



Newsletter October, 2018

The VOLLEY

Welcome to the October, 2018 edition of **The Volley!**

Membership

- Membership for the new Tennis season currently stands at 72.

We noticed that not many members from 2017/18 took

advantage of the 10% discount if memberships were paid by the end of September. This seems to occur every year but the membership gradually grows throughout the year. We have a few new ideas which may make renewing membership or becoming a new member less painful. For example, people could sign a monthly direct debit authorisation rather than pay a large annual membership in one hit.

Items of note

- **200 Club Fundraiser Sat 10th Nov 2018**
- **Free Tennis Day Sat 17th Nov 2018**
- **Twilight Social Tennis starts on Thurs 25th Oct 2018**

Club improvements

- Since the last Newsletter in February this year, Courts 7, 8 and 9 have been re-surfaced. We now have 9 plexi-pave courts which have all been resurfaced in the last 3 to 4 years.
- The synthetic grass courts need a lot of work done to them. Stewart Brown has been working on a solution to lifting the flattened synthetic pile on these courts. You may have seen a couple of patches of disturbed pile on Court 2 where some tests have been undertaken. Anyway, Stewart thinks he has a recipe to fix the surface of these 2 courts, so we will have a go at fixing Court 2 in the near future.
- A new gate and footpath have been installed which is all part of the new Book-a-Court system that Tennis Australia is supporting right around Australia. There will be more to say about this system once the cabling, keypad and modem have been installed which should be very soon. The system will allow members and non-members alike to enter the premises by entering a code into the keypad at the gate. Non-members can go on-line and book a certain court at a certain time, pay the fee including a light fee if it is at night time, and they will receive a text message on their mobile phone. This code is entered into the key pad at the gate which will open and allow entry. Members will have their own dedicated code. There will be a training session for members on the Book-a-Court system once it is installed. In theory this will increase participation in the sport and make it easier to gain court access anywhere in Australia.

- The hitting wall has been rendered recently and will soon be painted the same two-tone blue colour used on the re-surfaced courts. Some fence mesh will be installed on top of the wall and along the hand-rail of the new footpath to help contain tennis balls.
- The next big development at the Club will hopefully be a toilet and changeroom upgrade. Plans have been developed and after a few meetings and changes, we now have the final set of plans ready to go to tender. Basically, the men's toilet area will have a uni-sex/disabled toilet added, a re-positioned toilet, two urinals, one shower and changerooms provided. A small storeroom will also be installed which will have access only from behind the bar. The women's toilets and changerooms will also be re-vamped to make better use of the space available. The kitchen will be lengthened by about a metre though the removal of the current men's and women's showers on the southern side of the building. The current pro-shop will become a storeroom for all the Club's bigger items, such as deck heaters, carpet rolls, gazebo, barbecue, gas bottles, cleaning equipment etc. A set of plans will be pinned on the noticeboard for members to browse. We have already been awarded a Major Grant from the Devonport City Council, for which we are very grateful, but we need to be successful in our endeavours to win another major grant and also extend our loan with Tennis Australia. We have a great Clubhouse and it will be even better if we can achieve this major upgrade.

Tennis news

Crowe Horwath North West Tennis League

The Crowe Horwath NWTL is now in its second year and the DTC have 1 A Grade team and 4 A Reserve teams entered in this 8 week pennant competition. There are teams entered from Latrobe, Ulverstone, Burnie and Devonport Tennis Clubs. It is good to see inter-Club competition tennis back on the scene after a long hiatus. After 2 rounds, the A grade team headed up by Hector Lenton is in the top 4 and the Coles Beach A Reserve team is sitting second. The Competition commenced with a Gala Day at the Burnie Tennis Club on 4th October and our Club will host a Gala Day on 24th November.

Twilight Social Tennis

It is great that about 12 teams have entered this year's Twilight Social Tennis. Twilight tennis on Thursday nights is a great social event and we would like to see it make a solid comeback this year and build on it for future years. I remember in the 1990's and early 2000's, it was a very popular night and you had to get your team registered early or miss out. It would be great if we could build Twilight back up to 22 teams so all courts are full and supper held after the matches.

Gray's tennis program over summer is as follows:

Monday	3:30 pm Junior Intermediate Group Coaching [no vacancies] 5:00 pm Advanced Drill session
Tuesday	6:30 am Up Close Drill Sessions 3:30 pm Junior Intermediate Group Coaching [no vacancies] 4.30 pm Private Coaching [no vacancies] 5:30 pm Doubles Quadrant
Wednesday	6:30 am Up Close Drill Sessions

3:30 pm private coaching [1 vacancy]
4.30 pm private coaching [1vacancy]
5.00 pm private coaching [no vacancies]

Thursday 6:30 am Up Close Drill Sessions
3:30 pm Hot Shots 5, 6, 7 and 8 year olds Beginner Coaching
3.30 pm Hot Shots 9, 10,11and 12 year olds
4.30 pm Intermediate Group coaching [1 vacancy]
6.00 pm Twilight Doubles [Mixed Social]

Friday 3:30 pm Hot Shots and Junior singles
4:30 pm Adult Singles and Doubles
5:30 pm Adult Singles and Doubles

Saturday Private Coaching
NWTL pennant

Sunday Private Coaching

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Club Activities

200 Club Fundraiser

On Sat 10th November, the Club along with the Wright's Island Flatheads Footy Club will be holding a fundraiser at the Clubhouse, called the 200 Club. The concept is that you buy a ticket for \$25 which entitles you to food and drinks from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Then during the 2 hours, 3 ticket draws will be made. Ticket owner of the first draw will receive \$50, the second \$200 and the third a whopping \$700!! Tickets are available from Gray at the Club or call him on 0417 321 241 to reserved your tickets.

Free Tennis Day – Saturday 17th November, 2018, 1.00pm till 4.00pm

- We have registered Sat 17th November with Tennis Tasmania as a Free Tennis Day. Our Club will be open to the public to come along and enjoy the facilities and what we will have on offer.
- Tennis Australia provide us with a whole lot of freebies - click here to see what is on offer:



Free Tennis Day.pdf

- The Club has decided that anyone who comes along on the day and pays their membership will be entitled to a 10% discount on their membership fee.

- So just rock up on the day with the kids, friends and family, our Club will be open to all. **Spread the word!!**

Clubhouse Hire Policy

The Clubhouse is open for hire to both members and non-members. Gray will manage the bookings, so consider hiring our facility at very reasonable rates. Call Gray on 0417 321241. It is becoming a very popular venue to hire as there is plenty of open space for kids to play or they can have a hit of tennis, it is safe, plenty of parking space is available and the Clubhouse is welcoming with a large deck all around it which can be enclosed. We have about 7 bookings already prior to Christmas.

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

Our sponsors' logos can be seen below.

Court naming rights

We would like to re-introduce individual court sponsors. The sponsor would have naming rights to a court for one year. The annual cost to sponsor a court with lights would be \$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 listed on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

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Secretary
Devonport Tennis Club



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