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The tournament season is here

I hope you have all noticed the influx of tournament play at the centre. DITC has been fortunate to host the NT's four major tournaments for 2021 all back to back over the last three weeks. These events have attracted over 100 interstate participants, all staying a minimum 7 days which is tennis doing its part to boost our NT economy. Amongst these players will likely be future Australian Davis and Fed Cup representatives as they represent a cross section of Australia's best emerging tennis talent. While it's been a big drain on all concerned we are grateful to host these events and play our part in showing Darwin off to so many first time visitors.



Our coaching program continues to evolve as players adjust to the style and expectation that represent our coaching brand. My personal highlight this term has been seeing so many new players progress into our match play programs. The Short Court Warriors Match Play (Friday 5-30 to 6-30pm) has proved a hit with players and parents as tennis moves from training to game play for the first time. The green ball and hard ball match play (Friday 5 to 7pm) has given our players a chance to tune their competitive skills as they prepare for term 3's return of the interclub junior competition.

A big congratulations to Coach Jason Wang for the work he is doing introducing tennis to Adult players of Chinese origin. It's great to see so many new faces at the centre and emphasizes our responsibility to bring tennis to the many cultures that make up the Darwin population.



During May DITC also hosted the annual Nepalese Association of NT tennis event. This concluded with a final on Centre court won by Dhruba Karki.



Holiday Clinics

Holiday clinics are a great way to move your game to the next level while making tennis friends that could keep you in the sport for life. See details of our clinics on the reverse page. Gardens Tennis (in front of Casino) will be running afternoon clinics while TEMS in Coconut Grove will run full day multi Sport Clinics. Which ever you choose we hope you enjoy your tennis.

Holiday Tournaments

School Holidays is a great time to play tournament tennis. Tennis Palmerston are offering two UTR series events. Series 1 runs from June 26 to 29 with Series 2 runs from July 1 to 4. There are doubles and singles events for all standards. For details contact Alex on 0427999452 or check the posters in reception.

Tennis NT will be staging the Darwin and NT Age Titles at DITC Marrara during the third week of the holidays.

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Adult Social Tennis Mixer

Social tennis for adults has been attracting a crowd on Saturday afternoons from 5pm. The next sessions will be Saturday June 19 and Saturday June 26 before taking a break over the school holidays and term 3 long weekends. It will recommence in term 3 on August 7. Cost is \$10 or free for DITC members.

Super 10s

The second season of Super 10s will commence with a Registration / Trial day on August 7 followed by match days on Saturday PM August 14, Sunday AM August 15, Saturday PM August 21 Sunday AM August 22.

Register your interest via the following link. <https://www.tennis.com.au/leagues/super-10s/northern-territory>

New Club Shirts

Did you know our new club shirt has become quite the souvenir amongst our interstate tennis guests. The shirts as worn by the coaches are available in sizes from kids 8 to Adults 3XL from reception for \$45 (Members \$36). We will be asking players to wear club shirts when representing DITC in the Darwin Junior Interclub Competition in term 3.

Free Equipment and Courts while you Wait:

The bucket of racquets and balls will remain for all our coaching families to enjoy while at lessons. It's great to see so many parents having a hit with their kids. For those coaching students who don't yet have a racquet and need to borrow one for lessons please grab one from the bucket before you come to court.



Join a Holiday Clinic:

Give your game a head start by enrolling in a DITC holiday clinic. Completing the four days consecutive training is a great way to move through the tennis challengers opening new opportunities and pathways. At holiday clinics you meet active kids just like you that could become your tennis friends, keeping you in the game for life.

Clinic 1: 4 Days: 8-30am to 11-30am
Monday June 28 to Thursday July 1

Clinic 2: 4 Days: 8-30am to 11-30am
Monday July 5 to Thursday July 8

Cost: \$50 per day or \$140 per clinic.

Ages: Players must be 7 plus years of age.



Why a “Messy” coaching court is a good thing

At its highest level Tennis remains a game of imperfections. Mistakes dominate with playing the perfect match something tennis players strive for but understand they will never achieve. In preparing participants for the sport we believe the coaching court has to reflect this imperfect environment. As coaches we hope you see us appreciating and rewarding players for their effort, energy and willingness to explore what’s possible rather than what’s comfortable. Being engaged in the exchange of the ball, even with modified rules provides context, giving a reason for improving technical skills which in turn extends the game into previously unexplored areas. Its commonly said that we learn through our mistakes which is exactly what the organised chaos of the messy court empowers.

Schools visit DITC Marrara

In June School Sport NT held its Darwin Gala Day at DITC Marrara. These sorts of Gala days through the school system introduce a lot of new faces to tennis and are crucial to the growth of the sport.



Making Tennis Friends

When your friends play tennis your more likely to stay in the game so be brave and ask a friend to try it. Let us know in reception so we can make sure we keep you and your friend together.

DITC Players in The NT Open Junior Event

It was great to see Dusty and Hunter Cannard, Alex Bracken, Zane Hughes, Adekiite Ologunde and Issabelle Tan enter the NT Open junior event. With tennis being a tournament sport playing in tournaments is an essential part of every juniors progression in the sport.



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Interclub Junior Competition Recommences

This is team tennis where you get to represent your club against the other Darwin and Palmerston based clubs. Prepare for the season by keep Saturday mornings free for term 3 and by purchasing a DITC Club shirt to wear during the season. A club grading day will be held after the first week back in term 3 to organise teams with matches starting on Saturday August 7.

Term 3 Junior Tournaments and Events

June 26 to 29 Palmerston Series 1 UTR

July 1 to 4 Palmerston Series 2 UTR

July 9 to 13 Darwin Junior Champs DITC Marrara

July 14 to 18 NT Junior Championships DITC Marrara

July 30 to August 2 Junior Bronze event at Gardens

For a full list of tournaments go to <https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/>