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OCTOBER UPDATE

Membership

Thanks to the many members that have chosen to renew their membership for 2021 / 22, by now you should have received the new access code and be enjoying some tennis in somewhat warmer weather.

For those of you that have chosen not to rejoin this year we are happy to keep you on our newsletter email group so you can remain in touch with what is going on. If you no longer wish to receive anything from us please let us know and we will remove you from the newsletter email group.

Committee

The new Committee have had their first meeting, by email as a way to reduce the demands of meeting in person, lots to discuss. As per the new Constitution the tenure of each Committee member has been determined as per below. We are also pleased to advise that Tony Blom has been confirmed in the role of Junior Convenor.

1 Year Term for re-election in 2022, Beth Kennelly, Colin Mazengarb and Max Crowe, 2 Year Term for re-election in 2023 Campbell Palfrey and Tony Winch and 3 Year Term for re-election in 2024 Mike Hodge.

Interclub Social Tennis

The next round of the now well established interclub social tennis events is to be held at the Domain Tennis Club on Sunday October 17th. Tennis commences at 10:00 am and will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Cost is \$15.00 per person, RSVP by text message to Beth Kennelly on M: 0448 278 415

Courts Closed

Some way off but the courts will be **closed from 8:30 until 5:00 pm on Saturday November 27th** so we can host our round of the new Junior Team Tennis roster and the adult Premier League. A good day to come down and see some aspiring juniors in the morning and some of the better local players in the afternoon.

We will be providing a canteen for the players and supporters, if you are able to help as a volunteer or by providing some catering please let Claire know by return email.

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Junior Tennis

An active junior program has long been one of the key benefits of playing at our Club with a few of our current players enjoying the benefits of playing tennis into adulthood. In recent years the number of juniors taking up a Club membership and playing tennis with other like juniors has been in decline.

We have been in discussion with our Coach, Tony Blom, and agree that we can't continue as we are and that during the 4th and 1st terms, with less demands from winter sports, are our best opportunity to achieve the short-term goals of restoring some junior tennis activities outside of the coaching programs and reestablishing some junior events in our Club Championships in March.

To this end we are seeking the input of our juniors / parents as to what organised junior activities and what time frames would suit them. This may include a supported junior social tennis session, perhaps an intra club pennant, for some the Team Tennis mentioned in the next item. We would welcome your suggestions for activities that may get some junior tennis re established.

Tony will be running a free Come & Try Hotshots session on Saturday 16th from 9:30 to 10:15 and will be running a junior tennis session on Saturday 30th from 11:00 am as a starter to getting something more ongoing organised.

If you have any queries about junior tennis please feel free to contact us at our email address or come along on the 30th

Junior Team Tennis

Previously known as the Junior Development Series the local coaches, with Tennis Tasmania, have re established an interclub junior team roster commencing on Saturday October 30th where teams of juniors will participate in standard based divisions against other Clubs in the morning as a prelude to the Premier League match in the afternoon. Entries close on Monday October 18th. **If you have any queries or would like your junior to participate please reply to our email address.**

Tuesday Night Social Tennis BBQ

With daylight savings and some better weather upon us now is the time to play a little more social tennis. Join us on Tuesday October 19th from 6:30 pm for social tennis and a gourmet sausage. If you are able to encourage someone to come along with you that would be good.

State Seniors Championships

I know a few of us will qualify for this event to be held at the Domain Tennis Centre on Saturday November 27th, extending to Sunday if entries require it. Put this date in your calendar and line up your doubles partner if this one appeals to you. Entry is via the web at www.tournaments.tennis.com.au.

Book A Court

We have decided to implement the Book A Court system allowing non members to book and pay for court hire on line. This will be limited to Court 6 initially and should be up and running by the Summer. We will need to block out those times when all 6 courts are required for members use. If your group or activity requires all 6 courts please let us know so we can make sure they are available. More info as we progress.

Court Fencing Replacement

We will be submitting an application for a grant under the Community Sport & Recreation Improving The Playing Field program to replace the fencing to courts 1 - 5. We have been able to get some support from the Clarence Council should our application be successful. We will know about this one early in the new year.

The Club will be making a financial contribution and will need to carry out some related minor works in association with the fencing to widen the Court 1 & 2 access and to provide some stabilization to the corner of Court 5. An opportunity for a couple of working bees.

COVID 19

Another close call for Tasmanians with the virus making it to Launceston and with state borders opening in the near future the Check In requirements will probably be around for some time.

Please take the usual precautions when you are at the club (there is plenty of hand sanitizer available, social distancing protocols, etc.)

By law we need to use the Check in Tas app, you can expect to be reminded to Check In.

If you don't have a smart phone, please ask one of your mates to check you in when you arrive. The paper-based check in remains, **please include your phone number so you can be contacted in the case of a problem.**

