

# The Network



## From the President

Peter French

What a summer!! It has been jammed packed with events, fantastic weather and, like all good things, flashed by in a blur. Some managed to grab a good slice of winter as well with skiing adventures discussed under the shade cloth on a Saturday Social afternoon.

The tournament in January was another great success thanks to our seasoned stars Nathalie, Joan and Janet plus the multitude of members who gave their time. It is a great boon to the club in many ways, especially raising awareness of our club to new members, and other stakeholders that govern our sport and the community.

Saturday social remains well attended and a most enjoyable afternoon. Our competitive spirit has been fired up with summer pennants and the club championships. Our ladies' pennants teams are to be congratulated for their success during the season, getting into finals and taking out 2 shields. The men battled hard, our top line players showed the way, but alas, no glory. The club championships have been a wonderful mix of competition and enjoyment of participation. The details are further on.

Thank you to all of those members who contributed generously to the Sports Foundation Fund in support of our court development. The response has been amazing. You have raised over \$90,000. For those who have been 'meaning to' but not yet donated the chance has not gone away.

Just click on <https://asf.org.au/projects/nedlands-tennis-club/> .

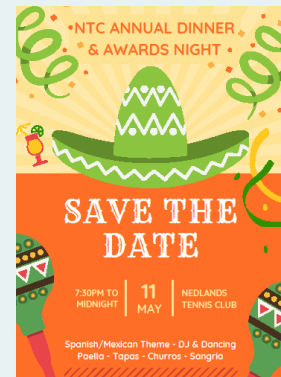
We have now awarded the major contracts and work will start after Easter with the goal of completion by end June. This project will increase our court availability in a substantial way. With nine lit courts we can have up to 6 pennant teams registered in a competition of an evening and still have 3 courts under coaching or for hire. Thank you all that have made this happen.

Tennis Australia has recently refreshed many of their policies and I commend the Member Protection Policy and the Competition Code of Conduct to all at the club. Our sport is just that, a sport intended for fun as well as dashing displays of skill, or not, as often is the case. Please remember that quips intended in fun may be not be received so and humble, profuse apologies will usually placate if and when our behaviour slips. Abusive or threatening behaviour has no place in any sport. It is less common in tennis than some sports, but we cannot be complacent. Please remain aware of our own behaviours and ever watchful around our children.

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## Captains' Report

Mel English and John Detwiler

Saturday social tennis at Nedlands remains one of the club's strengths. 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!).

You may have noticed a change in the back stage crew on Saturdays... Sam English has joined Jack Blatchford to run the computer generated sets – please respect the boys 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 so consider bringing a guest or 2!

With the gap between summer and winter pennant seasons approaching, we look forward to our pennant players making it down to the club for some social sets on Saturdays.

**Thanks also to Ben Lilburne** who stepped down from the computer role – good luck to him for year 12!

Also, 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.

Weather wise, we have been enjoying tennis friendly conditions with comfortable temperatures and the courts are playing well thanks to our grounds team. Summer pennants, round robins and Club Champs are already completed. It was nice to see some parent and child combinations being involved as well as the more usual husband and wife teams.

Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks to Anne, Neil and Warren for running these events.

Please diarise 11<sup>th</sup> May for the Annual Dinner and Awards Night (bragging rights for winners) – more details to follow. Socially we also have a wine tasting evening planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> May – watch this space!

Linda Blatchford and the team at Tennis HQ have taken over the running of Junior Club on Fridays but the club still provides a volunteer barperson. If you are free on Fridays and have your RSA certification please contact Anne Love. The Junior Club remains a hive of activity on Friday evenings where kids enjoy supervised tennis activities whilst Parents enjoy a social gathering and sundowner. Non-members are welcome.

Special thanks again to Anne - who, as club manager, keeps us all organised and on track and who always goes above and beyond to help out with everything – much appreciated!

Happy Hitting! – Mel and John

## League News

Helen Morgan

### SUMMER LEAGUE 2018 2019

Congratulations to the 9 out of 15 summer League teams that made it through to the semi-finals – a terrific result.

The ladies were feeling particularly smug when 8 of the 9 ladies' teams reached the semi-finals as opposed to only 1 out of the 6 men's teams.

However we were brought down to earth when all 3 of the Thursday night ladies' teams bombed out in their semi-finals with the top team suffering an absolute drubbing, 0/6, at the hands of a team they had comfortably beaten a few weeks earlier.

The terrifying thought of the unlikely, but possible, eventuality of all 5 ladies' teams losing their finals with the Wednesday men's division 2 team being the only team to win a shield spurred the ladies on to a week of intense training.

As the finals week progressed both the Wednesday ladies division 3 and the Wednesday night mens' division 2 sides succumbed to their opposition leaving the club's hopes for a shield resting with the 3 ladies' Saturday's teams. Unfortunately the division 3 side lost all singles but the division 5 side won comfortably ensuring that the club would receive at least one Shield for the summer season. Eventually the tally was two with the division 2 team narrowly winning their final by 2 games.



### WINTER LEAGUE 2019

Despite the summer league season not having ended the winter league teams had to be registered with Tennis West by the end of March. Life seems to involve so much forward planning these days that it is difficult to enjoy the moment.

Six ladies' teams (2 Saturday, 2 Thursday night and 2 Wednesday) have been entered in the Tennis West Winter league competition. Much to the consternation of esteemed VP Janet Ferreira, who likes to play every week in several teams, it was necessary to select larger winter teams than usual to cater for the ever growing inclination of competition players to travel extensively over our winter months.

I would like to apologise for the pain and mental anguish suffered by Ali Webster, not to mention the damage to her tennis reputation, caused by the circulation of a document citing her doubles rating as a 67+ when in fact doubles ratings can only range from 1-10. This joins the long list of blunders for which I've needed to apologise over the years. Recent ones still cause shame and embarrassment but I can now laugh about the time I ran a NTC Quiz night many years ago and felt pretty pleased with myself for asking a question involving the spelling of Ayatollah Khomeini. Unfortunately I relied on my better half for confirmation of my spelling of the said ayatollah (no internet and Wikipedia in those days). All of the teachers, school principals, academics and other intelligent club members were up in arms when they were marked down, putting their table out of contention for the first spot, for correctly spelling the name.

Once again in a selfless act designed to boost club revenue through bar sales the Wednesday night men have made a majority decision to hold an intra club competition on Wednesday evenings rather than participate in the Tennis West Winter league competition.

Unfortunately due to gardening/football watching commitments and/or bruised egos due to poor summer league performance the club was unable to muster sufficient men to enter any teams in the Saturday Winter league

## Coaches Corner

### SUMMER LEAGUE SEASON

We have come to the end of another successful summer league season for our juniors. This season we fielded 17 junior teams which is a new record for us at Tennis HQ. Twelve of our teams managed to make the semi finals with five teams heading one step further to the grand final.

Our 14s boys team Lip were undefeated throughout the season but had an amazingly tight final coming down to a solitary game being the winning margin! Congratulations to Finn Lip, Mack Braddock, Chris Michael, Nick Ng and Matt Bailey! (thanks to Paul Lureau for subbing in the final!)

Our green ball boys team Benton also had a home final and did a great job in taking out their division. Well done to Felix Benton, Seb Carmichael, Isaac Agnew and Adan Giam and the sub players who helped the team along the journey.

Commiserations to our 16s boys Fry team who lost by games to South Mandurah and to our Orange ball Chin team who did amazingly well for their first season to make the grand final. Heart break for our Orange Johnson team who went undefeated through the season but couldn't make the final hurdle losing by games in the final.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Please take a look at our website [www.tennishq.com.au](http://www.tennishq.com.au) for details on our popular holiday clinic programs. These holidays are a bit topsy turvy with the Easter long weekend falling in the middle of them, this means that both weeks clinics are affected by the public holidays. Please book in early to guarantee your child's places.

### TERM 2 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now open for term 2! The autumn term is a wonderful term for tennis, with mild days that are not too hot, it is a great time to be out on court. All of our kids programs are running as normal, we are also quite busy with adult lessons, so if you are looking for some coaching for yourself just let us know and we can see where you would fit best.

### JUNIOR CLUB / FRIDAY FUN CLUB

What a fantastic season we have had for our junior members and visitors at Junior Club, a big thankyou as always goes to Linda Blatchford and her helpers for running the show. Many thanks to Anne Love and the club committee and volunteers who give up their time to run the bar for the enjoyment of our clientele.

Remember that in the winter season, terms two and three, we change to Friday Fun Club. All players including members pay \$10 for the tennis and dinner. Everyone is welcome!

### TIP OF THE MONTH – you gotta want it!

We come across many players who are nervous about volleying, mainly due to the time constraints of being so much closer to the opposition hitting the ball. Many of these players aren't looking to volley, therefore aren't ready when the ball comes to them. If you are willing and looking to intercept the ball and not just be a spectator, you are more likely to be ready, prepared and early to contact the ball. All great aspects of a good volley! So get on your toes, expect the ball to come to you or you to go to the ball, put that ball away and enjoy the moment!

### HAPPY HITTING

Warren & Staff at Tennis HQ



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## Club Championship Results

### Men's Open Doubles RR

Red/Green Pool Playoff :	Winners:	Dean Hannell and Suresh Sakar.
	Runners Up:	John Taylor and Warren Vickers
Blue Pool:	Winners:	Ian love and Nigel Shaw.
	Runners Up:	Alan Boynton and Rob Lilburne

### Ladies' Open Doubles RR

Black Pool:	Winners:	Georgia Tovich and Julia Lawrence.
	Runners Up:	Janet Ferreira and Judy King
White Pool:	Winners:	Lisa McCallum and Tricia Herkess
	Runners up:	Ruhi Lacey and Jane Edwards
Rainbow Pool:	Winners:	Sara Tan and Kate Barblett.
	Runners Up:	Penny Oldfield and Joan Burfitt

### Mixed Open Doubles RR

Diamond Pool:	Winners:	Mel English and Sam English.
	Runners Up:	Nathalie Smalberger and Richard Clarke
Platinum Pool:	Winners:	Julia Lawrence and Mark Lawrence.
	Runners Up:	Tricia Herkes and Jim English
Sapphire Pool:	Winners:	Jenny McGillivray and Alan Bruce.
	Runners Up:	Flick York and Jack Richardson
Emerald Pool:	Winners:	Penny Oldfield and Rob Storer.
	Runners Up:	Lucia Agnello and John Detwiler

### Mixed Vets Doubles RR

Slytherin Pool:	Winnrs:	Judy and Kon Kozak.
	Runners Up:	Mel and Jim English
Hufflepuff Pool:	Winners:	Yasuko Nagai and Mark Lawrence.
	Runners up:	Thea and Dean Hannell
Ravenclaw Pool:	Winners:	Penny Oldfield and Rob Storer.
	Runner Up:	Nathalie Smalberger and Gordon Davies
Gryffindor Pool:	Winners:	Anne Love and Nigel Shaw.
	Runners Up:	Lucia Agnello and John Detwiler

### Men's Vets Doubles RR

Batman Pool:	Winners:	Scott Van Heurck and Richard Clarke.
	Runners up:	Dave Mofflin and Suresh Sakar
Superman Pool:	Winners:	Alan Boynton and Senq Lee.
	Runners Up:	Peter French and Gordon Davies
Spiderman Pool:	Winners:	Ken Houston and Phil Holten.
	Runners Up:	Mark Lawrence and Graham Chandler

### Women's Vets Doubles RR

Wonder Woman Pool:	Winners:	Judy Kozak and Pip Micalizzi.
	Runners Up:	Nathalie Smalberger & Tricia Herkess
Catwomen:	Winners:	Karen Jackson and Lisa McCallum.
	Runners Up:	Penny Oldfield and Joan Burfitt



## Gordon Davies Real Estate Nedlands AMT and Junior Classic 2019

After winning the 2018 Tennis West Most Outstanding Tournament Award and being one of three nominations for the Most Outstanding Tournament at the Newcombe Medals in Melbourne last October, we hosted our second rendition of the Gordon Davies Real Estate Nedlands AMT and Junior Classic in January but this time upped the ante from a Bronze to a Silver Australian Ranking Tournament.

Despite frayed nerves caused by the Heat Rule being enforced on Day 1 and Wet Weather on Day 4, the NTC Tournament Committee, aided by a swarm of very competent NTC volunteers, acquitted itself well in handling this year's challenges.

The tournament wrapped up on Wednesday 23 January after 4 days of tennis which saw 209 players playing 338 matches in 20 events. The tournament generated a substantial profit for the club and our appreciation goes to Gordon Davies Real Estate for its sponsorship of the AMT Silver Prize Money of \$3,000 as well as to the following people, in no particular order:

- Rob Firms and his team of groundsman who prepared the courts to exacting standards.
- The City of Nedlands for its assistance and collaboration with the mass parking requirements
- Tennis Only and Hayden Gibson for their continuous support of NTC and the tournament
- Nigel Shaw for the loan of the PA system, an essential requirement
- Club members Thibault and Ying Mortier for their generous donation of MAXI Block Sunscreen, and Natuva Body Wash
- Tennis West for its assistance with loaning singles sticks, score boards and other expertise
- Tennis Australia and its diligent officials without whom the tournament could not take place
- Mel and Melanie English for their tireless effort running the Tournament Desk

There are also many unnoticed cogs in the wheels of success and our appreciation and thanks go to the following volunteers in their various capacities without whose help the tournament simply would not happen:

Noel Lacey, Peter French, Anne Love, Penny Oldfield, Di Bowman, Many Thomas, Barb Nowak, Mike Nowak, Richard Clarke, Cathie Clarke, Frank Oldfield, Jenny Jones, Pat Jonklass, Noel Hart, Neil Rider, Judy King, Tricia Herkess, Monika Peterson, Georgie Ferreira, Jack Richardson, Nick Palmer, Rachel Palmer, Anne Pickard, Sara Tan, Caroline Choong, Yasuko Nagai, Lucia Agnello, Gillian Webb, Ross & Rosie McCallum, Lisa McCallum, Alan Boynton, Rob Storer, Johan Smalberger, Karen Jackson, Jayne Baird, Liz Eadie-Miramis, Thea Hannell, Cecile Leach, Suresh Sakar and family, Graham Chandler, Bridget Ammon, Jenny Jones, Phoebe Sier.

The 2019 Tournament Committee

Nathalie Smalberger, Joan Burfit and Janet Ferreira







# Shots from the Junior Classic 2019



# Duty Roster and Social Calendar

# 2018/2019

Date	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
06-Apr-19	John Detwiler	Annie Bull & Judy King	Annie Bull	
13-Apr-19	Mel English	Mike Glynn & Mandy Thomas	Alan Bruce	
20-Apr-19	John Detwiler	?	?	<b>Easter Weekend</b>
27-Apr-19	Mel English	Ken Houston & Carolyn Choong	Rachel Palmer	
04-May-19	John Detwiler	Jill & Tony Morgan	Tony Morgan	
11-May-19	Mel English	Joan Burfitt & Lyn Power		<b>Awards Cocktail Party</b>
18-May-19	John Detwiler	Noel Lacey & Roger Liu	Neville Opie	
25-May-19	Mel English	Peter Barratt & Nigel Shaw	Judy King	<b>Wine Tasting</b>
01-Jun-19	John Detwiler	Deb Lord & Julian Goldsworthy	Deb Lord	<b>"WA Day" Long Weekend</b>
08-Jun-19	Mel English	Phoebe Sier & Peter French	Peter Schmitt	
15-Jun-19	John Detwiler	Liew Buren & Yasulo Nagai	Neil Rider	
22-Jun-19	Mel English	Liz Schmitt & Nat Smalberger	Alison Gattorna	
29-Jun-19	John Detwiler	Steve Duncan & Tom Walsh	Steve Duncan	
06-Jul-19	Mel English	Bridget & Peter Ammon	Bridget Ammon	
13-Jul-19	John Detwiler	Noel Hart & Neville Opie	Noel Hart	
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	<b>AGM 13th August</b>
17-Aug-19	Mel English	Dave Mofflin & Suresh Sakar	Mel English	
24-Aug-19	John Detwiler	Judy & Kon Kozac	Rosie McCallum	<b>Sponsor's Night</b>
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	<b>BUSY BEE</b>
12-Oct-19	Mel English	Committee Members	Janet Ferreira	<b>OPEN DAY 2019 - Bring a plate</b>

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

\*School Holidays

\* Social Events



## SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS

### Sponsor of the Quarter – Zorzi

The past few months leading up to Christmas and now well and truly into the new year have been busy for us here at Zorzi.

The trend for smaller downsizing homes (be it single level or cottage style homes) has carried on unabated with homes on smaller sites in areas such as Shenton Park and Subiaco, and skinny sub-divided sites in Watermans Bay & Trigg.

A push towards sustainability, alternative building materials and energy efficiency is gaining momentum. At Zorzi we are at the leading edge of investigating these materials, products and methodologies and have been implementing these for some time.

Many of the homes we are designing and building presently incorporate these already however little things that can be done easily on new homes to help future proof them include for example having the provisions in place for electric car chargers and solar battery storage units.

Whilst it is almost impossible to go totally 'off the grid' at present, as a starting point by a smart use of solar photovoltaic cells and intelligent battery units you can run your home very efficiently whilst reducing your carbon impact.

Interestingly many people we speak with are completely unaware that we carry out renovations and additions as well as new homes. In fact in the past 5 years we have won awards for the best renovation/ restoration in Australia for a heritage listed home we restored in Cottesloe, and best renovation/ addition in WA for the renovation of a home we built ourselves back in 2002 in Mosman Park. Feel free to speak with us if you are thinking of doing a renovation, you may be surprised at what is achievable.

*In the coming months we will be showcasing what will be an iconic Dalkeith home for a very limited time. Keep your eyes out for details after the middle of the year.*

*In the meantime if you're looking for some inspiration, ideas, thinking of building or just want to come down for a browse we have two great homes open just for another 3 weeks (until 21<sup>st</sup> April) in South Perth and Mt Pleasant.*

*The home in Mt Pleasant really is an entertainers dream with an underground 10 car garage, fully decked home theatre with bar and walk-in wine cellar, full size golf simulator room, gymnasium and steam room (and all that is just the basement!).*

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# HOT SHOTS



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Community news

## The key to living a full life

Exercise physiologists Caroline Broadway and Shary Scott will show over 150 how they can improve their physical and cognitive health, well being and independence.

They will be offering strength and balance exercises at Nedlands Community Care from 1.00pm on Monday, April 1.

The exercises will help people manage daily tasks more easily, whether the goal is playing with the grandchildren, walking to the shop or getting up with pain and tennis.

The aim is to reduce the risk of falling and help people maintain their independence, no matter what their previous history of exercise may be.

Both physiologists understand various chronic health conditions and movement difficulties, and how these can affect the ability to move. The cost is \$1, \$3 for Nedlands Affinity Club members, and includes afternoon tea.

For more details, contact City of Nedlands positive

Exercise physiologists Caroline Broadway and Shary Scott take a group through their paces.





## New Members

A warm welcome to our new members.

Adults: Doug George and David Liu  
Sub Junior: Nirosh Weerasooriya

Welcome back:  
Students: Megan and Shauna Duncan