

The lockdown period has provided some challenges for the operation of our Club and hopefully we have kept you well informed of things as they have evolved. The latest easing of Stage 1 restrictions has allowed us to open up for play in a sensible and safe way, while maintaining the necessary hygiene and distancing requirements. Please help us to be vigilant and to maintain your already good Covid-19 standards.

Despite the challenges of the lockdown, the strategic plan for court resurfacing and upgrades has been progressed during the past 3 months. Our quotes have averaged out at about \$550,000 for all eight courts to be upgraded to plexi pave on concrete foundations. Many clubs in the Canberra area have experienced long-standing difficulty getting ACTG government support for capital asset maintenance and replacement, which has resulted in poor or deteriorating playing conditions. At a January ACT Tennis Clubs Forum, I raised the issue again and there was overwhelming support for an urgent resolution to be taken to the Tennis ACT Board. The intention is to develop a sustainable model for ACT tennis clubs, which incorporates capital asset replacement with planned and prioritised joint club and ACT Government funding support. The current grants model is unsustainable and has insufficient funding to satisfy capital asset replacement. A Tennis ACT resolution and funding options paper were drafted by me and presented to a special meeting of Club Presidents. I then presented the agreed paper to the TACT Board on 11 March 2020. We are yet to receive a formal response from the TACT Board but I have informal feedback that Tennis

ACT are in discussions with the ACT Government on the issue. I will keep you informed as we progress.

A national grant application, outside of normal tennis grants programs, was submitted for a 10kwh solar system for the club to further reduce our energy requirements from the grid. We are awaiting the outcome of that submission. I am pleased to report that our new LED lights are working well for play and also reducing our energy bills. A win all round.

An ACT Government grants round is being brought forward this year and we will be submitting an application for hitting wall and forecourt upgrades, as well as levelling for future mini courts. While we can't rely grants, or the necessary levels of funds available in them, for the needed major works, they can be useful for minor works at the club and we will continue to pursue them.

I look forward to seeing you all on the court again. Please support the club and RSTA to come out of this difficult period bigger and better than ever. If you have anything you want to raise please contact me on 0439695504 or twndmj@bigpond.net.au.

Terry Lennard, President

2019 Club Champions

The 2019 Club Championships were held in conjunction with the AGM and a combined RSTA/NWTC Christmas party for the first time.

Congratulations to:

Mens Div 1

Charlie Snow

Mens Div 2

Joachim Milsom

Ladies

Jessica Das

Junior

Lachlan Goodwin



Matthew Robson and Terry Lennard promoting Good Sports at North Woden JDS #1 in March

Good Sports Foundation Accreditation \$1,000 Windfall

Earlier this year the club completed accreditation with the Good Sports Foundation. Level 1 focuses on compliance with state and territory liquor laws whilst Level 2 covers responsible alcohol management such as having food available when alcohol is around, encouraging safe transport options to members and guests and having a responsible revenue generation strategy in place. An extra bonus came when NWTC won \$1,000 from the join up competition running at the same time. The money will go towards our court resurfacing project.

We saw a terrific increase in participation numbers as well as a great day for families.



RSTA Program Report

We are excited to welcome NWTC members, RSTA clients and guests back to North Woden following the shutdown due to Covid-19. The return to play is a phased process and the RSTA team are here to make your tennis experience a safe one in these trying times. We applaud you for your co-operation so far and look forward to seeing more of you on court.

The North Woden JDS #1 was held 28 February – 1 March with over 100 entries recorded again. Congratulations to NWTC girls Jess Das, Annabel Snow and May Joseph who dominated the 15&U Singles and Doubles groups. All tournaments have been cancelled for now but we are hopeful to resume in time for NWTC JDS #2 scheduled for 29-30 August.



North Woden JDS #1 15&U Girls

Thank you again for your ongoing membership and support of the club. The committee and RSTA are always keen for your input and suggestions, so please contact NWTC committee members or the RSTA team with your feedback.
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Give us your ideas for the upcoming NWTC Smash Hot Tennis Festival

Have you ever seen a tennis festival? Our goal is to give you and your family the chance to participate in the NWTC smash shot festival. With many fun activities for all ages, you can enjoy a drink whilst letting the kids take to the court.

The Festival will be run by the Club along with our partner RSTA on a fine Spring day as a post Covid-19 event with food and drink stalls throughout the venue as well as a BBQ and tennis mini games on court. You can give free range to the kids or go along and participate together. The large variety of individual and team-based activities are certain to let you experience a day of action and reward. If challenging the court is too much, the diverse selection of cuisine is sure to suit your palate. Activities include the fastest serve; hit the target, egg and spoon race, tennis trivia, and much more...

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to get outside and engage in a day of leisure and excitement. Planning is in the early stages so please let us know what you think and if this event interests you, your family or your friends and work colleagues. Your feedback will help us to plan and deliver an event that meets your needs. So, if you have any thoughts [please contact Matthew Robson on mobile 0439 468 326 or email mj.robson@bigpond.com](mailto:mj.robson@bigpond.com).

Covid-19 Guidelines

- Clubhouses remain closed
- Groups of 20 now permitted
- Coaching – up to 20 participants plus the coach are permitted
- Only one parent/guardian should accompany a minor to the venue and should be separated from participants whilst maintaining social distancing from other spectators
- Stay 1.5 metres apart
- Follow the one person per 4 square meter rule.
- Practice good hand hygiene before and after playing
- Please stay home if you are unwell



Coaching Covid-19 style