel O'Neil recently celebrated his 90th birthday on 7th May with a special Saturday afternoon tea at our club. Mel was one of the original members of our club who was instrumental in getting the current tennis club facilities established and developed. He was also a long time committee member and club manager who received a life member of our club many years ago.

Mel also served as a board member of Tennis West for many years and was eventually presented with a Grand Slam Award for Services to Tennis in WA. The President of Tennis West, Wayne Firns, attended the birthday celebrations and thanked Mel for his great contributions to tennis over the years. The

committee also congratulated Mel for reaching this milestone and presented him with a 'Tennis Legend Award' in recognition of his contributions to our club. Thanks also to Brad Rouse for donating the delicious chocolate birthday cake for the occasion.



Mel O'Neil's 90th birthday celebration

Calendar of Events

A calendar of events to end of December 2016 has been organised and is available on our club website. Monthly Junior and Adult social tournaments will be held whenever the weather permits and members and visitors are encouraged to participate. Family fun nights will also be regularly organised whenever possible. Members will also be regularly notified of upcoming events by email so please check all the club emails you receive. Upcoming events include a Quiz Night on 16 September, our club Open Day on Saturday 8th October 2016 and a Family Fun Night on Friday 21 October

Club Dinner

The annual club dinner held on Friday 20 May at the Greenwood Tavern was a great success thanks to the efforts of Carlo Piva and Ben Cribb with their Oscars Theme idea.

The dinner was attended by about 50 members who received various awards for pennants, club championships and Oscars for achievements such as "biggest dummy spit on court" and "top club gardener".



Oscar recipients- Carol Darby and Mel O'Neil

Quiz Night

The annual club Quiz Night is to be held at the Sorrento Tennis Club on 16 September.

The committee would be grateful if you could donate any items that could be used as spot prizes or auctioned off. Tickets are on sale for \$12 a person for tables of 8. Please see Anna Thrumble or a committee member if you would like to come along. Everyone is welcome so please bring your family and friends. We would like to have 9th September as the end date for ticket purchases so that we can finalise prizes. Please put this date on your calendar and get your tickets early.

Club Open Day Saturday 8 October 2016

Open Day is the day of the official launch of the club new playing year. To celebrate this event Sorrento Tennis Club is holding a free 'Come and Try Day' for Juniors from 9 – 11.30 am in the morning and for players of all ages in the afternoon from 1.00 – 5.00 pm.

All members of the public are welcome to play free of charge and participate in the afternoon tea and free sausage sizzle afterwards. Trained coaches will organise fun activities for children that include a treasure hunt, measuring serve speed, use of ball machines, table tennis and spot prizes. Racquets will be available for free loan to visitors.

There will be a break for afternoon tea at 3 pm with a few short speeches and the official launch of the new tennis season. This will be followed by more social tennis and fun activities until 5 pm when there will be a free sausage sizzle and happy hour at the bar. Please come along with all your family and friends and invite along anyone else who likes to play tennis.

Food & Drink Machine

The two food and drink machines have recently been replaced by a single outsourced machine as we were making a loss on the previous machines. The variety of drinks on offer is restricted but more soft drinks are available from our bar.

Sponsorship

During the past financial year we received substantial assistance from the **City of Joondalup, Sports Surfaces** and **Tennis Only** and other minor sponsors and the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their very generous contributions. Sponsorship income for Junior State Tournaments run at our Club included \$2,500 from the City of Joondalup, resurfacing of our hit up wall area by Sports Surfaces and \$1,000 prize vouchers from Tennis Only.

From the Coach

This is week 6/7 of our 8-week term. The rain has hit us but the forecast from now on looks really good !

The InStyle Team are currently prepping for a big summer season of coaching, fun events & competitions. Also returning in term 4 will be the Family Fun Nights as well as the Fast 4 night comp. Details coming soon

Summer Junior Pennants

We have now submitted the teams to Tennis West and are pleased to announce we have 11 junior teams for the coming summer season. It should be a great season and we look forward to the Oct 23 start. Team lists will be posted soon.

Sept 17 Tennis Fun Day

We have changed the date to Sat Sept 17(sorry we won't change it again!). We are hoping to get as many kids & parents as possible to join in for a morning of Hot-Shots Challenges, Development Squad Tournament, mini Olympics, sausage sizzle, prizes & giveaways, cardio tennis for parents, treasure hunt for the little ones, and more!! Kids, bring your friends along too! All entry forms for hot shots challenges will be handed out at class & put up on the website this week. Club members are welcome of course and the more we get here the better. The event is free, other than the Hot Shots Challenges which cost \$20

Holiday Clinics

week 1: tue sept 27-fri sept 30, 9am-12

Week 2: tue oct 4- fri oct 7, 9am-12

These clinics will be heaps of fun and cater for ages 4-16 and all standards. All enrolments online from this week

Winter Pennants

Well done to the boys 14 & under div 1 team for winning the winter shield last Sunday!! Great job Mitch Shearwood, Daniel Nesi, Kevin Herbert, Max Hamblin & Justin Warland. The boys 16 div 2 side did well to make the final too

Special Offers

Check the website www.instyletennis.com.au for latest offers for club members. Remember too, we can beat any price on racquets, restrings & equipment. Come and ask if you are planning to upgrade

Ideas for playing more tennis? Hit up wall, play with a friend, organize an older hitting buddy (through us), drag Mum or Dad to the courts, garage wall, Saturday Social Tennis (starting Oct 15), pennants, tournaments or take a second coaching group

Cheers, Richard ☺



At Mel O'Neil's 90th birthday bash

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