

# RED HILL TENNIS CLUB

## JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Spring Junior Pennant (Unisex): Pennant info session and grading: 2-4pm Sun 30 August. Season: 13 September – 6 December 2015.
- Farewell to 'old lights' BBQ + Pennant info session: 4pm onwards Sun 30 August.
- Installation new lights – courts closed: Around 5-18 October (last week school holidays + first week school term 4).

### SOCIAL TENNIS:

Every Thursday 7pm – 8:30.

Come and join the intrepid winter players – from beginners to advanced.

Members \$4 and non-members \$7.

### WELCOME

Dear members,

Welcome to our winter update of events at Red Hill Tennis Club.

### Club Upgrades

After winter we will see some welcome upgrades to the club:

- Installation of new LED lighting system (5-18 October)
- Upgrade of clay courts (by end October)
- Completion of minor repairs and painting club house (end October)
- New flooring to club house (end October)
- Repairs to benches

The installation of the new lights will mean that all the courts will be out of action for 2 weeks (5-18 Oct). Apologies for this, but it will be worth it for such a significant improvement to the facilities.

The clay court upgrade may also mean that courts 3 and 4 are closed for a week or two but the grass courts will be available.

We also have a big launch once the lights and courts are completed.

We'll send updates closer to the time.

### New Electronic Booking System

We have been approached by Tennis ACT to trial a new court booking system. You will be able to book and pay online – and issued with a gate entry code – all in one transaction – so easy!

We will give you more information in the coming weeks.

### MEMBERSHIP

Thanks so much for supporting the club again this year. We now have over 160 members – a large group of tennis lovers from across the ACT – such a great thing.

If you still haven't got your 2015 membership sorted, click onto the new improved link below:

<http://bit.ly/1UD89qq>

## PENNANT NEWS

### Spring Junior Pennant (Unisex):

\*PENNANT INFO SESSION: 2-4pm + BBQ 4pm onward Sun 30 Aug

Season (10 games) Sun 13 Sept – Sun 6 Dec

\*Looking for a pennant manager to pull together the teams and provide coordination and subs during the season. Not too onerous as we've been doing this for a few years now so everything is set up for an easy handover – just need someone to take the lead. Lots of fun, rewarding and character building! 😊 A big thanks to David Lloyd who did a great job for the past few years.

### Autumn Junior Pennant Season Round Up

We had 18 teams entered in Autumn season, it was a good season. As usual Matt worked unbelievably hard to find reserves for teams and we are all grateful for his help and encouragement. Some managers provided some descriptions about the teams:

Division 6 Red Team 1 – Placed a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> this season, being right in the middle of the 9 team field, after a battle for 5<sup>th</sup> spot with Red Hill Team 2 in the final round. Callison, Anneka and Rachel played consistently and all improved through the season, treating us to some wonderful sets of tennis. Their commitment was tested when it verged on sleet at Melba, but they all played on and no-one asked to come off the court! All three girls supported each other well in their doubles matches, exhibited outstanding sportsmanship in all of their matches and were a credit to their club.

Division 7 – This season's Div 7 was very special with Red Hill being the only club in Canberra to field Div 7 teams! Undaunted by having only 4 teams in their competition, the Div 7s really enjoyed playing their games. For many it was their first taste of pennant competition. Although there were a few weeks where absences and weather meant that games were cancelled, overall the Div 7's had a brilliant season. They even had a party to celebrate the end of the season. There were also a great group of managers keeping everything on the rails (Kate, Sophie and Claire).

### Winners and Runners-Up Were:

Division 4 Blue – A Red Hill vs Red Hill Battle with brothers Jack and Hugh Taylor and Sophie McDonald winning and Sandeep Seneviratne, Jack Collins and Robin Hodder the runners-up. Manager Mel Collins wrote:

“Div 4 Red Hill 4 team of Jake, Robin and Sandeep, who I call the tall team, have been very consistent and well deserve getting to play in the final on Sunday 31 May against Red Hill 1, who I call the short team.”

Red Hill 2 Won Division 6 Red – Jack Gardner, Robert DiDio and Tim McCrossin. Manager Karen Gardner wrote:



(Hugh Taylor, Sophie McDonald and Jack Taylor)



(Sandeep Seneviratne, Jake Collins and Robin Hodder)



(Jessie, Dylan and Flynn Hopkins)



(Ali Parvizi, Dan Kennedy, Marc Mowbray-d'Arbela and Arsene Durand-Racher)

“Tim, Robbie and Jack managed to end their second season of Pennant tennis on another HIGH. The boys had a wonderful season, as they had great fun, paid a little attention sometimes, and engaged with each other as a team. They lost occasionally, won graciously and enjoyed every minute of it. Their carefree attitude on the court where their matches are played with giggles and the score means something to somebody some other time or place constitutes the true nature of sport. These boys are a delight to watch!”

Red Hill 6 Blue Runners-up – The Hopkins brothers: Jessie, Dylan and Flynn

### Adult Pennant:

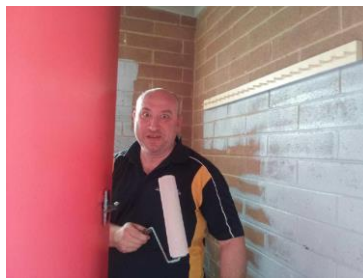
In the adult pennant, the Division 3 Red team comprising Ali Parvizi, Arsene Durand-Racher, Dan Kennedy and Marc Mowbray-d'Arbela won their comp.

Red Hill also field a Division 2 Blue team – Andrew Bui and Thuan Nguyen and Div 3 Red – Guy Sancataldo, Robert Wells and Jack Johnson.

## WORKING BEE

### October during the upgrade works – Date TBA

- Paint male toilets – top coat
- Paint architraves throughout
- Finish works to awning soffit
- Install fascia
- Repair seats
- Court number signs
- Replace solar light at gate
- Soap dispensers to toilets
- Install new vinyl floor tiles



(Alvaro bravely tackling the men's toilets)

If you have any other ideas of how we could make the club facilities better, let us know and we'll add it to the list (at [redhilltennis@gmail.com](mailto:redhilltennis@gmail.com))

We'll let you know the date closer to the time – jut give an hour or so of your time and together we can give the clubhouse the make-over it deserves.



(Toni, Chris and Rob taking a well-earned break)



(Dan and Guy demonstrating their shoveling skills)

## COACHING NEWS:

As you all know Matt continues to enthusiastically coach our club's young people to become incredible tennis players and inspire its older folk to play better tennis than they ever thought possible.

If you'd like to arrange lessons, give Matt a ring on 0412 565 137 or visit [mcdonaldtennis.webs.com](http://mcdonaldtennis.webs.com)

## WEBSITE:

Please contact us if you have any ideas for more information, good photos, or tennis news you'd like to share – let us know and we'll put it up (email [redhilltennis@gmail.com](mailto:redhilltennis@gmail.com)). Website address is <http://www.tennis.com.au/redhilltennisclub>