



## President's Welcome - Winter 2019

Welcome to the Winter 2019 Newsletter.

As you probably know the new LED court lights are up and working! We are now back to the normal business of playing day tennis and night! A big thank you to everyone who donated money through our fundraising page or volunteered their time to run the Bunnings BBQs last summer - its all been worth it. And thanks to everyone in the club for being amazingly patient with the inevitably long process of getting grants, choosing lights, waiting for them to arrive and having them installed and aimed.

Our thanks goes to Andrew Edwards, club electrician, who installed the lights single-handedly, lifting them into position 15 metres above the ground and then wiring and aiming them so they are now working perfectly!

Thanks also to the committee for their constant positive approach throughout this unexpected project - it was a truly team effort.

I hope all members get to the courts in the evenings and early mornings (particularly as the weather gets warmer) to take advantage of the new LED lights.

We will be celebrating the completion of the lights at our next social evening on 6 September. You will have received an invitation already, it would be lovely to see you there to have dinner, sit around the fire as well as having a hit of tennis. Don't forget we'll be selling our fundraising wine especially chosen by our club wine selector Dan Kennedy.

This newsletter is full of great stories of the club's exploits over the last few months. Our pennant teams have done so well, and our juniors are making a name for themselves in so many of the tournaments in the region and beyond.

You may have noticed we have redesigned our club logo. We are one of two clubs to take part in a Tennis ACT initiative to promote pride in clubs. We hope you like it, with the sun (in the form of a tennis ball) setting over Red Hill and a kangaroo in the foreground - very fitting. We have even started calling our pennant teams the Red Hill Roos!

As always thanks to Matt McDonald for being the club coach and beating heart of the club, inspiring us all to improve our game.

When I was down at the courts I bumped into the Red Hill School teachers who have now been playing after school for the last two terms. They enjoy getting in some exercise after work. It is great to see how the tennis club is truly part of the community.

Thanks to everyone who makes Red Hill Tennis Club a welcoming fun place to be.

Carolyn

**New Members - Welcome!**

Ash McKenzie  
Whyatt/Gutman family  
Penelope Hampson  
Simone Greer  
Wasif Hashmi  
McCaffrey family

Alisdair and Julia Bridgewater  
Lachlan de Ligt  
Ella Zinkel  
Natale Bartone  
Adele Emery  
Panozzo family

## Dates For Your Diary

Family Night - Fri Sep 6  
Club Championships - Sun Sep 22  
Working Bee - Sun Oct 20

## New Club Website Launched

RHTC is part of a trial of an online platform called ClubSpark, which will manage our memberships, events and court bookings all in one place. Several clubs around the ACT are part of this trial.

ClubSpark is currently used by the Book a Court system, so it's really just an expansion of this system. Many people who book courts will already have ClubSpark profiles, and other members will need to create one. You may have seen an invitation already.

The new club website is already up and running - go and have a look! From the website you can renew a membership, book a court, or sign up on the Events tab for family nights, pennant tennis or working bees.

Court booking access (via Book a Court) will now be linked to your membership automatically, and will also cease when your membership expires, so make sure you renew in time!

## Red Hill Tennis on Facebook

Remember to follow and like our Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/redhilltennisclub/>  
It's the best place to check for club updates and announcements .

## Adult Winter Pennant

Adult pennant continues to gain traction at RHTC and gives players a chance to improve their game, impress their team mates and just have some competitive fun. Five teams played in the Autumn 2019 season (three on Monday night and two on Thursday night). Two teams made finals, and one of them managed to win.

Congratulations to Monday Night Division 4 (Jon Burrough, Geoff Tooth, Anthony Firth and Hamish and Ian McConville) who have played together for eight consecutive seasons and made it to two semi-finals previously. Your win was hard fought and well deserved.

Club members are welcome to play competition tennis – come along to Social Tennis on Tuesdays to meet current pennant players and find out more information.



## Junior Autumn Pennant

The courts will seem much quieter on Sunday mornings now that Junior Pennant has finished - and parents will be looking forward to quieter times for a while!

Well done to all players and parents for a fabulous Autumn 2019 Junior Pennant season - we hope that you all had some great tennis moments, improved your game and just had fun.

We were thrilled that 4 teams out of 11 out of ten made finals last Sunday at Weston Creek and extend our congratulations to these teams for playing consistently well through the season.

Congratulations to:

Div 2 Red (Christian, Yutaka and Aidan) helped by Kipp in the final

Div 2 Blue (Tom, Kipp, Elise and Remi)

Div 7 Blue 1 (Remy, Max and Elouise)

Div 7 Red 1 (Alisdair, Lachlan and Natale)

Both Div 2 teams and Div 7 Blue 1 managed to win their finals - a fanatastic result. Div 2 Red lost the same final last year, so they were particularly happy.

**Big thanks** to all parents, particularly those parents who were managers this season - as everyone knows we cannot run junior pennant without your significant input.

Many thanks as always to Matt for the encouragement of junior players, and finding reserves when needed. Matt has tirelessly made calls on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings finding the unfindable..."never forfeit!".

A 'shout out' to Guy Sancataldo at Tennis ACT who kept everyone well informed through the season.



Div 2 Blue - Tom, Kipp, Elise and Remi



Div 7 Red 1 - Alisdair, Lachlan and Natale

Div 2 Red - Yutaka, Christian and Kipp



Div 7 Red 1 - Lachlan and Alisdair



Div 7 Blue 1 - Max, Remy and Elouise

## Forrest Junior Open JDS Championships - Aug 3-4

### Other junior winners!

13/Y Girls Singles Champion  
Elise Dayton

13/Y Boys Singles 3th place  
Aidan Curnow

13/Y Boys Singles 4th place  
Kasra Famid

11/Y Boys Singles 4th place  
Logan Wicks

The next Junior Development Series (JDS) tournament will be held August 31 at North Woden.

## Memberships

### **We welcome new club members!**

Memberships are now valid from the date that they are taken out. See the Membership tab on the club website.

### **Rates for one year** are as follows:

Adult: \$150

Family: \$300

Concession: \$75 (Juniors can take out a 6 month membership for \$37.50)

### **Concession Rates** are available to:

Juniors (aged 18 and under on January 1)

Full Time Students aged 25 and under

Seniors (aged 60 or over on January 1)

Families can consist of two adults and any number of their children eligible for concession rates.

## Red Hill ASF Fundraising Campaign

In association with the Australian Sports Foundation we have set up a fundraising page to help cover the cost of repairing or replacing our broken lights.

You public can make tax-deductible donations to the club online here:

<https://asf.org.au/projects/the-red-hill-tennis-club/>

This fundraising project will be closing soon so you will need to be quick if you want to make a tax-deductible donation.

## Social Tennis – Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm

Social Tennis is now back at Red Hill every Tuesday 7.30 - 9.30pm  
\$4 for Members - \$7 for Non-Members

## AGM

The 2019 AGM was successfully held on 5 April 2019 and a new committee installed to continue represent the needs of the RHTC members and improve the club. The Committee was elected as follows

*President:* Carolyn Paris

*Vice-President:* Libby McCutchan

*Secretary:* Femke Rensen

*Treasurer:* Adrian McConnon

*Junior Representative:* Kieren McConville

*General Members:*

Peter Breunig

Kirsty Bunfield

Ric Curnow

Brent Dayton

Alexandra Kellar



Dan Kennedy  
Hamish McConville  
Marc Mowbray D'Arbela

Committee meetings are held 5 times per year in addition to the AGM.

## Volunteers

### **Volunteers – do you have a special skill you could share?**

The club is run by volunteers - and although we do our best we know there is always room for improvement.

We would love some adhoc volunteers to help with the website, social media, fundraising, club repairs and maintenance, marketing. You don't need to join the committee permanently, just join us for a special one-off project. Please contact us if you would like to share your skills to support the club.

## 2019 Diplomatic Tennis Comp

### **Red Hill shines again at the 2019 Autumn Diplomatic-Australian Tennis Competition**

April 6-7 this year saw the running of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Diplomatic-Australian Tennis weekend. This twice-yearly competition, which was started back in the late 1960s, is played at various diplomatic missions and private residences around Canberra. It encourages members of the diplomatic community to socialise with each other and with members of ACT's tennis community.

The Red Hill Tennis Club regularly have members participating in this social, yet competitive event, and this year boasted four club members: Carolyn Paris, Marc Mowbray-d'Arbela, Tom Shafron and Dan Kennedy. Tom flew the Red Hill flag proudly, reaching the final in both the Advanced Men's Doubles, and the Advanced Mixed Doubles. In the latter, Tom partnered with Vicki Ratliff and they won the coveted trophy. Carolyn, Marc and Dan enjoyed their matches, but weren't able to get their names engraved on the silverware this time.



Tom Shafron serving in the semi-final of the Advanced Mixed Doubles