

SPRING 2019 - NEWSLETTER

As we emerge from the winter hibernation, we have lots of news to share with you, in this edition we will tell you about:

- Club Improvements
- Disability Access
- Club merchandise
- Award Nomination
- Membership Fees increase
- Social activities
- Social & Competition Tennis
- Coaching

In our last newsletter we mentioned the **improvements at the club**, hopefully you have noticed these at the Campbell St Complex. The internal painting of the clubhouse has been completed; the memorabilia, trophies, photos and Presidents' Honour Board are on display; the floorboards sanded & polished; and the comfy lounges all look terrific; capped off recently with a 65cm TV donated to the club and installed above the fireplace. This is now such an inviting place to participate in social activities or to view the 2020 Australian Open if you are down at the courts.

As a result of the winter winds, you might have noticed in recent months a significant lean to the external fence facing Campbell St. This has now been fully stabilised.

We also mentioned in the last newsletter that the Club was lucky enough to receive a grant for **Disability Access** to Campbell Street. The project has been completed with ramp access from the front gate and the old external toilet demolished and replaced by a wheelchair/disability access toilet and a portable ramp onto the courts. The club had a fantastic **official opening** on Saturday 3 August, officiated by Club President Kathy Sly and official guests Hon John Barilaro, Deputy Premier of NSW and Member for Monaro; Councillor Mark Schweikert, Deputy Mayor Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council; and Mr Kim Kachel CEO Tennis ACT. After hearing from all three guests, the Deputy Premier and very special guest William McLennan ended formalities by untying the ribbon to declare the works complete.



Clockwise from top left: Kim Kachel, Councillor Schweikert, William McLennan & Hon John Barilaro

Even though the day was on the cooler side as the fog took a while to lift, **new club merchandise** of T-Shirts and Caps were also officially launched. The sky blue and white shirts with club logo look fantastic - these are now available to purchase. Adult shirts are \$35 and caps are \$20, if you are interested in purchasing, more information can be found on the noticeboard at Campbell Street.



Committee wearing new Club T-Shirts

In recognition of the improvements at the courts; and the tennis and coaching activities available at the club, the Queanbeyan Park Tennis Club is in the running for the **Most Outstanding Tennis Club** as part of the 2019 Tennis ACT awards. The winner will be announced on 14 September. We have our fingers crossed!

Noting the improvements undertaken and the associated maintenance outlays, the club's executive have decided to increase membership fees for the coming 2019-2020 year (commencing 1 October 2019). The new **2019-20 membership fee** structure is as follows:

ADULT	CHILD	PENSIONER	FAMILY	PENSIONER FAMILY	COURT HIRE	LIGHTS
\$140.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$230.00	\$120.00	Member = FREE Non-Member Campbell St = \$30 Waniassa St = \$20	\$15.00

A reminder that the Club's **Annual General Meeting** will be held in early November. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

In our last newsletter we mentioned that following the receipt of a small grant we were able to install online booking for **Queanbeyan East courts in Waniassa St**. We have also been actively pursuing grants to replace the court surface and install lights for the 3-court complex but have not yet been successful. The upgrade of these facilities remains high on our priority list. In the meantime, the courts are available for use through booking online <https://play.tennis.com.au/QueanbeyanEastTennisCourts> and we have just reduced the hourly booking rate to \$20 for non-members. Please spread the word about their availability and reduced booking fee.

We are hoping to offer a few additional evening **social tennis events over summer**. People of all standards will be welcome to have a hit, meet and mingle with club members, discuss opportunities to play socially or in competitions, connect with like-minded (and similar standard) players, find out more about coaching or just be involved in a community club.

Norfolk Island Cheryl Tennis Club and Norfolk Island Travel Centre are on countdown to welcome Australians and New Zealanders on their South Pacific island turf for the **2020 Norfolk Island Veterans Tennis games 17-28 April 2020**. It's their 30th Anniversary, if you are interested in playing check out details at <https://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/event/veterans-tennis-games-2020/>

Parkside Tennis Academy continues to offer a range of **junior and adult coaching activities**; a school holiday program and are running another 'NightVision' event for adults and teens on Saturday the 21st of September. NightVision is a 'glow in the dark' tennis party where everything bright and white glows. More info can be found at: <https://www.parksidetennis.com.au/nightvision.html>

As we turn the corner into spring and summer, now is a great time to get fit and Parkside Tennis will run the Cardio Tennis sessions on Wednesday and Friday and 6pm.

If you are interested in finding out more on what Parkside Tennis can offer, please contact info@parksidetennis.com.au For bookings please see <https://www.parksidetennis.com.au>



Parkside Tennis Academy - NightVision

Winter **Wednesday Night competition** is coming to an end and the new Spring/Summer season is looking for nominations. Interested players will be placed in mixed teams of four. Format will be doubles, with 3 doubles sets being played...1 set with each team-mate. Play commences 7pm with lights out at 9.15pm. Every couple of weeks there is also an opportunity after the game to enjoy nibbles and drinks. While this competition is listed as an Adult competition, depending on ability, parents of older juniors who are interested in playing should contact Wendy to discuss. Contact Wendy at QPTC.socialtennis@gmail.com.

Social Monday night round robin tennis is making a comeback in October 2019 following a winter hiatus. The nights are fun, with lots of laughs and great tennis. If you are interested in playing, contact Jo on 0438 629 759.

We have had three **Junior Pennant** teams play in the ACT autumn/winter competition. Congratulations to the Junior Pennant Division 6 team – Kate, Henry and Matthew, who won the premiership flag for their division! As the new competition season commences, four junior teams have entered.



Junior Pennant Division 6 Winners

Jerrabomberra Tennis Club have put the feelers out for an **inter-club challenge**, hopefully we can make this happen in the coming months.

Please email us at tennisqueanbeyan@gmail.com if you have any comments, suggestions or other feedback.