

The Network



From the President

Peter French

Anyone for doubles?

The rain at the start of winter dampened the tennis ambitions of all but the hardy. Good news though, a pennant team mate, a professional accountant, has assured me that the rest of winter will be dry!

You will have noted that the court development work continues. The rain and getting the last of our lights through customs has delayed completion. The new courts 17 & 18 may remind of school days past with black asphalt courts. We need a few days of warm weather over 23 degrees C to apply the lovely blue acrylic.



Our Annual General Meeting is upon us. We are looking for at least four members to join the committee to replace those long serving members stepping down. Our club captains report goes into detail.

Much has been achieved in the past year. This work has been the fruition of those on committee and those before them, in some cases over many years. As this will be my last Network as President I take this opportunity to thank our committee members present and past who have done so much for the club.

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BUSY BEE

5th October 2019

Open Day

12th October 2019

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13 August 2019 7pm
Refreshments & Nibbles

Meeting commences at 7.30pm at NTC Club Room

Captains' Report

Mel English and John Detwiler

The rainy weather only deters some as we consistently get twenty to thirty tennis tragics on these “iffy” Saturdays. Thanks to all who have been rostered for Saturday afternoon tea and bar duties – please keep your allocated date free or arrange a swap in a timely fashion - and let Anne know!

The back stage crew on Saturdays continues to evolve with Jack Blatchford taking early retirement and the addition of Josh as well as some young ladies (Tia and Ruby) to run the computer generated sets – please respect the young people for the job they do and be patient if not all sets are ideal. The variety (and arguably quality) of sets that the computer ‘spits out’ increases with more people participating. A reminder that our babysitting system has been changed to a request service – Paige can be booked by contacting Anne beforehand (Thursday or Friday) if you know that you will be bringing children or grandchildren on Saturdays.

NTC’s next AGM will be held on Tuesday night 13 August. Some of our long serving committee members will be stepping down which means roles will need to be filled by new faces. The present Committee would like members to start thinking whether they would like to join either as a general member or with a specific role. Roles to be filled in particular are:

- Club Captain(s)
- Grounds Liaison
- Social
- Sponsorship

You will see there has been new playground equipment installed. The Club received a community grant to help fund this upgrade. There are still a few finishing touches to be made but we hope the juniors will enjoy this upgraded area.

Happy Hitting! – Mel and John



Wimbledon Day



Ladies at Wimbledon Day



Wednesday morning ladies tennis

League News

Helen Morgan

There are 6 ladies teams competing in the winter league competition and it looks like 3 of the 6 teams will make it into the finals. Good luck ladies.

The season has been marred by bad weather and for some it has been a “Claytons” season with considerable time spent driving to far flung venues only to be washed out.

A drive to Safety Bay and back brought back memories of the long abandoned tradition of the “Sunday afternoon drives” of my youth except it was on a Saturday and the scones, jam and cream served in ambient hills tea rooms were replaced by pizza and wine scoffed down in the Safety Bay clubhouse.

Sensibly the men have been enjoying a tightly fought intraclub competition on Wednesday evenings. In a bid to increase club membership Vice President Janet Ferreira persuaded her husband Richard to join the group. Hopefully you’ve come to realise Richard that this is better than golf as when things go pear shaped you have a partner to blame!

Fortunately Wednesdays have been fine and an eclectic team combining some very old stalwarts (Cecile (sorry Cecile) and myself), three players who have never played league before (Michelle Smith, Lana Grobler, Phoebe Sier) and the lovely Liz Eadie Mirams and Marjanne Van Lent has acquitted itself admirably and enjoyed very long competitive matches (and some wine afterwards).

Although it is still the middle of winter it is time to start thinking about and preparing for the Summer League season. Forms will be emailed out in mid-August and will need to be returned by the beginning of September.

With our new hard courts nearly complete it is anticipated that we will be able to field more teams on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and will also be able to enter teams in the Monday night competition (men’s and ladies’ singles/doubles fast 4 format).

A good way to see if competitions are suitable for you is to go to your Tennis Dashboard (if you don’t already have a TA tennis account google it and set one up) and search Tennis West. Under Organisation and Results click on Tennis West. Under Leagues and Divisions click on 2018 2019 then select a league you are interested in. For example Men’s Monday Night Fast Four. Look at any division and by checking the results of the matches played by the top and bottom teams on the ladder you can get an idea of the standard of players in that division of that competition.

In order to be in good form for the Summer League Season having individual or group lessons or hitting sessions with Club Coach Warren Vickers or one of his competent staff is highly recommended.



Coaches Corner

JUNIOR LEAGUE

We will be starting to take enrolments for the summer season in August/September, please ensure you keep a look out if you are interested in your child playing in the summer. Here at Tennis HQ we firmly believe in the players we coach competing and playing the actual game of tennis, not just a weekly lesson. There are divisions for all levels of players, boys, girls and mixed teams for the younger players. Grab your mates and nominate to play together as we appreciate that playing with good friends makes the game even more fun!



TENNISHQ

TEAM TENNIS

In term two we trialled our new introduction to match-play program called Team Tennis. This program provides an extension to both our group coaching and our Friday Fun Club tennis options. Players who signed up had a wonderful experience and our coaches were amazed at their improvement in understanding the game.

Players were allocated a place in one of three teams, indicated by a colour. These colour teams then tallied points based on the scores of matches played in both green and orange ball formats. We had a seven round season and after six rounds, amazingly, our teams were only separated by a handful of points. The last day literally became the finals and whichever team won the most points that day would win, congratulations go out to Team Blue! Well done to Team Red and Team Green too.

We will be running again this term three, places are limited so be ready to sign up once nominations open in the new term.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES TOURNAMENTS

Further to the competition pathway is the lowest level tournaments in Australia, the JDS. These tournaments are designed for new competition and lower level players to get their foot in the door for increasing their matchplay. As part of our commitment to providing more playing options we are hosting a JDS tournament in December as part of a series of events which we will encourage all of our talent squad and development squad players to participate in

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wa/tournaments/junior-development-series> for details of all the events

ADULT COACHING

As part of our efforts to increase adult membership to the club we are running beginner and intermediate adult coaching at various times during the week. This is the perfect class for players learning the game and looking to move toward social tennis. If you have friends or a partner who is interested in refining their tennis skills and looking to become affiliated with our club, please let us know.

ADULT SUMMER LEAGUE

One of the successful aspects of Nedlands Tennis Club is its presence in the TennisWest leagues, there are many league options and multiple divisions in these leagues so there really is opportunity for anyone to play. New members are encouraged to apply to play, either as an individual for us to put into a team or if you have a social group of friends looking to take on some friendly competition, we can put a team in for you too.

TENNIS HQ ACADEMY

In summer this year we will be launching our new THQ Academy, this will be an extension program to develop tournament players at our club. Coach Warren will be taking charge of the program for which there will be trials run in the October school holidays. If you think your child would like to take their game up a notch and compete at the highest levels, please contact Warren by email to register your interest. Further details of the trials will be released mid-way through term three.

As always, we are here to support you and your tennis game! If there is something we can help you with, a program you want us to run? Let us know and we will do our best, we are here for you and want the best for NTC members and friends.

HAPPY HITTING



School holidays



Sam English—Runner up in 14's Lead in doubles and Runner up in Rod Laver 14's singles played recently in Queensland.



Kings Park Easter tournament.

July to September Court Availability

With the imminent closure of the grass courts due to their Winter rejuvenation, there may be certain times from now till the end of September where there is limited court availability for your own personal play. To add to the 5 hard courts and 2 synthetic courts, 3 grass courts (12, 13 and 14) will remain open over this period. The 2 new hard courts on 17 and 18 will be in use once fencing has been installed and lines added.

We welcome all members to use the courts at any time during the week and weekend and with 10 – 12 courts we hope there will always be a court available for your private use. However there are certain times where priority is given to league play, coaching and designated Club Social Play. A reminder of these times:

League Play

Wednesday Ladies 9am – 2pm *ends Wednesday 7 August*

Wednesday Men 7pm – 10pm

Thursday Ladies 7pm – 10pm *ends Thursday 8 August*

Saturday Ladies 12.30pm – 5pm *ends Saturday 3 August*

Sunday Juniors 9am – 12 *ends 18 August 2019*

Club Social Play

Wednesday Ladies 9am – 11am

Thursday Ladies 9am – 11am

Thursday Men 3pm – 5pm

Friday Fun Club Juniors 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Saturday Mixed Adults 1.30pm – 5.30pm

In addition to coaching this means peak court usage occurs on Wednesday mornings and nights, Thursday nights, Friday and Saturday afternoons. Please note it may not be possible to have courts available for your private use at these particular times.

When courts are heavily utilized please communicate with the coaches or players on court and discuss when courts may be available. Please respect those already on court and be prepared to be flexible and courteous at all times.



Court Redevelopment

As you have all no doubt noticed, the court redevelopment works are now well under way, and in fact we are getting close to completion.

The foundations and wiring for the lighting of courts 4, 5 & 9 are all in, and two of the poles are up. We are just now waiting for the remaining four light fittings to arrive, which should be here any day. The plan is for all the lights to be up within the next 2 weeks, and the courts ready to play on at night by the end of the month.



On courts 17 & 18, all the lights are up and ready to go. The asphalt has finally been laid, following weeks of weather delay. Some of you will have noticed the erosion of the slope between 16 & 17 during all the rain. This has occurred because the contractor hadn't been able to complete the planned slope stabilisation work before the rain had set in. The stabilisation work will take place over the next 2 weeks, which will tidy everything up and stop the soil being eroded. All that remains to be done is for the fences to go up, the nets to go in, and the plexipave surface to go on. Unfortunately, we will need to wait for warmer weather before the plexipave can be applied (probably October?), but in the meantime we will mark the courts up with white painted lines, and they will be fine to play on.



The new play equipment is now all in, thanks to fantastic efforts of Janet Ferreira.

A big thank you also to Jack Richardson for all his help with the painting.

The last project that now needs to be done is the installation of the Book-a-Court system. The contract for this work will be signed this week, and should all be up and running by the end of August.

Thanks again to all the club members who have so generously donated to the court redevelopment works. None of this could have happened without your fantastic support.

Duty Roster and Social Calendar

2018/2019

Date	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
20-Jul-19	Mel English	Penny Oldfield & Frank Woodmore	Alan Bruce	
27-Jul-19	John Detwiler	Steve Kerr & Karen Jackson	Nigel Bill	
03-Aug-19	Mel English	Helen & Peter Morgan	Helen Morgan	
10-Aug-19	John Detwiler	Rob & Andrew Storer	Di Bowman	AGM 13th August
17-Aug-19	Mel English	Dave Mofflin & Suresh Sakar	Mel English	
24-Aug-19	John Detwiler	Judy & Kon Kozac	Rosie McCallum	Sponsor's Night
31-Aug-19	Mel English	Tricia Herkess & Pat Jonklaas	Jill Morgan	
07-Sep-19	John Detwiler	Mark Lawrence & Gordon Royle	Lucia Agnello	
14-Sep-19	Mel English	Vicky and John Taylor	Vicky Taylor	
21-Sep-19	John Detwiler	Dean & Thea Hannell	Rob Lilburne	
28-Sep-19	Mel English	Ian Hobson & Frank Sweeney	Frank Sweeney	
05-Oct-19	John Detwiler	Janet Ferreira & Ali Webster	Steve Hollier	BUSY BEE
12-Oct-19	Mel English	Committee Members	Janet Ferreira	OPEN DAY 2019 - Bring a plate

Any problems, please swap with another member or call Club Captains Mel on 0439975163 or John on 0488906770

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I am pleased to announce that my daughter Alison has joined the business with the object of taking over. I was going to retire at 80 but my brain is still functioning well even though, as you are all aware, my body gives me trouble.

I am training Alison and two other residents, Claire Young and Stephanie Hon to take over sales but I will remain available to guide and negotiate.

We have had 11 year since the GFC in October 2008 of no real capital gain. The main reason why people buy or invest in property. There is probably not a lot of point in negative gearing unless the capital gain makes up for the losses and gives you a profit after tax. People's confidence has been shattered.

Maybe all the good things happening in WA will help lead to a recovery:

- Mining exploration going gangbusters

- Several \$100 billion dollars of mining construction announced and starting

- A record \$\$ grain harvest last year

- Increasing resource prices boosting GST

- Decision to give us 2 x the GST we were receiving (still not a fair share)

The market is still erratic but if you want to buy, rent, lease or sell we would appreciate the opportunity to help.



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Annual Awards Night—Saturday 11 May 2019

NTC's Annual Awards Night is always the highlight of the social calendar. The date was set in the calendar months in advance but no one had thought "Who is going to run it?" as the seat of Social representative on the Committee was well and truly vacant!

So I took it on board to find a team of newbies who had no idea what they were up for.....

It was late one Thursday night (bordering on the early hours of Friday morning) after a shock loss in our league semi-final when I broached the subject to my unsuspecting team and of course they were up for it. Within 24 hours Rachel Palmer had produced a magnificent spreadsheet, Monika Petersen had visualised the amazing decorations and Deb Lord and Leslee Mordaunt were ready to help wherever needed. I cannot thank them enough as they were a highly organised team, no stress and fun to work with.

As the night approached we were relieved to see that the weather gods were on our side yet again and no rain was forecast. All the pre-planning went without a hitch and we were ready to welcome our 70+ guests to the NTC Fiesta.

On arrival, all were astounded at the transformation of the Clubhouse, with the outside area festooned with lights, a fire pit, a seating nook, piñatas and a dance floor complete with DJ. Inside, bunting aplenty and coloured decorations and lights wherever you looked. With a free sangria in hand, the scene had been set!

Food was provided by our caterers Arte Paella, with canapes, paella and churros for dessert, no one went hungry. Ken Houston took on the busy role of barman "extraordinaire", ably assisted by Janet Ferreira's nephew. Thanks Ken, we all appreciated your help on the night.

The focus of the night of course is to acknowledge and award trophies to our Club Champions and Round Robin winners and runners up. The formal proceedings were kicked off with the presentation of Ladies' Singles Champion to Juliette Steens, who has come through the junior ranks and at the age of 17 has taken out this coveted trophy. Our Men's Singles Champion, Andrew Storer, regaled us with his thoughts on the tournament.



Cont... Annual Awards Night—Saturday 11 May 2019

It was then the presentation of the President's Award, which Peter French awarded to Janet Ferreira, for without her work, the new court development project would not have got off the ground. A thoroughly deserved recipient.

Even though the dress code was loosely described as "colourful" it was fantastic to see the NTC members get into the Fiesta theme with ponchos, sombreros and moustaches aplenty. However the Best Dressed Award had to go to Karen Jackson and Doug George for their flamboyant flamenco outfits.

With formal proceedings at a close, the sounds of Tina Turner and Proud Mary was pumped up by the DJ, with that Ian Love took to the dance floor and started a sneaky "Flash Mob", where a select few had been learning the routine over the preceding few weeks (assisted on the night with a few tequila slammers!). A fun way to get everyone onto the dance floor. Thanks to the crew who took part, too many to mention but you know who you are!

Thank you to our other helpers on the night, Peter French, Neil Croker and Mel English.

The night ended at midnight with the DJ finally packing up and the last guests left around 1pm after dousing the fire pits..... another great night had by all. Anne Love



Club Champions 2019

Ladies Singles Juliette Steens
Runner Up Jacqui Morgan

Mens Singles Andrew Storer
Runner up Scott Van Heurck

Mixed Doubles Tricia Herkess, Warren Vickers
Runners up Nathalie Smalberger, Suresh Sakar

Ladies Doubles Jacqui Morgan, Jodi Power
Runners Up Janet Ferreira, Nathalie Smalberger

Mens Doubles Andrew Storer, Jon Darmago
Runners Up Scott Van Heurck, Dean Hannell





Nedlands Tennis Club Inc
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 13 August 2019
7pm Refreshments & Nibbles
Meeting commences at 7.30pm
NTC Club Room

**NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION TO NTC COMMITTEE
2019 - 2020 SEASON**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____

Nominee's signature: _____

Proposer's signature: _____

Please note that the person nominating for election or re-election to the NTC Committee in addition to the Proposer MUST be a current financial Member of the Nedlands Tennis Club.

Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Club Captain, Secretary or General Committee

All forms to be submitted not less than 7 days before the AGM to nedlandstennis@bigpond.com or by hand to the Clubhouse.