



Newsletter June, 2019

The VOLLEY

Welcome to the June, 2019 edition of *The Volley*!

Membership

- Membership has grown to 133 so far this year which is behind last year at the same time and with winter

approaching it is unlikely to grow much more. The DTC committee is focussing on a membership package for the 2019/20 year which hopefully will attract more past members to re-join, existing members to stay and new members to become members. So watch this space regarding the membership offer.

Hot Press

- **Club function to celebrate receiving the \$10,000 ANZ Grant and the opening of the Book a Court system – Fri 28th June, 2019**

Sponsorship

- The **big** news around sponsorship is that **Inspirations Paint** has come on board **big time**. They have not only become our Club's Platinum sponsor, but they have also supplied the Club with a wheelbarrow full of goods worth about \$1,000 to be raffled on the season-opening night – Friday, October 12th, 2019. The raffle should raise up to \$2,000 for the Club.
- We are also fortunate to have the wonderful support of the following local businesses, people and local government. Please support our Sponsors by being one of their customers if at all possible!!
 - Halliwell Property Agents
 - Synectic
 - Lending4U
 - 7AD and SeaFM
 - Landscape Concepts
 - Jackson Motor Company
 - Devonport City Council, and
- Please note that JMC will pay the Club \$250 if any member of the Club buys a car from JMC. President David picked up a bargain at Agfest from JMC and the Club is now \$250 better off, so it does work!

- As part of Landscape Concepts' in-kind sponsorship until the end of the 2019/20 tennis year, the area immediately west of the new Book-A-Court entrance path was excavated down to 200mm and then filled with road base and compacted in readiness for sealing with hotmix
- And in other exciting news, the Club was successful in its application to be one of only 20 Clubs in Australia to be awarded a **\$10,000 grant from ANZ**. This money will be used to seal the ground surface in front of the hitting wall on both sides of the wall, renew the fence along the southern boundary of the hitting wall area, have the HotShots court lines painted on the eastern ground surface of the hitting wall, install mesh fencing along the new entrance path and the top of the hitting wall, and if there is any money left over, to use it on improving the paths leading to the courts. Note that the hotmix surface for the hitting wall will not be done until we know the outcome of a Grant application for the toilet upgrade.

Club improvements

- Since the last **Volley** in October last year there have been a number of developments around our Club:
 - The Book-a-Court system has been installed and is now active. Thanks must go to Colin Mathew for all the invisible computer work he has done to get this system up and running on our website. Deryl Edwards and Jake Gleeson also deserve a vote of thanks for their electrical expertise. We would like all members to log on to the Club's Website and register for Book-A-Court. www.tennis.com.au/devonporttennisclub
It is very easy to do and if you are a member, there is no charge, unless you wish to play at night when lights are needed. Note that if this is the case, the lights will come on automatically on the lit court you have booked. It is our intention to lock the pedestrian gate soon, so you will need to use the Book-A-Court system to gain access using the code received on your phone or by email and the pin pad on the new gate at the Club.
 - The hitting wall has been rendered, painted the two-tone blue colour of the courts, with a white net line the framework for a high fence installed on top of the wall.
 - Thanks to David Johnston, the synthetic grass courts have been treated with soda ash to kill any moss or algae growing in the pile and investigations have been made into having these courts properly maintained to bring them up to standard again.
- We are eagerly awaiting the outcome of a Medium Tasmanian Community Fund Grant application to upgrade the toilets and changerooms in the Clubhouse. If successful, this work will take place over winter and should be finished by the start of the next tennis season.

Club Tennis news from Sam Gleeson

Club Championships

In early February over the week leading up to Music by the Sea, the Club Championships were run and won. The results were:

Women's A Grade	Ana Vaka
Women's A Reserve	Martina Steven
Women's B Grade	Asher Ianuali

Men's A grade	Hector Lenton
Men's A Reserve	Simon Layton
Men's B Grade	James Plapp

Well done to all who competed and congratulations to our 2019 Champions.

Devonport v Burnie Challenge

In late February, a number of members from the club took to the courts to try and win back the Devonport v Burnie Challenge Shield. It was a real team effort with Ben Hollister and Doug Robinson helping out with a tight win in their doubles while Ant and Alex Mountney rounded out the day with an upset over Jamie Kay and Arnaka Bourn in a match tiebreak. We also saw an appearance from Simon Layton who left a wedding reception to rush to the club to replace an injured Gray Hiller in the second rubber! On the day, we won back the trophy with a convincing 15-11 victory.

Club Doubles Championships

On ANZAC Day the Club's best doubles players hit the courts to battle for the title of Club Doubles Champion. A title that has been left uncontested for numerous years garnered a high level of interest with some unexpected combinations entering the fray. Paul Santangelo, after a 20 year absence from the club, paired with Simon Layton while Felix Ellis signed up his brother Lindsay and they added some firepower to the B Grade draw. They battled their way through the competitive B Grade field to take out the final 9-5 against Deryl Edwards and Tony Cock. In A Grade, Martin Crawford's quest to see his name on the honour boards of the Club once again were thwarted at the final hurdle as Ant and Jason Sferco took out the A Grade title against Martin and Matt Young 9-3. Congratulations to the new Club Doubles Champions.

Club Junior Tournament

That same week saw a junior tournament contested at the club with a popular hot shots program run simultaneously by Addison Tu. A good two days was had by all involved and a big congratulations to the four champions, Thenula Idirimanna, Tito Santangelo, Jesse Ianuali and Elizabeth Titlow. Thanks to Frank for firing up the Barbecue on many occasions to provide food for the Juniors – and “seniors” as well. This has helped to generate a good atmosphere around the Club on Roster nights.

Junior Development Series Tournament

Tennis Tasmania is hosting two JDS tournaments for the juniors in the North this month. Check out the Tennis Tasmania website for more details. Another junior tournament will be held in the July school holidays.

Gray's tennis program over winter is as follows:

Monday	3.30 pm Junior squad Coaching 5.00 pm Adult Drills
Tuesday	3.30-5.30 pm Private Coaching 5.30 pm Doubles Quadrant
Wednesday	3.30 pm Junior squad Coaching
Thursday	3.30 pm Hot Shots and Junior coaching and play
Friday	3.30 pm Hot Shots and Green Ball play 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm Singles and Doubles
Saturday and Sunday	Private Coaching
Sunday	12.30 pm Singles and Doubles when required

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY TENNIS RELATED PROGRAMS CONTACT OUR TENNIS OPERATOR, GRAY HILLER ON 0417 321 241 WHO HAS 45 YEARS EXPERIENCE AS A PLAYER AND COACH.

PRO-SHOP - RACQUETS, SHOES, GRIPS, RESTRINGING AND ACCESSORIES ALL AVAILABLE.

Anna Vaka – our own rep in the Pizzey Cup Tasmanian team

Anna was selected in the Tasmanian Pizzey Cup team which competed against all other States in South Australia in May this year. Ana said they beat ACT and NT and it was a great experience for her to represent the State for this tournament. Visit this website to read more about the selected Tasmanian team and the history of the Pizzey Cup.

<https://www.tennis.com.au/tas/news/2019/02/27/tasmanias-pizzey-cup-team-named-for-2019>

The Pizzey cup is a tennis tournament which has been held every year since 1963 for selected high school aged students in Australia. This is the 3rd time Ana has represented our State for tennis tournaments between the Australian States. Well done Ana!



Some of the Tasmanian Pizzey Cup Team - Ana is second on the left.

Club Activities and Events

Footy tipping Competition

A big thank you to Alex Mountney who has stepped up to run the Footy Tipping competition this year. It's always difficult to fill Deryl Edwards' shoes (sic), but Alex is doing a great job.

Music by the Sea

This is somewhat old news, but this annual event, the Club's largest fund raiser, was held back in February, but there has not been a **Volley** since then and so has not been reported. This year's event was a great success despite some bad weather threats and raised almost \$4,000 for the Club. A big vote of thanks to

Jane Harris as usual for organising MBTS and all her helpers as well. The Club Championships were run during the week leading up to MBTS which helps to build some excitement around the event.

Club Celebration

We will be holding a **party at the Club rooms on Friday 28th June** to celebrate the successful application for the ANZ Grant of \$10,000, the commissioning of the Book-A-Court booking system and the major sponsorship support from Inspirations Paint and the support of all our other sponsors. This will be a big night with finger food and platters provided by the Club.

We will be inviting some guests along as well and some tennis will be on offer also. It should be a great night and we urge everyone to save this date and get along to the Club rooms and celebrate.

Sponsorship

Thanks again to all our wonderful sponsors who currently are:

Inspirations Paint

Jackson Motor Company

Lending4U

Synectic

Spreyton Butchery

Halliwell Property Agents

Landscape Concepts

Radio 7AD/SeaFM

The Devonport City Council has provided wonderful support to the Club over the last four to five years as well which the Club appreciates very much.

Our sponsors' logos can be seen below.

Court naming rights

We are still looking for individual court sponsors. The sponsor would have naming rights to a court for one year. The annual cost to sponsor a court with lights is \$300 and those without lights, \$200. If anyone has a business and they would like to support the Club and advertise their business, please let Gray or any of the Committee know. The Committee members are:

President: David Johnston

Vice President: Sam Gleeson

Secretary: Leigh Titmus

Treasurer: Colin Mathew

Other committee members: Jane Harris, Lucy Titmus, Martina Steven, Sione Vaka, Daniel Tattersall and Frank Ianuali.

Leigh Titmus

Secretary

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