

RED HILL TENNIS CLUB



Newsletter - Summer 2018

President's welcome

Dear club members,

We've had another wonderful year - thanks for being part of it. We are coming up to the summer season of tennis in Australia and I hope you will be inspired. There is so much tennis to watch, not only the Australian Open but also by the high-quality tournaments coming up soon at the Canberra Tennis Centre - the **Federation Cup** (10-11 February).

And once you've been inspired, we look forward to seeing you come and have a hit at the tennis courts - such a great family activity over the summer.

Carolyn

Membership

Memberships are now open for 2018, with some small changes after the first rate review in four years. There is now a 'concession' category, with one rate for juniors (under 19), seniors (over 59) and full-time students aged under 26. Memberships are all managed online through the 'MyTennis' portal, and the help desk is excellent for any technical issues. Rates for 2018 are as follows:

Adult:	\$ 140
Family:	\$ 260
Concession:	\$ 60

For more information see the 'Memberships' tab on the club website.

New members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined since July this year

The Robinson family	Paul Cross
The Gao family	Gillian Merritt
Alex Park	Oscar Gordon
Adrian McConnon	Lucy Cameron
Charlotte and Carter O'Sullivan	The Smith family
Ben Tranter	Chamith Edirisinghe
Birchy Bircho	Adam Bartlett and family
The Studdert family	

Thanks to all those who have taken out memberships this year - we have 145 members as at November 2017, which is quite healthy.

Adult pennant

Pennant tennis is not just for juniors! Many adults have been out on the courts playing for Red Hill in Monday night competition (singles and doubles) and Thursday night (doubles). Adult pennant has four seasons a year - and can accommodate all standards. In the last season's competition Team Tendinitis and the Thursday Thrashers have done the club proud and provided great tennis, first class facilities and convivial suppers after tennis. New players welcome!

**Red Hill
Club
Championships**

Rained out in Dec 2017

**To be rescheduled
Feb 2018**

Junior pennant

Junior Pennant Spring 2017 was a highly successful season for Red Hill with 5 teams out of 15 making finals, and 4 of those winning pennants.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped with Junior Pennant this season, especially those who acted in the role of manager. Junior Pennant could not take place without heavy parental support!

Winning teams were:

- Division 3 (Chamith, Antoine and Christopher)
- Division 4 team 1 (Yutaka, Aidan and Alex)
- Division 5 Red team 1 (Sara, Maddie, Elise and Alisha)
- Division 5 Blue team 1 (Tom, Kipp and Oscar, helped by Finn in the finals!).

Congratulations also to Division 2 Red (Aidan, Alex and Kieren) who made the Div 2 final for the second season in a row.

The next junior pennant season will be Autumn 2018 - keep an eye out on the club website, Facebook and emails for dates and expressions of interest.

Libby, Carolyn and Matt
RHTC Pennant Team



Div 5 Red WINNERS - Maddie, Sara, Alisha, Elise 1



Div 3 WINNERS – Chamith, Christopher, Antoine



Div 5 blue WINNERS – Oscar, Tom, Finn, Kipp



Div 4 WINNERS – Alex, Aidan, Yutaka

Spring Tennis Night held on 27 October

We had a wonderful evening of tennis, delicious hamburgers and ice-creams at our Spring Tennis Night on Friday 27 October. We think this might have been our best roll up of members and guests ever, so there were lots of people to talk to and play tennis with. As no Red Hill social tennis night is complete without a fire, we finished the night with toasted marshmallows around the firepit. Thanks to the organisers and to everyone who came along to make this such a fun event. We look forward to holding more social events in 2018.



**Social
Tennis**
now
Tuesdays 8 – 930pm
Members \$4
Non-members \$7
Newcomers welcome



Tournaments

Pizzey Cup – Bruce Cup

The **Pizzey Cup** and **Bruce Cup** are annual tournaments held for state and territory based teams of school kids - the Bruce Cup for primary aged children and the Pizzey Cup for secondary kids. Teams of 8 girls and 8 boys are selected for each state and territory.

Red Hill has been well represented in the ACT teams with **Katlin Bruce** competing in the Pizzey Cup in April/May; and **Nick Maleganeas** and **Sophie McDonald** being selected for the Bruce Cup in October. In fact **Sophie** was chosen to be the captain of the ACT girls team - perhaps the first time a Red Hill member has had this honour!

As a club, it has been a longstanding custom that we support all players who attend the Pizzey and Bruce Cups by providing them with a cheque for \$100 to acknowledge their achievement. The committee agreed to increase this to \$200 for Sophie in recognition of her further achievement as team captain.



Sophie McDonald



Sophie and Daniel McDonald



Nick Maleganeas



Katlin Bruce

December Showdown

Junior Red Hill members **Sophie McDonald** and **Hugh Taylor** played in the **December Showdown, held at Melbourne Park**. The showdown consists of singles and doubles National titles in the 12/u, 14/u, 16/u and 18/u age groups and the 12/u and 14/u National team events. It is a great honour for them both to be chosen to take part in this competition and we are very proud of their achievements.

Sophie and **Hugh** represented the ACT in the 12/u girls and boys team events (achieving 10th and 11th placings respectively).

They also took part in the second week of the showdown which saw the 12/u and 16/u National titles contested. They were in good company with ACT players competing including Tallulah Farrow, Jimmy Fu, Annerly Poulos and Charlie Camus.



Hugh Taylor

Diplomatic Tennis Tournament held on 22 October

The **99th Diplomatic Tennis Tournament** was held over the weekend of the 22nd of October.

As always **Red Hill Tennis Club** boasted a strong contingent of players. After the dust settled on the round robins RHTC found itself with 3 players competing across 2 of the finals.

Dan Kennedy made the final of the Intermediate Mixed doubles, while **Tom Shafron** made it into the Men's doubles final against his brother **Zac**.

All the finals were held at the Italian Embassy. In the Intermediate mixed doubles **Dan** and his partner played exceptionally well! They were triumphant in their final.

In the men's doubles RHTC were guaranteed to have a winner. **Tom Shafron** the current RHTC champion and his partner won the men's doubles 7-5 in a very entertaining and tight tussle.



Ideas – comments?

Please contact us if you have any ideas for more information, good photos, or tennis news you would like to share

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