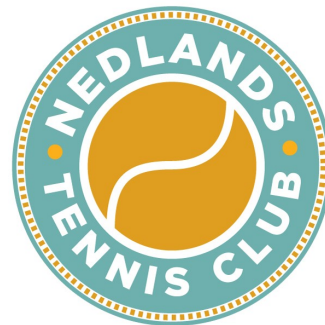


The Network



From the President

Peter French

"Old age and treachery will always beat youth and vitality". So said the sign at my old Squash club. Well, our next generation of members put that to a lie on Sunday in the club championship finals. The stalwarts did not make it easy; the younger ones had to earn their titles and they did not get all the trophies. Read on below.

Summer is drawing to a close but we are blessed to live in Perth so our tennis will continue. Much happened over the summer; our tournament, social play, pennants, dinners and drinks, all organised superbly well, by those whose names grace these pages further. I would like to make a special mention of our indefatigable Vice President, Janet. Thanks Janet, from all of us, for your enormous effort.

Among our challenges has been a new regime of court and grounds maintenance. Whilst we are still bedding down our new arrangements we have had very pleasing feedback on the condition of the grass courts. We intend to schedule some grass courts to be open all winter as we did last year. We have learnt that the courts come back well from a strong hand in scarifying so we will be programming certain courts for such work on rotational basis.

On the subject of courts we received some disappointing news from the Dept of Sport & Recreation (DSR) regarding our bid for funding. You can read more about the detail inside but suffice to say that projects at other clubs were determined to have greater need than ours. Our intent; to provide more facilities for more hours of the day, promoting our juniors and offering the benefits of active membership to the community are aligned with the Council, Tennis West and the DSR. We have their support so we will continue to work towards achieving those goals.

The change in our grounds keeping arrangements brought with it differing financial considerations. Your committee is reviewing our finances and cost structures from top to bottom with the aim of, self-sufficiency, efficiency of spending and provision for the future.

Our sponsors have assisted greatly in their generosity this year. Again you can read more about that inside. Our best thanks are offered by supporting them. If I may sneak in one more special mention it is to Linda Blatchford whose work with our sponsors has not only been fantastic but 'budget-saving' as well.

Our annual dance has morphed into an Awards Night; a mixture of cost reduction and a desire for something different. We expect it to be a fun night and that will be assured by your attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 5 May.

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Dates to Remember

Awards Night

Saturday 5 May 2018

7.00pm

Nedlands Tennis Club

Denim & Boots



Captains' Report

Mel English and John Detwiler

Social tennis at Nedlands is one of the club's strengths. Thanks to all who have been rostered for Saturday afternoon tea and bar duties as well as our babysitter - Paige, and computer operators - Ben and Jack. Weather wise, we have been enjoying tennis friendly conditions with comfortable temperatures and the courts are playing well. If you haven't been to 'Saturday Social' for a while please consider coming down and joining in from 2pm. The more the merrier – plenty of courts available and everyone is welcome. Maybe even consider bringing a guest? The variety (and arguably quality) of sets that the computer 'spits out' increases with more people participating. Other social tennis is also available at various times throughout the week also.

Club Champs are in full swing with some championship events already completed and two round robin competition down with two to go. Congratulations to all of our winners so far and thanks to Helen and Julie for running these events.

Socially we had a good evening at the club on the 24 February, for the long table Summer Cooler – thanks to Janet for organising this event. Please diarise the other upcoming social events – especially the Annual Dinner and Awards Night (bragging rights for winners) on the 5 May and support your club.

Linda Blatchford and Anne Love are having yet another successful season running junior club on Friday afternoons, working with Warren and his team. Parents are able to enjoy a sundowner whilst their children are entertained with tennis activities followed by food and drink. Thanks also go to our committee members for helping out with barbequing and bar duties to make this initiative work.

Special thanks to Anne Love who, as club manager, keeps us all organised and on track and who often goes above and beyond to help out with all things – much appreciated!

Happy Hitting! – Mel and John

League News

Helen Morgan

SUMMER

The Tennis West summer league season is drawing to a close and by the time members read this the finals will have been completed.

As predicted in the last report, except for the Saturday men's division 10 side which remains in first position, there has been quite a lot of movement in team positions on the ladder.

On passing the flower display at Coles in Claremont I noticed some dainty miniature orchids called "little cuties" and immediately thought of my Wednesday tennis team members.

Obviously thinking of or treating your team with affection does not pay off, although we did manage to drag ourselves off the bottom of the ladder into seventh position.

It seems that it requires the "tough love" of captains such as Maticevic, Mofflin, Ferriera and Smalberger to ensure teams make it to the finals. The one exception being team Tan who made the finals merely on ability. In the case of team Mofflin it appears that vicious sledging, equalling that employed by the Australian cricket team, although directed at fellow team mates rather than the opposition, and a curious preoccupation with the culinary efforts of the opposing teams (a preoccupation not seen since Mandy Thomas was a regular Thursday night team member) were important factors leading to their successful season so far.

League News cont....

Congratulations to the 5 teams, out of 14, that made it to the semi-finals:

Wednesday ladies' division 4 (Tan)

Wednesday night men's division 3 (Mofflin)

Thursday night ladies' division 2 (Ferriera)

Saturday men's division 10 (Maticevic)

Saturday ladies' division 3 (Smalberger)

Unfortunately the Wednesday ladies' division 4 side, ably captained by Sara Tan, lost a very close Grand Final however the club's salvation this year was the Saturday men's division 10 side who thankfully brought home the bacon and won their Grand Final so the club will at least receive one shield for the summer season.

WINTER

Winter league nominations have now closed and teams will be announced shortly.

Once again this year an intra club competition will be organised for the men on Wednesday nights.



Ladies Division 4 Final

Well done to the Div 4 girls who were runners up to North Beach who finished top of the ladder. It was a closely contested final played in 36 degree heat!



Coaches Corner



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.

WINTER LEAGUE Registration for winter league (pennants) nominations are now open on the Tennis Excellence website. We have some restrictions on courts in winter so please get in early to guarantee your spot in a team.

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, the entry date has closed for singles events but we are still taking entries for doubles and of course the most fun event on the calendar, the Parent/Child event

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) now that the season has finished. If you would like lessons for yourself or your child in these times please let us know. First in best dressed!

DISCOUNTED TRIAL LESSON

Have you thought about getting a private lesson but never been to certain if it was for you? We are offering a special discounted lesson for just \$50 for a 45 minute lesson between the hours of 9 and 3 on weekdays. This offer is only available to new clients of Tennis Excellence, you are welcome to bring up to three friends along to the lesson too!

TERM 2 ENROLMENTS

Our enrolments will be available online from next week to secure your place for term 2 lessons. The weather has been great this term and we expect more of the same in term 2 just a little milder.

SUPER SERIES

Our Super Series tournaments have now expanded to all of our Tennis Excellence centre across Perth and the South West. We ran our first one at Nedlands a few weeks back and it was very well received by players. Our aim to provide a pathway for our players to take the skills they learn in lessons and put them to the test in a relaxed but competitive environment. If your child is ready to "play a real game" then check out our website or speak to your coach about where and when the next event is taking place. Congratulations to the winners from the 2017 series

Yellow Ball

Winner - Hector Mangharam (Nedlands)
Runner up - Avicknash Dayanandan (Nedlands)

Green Ball

Winner - Andreas Arevalo (Blue Gum)
Runner up - Ben Rippey (Nedlands)
3rd place - Felix Benton (Nedlands)

Orange Ball

Winner - Isaac Agnew (Nedlands)
Runner up - Bryce Gottardo (Blue Gum)
3rd place - Yuanzhi Hua (Nedlands)



HAPPY HITTING!

Warren & Staff at Tennis Excellence - Nedlands

2018 Club Tournament Championship Events Round Up

The majority of the championship matches, including the ladies' singles, ladies' doubles, men's doubles and men's singles consolation finals, were played over the recent March long weekend.

A disappointing feature of this year's tournament has been the prevalence of flagrant foot faulting and "travelling" that has marred many matches. Knowing that this was likely to be a problem it was suggested that a foot fault referee be appointed for the tournament. This suggestion was ignored on the grounds that the club tournament is historically a friendly, relaxed competition between club members and in any event any attempt to penalise this flouting of the rules would have seen the disqualification of most of the men's singles field.

Participants in all events were for the most part evenly matched resulting in some very competitive games being played over the course of the weekend. Results are listed below.

If I did not have complete confidence in the integrity of our club coach Warren Vickers, who kindly did the draw, I may have concluded that the Ladies singles event had been rigged as in the first round the four older players were conveniently pitted against the four younger players. Suffice it to say that, except for Judy Kozak, the oldies all succumbed to their younger opponents.

Thank you to State League veteran and seasoned player Judy for entering the tournament and providing some much needed competition for the younger competitors in both the ladies' singles and doubles events.

The Ladies' singles final saw a changing of the guard with Georgia Tovich playing a high standard of tennis to win in a hard fought match between herself and Judy Kozak.

Another highlight was the ladies singles semi-final between Juliette Steens and Georgia Tovich - an exceedingly long, slug fest between two talented junior players.

It was also great to see two other younger members, Jack Blatchford and David Micalizzi, give the club coach and his partner a real nudge in their men's doubles match.

In the mixed doubles event Dean Hannell no doubt enjoyed playing with his talented daughter Emily to defeat club coach Warren Vickers and Mel English who nevertheless put up a good fight on the day.

Possibly the most notable match of the weekend was the men's doubles final where Warren Vickers and Tony Morgan finally prevailed over Richard Clarke and Andrew Storer in a match of epic proportions.

After the match a member commented that it must have been a long time since Tony Morgan had won a men's doubles final. In fact it is the only time he has won a tournament championship event adding support for the sayings that "all things come to those who wait" and "he who secures a good partner shall win".



2018 Club Championship Events Round Up cont....

Thank goodness Tony and Warren prevailed as their win at least provided a moderating effect on Richard Clarke's ever increasing ego as he made his giant killing run to the men's singles final where his run unfortunately ended at the hands of his younger, faster, more talented doubles partner Andrew Storer.



RESULTS

Ladies Singles Final	Georgia Tovich d Judy Kozak
Ladies Doubles Final	Georgia & Lara Tovich d Judy Kozak & Pip Micalizzi
Men's Doubles Final	Warren Vickers & Tony Morgan d Richard Clarke & Andrew Storer
Men's Singles Consolation Final	Azrul Azmi d Mark Lawrence
Men's Singles Final	Andrew Storer d Richard Clarke
Ladies' Singles Consolation Final	Lara Tovich d Janet Ferreira
Mixed Doubles Final	Juliette Steens & Jon Darmago d Nathalie Smalberger & John Nelson



NTC COURT REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE MARCH 2018

Late in 2017 the NTC applied to the DSR (Department of Sport & Recreation) for a CSRFF (Community Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund) grant through the City of Nedlands for our proposed Court Redevelopment Program. The total project cost was \$360k, which included redevelopment of courts 17/18 to plexipave under lights, replacing court 10/11 with plexipave and converting 15/16 to synthetic, installing lighting on courts 4/5 and replacing existing lighting with energy efficient LED lights.

Although the Nedlands Council voted unanimously in support of our application agreeing to fund a third of the project conditional on DSR's approval, our application was unfortunately turned down by DSR this round. We are still awaiting feedback from DSR but have been in touch with Tennis West who have been very supportive of our project and have proposed a meeting with ourselves and DSR to discuss the way forward.

Janet Ferreira, the NTC Vice President, has also met with the City of Nedlands to pursue the possibility of a staged funding regime and the City has encouraged this, stating that City funds are available to finance a third of a modified proposal, albeit that a further application will need to be lodged in the middle of this year.

That modified proposal is as follows:-

That we pursue lighting on 4/5 and replacement of existing lights with LED lighting and the replacement and relocation of the synthetic courts, possibly in two separate grants of some \$100k each.

While the \$200k is a 'small grant' application, it may be best to do this in two bites, or at least be prepared for two contiguous applications. It is more than likely that they will both succeed, albeit perhaps not at once. The application will be made within the next 3 months.

Everyone's contributions and donations to the programme thus far are obviously ongoing and once we have some surety as to the proposal, we will need to embark on a more ambitious fundraising campaign to fulfil our third of the total cost.

We trust that we have your continued support.

Janet Ferreira

NTC Vice President

Nedlands Tennis Club Awards Night

The Club would like to invite all members to attend the NTC 2018 Annual Awards Night. Enjoy fabulous Brazilian fare by Comida Do Sul Food Truck and a complimentary drink upon entry - \$50 per head.

Date: Saturday 5 May 2018
Time: 7.00pm
Location: Nedlands Tennis Club
Dress Code: Denim & Boots

Tickets are now available:

\$50 per ticket payable to Nedlands Tennis Club:
BSB 066105 A/C 0040 0067 reference your surname/dinner

For general queries about the awards night contact Emma Hammond on emmahammond195@gmail.com.



SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS

We have been working hard to put into place a solid sponsorship program for the Club going forward. Companies can now choose a sponsorship level which best suits them in terms of what they would like to get out of it along with which best fits their budget. There are now four levels of sponsorship, namely, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze, which range in price from \$5,000 down to \$2,000 per annum.

For those companies that would like to support the Club, but don't have the necessary sponsorship funds, there is now an Advertisers Program. For more information on available sponsorship and advertising opportunities at the Club, please contact Linda Blatchford on lblatchford@inquire.com or phone/text 0450-114-112.

SPONSORS FOR 2017/2018:

We would like to welcome both existing and new sponsors to the Club. These are listed below along with a short paragraph or two on each company. Wherever possible please try and support our sponsors and advertisers as they are supporting us.

We especially express our gratitude to our new sponsors ZORZI Builders, DB&B Electrical and Hollywood Private Hospital, for joining the sponsorship family this new sponsorship year.

PLATINUM SPONSORS:

Gordon Davies has been the major sponsor of the Nedlands Tennis Club for over 50 years. He was on the committee for 28 years and organised junior and senior pennants teams and practise for a large number of teams over most of those years.

His skills are also clearly seen in the real estate world. Gordon caters for everyone, week in, week out.

This week he sold a strata for \$435,000, listed a property for \$565,000 and another for \$8,000,000. He welcomes the support from all club members and their friends and families. Although he has been selling real estate for 52 years he still makes mistakes - especially on the tennis court!



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Members of the **DB&B Electrical team** go out of their way to ensure they understand their clients' needs and expectations. Each job is carefully scoped in order to ensure the correct advice is given. Ultimately, DB&B Electrical strive to meet the needs of all of its clients; regardless of whether the client has used them once or a hundred times before. The company thrives on **word-of-mouth recommendations**, with numerous clients having used the company for more than 10 years. It is this client value that has seen DB&B Electrical go from strength to strength.

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New members—A warm welcome to our new members

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	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
31-Mar-18	**	Alison Webster	Alison Webster	Easter Weekend
07-Apr-18	Mel English	Rob & Julie Lilburne	Julie Lilburne	Round Robin 7 & 8 April
14-Apr-18	John Detwiler	Gill and Noel Hart	Anne Love	
21-Apr-18	Mel English	Trish Heath & Alison Webster	Trish Heath	
28-Apr-18	John Detwiler	Lucia Agnello & Stjepan Maticevic	Helen Morgan	
05-May-18	Mel English	Annie Bull & Judy King	Annie Bull	AWARDS NIGHT
12-May-18	John Detwiler	Lisa & Alan Boynton	Alan Bruce	
19-May-18	Mel English	Marian Aylmore & Leith Malcolm	Leith Malcolm	
26-May-18	John Detwiler	Ken Houston & Gordon Royle	Judy King	
02-Jun-18	Mel English	Jill & Tony Morgan	Tony Morgan	"WA Day" Long Weekend
09-Jun-18	John Detwiler	Joan Burfitt & Lyn Power	Ken Houston	Wine Tasting Evening
16-Jun-18	Mel English	Michael Glynn & Roger Liu	Neville Opie	
23-Jun-18	John Detwiler	Peter Barratt & Nigel Shaw	Judy King	
30-Jun-18	Mel English	Deb Lord & Julian Goldsworthy	Deb Lord	
07-Jul-18	John Detwiler	Trish Heath & Alison Webster	Peter Schmitt	
14-Jul-18	Mel English	Emma Hammond & Gillian Webb	Neil Rider	
21-Jul-18	John Detwiler	Liz Schmitt & Nat Smalberger	Alison Gattorna	DINNER OFF THE GREEN
28-Jul-18	Mel English	Steve Duncan & Steve French	Steve Duncan	
04-Aug-18	John Detwiler	Bridget & Peter Ammon	Bridget Ammon	
11-Aug-18	Mel English	Noel Hart & Neville Opie	Noel Hart	
18-Aug-18	John Detwiler	Penny Oldfield & Frank Woodmore	Alan Bruce	AGM 21 August
25-Aug-18	Mel English	Steve Kerr & John Nelson	Nigel Bill	QUIZ NIGHT
01-Sep-18	John Detwiler	Helen & Peter Morgan	Helen Morgan	
08-Sep-18	Mel English	Rob & Andrew Storer	Di Bowman	
15-Sep-18	John Detwiler	Marko Kruger & Suresh Sakar	Rosie McCallum	
22-Sep-18	Mel English	Judy & Kon Kozac	Mel English	
29-Sep-18	John Detwiler	Tricia Herkess & Pat Jonklaas	Jill Morgan	
06-Oct-18			Lucia Agnello	BUSY BEE
13-Oct-18		Committee Members	Deb Lord & Mel Eng-	OPEN DAY 2018 - Bring a plate
				*School Holidays
				* Social Events

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

Australian Seniors O/60s Tennis Div 1 WA Team Gold Coast Jan 2018

By Tony Morgan



This campaign saw captain Frank Sweeney (here seen plotting in business class) continue an autocratic, elitist and despotic leadership style. His assessment was that the team's relative youth in O/60s - if this apparent contradiction in terms can be excused - was not a sufficient counterbalance for the lack of talent in the group. He believed there to have been unfavourable and unwarranted grading of this squad into the highly competitive and skill laden first division. A strategic plan not divulged to the playing group until the tournament completion, was to engineer a division 2 entry in the 2019 carnival. The approach was in my analysis, although ruthless and manipulative, inspired . The selections pitted our stronger players against the best teams and our weaker against the **remainder** giving always a close to zero likelihood of a win despite the herculean commitment (as evidenced by emotive and oath laden cries of

disappointment at points lost) of the players involved.

This plan was supported otherwise by, in his absence from fixtures, the appointment of stand in captains (Kevin Shannon, myself) who "brought to the table" an almost complete lack of leadership qualities and people skills. Although to be fair Shannon occasionally says "**Right Here !**" a point or two before a game is lost. Additionally the resort style mansion accommodation he arranged in 2 acres of manicured grounds with swimming pool, bar and (little used) tennis court enhanced the development of an extremely soft centre in a near spineless group. Sweeney then boycotted a mid week team building activity (surfing lesson) ,suggested by one of the stand in captains after worrying early results, effectively torpedoing the exercise. Through all this some how he managed the best win loss ratio to be MVP (2-8 or thereabouts). Impressively he showed no sign of panic when at the completion of the round robins we lay 4th out of 6 and somehow almost by what appeared a form of wizardry, after final play offs Frank had guided us well south of 5th with the wooden spoon safely and most assuredly in our hands.

Shepparton Div 2 2019 is now so much more than a dream.

Importantly the Hollier Cup (eponymously after the previous 2 time winner who was unfortunately unable to compete this year) played at Southport GC was won by Geoff Thomas. Golf 6 days tennis 5.



L-R Geoff Thomas, Richard Clarke, Shane Paskett, Frank Sweeney, John Turner, Kevin Shannon, Dave Mofflin, Tony Morgan, Ian Mumford (photo at Palmer Colonial)



National Tennis Seniors Over 60's Mens —Applications Open 2019

In 2018, Western Australia again fielded a team in the National Tennis Seniors Over 60 Men's event.

The squad of nine was carefully hand-picked by Captain and Director of Strategy and Pain-Management, Frank Sweeney, to meet three key criteria.

Each team member needed:

1. To have played tennis (or a similar racquet sport) at some stage in their life;
2. Demonstrate that they were not a current holder of an ACROD parking sticker; and
3. Confirm that they could raise the funds necessary to purchase a bus or plane ticket to Queensland's Gold Coast.

Unfortunately, due to an awful administrative blunder, which made Hawaii's recent accidental Ballistic Missile Alert, appear 'regrettable but acceptable', the team was entered in Division 1.

The consequence of this inexcusable bureaucratic bungle was that the local team instantly became unbackable favourites to achieve 'wooden-spoon-holder' status.

Only the bookmakers, and the team's opponents, avoided deep disappointment and/or clinical depression.

THE 2018 BATTLE MAY BE LOST BUT THE WAR HAS JUST BEGUN.

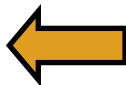
In what may be a world-first, an unofficial audio-video record of the disastrous 2018 campaign has been produced.

Many mistakenly regard it as a sobering memento of a terrible week.

But its principal purpose is to help recruit suitably talent-challenged Over 60 male players to apply for inclusion in the 2019 Squad.

As you'll see (**click on the YouTube link below**) the video makes it clear that whilst the 2018 Team achieved international standards of inability and ineptitude, there is possibly still room to push the boundaries of awfulness, and underperform at the highest level.

<https://youtu.be/mdjahurb9R8>



APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON DECEMBER 25, 2018.

If you aspire to represent your State in national competition but lack skill, fitness and experience, you may still be too good to qualify for selection in the 2019 Nedlands Tennis Club-based Over 60 Men's Division Two Team, which will commence training for the event on January 8, 2019.

But you're nonetheless encouraged to apply, via email, to the team's Captain and Head of Recruitment and Morale Management, Frank Sweeney, at: franksweeney@live.com.au

The event itself will commence in Shepparton, Victoria, on or around January 10, 2019.

Places in the squad are strictly limited, the selector's decision will be final, and no correspondence or seedy-negotiating-bars will be entered into.

The final squad will be announced on or before January 4, 2019.

Good luck.

Christmas Party 2017

