

the NETWORK

DECEMBER 2015



Save the Dates!

Saturday 12 December – Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 13 February – Summer Cooler

Wednesday 17 February – Club Champs Tournament Entries Close

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PRESIDENT NIGEL SHAW

From the President's Couch

I write this message to you all in (almost) a complete state of frustration; from the support of my leg brace and crutches, I saw the grass courts open early in October, followed closely by wonderfully buoyant Open Days on the 16th and 17th of October. Under normal circumstances, I would have been almost kissing the grass, running with a racquet, playing a game I really enjoy and joining in the celebration of the commencement of the Club's 90th year. Alas, my rather unfortunate muscle tear will see me undergoing some months of careful rehabilitation before I dare venture onto the wonderful grass courts.

Many thanks go to the members who prepared the Club for both the Junior and Adult Open Days: Mel English, Deb Lord, Linda Blatchford and Anne Love; and the many others who 'busy beed' the place into shape, with special thanks to Lucia for 'keeping us all together'.

Both Open Days saw substantial attendance, substantial enthusiasm, and more than substantial speeches from the Minister and Patron Bill Marmion, to the CEO of the City of Nedlands Greg Trevaskis, and of course our duly recognized coach Warren Vickers. Mayor Max Hipkins and his lovely wife Merran, and our Platinum sponsor Gordon Davies of Anderson Davies Real Estate also attended the ceremony.

We had a very successful inaugural 'Away to Reabold' on the 1st of November, and regardless of the result, a return is forthcoming. Please keep an eye out for this opportunity because it is great fun.

Your committee will meet for the last time this year on the 16th of November, and the first meeting of 2016 will be held in February, but keep those emails and letters flowing. We have an agenda that includes dealing with *your* issues, so we want to know 'what you think of things', and I would like to remind you to keep an eye out for upcoming social events associated with our Club.

The role of Midweek Coordinator has been carried out admirably by Tricia Herkes for 2 ½ years. Having ably communicated the ever-changing 'rules and standards' of Tennis West in relation to the pennant teams, Tricia has decided to relinquish the role of Midweek Coordinator to Helen Morgan, who will be taking on this role into the new year. A big thanks to Helen for that.

Quiz Nights are always a lot of fun but difficult to organise. Huge thanks to Mel and Jim English for taking on the organisation of what was a very successful 'Q & A' on the 7th of November. Steve Hollier was an ever amenable host and quiz master, and some very kind donations (such as Mandy Thomas' home baked bread loaf) lead to very competitive bidding on the silent auction table. Thank you to all those who participated.

Thanks to our hardworking committee, to Mehmet for his support and commitment to the role of Club Captain, and a big thank you to all our members for being a great part of our vibrant club. I would like to wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours in traction,

Nigel



CLUB CAPTAIN MEHMET CAKIR

Captain's message from the front porch....

I had a sneak preview of Nigel's report as I was about to write mine at my front porch on a cool early Sunday morning. As all of you would, I really feel for Nigel; how agonizing it must be for him to just watch us from the sidelines or sit on his couch most of the time.

We have been having marvellous grass court tennis with great turnouts, even on days with high temperatures, and nearly record attendance on Open Day. Big thanks to our grounds team led by Shane Watson for providing us excellent grass courts.

I am very grateful to those of you who have agreed to be Duty Captains, for helping out and sharing the responsibilities of welcoming visitors and setting up for Saturday afternoon social play, and also to those rostered for afternoon tea and bar duties. On behalf of the committee I thank you all for your generous time and contributions. Jordan Lilburne has been rolling his dice and mixing and matching everyone giving us great sets. I thank him for his great commitment and patience. Our Saturday social play numbers have been very strong and obviously the delicious afternoon tea prepared by members are also encouraging attendance particularly in some members, not to mention the entrée served by bar managers. Just remember, if you are not able to make Saturday afternoons, or if you would like to play more tennis, we have various groups playing social tennis during the week and they always welcome additional players.

I represented our Club at the AGM of Tennis West last month. It was a lovely evening with all the reports and speeches etc... but the key information I learnt is that our Club has, because of its large membership base, three times the voting power, more than any club in Perth. I know most of you are aware of this but for the sake of new members we are a large club with a substantial membership base and more importantly we are very social and friendly. Let's keep it that way and enjoy our tennis whether we play competitively or socially.

The Quiz Night was a great evening with a great turnout both financially speaking and the number of people who attended. Mandy Thomas' famous loaf of bread, Christmas cake from Jenny Jones and an Australian Open tennis bag from Nathalie Smalberger were all hotly contested during the silent bidding. The Club appreciates their contributions and those from other members. Mel and Jim English have done a fabulous job with the assistance of Lucia Agnello and Quiz Master Steve Hollier.

Our coaching team led by Warren Vickers are working hard towards building a strong junior base at the Club. Their achievements have been well evidenced with the number of junior pennant teams and Friday Junior Club that is consistently well attended. Our new coach Andrew Fisher has blended well with us. We thank him for his generous time at the free hit ups he provided a couple of weeks ago. I hope everyone supports his endeavour in building on his already glamorous coaching career and maintaining a sustainable life in Perth.

Christmas is just around the corner and our Christmas Party will be on the 12th of December. I hope we can make it a special day for the kids and for all of us. We will have a play and stay sausage sizzle for everyone.

Lastly, I thank all members for making NTC such a great Club. Please enjoy and have fun with your tennis and each other's company. In the meantime, on behalf of the committee, I wish you all a Happy Christmas with your family and friends.

League News

Thank you to Tricia Herkess from all at the club for her conscientious and thorough work in the role of NTC Midweek Tennis Coordinator in recent years. In particular a special thank you for all the work entailed in the transition to the new Tennis Australia league management system introduced at the commencement of this summer league season.



We wish Tricia well in her new venture 'Coast and Home' and hope that she can gain greater enjoyment from her tennis free from League Coordinator commitments.

There is nothing like a bit of change to keep us on our toes – a new league management system and a new midweek league coordinator (actually a recycled blast from the past!).

The new league management system now appears to be working reasonably well and hopefully the remaining glitches will be resolved in the near future.

Some of our 17 summer midweek and weekend adult league teams have made a lightning start out of the blocks. The Wednesday Men's Division 2 (Shannon) team, the Saturday Men's Division 7 team and the Saturday Ladies' Division 3 team to date remain undefeated.

Teams that are not doing so well can take the consolation from the fact that it is early days and a slow build up to finals has proved a successful strategy.

Welcome to all new league players, to returning league players and particularly to our junior members playing senior league for the first time. Hang in there as it can be frustrating and a steep learning curve for juniors playing in the lower grades of senior tennis!

You have probably already worked out not to be concerned about your opponent if they hit the ball well in the warm up – if they are that good why aren't they in a higher division?

It's the opponent with the unconventional style and grey hair who hobbles around the court without hitting a ball in (probably on purpose) in the warm up that you need to be most concerned about. They will inevitably be annoyingly effective and competitive and are put on earth just to test the mental strength of all young players with conventional and attractive tennis styles.



SPONSORS

Nedlands Tennis Club would like to thank the local businesses that have sponsored us over the years. Your generous donation has contributed towards providing quality facilities for all at the club. Please support our sponsors as much as they have supported us!

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REMINISCENCE

....with Howard Lange

As you all know, the Club recently celebrated the 90th Anniversary of its foundation and we, the current members, can only consider how lucky we are to be able to enjoy the wonderful facilities that have been developed from a very humble beginning. As I was the President of the Club when the 50th Anniversary was held, Pip Micalizzi has asked me to recount some recollections of that time.

We celebrated the 50th Birthday with a function at the then Nedlands Bowling Club (now the Bridge Club) that was attended by over 200 members and guests. The guests included the Premier Sir Charles Court, our local member and Club Patron, the long standing Mayor of the City of Nedlands, J Chas Smith OBE JP, plus the Ward Councillors as well as representatives of the other sporting clubs in the Melvista Reserve. Our very special guests were four surviving foundation members: Vic Fenn, Horace Killington, Sydney Priestner and Mrs Al Hammond. Vic Fenn was the original Secretary and only retired from that position in 1947 and he presented a hand written copy of the first minutes. Horace Killington was the original Treasurer and held that position for many years, and both these gentlemen provided invaluable information on the early history of the Club such as, the first Clubhouse was made of boughs and an open fire boiled the billy for afternoon tea. Another item of interest that I learned from my discussions with these two gentlemen was that Radio Station 6WF agreed to broadcast the official opening ceremony of the Nedlands Tennis Club and allocated 30 minutes for this to happen. Mr W J Downs, the then President, spoke for so long that the allocated time ran out before he had finished his speech and the Club was officially opened. Jack Matheson was the first Captain and his late daughter, Joy, played at the Club until about five years ago.

Also in that year we hosted the City of Perth Tennis Tournament which was then one of the major events on the WA tennis calendar. This tournament was organised most successfully and led to a wonderful spirit and atmosphere developing among the members as well as making a substantial profit for the Club. Another event that was initiated for the 50th Anniversary was the Champagne Breakfast and this was so successful that it carried on for many years afterwards.

In all, the 50th Anniversary year was a very successful and happy one and may the 90th be the same.



Congratulations to Club Coach Warren Vickers for winning the "Coaching Excellence – Club" award on the 9th of October at the WA Tennis Industry Awards.

NEW MEMBERS

Sub-Junior Callum Chin, Connor Johnson, Dylan Johnson, Benjamin McMahon, Timothy McMahon, Oscar Moltoni, Aryan Nouri, Claire Robinson, Obi Rogers, Ella Sims, George Sims

Junior Jack Frazer, Veronique Gavan, Adam Hay, Lucy Jenkins, Lucas Kailis, Petah Mallios, Tom Maouris, Shayan Saebi, Bailey van der Struyt, Cooper Warman

Adult Shane Carvill, Patrick Ng

Couple Sophie Hazell & Olly Bendall, Ying & Thibaut Mortier, Melanie & Simon Robinson

Family Keith, Clare, Felix & Oscar Benton
Ken, Katie, Georgia and Lara Tovich

A very warm welcome to our new members from the NTC Committee. We hope you will enjoy our excellent court and club facilities. Please direct any enquiries to our Club Secretary Lucia Agnello ph:0417753666/email: nedlandstennis@bigpond.com



Children's Christmas Party!

On Saturday the 12th of December at 5.30pm, Father Christmas will be making a special visit to NTC. Lolly bags and party food will be provided for the kids.

Parents please provide a wrapped present clearly marked with your child's name prior to his arrival.

BUSY BEE

Thank you to the following members for their help in sprucing up the clubhouse and surrounds on the 10th of October.

Lucia Agnello

Marian Aylmore

Nigel Bill

Alan Bruce

Joan Burfitt

Graham Chandler

Peggy Darmago

John Detwiler

Ali Fear

Stephen French

Julian Goldsworthy

Noel Hart

Trish Heath

Phil Holten

Julie Lilburne

Rob Lilburne

Deb Lord

Anne Love

Ian Love

Ross McCallum (official freezer defroster)

Pete Meegan

Leslee Mordaunt

Tony Morgan (official freezer defroster consultant)

Barb Nowak

Nathalie Smalberger

Amanda Thomas

Warren Vickers (high altitude window cleaner)



COACH WARREN VICKERS

NEW COACH

We are very happy to have welcomed a new full-time coach to our team here at Nedlands. Andrew Fisher has moved here from the UK to take on the role of player development and squad director. Andrew is a world class coach and his experience and knowledge are already proving very popular with our players and members as he has been spending his Saturday afternoons at social tennis getting to know everyone. As part of his role within the coaching structure he will be running weekend tennis lessons on Saturday afternoons and Sunday so if you have a busy working week and need some weekend lessons then let us know.

Keep an eye out at the Hopman Cup in January for Heather Watson, who was Andrew's protégé from the ages of 8-12 before she headed off to Bollettieri Academy.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

This summer season we have 16 teams competing in the junior league competition run by TennisWest. We would like to welcome our new players who are competing for the first time this season and hope that all our players are enjoying their Sunday matches. We are often in need of reserves for those occasions where players are sick/injured so if your child is interested in being a fill in please let us know.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

As per usual we are running our holiday clinics during the summer holidays with weekly clinics running every week except between Christmas and New Year's Day. We commence the first week the private schools are out and finish up on Christmas Eve, recommencing the first full week of January. We have weekly or daily options and provide plenty of fun, games and prizes for our players. Get your kids out in the beautiful Perth weather and give yourself a well earned break!

PRIVATE LESSONS

During the holiday period our schedules tend to open up and we have time for private lessons. With three experienced head coaches now available we have options to suit you and your personality. Remember our aim is not to rebuild your game from scratch but to use your natural swing patterns and shot preferences and maximize their effectiveness. There are plenty of options available for you to share your lesson or have team training or get your kids and their friends together for their own personalized tennis sessions. We have lots of high level coaches available for hitting sessions too, so if you want to be pushed on court or to drill a certain stroke or tactic then these sessions are perfect!

COACHING TIP OF THE MONTH

Straight from the mouth of our new coach: **“Be active with your feet and not with your racquet”**.

Ensure you work hard in getting into position; the earlier the better, then once you are there you can play the shot you need to play (hopefully!). The key is, don't have your racquet trying to make up for a lack of footwork, it just doesn't work.

HAPPY HITTING!

NTC GALLERY

Junior Open Day

16 October 2015



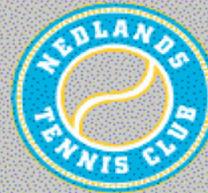
NTC GALLERY

Open Day 17 October 2015



NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB

2016 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



Welcome to the Nedlands Tennis Club Championship Tournament. All members are encouraged to participate.

TOURNAMENT DATES

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Saturday 5 th March#	Championship Singles/Doubles/Mixed Events commence
Sunday 6 th March#	Championship Singles/Doubles/Mixed Events continue
Monday 7 th March#	Championship Singles/Doubles/Mixed Events continue
Saturday 2 nd April	Championship Men's & Ladies' Singles/Doubles/Mixed Events FINALS

Labour Day Long Weekend

1. All rounds of the Championship Events, except the finals, will be run over the March Labour Day long weekend. Entrants for the Championship Events MUST be available on Saturday the 5th, Sunday the 6th and Monday the 7th of March, and then on Saturday the 2nd of April to play the finals of all Championship Events.
2. It is planned to have a round of each championship event (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons from midday; however, it will be assumed that players are also available to play should it be necessary to schedule matches in the morning.
3. Exemptions for short periods of time for important events (Aunty Mary's 80th birthday lunch) can be requested on the entry form and attempts will be made to accommodate these exemptions where possible to do so without impacting on the progress of the draw. Please be sensible about exemption requests. For example it is unlikely to be possible to grant exemptions to players entering more than one event.

Exemption requested after the draw has been completed and match times advertised are too difficult to organize so out of sympathy for the organizers please refrain from making them.

TOURNAMENT DATES – SENIORS

ROUND ROBIN EVENTS

Sunday 13 th March	Men's & Ladies' Vets Round Robin Doubles (combined age restrictions)
Saturday 19 th March	Vets Mixed Round Robin Doubles
Sunday 20 th March	Open Men's & Ladies' Round Robin Doubles
Sunday 3 rd April	Mixed Round Robin Doubles

TOURNAMENT DATES – JUNIORS

Friday 11 th March	Boys and Girls' Singles
Sunday 27 th March	Boys' & Girls' Doubles
Friday 1 st April	Parent & Child Orange Ball
Saturday 2 nd April	Boys' & Girls' Singles Finals
Sunday 3 rd April	Parent & Child - Green/Yellow Ball

ALL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2016

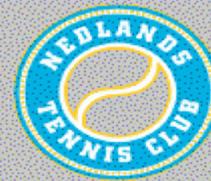
The Draw will be posted at the Clubhouse on Tuesday 1st March

ALL ROUND ROBIN ENTRIES CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016

Please note: Entries on the day will not be accepted

ENTRY FORM

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS



Entries Close Wednesday 17th February 2016

COMPETITOR'S DETAILS

Name: _____

Contact: (H) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

EVENTS ENTERED:

Event Number
(see attached list)

Partner's Name

Paid

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EXEMPTION REQUESTS:

ENTRY FEES

SENIORS: \$10 per competitor per event
JUNIORS: \$10 per competitor (regardless of number of events)
PARENT & CHILD: No fee

All entry fees are inclusive of GST.

Preferred payment to be made by EFT: **Nedlands Tennis Club**
BSB: 066 105
Account number: 00400067

Cheques payable to **Nedlands Tennis Club** and entry forms are posted to:

HELEN MORGAN, 16 GALLOP ROAD, DALKEITH WA 6009

Alternatively, entry forms may be scanned to morgs1@iinet.net.au

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ENTRY FORM

ROUND ROBIN EVENTS



Entries Close Wednesday 9th March 2016

COMPETITOR'S DETAILS

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Contact: (H) _____ (M) _____

Email: _____

EVENTS ENTERED:

Event Number
(see attached list)

Partner's Name

Paid

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Please contact Julie Lilburne 0407 423 533 if you would like to be allocated a partner.

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



SENIOR:

1. Championship events will be knockout. If there are sufficient entries, players will be graded into divisions of eight players.
2. Players must check the draw, which will be posted by 5.00pm Tuesday 1st of March at the Clubhouse. Match completion deadlines must be adhered to or forfeit will result.
3. Round Robin events will commence at 1.30pm and will be finalised on the day. Entries must be received by 6pm on Wednesday 9th of March. Entries on the day will not be accepted.
4. For the Veteran events, ages as at the 12th of March 2016 and combined ages must be 90+.

JUNIOR:

1. Ages as at the 11th of March 2016.
2. Championship events will be knockout. If there are sufficient entries, players will be graded into divisions of eight players.
3. Players must check the draw, which will be posted by 5.00pm Thursday 10th of March at the Clubhouse.
4. Parent & Child Round Robin will commence on Friday 1st of April for Orange Ball and on Sunday the 3rd of April for Green/Yellow Ball and will be finalized on the day. Time of commencement for these events will be confirmed with the participants.

GENERAL:

All entrants must be **financial** members of Nedlands Tennis Club, except for entries into the Parent & Child Doubles, provided one team member is a financial club member.

ENQUIRIES:

Details of play:	0411 140 395	Warren Vickers, Tennis Excellence
Fees:	0407 423 533	Julie Lilburne
Open Events:	0418 906 997	Helen Morgan
Round Robin Events:	0407 423 533	Julie Lilburne
	0406 070 368	Anne Love

2016 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

EVENT NO	EVENT	BEGINS	FINALS	PARTNER
1	Ladies' Open Singles	5 March	2 April	
2	Men's Open Singles	5 March	2 April	
3	Ladies' Open Doubles	5 March	2 April	
4	Men's Open Doubles	5 March	2 April	
5	Mixed Open Doubles	5 March	2 April	
6	Ladies' Round Robin Doubles	20 March	20 March	
7	Men's Round Robin Doubles	20 March	20 March	
8	Mixed Round Robin Doubles	3 April	3 April	
9	Men's Veteran Round Robin Doubles	13 March	13 March	
10	Ladies' Veteran Round Robin Doubles	13 March	13 March	
11	Mixed Veteran Round Robin Doubles	19 March	19 March	
12	Girls' Doubles	27 March	27 March	
13	Boys' Doubles	27 March	27 March	
14	Girls' 16 Singles	11 March	2 April	
15	Girls' 12 Singles	11 March	2 April	
16	Boys' 16 Singles	11 March	2 April	
17	Boys' 12 Singles	11 March	2 April	
18	Parent* & Child Round Robin - Orange	1 April	1 April	
19	Parent* & Child Round Robin - Green/Yellow	3 April	3 April	
20	Green Ball Mixed Singles (11 yrs & under)	11 March	2 April	
21	Green Ball Doubles (11 yrs & under)	27 March	27 March	
22	Orange Ball Mixed Singles (10 yrs & under)	11 March	2 April	
23	Orange Ball Doubles (10 yrs & under)	27 March	27 March	

- Guardian/grandparent

Age groups may be combined and formats may be altered to offer maximum participation.

Please retain for your information.

*The Nedlands Tennis Club Committee
would like to wish all members*



Merry Christmas and Happy Tennis in the New Year

