

# Jerrabomberra



## Tennis Club

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### **PRESIDENT UPDATE – John Talbot**

The club had a very successful open day during February with the opportunity for people to test their talents against a ball machine, free tennis lessons with our talented coach, a hit of tennis or if you are younger your face painted. One of our members, Gary provided the music for free a very big thank you to Gary.

The committee considered our priorities should be for the near future 1. growing membership, 2. the development of pickleball and 3. a Maintenance plan to be provided to Council to keep facilities up to a high standard. Recently the committee has arranged through Council for Gasniers to examine a range of issues with our lights to ensure they work when required.

The club was represented at the Community Day in the Jerra Community centre with 15 other groups last month to advertise our club and the services we provide from coaching to various forms of tennis offered.

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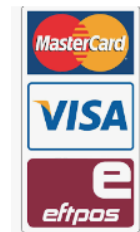
# BOARD UPDATES

## Vice President - Gary Knox

The club has been working with the council to update access to the clubhouse. The council has advised that the changes have now been made. As a general rule, if you have a white card and are a team captain, on the committee, a social tennis coordinator or coaching staff your card should give you access to the clubhouse. Coaches will have access to the coaches room. All other card holders will have 24 hour access to the toilets. Note toilets are open from 7am to 8pm to everyone without the use of a card. If there are any issues please let Gary Knox know. Email: [vicepresident@jerrabomberratenisclub.com.au](mailto:vicepresident@jerrabomberratenisclub.com.au)



Club House has EFTPOS Facilities. So, if you happen to turn up to play tennis or require refreshments, and you have forgotten your cash, you can now use the EFTPOS machine that is in the hallway of the clubhouse. Instructions are also in the cupboard.



**E: [treasurer@jerrabomberratenisclub.com.au](mailto:treasurer@jerrabomberratenisclub.com.au)**

## Facilities update

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE as the club is having lighting issues, causing it to flicker and not come on sometimes but work on other times. We have advised council and electricians are returning after Easter to look at issue. We do have some members and the coach who have access to manually turn lights on if this is the case. Hopefully will be sorted out asap. If this occurs to your booking, please let us know asap as we may be able to sort someone to come and assist with the lights. Please note we are all volunteers doing the best possible job to sort out these issues.

## **Sponsorship Officer – Tony McCosker**

The Jerrabomberra Tennis club could not prosper without the support from our Sponsors. Thank you to **Harvey Norman Flooring** (Tony McCosker), **Matrix Physio** (Dan Fasch), **Belle Property Real estate** (Dan McAlpine & Aaron Papahatzis) and our Newest Sponsor this year **Springview Finance** (Scott Toynton)

Your generous sponsorship has played a crucial role in the club's success, allowing us to maintain our facilities, organise events like the Noel Murry Tennis Tournament, and provide valuable resources to our members. Your commitment to our club has strengthened the local tennis community.

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation for your partnership and look forward to your continued support. Thank you for being a significant part of our tennis club journey.

## **Club Captain – Pauline Downes**

The Summer comp finished end of February. All teams competed well in their divisions no team finished lower than 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 8 teams in unisex comps

We have similar teams entered for Autumn comp. One team for Saturday, four for Mon/Tues and 2 for Thursday. The teams for Thursday are very large but due to long absences we couldn't make it 3 teams but hoping if this occurs again, we will be able to expand to 3 teams and we did have to add a female team member to Gail's team to make sure all nominations were put in a team. There is one children's team entered in the div 2 green ball league, who have not played pennant before.

The Wednesday night doubles ladder tournament that trialed the week before Christmas had a presentation on 28 February. It grew from 12 people participating to 28, at various weeks with some just playing one time while others became regulars. It is running again from 13 March for about 2 months. It averaged about 12 players each night with many being players who don't play pennant currently but have an interest in playing in the future. Others like the convenience of playing at home courts every week. The donations of two old stocks of shirts and hats were appreciated to provide good prizes demonstrating the club's appreciation of their participation in something new. Particularly players like Adam and Andrew who played pennant as well and were happy to try to get this idea working. However, it was particularly difficult to get players of this level consistently so this time will not be aiming for this level of player for group 1.

On Sat 16 March Colin and I went to the Jerra Community Day. The coach got a few queries about kids coaching and we were promoting the \$5 social tennis which seemed to generate some interest including a council member.

# Join us for Social Tennis

**Welcome to the social scene where we will keep you updated on all social tennis happenings at JTC.**

We currently offer social tennis 3 times a week to suit a variety of people's needs. They are:

- Wednesdays: from 9am to 10.30am
- Fridays: from 4pm to 8pm
- Sundays: from 9am to 11am



Our Wednesday, Friday and Sunday social doubles events continue to be well supported by our members and guests. It is fantastic to look out onto the courts and see players enjoying themselves playing tennis in a fun, safe, inclusive social environment.

We would like to extend a warm JTC welcome to our newest social players. Rebecca, Brad, Logan, Gillian, Louise, Patrick and Anant. If you haven't met anyone yet make sure next time you are on court with them, make a point of introducing yourself to them and make them, feel welcome. Remember there are no strangers at JTC, just people who you haven't met.

We welcome players of all levels and abilities from beginners through to advanced, in fact you don't even need to be a member of our club to come and join us for social tennis. All you need is an interest in, or love of the great game of tennis and you will fit right in.

With imminent changes to daylight saving and the weather. There will be adjusted start times for social tennis, please check our social platforms to keep updated.

We are continually looking to improve our social tennis member / guest experience at JTC, so if you have any suggestions, please let Pauline or Colin know your thoughts. Or hit us up on our socials.

**Come and join us for a hit and to meet new people.**

# Summer Competition Report

Summer comp is a short comp over Jan & Feb. Jerra had two teams in Thursday Night Mixed and due to the smaller numbers, they ended up both in Div 2. Gary's team had the hardest battle being one of the lower ranked teams. While they finished second last with only one win and tie, they did manage to tie with the eventual winners, the other Jerra side, who were clearly the best team. It was a fun season and was particularly enjoyable for all the members of the Knox family to play together with a little help from their friends. Gail's team followed from last comp being repeated winners with a slight variation to their team of Liz, Gail, Winnie, Shane, John Talbot and Peter Terwee.

On the Monday/Tuesday unisex Comp it was pleasing to see Jerrabomberra entered a div 1 team. They enjoyed a successful campaign, finishing higher than the bookies expected, coming third on the ladder. The team combined well considering it was their first comp together. While Andrew enjoyed croissants in Paris on 'work trips', and Tony schmoozed prospective clients at lavish dinner parties conveniently organized for a few Monday nights, the Bradley brothers were the mainstays on the roster. Not that you'd know, as times Andrew and Tony often found themselves with sore shoulders after carrying the brothers through some serious talent issues. All in all, it was a cracking season. This continued for Nick's team in div 5 who also surpassed their expectations by coming 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a bit harder competition for some of them but the team enjoyed the season and playing together with the added bonus of having free coaching lessons from Nick. The Div 4 team had Abbey Geue step in last minute as a reserve for the top two players and helped them finish in 5<sup>th</sup> place as well. Rikkie's team in div 8 achieved a positive 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Brett Geue captained the Saturday Unisex comp in Div 2. They have become a well-oiled machine with Brett, Martin and Abbey being the regulars in the team. They were not able to win this time but finished well in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

## Presentation night for Doubles Ladder tournament.

On Wed night 28 Feb we held a presentation night for the doubles ladder tournament run from 18 Dec until 14 Feb. It was an idea really for people not playing pennant. It started with 12 people and we ended up with 28 participants that could nominate each week if they wanted to play. Assisted greatly by the Geue family and Jeremy Taylor filling in the gaps to make the numbers up many times and a few people like Tony, Sonya and Lindon making a special appearance to help support a strong top group. It was great to see people progressing up the ladder and getting to play with different people. We had nibbles before the presentations and then a BBQ was enjoyed of hamburgers and sausage sandwiches. This was followed by free social tennis until about 9pm. We even had 2 new

members turn up for the social tennis. Thanks to the generosity of the club, we were able to provide a variety of prizes:

Adam Bradley was the final winner of the ladder;

Andrew Warnes was the person who won the ladder position the most;

Nick O'brien won an attendance prize as he attended the 7 weeks (even the week we had a break before presentation night). The irony was he wasn't able to attend the presentation night.

Ryan Amey won the middle group for the first time in the final week. He showed the biggest improvement starting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom spot on the ladder and finishing in 9<sup>th</sup> place out of the 28 participants.

Sylvia Carr won the encouragement award for being brave enough to play when she had only been hitting for a couple of months and still learning to score. She moved up and down in the bottom group and provided a lot of enjoyment from her participation.

Pam Burnes who was not able to attend won her group in the final week as well so was awarded a prize for her determination to continue and win her group.

There was also a small gift for Colin for being brave enough to run the ladder for the last week while I was absent in Victoria playing Country Week and doing a wonderful job. Even having to run a group of 5.

It is considered there is a demand to run this tournament again, probably from mid-March until Mid-May (before it gets too cold). Keep your eyes open for an email from the club captain for nominations each week. There is no commitment to play each week but once you play you may want to continue like many of our other players.





# Farewell and safe travels

The Jerrabomberra Tennis Club farewelled **Peter and Ang, Brett Browning and Linden Oldfield**, on Friday 5 April. We wish them all the best for the next chapter of their lives. They will be missed.



## Tennis Coaching

### JTC Coach - Craig Barnard

Book a class:

<https://www.jerratenniscoaching.com.au/>

*Adult and Kids coaching available.*



The first term of tennis for 2024 was a great success for Jerra Tennis Coaching. Among other things, we increased our hours on court by more than 25% on the same period last year, which means more players were able to get on court and improve their skills.

I am particularly proud of our 8-11 years development squad, who for the first time under Jerra Tennis Coaching entered a Canberra Tennis League team. Our players, Arnav Saini, Lucas Scott,

Darcy Hurley and Luca Fitje du Preez have gone from strength to strength as they start their competitive tennis journey. Not only have they performed extremely well in their division, their love for the game and teamwork has grown enormously. As a coach it has been an enormous pleasure to watch these young players build skills that will benefit them for many years to come.

Jerra Tennis Coaching is now working with at least half a dozen competitive juniors who are playing in the Canberra Tennis League and performing well in Junior Development Series and open level tournaments.

I have been incredibly impressed by the work ethic of players like Jackson Roberts who at age 13 is seeing increasingly strong results in open tournaments in NSW and Victoria. Jackson is a junior who is seeing the results of hard work and system-focussed training.

Part of this promising group of competitive players is also Tommy Hayes, who along with gaining his first Universal Tennis Rating, was selected into the under 10s National Development Squad. A Tennis Australia initiative to support and fast track the most promising and most focussed juniors in each State.

While tennis is about more than competing, it is a great way to gauge how you are progressing as a tennis player, but more importantly build skills that you can use in work and life to get more of the success you want.

If you want to play competitively, whether at an adult or junior level, or just explore the benefits of doing so. Please feel free to chat with us about the options, there are many, and one will definitely suit you, no matter your current level.

Until next update, stay focussed and keep enjoying your tennis



# EVENTS

## Jerra Open Day

25 Feb

Thank you to all our volunteers that supported the event. A special thank you to **Garry** for supplying the music for the day.





# Feedback wanted

## MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Many memberships will be up for renewal in the new financial year so a good time to review and audit how they are currently being used.

It is impossible to have a membership for every situation however trying to review our memberships and perhaps create a new one that may help bridge the gap between those that use all the facilities and opportunities the club has to offer as opposed to those that play social tennis and/or book courts saving money by paying an annual fee upfront. The original idea of having no age limit for children in family memberships was to keep uni students/apprentices who still lived at home included in a family membership if majority of family playing tennis, but it appears some memberships have working children still included so a new eligibility is being suggested.

Therefore we are considering updating the eligibility of a **family membership** to 'up to two adults with dependent children up to age of 18, living in same household, at time of payment'.

Some members no longer covered by a family memberships may be looking at other suitable options, other than our existing;

**Junior** (up to 16 years of age)

**Student** (16-25, Full time student)

**Pensioner** (NOT for senior card holders but for pensioner card holders only who are only earning income equivalent to what current pensioner system allows for pension types ie old age pension).

**Adult** (no eligibility).

All these memberships have unlimited access to play pennant, club champs, Noel Murray for juniors, ladder tournaments, adult/child tournaments, social tennis, booking courts for free and functions organized by social coordinators. They have options of 6 or 12 months.

New membership for discussion, is a **Social Member**. Investigation in progress on how we can offer good value for money for those who may not use all of the club's facilities

Appreciate your feed back on what wording/options to include/exclude for these membership types within the next two weeks so a small group can discuss your feedback and come up with suitable memberships for majority of members. Please send to

**clubcaptain@jerrabomberratennisclub.com.au**

People who are currently in memberships that appear questionable for eligibility may receive a query to ask them to look if this is still a suitable membership for them or a question on when their current full time studies are expected to be completed if over 22/23 years of age?

## TENNIS ETIQUETTE

Tennis Etiquette tips that will ensure members have an enjoyable time at the courts

### **WAIT YOUR TURN**

Don't barge your way onto court until your allotted booking time. Make sure you have a booking by checking the book-a-court website. When your turn comes, let the people before you to finish the game they are playing before taking over the court.

### **DECISIONS, DECISIONS**

To decide who will serve first, toss a coin or spin a racquet. The person who wins the toss may choose to serve, receive, pick which end of the court they would like or even make their opponent choose.

### **SERVE THE RIGHT WAY**

Before you serve, make sure your opponent is ready to receive. While the rules say you should take no more than 20 seconds between points, you don't want to win a point by serving at your opponent's back.

## **NO RETURN NECESSARY**

If your opponent serves a first-serve fault, don't hit a return back unless the call was so close that you had no option but to hit the ball.

## **WALK WITH CARE**

Don't walk behind another court during a point, across someone else's court while they're in the middle of a game or interrupt a point on another court to retrieve a ball.

**BE CAREFUL OF KARMA** Make line calls clearly and promptly and give your opponent the benefit of the doubt if you're unsure. Tennis karma is a powerful force and no one wants to give an opponent short shrift only to find themselves deep into a third-set tiebreak with the tennis gods frowning down on them!

## **IN OR OUT?**

While it's rude to question your opponent's line calls, if you really think you are being diddled ask once, firmly: "are you sure?" then move on.

## **SCORING MADE EASY**

If you are serving, call the score out loudly and clearly. It will help to minimise disagreements.

## **GOT TWO?**

Make sure the server always has two balls at their end of the court. When you are feeding balls up the court, hit or roll them gently within reach of the server, don't delay play by spraying them around.

## **A TIME AND A PLACE**

Be respectful of your opponent. While it's fine to celebrate your successes it's not polite to pump your fists, hiss "yes" or highfive spectators when your opponent makes an error.

## **DO THE RIGHT THING**

Apologise if you win a lucky point or if you accidentally hit your opponent with a ball.

## **FOCUS ON YOUR MATCH**

Keep your attention on the court – don't chat to spectators, interrupt a game to answer your mobile phone, file your nails at the change of ends or do anything else that might distract your opponent or delay play.

## **LEAVE THE TANTRUMS TO THE LITTLE KIDS**

Don't have a tantrum if things aren't going your way.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Touch rackets lightly and congratulate your opponent at the end of the match.

# JTC CLOTHING

We have JTC clothing for sale.

Hats: \$20

T-Shirts

- Children: \$30
- Adults: \$40

NEW hoodies and jackets will be coming in the next few weeks.

Email [news@jerrabomberratenisclub.com.au](mailto:news@jerrabomberratenisclub.com.au) for more information and or to purchase.





# Bottles & Cans Only

**Donations from home will be accepted!**

Proceeds from **Return & Earn** will raise funds for  
the JTC Club Facilities & Events

Thank you!

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# Our Sponsors

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## Note from Springview

With speculation mounting around if and when the RBA will cut interest rates, we've met with many individuals and businesses in recent times wanting to explore their loan options. If you're looking for help with residential or business lending, members of the Jerrabomberra Tennis Club are always welcome to contact Scott directly on 0432256069 for a free chat.



- Belle property Queanbeyan: <https://www.belleproperty.com/queanbeyan>
- Springview Home & Business Lending: [www.springview.com.au](http://www.springview.com.au)
- Harvey Norman: <https://www.harveynorman.com.au/carpet-flooring-rugs>
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