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SUMMER OF TENNIS AT NTC



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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 20 MAY

ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS NIGHT

Dear Members of Nedlands Tennis Club....

I welcome you to the 2017 Summer Season, and wish you all well after the December/January break.

I hope that you have all had a chance to read my email regarding the proposed 2017 – 18 court redevelopment programme. This is an important initiative for your consideration and comment. It has been fully endorsed by Committee, after being 'driven' by Anne Love, Janet Ferreira and Mehmet Cakir. It is appropriate that Mehmet has further detail in his report to you. If you cannot attend the special meeting on **27th February**, please send comments to us. I will do all that I can to ensure that we receive every possible assistance from the City of Nedlands, the Department of Sport and Recreation, and Tennis Australia.

The summer season has seen solid attendance on Saturdays and during the week, in spite of some strange weather patterns. We should be comfortable with the fact that even though some of our Saturday courts are being 'used for League matches', they *are* being used, the Club is active, and there is a 'vibrancy' that is good for us. One of the key reasons behind the redevelopment programme is associated with improving the 'flexibility' of our playing options throughout the year, particularly in the 'shoulder season' and during winter, when the League commitments and coaching programmes put pressure on social play, and vice versa.

We have a number of important social events coming up soon, not the least of which is the Annual Dinner in May to be held at the Nedlands Golf Club..... We are hoping that some of you – not necessarily on Committee as such – will be able to assist Jane Edwards, Deb Lord, Trish Heath and others in the 'theme and detail' for this function..... It's a 'mystery to me' at present..!

Many thanks to those of you who attended the Summer Cooler, in cool conditions.... I'm told that it was most enjoyable for all, and we must acknowledge and appreciate the organisation of ALL social events come rain, hail or shine.....

We are again participating in the annual 'Tri –Club Tournament' between Nedlands, Dalkeith and Claremont on Sunday 26th February. This will be held at Dalkeith, and we are fielding pretty 'serious' mixed doubles teams, so few balls will be left unhit...!

Don't forget the Championship and Round Robin tournaments coming up in a couple of weeks.... they are great fun, but take some organising, so please get your entries in as soon as possible.

Lastly, could I just give a 'gentle reminder' about general court usage...?.... We are a private club that pays its own way, and we must insist that Members' guests who use the courts in the presence of Members must pay the appropriate visitor's fee. It is only fair to us all.

Just also quickly wanted to mention that I've been advised that our club Water Cooler has 'cooled its last water'. If anyone could help in sourcing a new or second hand item (perhaps the mining industry?), please advise me as such.

Many thanks and best wishes.

Nigel Shaw

Dear Members and Friends

I am pleased to report that, as per the communication from Nigel, the court redevelopment proposal is out for your perusal and feedback. The proposal was put together by a sub-committee including Janet Ferreira, Ann Love, Nigel Shaw and myself. We also greatly appreciated the contributions of Steve Hollier, Shane Watson, Peter French and Deb Lord. As Nigel outlined in his email, we believe the proposed redevelopment will ensure sustainable growth of the Club into the foreseeable future. It will also provide more playing opportunities particularly to our juniors (with enhanced coaching), winter social players and midweek pennant players under lit courts. We have already received several positive feedbacks and would like to hear from all of you. We would also welcome you to the information session, to share your views, at 7:30 Monday evening Feb 27th.

Our social subcommittee led by Jane Edwards and Trish Heath continues to do a fantastic job. A few of you missed out on delicious home-made Mexican food followed with spicy ice-cream at this year's Summer Cooler (with a cool evening more like a winter warmer!). Very warm thanks to Jane and Trish for organising the event.

Ann Love and Linda Blatchford are having yet another successful season with the junior social club on Friday afternoons, supported by Warren and his team, while parents are enjoying their sundowners. Thanks to Trish Heath for organising the sausages and buns, and those who are helping with the cooking.

Sincere thanks to our grounds team led by Shane Watson for keeping all the courts in great shape. Many thanks to those of you who have been rostered for the afternoon tea, bar duties and for the duty captain role. Jordan and Paige are doing a marvellous job for making our Saturday afternoon Tennis run smoothly. We have scheduled more frequent 'play and stay' sausage sizzles for this season so please check our social calendar and enjoy some light food and the company of your fellow members.

We had an inaugural 'green against gold' social tournament for Australia Day, which was good fun - in particular the organizers left it up to the participants as to which colour to choose, which unpredictably resulted in having just about 90% of the players in gold colour. Although we had recorded the scores the complexity of the format made it impossible to choose a winning team and therefore organizers decided to declare everyone who participated as winners!!

The Club championship tournaments are coming up very soon and I hope most of you have started your 'intensive training' (although my partner Nigel Bill said he would start his training on Feb 11 for the Feb 12 round robin event as he did not want to peak his form too soon!!). We have competitions at various levels including open or round robin events which are always lots of fun with full afternoon of play. We thank Helen Morgan, Warren Vickers and Julie Lilburne for organising the events.

I thank all of you for making the Club a 'special place' for all of us. I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer and having fantastic grass-court tennis whether playing on Saturdays or during the week.

Mehmet Cakir
The Captain, Nedlands Tennis Club

SENIOR SUMMER LEAGUE UPDATE



The finals are fast approaching with only a few rounds left to play for the 13 senior league teams competing in the Summer League competition.

The Thursday Ladies Division 2 side and the Wednesday Men's Division 2 side are on the top of their ladders. Four other teams are in the top four and two teams are in 5th position.

The Captains of the remaining 5 teams look unlikely, barring a miracle, to have to undertake the sometimes difficult task of selecting a team for the finals.

Unfortunately the season has progressed uneventfully with team captains fulfilling their roles admirably and players appearing to be enjoying their competitive tennis with no incidents to recount that would make for a more interesting report.

Good Luck to all teams and players competing in the finals.

For those players not involved in finals and other club members who may be interested it will soon be time to consider whether you would like to play competitive tennis over the winter. Keep an eye out for the email inviting nominations for teams competing in the Winter League competition commencing in May.

Helen Morgan



Wasn't it fantastic for the Hopman Cup to host Roger Federer again, the vibe was amazing and we are certainly blessed as tennis fans to be around in his era. I hope you had the chance to see him in action.

JUNIOR CLUB

Everything is rolling again this term for Junior Club, we are getting heaps of kids down here on Friday afternoons. Please keep up to date with any special theme days on our Facebook page. Friday afternoons are great fun for the kids, bring along your friends for a great finish to the week.

COACH NEWS

Unfortunately one of the difficult parts of our industry is the turnover of coaches, the job is such a great suit with university students but eventually they have to move on to the "real world". At the end of 2016 we have had to say goodbye to three of our coaches.

- Nick Steens has been offered a full-time position in the finance sector, he will continue studying whilst undertaking this first step in his career.
- Alice Walker has accepted a placement at Geraldton Hospital as she works on her practical component for her medicine degree
- Jordan Williams has taken a job as a mining engineer working FIFO shifts we may still see him around the club on his off weeks.

Whilst it is sad to see them leave, we are lucky to have had them contribute to our business, it's been a pleasure having them as staff and we wish them the very best in their careers.

WINTER LEAGUE

Forms for winter league will be coming out soon, please ensure you register your interest with us if you are keen for yourself or your child to play pennants. Junior winter league is restricted to six teams due to court restrictions so please be prompt in your league nominations to ensure a spot in the teams.

CLUB CHAMPS

We strongly encourage all members, junior and senior to enter the club championships. This is the pinnacle of the tennis season at NTC. There are competitions and divisions for all levels so get your entry in and grab your doubles partner and get ready to get your name up on the boards!

We will be running club championship events for our modified ball players too, so all our youngest members still have an opportunity to compete and have fun

NEW PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

Our next phase in the growth of our business and for the club itself is to look to provide a stronger playing level for our juniors. In our time at Nedlands we have built up the number of junior teams from three to sixteen. We hope to not only field more teams next season but also field more teams in stronger divisions. This is a long term process, our initial drive is starting with under 10s. The hope is to develop kids at this age for the next two to three years to build a strong under 12s team, once the program is running well then the next wave of kids will follow in the footsteps and a clear pathway will exist.

In January we ran trials for players aged 7-10, for a place in our new Academy.

Congratulations go to our four selected players

- Felix Benton : Nedlands PS, coached initially by Warren and now by Ali
- Kerry Li : Nedlands PS, coached by Ali
- Callum Chin : Christchurch GS, coached by Lewis initially then by Warren
- Mitchell Cicholas : Hillside CC, coached by Warren

Coach Ali is in charge of the program which runs three days a week, the players train a modified version of elite training programs. Focus is spread on technical learning, physical development and co-ordination, rallying control and tactical execution. These players will be introduced into tournaments in the Tennis West tournament calendar and all participate in junior league.



PRIVATE LESSONS

We are always busy with fitting private lessons around our coaching schedules, we have some spaces at the moment which can be filled. We also will have coaches available at junior league training times (Thur 5pm, Fri 5.30pm) once the season finishes in the coming month. If you would like lessons for yourself or your child in these times please let us know. First in best dressed!

HAPPY HITTING! Warren & staff @ Tennis Excellence



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NEW MEMBERS

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 Karen Phillips
 ph :0417753666/email: nedlandstennis@bigpond.com

Charlotte Shaw	Junior
Anna Martin	Junior
Finn Lip	Junior
Dean, Emily & Thea Hanell	Family
Chane Grobler	Junior
Gillian Webb	Adult
Anthony Terriaca	Junior

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
04-Mar-17	Helen Morgan	Annette & Ken Johnsen	Peter Schmitt	CLUB CHAMPS 4-6th March (Labour Day)
11-Mar-17	Peter Barratt	Graham Chandler & Steve Hollier	Neville Opie	CLUB CHAMPS 11 & 12th March
18-Mar-17	Mel English	Mel & Jim English	Mel English	CLUB CHAMPS 18 & 19th March
25-Mar-17	Anne Love	Peggy & Johnathan Damargo	Anne Love	CLUB CHAMPS 25 & 26th + Play&Stay BBQ
01-Apr-17	Linda Blatchford	Helen Charlesworth & Jenny Jones	Leith Malcolm	CLUB CHAMPS 1 & 2nd April (Rain Date)
08-Apr-17	Janet Ferreira	Janet Ferreira & Nat Smalberger	Julie Lilburne	Easter Weekend
15-Apr-17	Mehmet Cakir	Penny Oldfield and Frank Woodmor	Frank Sweeney	
22-Apr-17	Di Bowman	Di Bowman & Alison Webster	Di Bowman	
29-Apr-17	Mehmet Cakir	Pat Jonklaas & Stjepan Maticevic	Barb Nowak	
06-May-17	Noel Hart	Annie Bull & Judy King	Annie Bull	Round Robin + Play&Stay BBQ
13-May-17	Pip Micalizzi	Peggy Darmago & Pip Micalizzi	Alan Bruce	ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS
20-May-17	Nigel Shaw	Fiona Johnson & Leith Malcolm	Leith Malcolm	
27-May-17	Peter French	Ken Houston & Frank Sweeney	Judy King	
03-Jun-17	Jill Morgan	Jill & Tony Morgan	Tony Morgan	"WA Day" Long Weekend
10-Jun-17	Joan Burfitt	Joan Burfitt & Lyn Power	Ruhi Lacey	Play&Stay BBQ
17-Jun-17	Mark Lawrence	Michael Glynn & Roger Liu	Neville Opie	
24-Jun-17	John Detwiler	Peter Barratt & Peter French	Judy King	



NTC GALLERY

Australian Seniors Tennis Championships Teams Event 2017

Over 50's – Division 2



Back - Kevin Shannon, Steve Hollier, Shane Paskett, Tony Morgan, Dave Mofflin, Geoff Thomas.
Seated - Frank Sweeney (Capt), Richard Clarke

The "future of WA tennis" is phrase that has been applied to a number of players or teams over the years . Unfortunately it is not fitting to describe this group of largely NTC players as even a retrospective of WA Tennis for at no time had the members displayed identifiable promise.

Nevertheless as it transpired a misplaced sense of optimism prevailed in the Frank Sweeney captained group that travelled to Adelaide for the Seniors team event - largely due to the slide to second division after the unsuccessful 2016 campaign. Highly fancied newly capped members Richard Clarke and Geoff Thomas stepped in to fill the shoes of the injury struck Ian Mumford and John Turner from 2016. Geoff particularly came highly pedigreed being the son of a one time world top 20 player (albeit over 85 age group).

Geoff is only 63 and on reviewing his and the team results, as well as taking into account his genetics and the likelihood that his best years are still a long way ahead, his selection was possibly a decade or two early. Captain Sweeney's farsighted policy will surely bear fruit in years to come

A picture is worth a thousand words and the team photo captured at Mt Osmond Golf Club in part explains the mediocre accomplishments of the team. Unfortunately the disproportionate effort put into golf (played 7/7 days v 4/7 tennis) was also not generally rewarded. Generous handicapping and an improving game led to S Hollier winning the "Adelaide Cup" the "holy grail" of the week.

In the tennis a win /loss ratio of about 60/40 was achieved.

Plans for a 2018 assault are already in place and with even higher expectations than 2017 as with the inexorable march of time any surviving members of the team will be eligible for over 60s age group.

Tony Morgan

JUST A REMINDER.....

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

TRI- CLUB TOURNAMENT AGAINST DALKEITH & CLAREMONT
(TO BE HOSTED BY DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB)

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 7.30PM

SPECIAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS, TO BE HELD AT THE CLUB
INFORMAL DISCUSSION REGARDING OUR COURT REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT EVENTS TO BE HELD OVER THE
FOLLOWING WEEKENDS IN MARCH**

SUNDAY 04TH-MONDAY 06TH

SATURDAY 11TH & SUNDAY 12TH

SATURDAY 18TH & SUNDAY 19TH

SATURDAY 25TH & SUNDAY 26TH



ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS NIGHT
20TH MAY

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MOMENTOUS EVENT AS SUCCESSFUL AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS GONE BY!!

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The graphic features a blue border, a party hat, a checklist with an orange pencil, and confetti.