

Welcome to the summer edition of the Belconnen Tennis Club Newsletter (BTC) for 2023.

From the Club President



Members,

Thank you for those who have participated in the competition and social tennis on behalf of BTC. We continue to show excellent results at every level, and age group.

The committee agreed recently to increase fees for the club. We did so after many months of consideration and reflection. This is never an easy decision. We weighed many considerations in making our final determination. The most significant of them was the need to prepare the club to replace the court surfaces when that becomes a requirement.

I'd like to thank the committee members who have once again stepped up in many ways to make the life of the members easier and the BTC continue being a place where the community can learn and enjoy tennis. Some of the committee members elected at the Annual General Meeting had been unable to meet the commitment and have been stood down and replaced. We recently welcomed Julia Anapoualla as the social media committee members. And we farewell Warren who left for Queensland.

The committee continues to develop the strategic plan. We are also keeping the bylaws updated, with altered methods of behaviour. Recent changes included the banning of dogs, other than service animals, from the courts, streamlining and documenting of governance processes, engaged with legal representation to rectify court 6 concerns and the removal of trees between the car park and courts to future proof court 1 and court 3.

I would ask two members to make two decisions;

1. **Supporting good conduct:** Player conduct remains a significant contributor to people leaving the game at all levels. Please be guided by the bylaws on conduct. Perhaps if one asked oneself how you would like to be treated then you may be guided as to you and your colleague's behaviour as well. Please ensure you and your playing companions remain respectful at all times.
2. **Book and use.** If you decide you do not want to play and you have a court booked – please cancel that booking. The club is plagued by members who are booking courts and not using them, leaving courts 'unavailable' and not used. This is both a financial burden and a serious inconvenience. [I continue to warn that we may have to charge all members for the booking of a court].

Meet our new Social Media Coordinator



I extend my warm greetings to all members of the Belconnen Tennis Club.

I am Julia, and it is both an honor and a pleasure to communicate with you through our esteemed newsletter. Although I am a recent addition to the Belconnen Tennis Club, my dedication to tennis spans six years, reflecting my enduring passion for the sport.

In my immersion into the world of tennis, I have observed and appreciated the remarkable camaraderie and sportsmanship that define our club. Whether you are a seasoned player with years of experience or a newcomer stepping onto the

BTC Christmas Party

Please join us for the BTC Christmas party on **Sunday 10 December following the Club Championships**



Details

Time: Festivities will kicking off around 4.30pm
Cost: Free
Who: Members and non-members
How to register: online by [clicking HERE](#) or emailing belconnentennisclub@gmail.com
RSVP: **Wednesday 6 December 2023** to enable us to cater appropriately.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist on the day of the Christmas party. Please send us an email, belconnentennisclub@gmail.com, if you can spare some time.



We would also appreciate it if people who are able to bring a plate to share - snacks, salad or dessert. These can be dropped off from 4pm.

Club Championship Singles

The BTC Members only Club Championship Singles for A grade and B grade are full and ready to go on Saturday 2 December 2023.

If you have any questions please contact the BTC Club Captain, James Crocker on 0419605459 or belconnentennisclub@gmail.com.

Club Championship Doubles

BTC Members only Club Championship Doubles Round Robin will be held prior to the BTC Christmas Party:

B grade and C grade:

Date: Sunday 10 December 2023.
Time 1.00pm start, warm up from 12.30
RSVP: **Saturday 2 December 2023**
Cost: \$10 member

Please text your name and preferred playing grade to the BTC Club Captain, James Crocker on 0419605459 once you have received your registration confirmation.

WTN Christmas and End of Year Party

Details

Date: **Saturday 16 December 2023**.
Time 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Cost: \$5 member, \$10 non-member
RSVP: COB Thursday 14 December

Social tennis, Lucky Door prize, refreshments after tennis in the gazebo, and depending on the level of interest, we will have a Fast-4 Round Robin (prizes for the winners). Even if you have not been playing regularly or for a time, you are most welcome to come along for social tennis and/or a catch-up over

court for the first time, my commitment is to ensure that each member feels a sense of inclusion and welcome.

As the designated point of contact for our tennis community, I encourage you to connect with me through Facebook. Whether you seek information about upcoming events, wish to share your tennis achievements, or simply desire to engage with fellow tennis enthusiasts, I am here to assist.

Belconnen Tennis Club transcends being merely a venue for playing tennis; it is a dynamic community bound by our collective passion for the sport. I am enthusiastic about contributing to this community spirit and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet and engage with each of you on the tennis courts.

Looking forward to many shared moments of tennis excellence!

Best regards,

Julia 

Junior convener and coach update



The Junior Tennis League has just concluded. The Belconnen Tennis Club had 13 teams entered, the most of all clubs in Canberra. I am proud to report that of the 7 divisions, we had teams compete in the finals of Div 1, Div 3, Div 4 and Div 5. We were successful in winning the Div 3 final and just to make the finals is a great achievement. Please join me in congratulating our teams on a great season.

Key dates - Canberra Tennis League upcoming

Junior Autumn 2024

Dates	Competition (weeks)	Entries close
25 Feb - 10 May	Green Ball League (8w)	9 Feb
25 Feb - 16 June	Yellow Ball League (10w)	9 Feb

Adult Summer 2024

Dates	Competition (weeks)	Entries close
8 Jan - 19 Feb	Mon & Tues Night League (7w)	1 Dec
11 Jan - 22 Feb	Thursday Night League (7w)	1 Dec
6 Jan - 17 Feb	Saturday League (7w)	1 Dec
TBC	Women's Midweek League	Weekly

Adult Autumn 2024

Dates	Competition (weeks)	Entries close
4 Mar - 3 Jun	Mon & Tues Night League (11w)	16 Feb
7 Mar - 30 May	Thursday Night League (11w)	16 Feb
2 Mar - 1 June	Saturday League (10w)	16 Feb
TBC	Women's Midweek League	Weekly

Reminder - Canberra Tennis League registration changes



For those who would like to play in the Canberra Tennis League, as of 1 September 2023 it became compulsory for all players to have a [Competitive Player Profile \(CPP\)](#) and an activated Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) to be registered for as Tennis ACT transition to a digital platform. This includes all reserves and fill in players throughout the seasons.

refreshments from about 3.30pm. All women (18 years +) are welcome.

For more information about joining the WTN and the Party Contact Janet Bruce; M: 0439690053 E: janet.a.bruce@gmail.com.au.



Sunday Social

BTC regularly runs mixed doubles social tennis on a Sunday afternoon. If you can maintain a rally, come along and introduce yourself.

Sunday Social will run throughout the holiday season, including Christmas Eve and New Year Eve.

Details

Time: from 1.30pm
Cost: \$5 for Members; \$10 for Non-members
No bookings are required

Midweek Women's Social Tennis

Details

When: every Wednesday
Time: 10.00am - 12pm

Do you have the day off?
Working part-time?
On holidays?
Between jobs?
Retired?

Why not join us at tennis on Wednesdays? For more information contact: Janet Bruce E: janet.a.bruce@gmail.com; Mob: 0439690053

US Open Celebration Tournament



We had 14 teams playing in the US Open Celebration Tournament. A great afternoon was had by all, and thank you to our secretary Jenny for the catering which was

devoured by the ravenous players. Thank you to Club Captain, James C for all his work in the lead up to the day, as well as to several other volunteers who put the effort in to ensure everyone had a great time.

The winners were:

- Group 1 Dominic V & Duc L; 2nd place Ofer Z and Martin K.
- Group 2 had a 3 way tie for 1st place. Bruno De O and Reza V; Stephan B and Mark W; and Mieler P and John Y.



Women's Tennis Network 5th Anniversary Celebrations

Celebrations have continued since our stellar event at the end of June!

Surveyor's Hill Vineyard – Luncheon 23 July



A group of our players and guests enjoyed a fabulous luncheon and afternoon at Surveyor's Hill Vineyards, Wallaroo. We presented Glenys, with a certificate thanking her for their support of the WTN 5th Anniversary and generous donation of a mixed carton of wine for prizes. *Photo: L-R: Sally, Jenny, Janet, Bernadette, Glenys, Warren, Jan, Tony, Kris; Seated L-R: Kate, Liz, Lois*

2nd WTN 5th Anniversary Round Robin and Social Tennis Afternoon – 30 September

It was another perfect day for some great tennis with lots of fun followed by fabulous refreshments and the presentation of prizes. Thank you to all who participated, to those who played who were unable to come in June, and to all who helped on the day. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up: Div. 1 W: Ganna and Michelle. RU: Barbara and Bernadette. Encouragement: Jo and Yanping. Div. 2 W: Francina and Jodie. RU: Melissa L and Purity. Encouragement: Liz and Kerry. And to the Lucky Door Prize winners!

A big 'Thank You' to our sponsors and donors on the day and throughout our anniversary celebrations this year: Tennis ACT, McDonalds



Belconnen, Curves Jamison, Turkish Pide House Jamison, Surveyor's Hill Vineyard, Bunnings Belconnen, Kinh Do Restaurant Macquarie, The Allergy Centre, Jamison, 'Massage Me' (Glenda Singh). *Photo: Back L-R: Michelle, Yanping, Shiori, Jodie, Izabel, Jan Aubrey, Jan Liddell, Liz, Ganna, Bernadette, Glenda, Janet, Joss, Lois Front: L-R: Melissa L, Jo, Francina, Barbara, Subha, Kerry*

Do you know the difference between heat stroke and heat exhaustion?

Heatstroke

- Reduced sweating
- High body temperature (+ 40°C)
- Dry, flushed, hot skin
- Nausea
- Muscle spasms
- Pain throughout the body
- Unusual behaviour or signs of confusion
- Seizure or possible loss of responsiveness

Heat exhaustion

- Normal or mildly higher body temperature
- Cool, pale, clammy skin
- Excessive sweating
- Thirsty
- Headache
- Muscle cramps
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Fainting or dizziness.



Thanks for everyone who worked hard to make the day a success and to all the players for coming.



In case you missed it

On 7 August 2023 The Canberra Times published the article, - Kim Huynh and Kylie Message-Jones | More submissions needed into Carer Recognition Act inquiry – to read the full article [click here](#).



Stroke survivor Thiet Huynh hits the courts with the support of his caring family, pictured with son Kim Huynh. Picture by Xavier Huynh

Where to find more information on BTC

Visit our website [Belconnen Tennis Club](#)
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Contact us

Email: BelconnenTennisClub@gmail.com

Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 December 2023. BTC Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Photos from 2nd WTN 5th Anniversary Round Robin and Social Tennis Afternoon



Photos L-R: Francina, Jodie, Ganna, Michelle, Bernadette