

RED HILL TENNIS CLUB



Newsletter July 2017

President's welcome

Thanks for another great year with the club.

We have had great tennis weather, not much rain and beautiful sunny clear days (even if they're a bit cold at the moment). I hope you all have the opportunity to get out and have a hit - everything seems better after a game of tennis!

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and have a great winter.

Carolyn

Pennant News



2017 Autumn Div 5 Blue Winners

Peter Breunig, Griffin Dempster, Antoine Rebut



2017 Autumn Div 5 Blue Winners & Runners Up

Yutaka Yamada, Aidan Stewart Thomson, Alex Gardner



2017 Autumn Div 6 winners

Sarah Graf, Maddie McRae, Alisha Kumar

Junior Pennant

Junior Spring Pennant Spring season starts 3 September

Junior Pennant Spring 2017 was another great season, with 11 teams entered in the competition - more than any other club in Canberra! 4 teams made finals - 2 of them against each other!

Winning teams

Div 5 Blue 2 Peter Breunig, Griffin Dempster, Ben Rayner, Antoine Rebut
Div 6 Sarah Graf, Maddie McRae, Paris O'Connell, Alisha Kumar

Runners Up

Div 2 Red Aidan Cocking, Kieren McConville, Alex Downe
Div 5 Blue 1 Yutaka Yamada, Aidan Stewart-Thomson, Alex Gardner

Junior Pennant could not happen without the never-ending support and enthusiasm of club coach Matt McDonald, keeping RHTC a scene of youthful enthusiasm - we can't thank you enough Matt!

Equally essential in the equation are the hard working parents managing the teams - thanks to those who have stepped up to the plate once again, and who have helped the newer managers navigate the mysteries of reading draws, entering scores and using the online results portal. Junior pennant relies heavily on volunteer input from parents, and all parents of junior pennant participants need to be ready to help out.

Adult Pennant

Red Hill fields a few teams in the world of pennant for grown-ups.

2 teams were entered in the Autumn 2017 and the Monday night Div 2 team (Hamish McConville, Ian McConville, Geoff Tooth and Anthony Firth) made the semi-final. They are currently playing in the Div 2 pool again in the winter season - which is NOT FOR KIDS! You can hardly see the players for the all the layers and velcro.

Our club Super Heroes and 2016 Club Champions Tom and Zac Shafron entered a team in the Div 2 Thursday night competition with Nancy and Mary Mahina.

Junior Challenge Ladder

Junior players now have the opportunity keep their skills alive between pennant seasons by challenging similarly ranked players on the Junior Challenge Ladder. *This in house competition is open to all club members aged 18 and under*, and they can challenge players ranked up to 3 places above them on the ladder.

The latest ladder can be viewed on Google Drive via a link sent to all participating players, and a hard copy is up at the clubhouse. A lower ranked player will take the place of the higher ranked player if they win the challenge match - let the games begin! The Challenge Ladder will run until later in the year in the lead up to Club Championships.

Match results should be emailed in or SMS to Libby on 0468 751165.

Autumn working bee

Our working bee hit a new high with so much activity happening in every direction. Perhaps most noticeable was the removal of all the old weedy trees beside and behind the clubhouse - we are planning to replant the area in spring so let us know if you'd like to be involved in that.

Also members sprayed over the ugly red graffiti on the practice wall so it looks fresh and clean. Much sweeping and raking was done to remove trailer loads of leaves around the clubhouse and courts and even the clay court broom was made stronger with PVC piping!

We removed the old louvre windows from the bathrooms and installed new sliding windows that keep the cold and dust out. And of course there was weeding and tidying of gardens which makes the club look cared for and loved.

Amazing effort thanks everyone who came and helped!



Guri and Sahana on graffiti clean-up of the practice wall



Matilda and Hamish removing those toilet windows!



Dan and Alice adding clever bracing to the clay courts broom – works so well now!



Kieren and Antoine perfecting the clay courts – topped up with Italian clay now and looking great!



Femke and Carolyn putting the finishing touches to the vinyl floor



Tom and Zac doing a great job on the overgrown shrubs and trees

Bonfire

We all had a wonderful bonfire in May after social tennis. There was spinach pie and marshmallows and of course a glass of wine. We had plenty of things to burn after the working bee so the fire was very impressive and warm! A great night - thanks to the fire starters!

Let's do it again soon!



Adrian, Alie, Femke and Judy enjoying a glass of red



Tom warming up after a hard game of tennis

STAY CONNECTED – RHTC now on Facebook

The RHTC Facebook page has gone live thanks to the efforts of one of our connected youthful member Hamish McConville. You can find posts on it about Pennant teams, court hire and other news items. The Facebook page may be used to give updates and reminders about club activities.

Please find, follow and like! <https://www.facebook.com/redhilltennisclub>

Going going gone on GUMTREE

One person's trash is another one's treasure - right?

The committee have been re-homing some club items via Gumtree, bringing joy to the new owners and cash to the club! An old bathroom mirror now lives with a mirror collector, the old suspended light fittings (not adopted by club members) are being used in a renovation, and the lighting tower has gone to a property in Gunderoo!

Book a Court UPDATE and CLUB SECURITY

From 1 May all court users have had to book courts each time they want to play using Book a Court. Well done to all those who have successfully navigated the new system! Please send us an email if you need a new email invitation to join Book a Court. You should set up your **Book a Court** account using the same email address as your My Tennis account so that you are recognised as a member.

A few notes on the new system:

- Even if the gate is open when you go to play (during coaching hours for instance) it is helpful if you still **enter your code as you pass through the gate**, as it shows that your booking was used and helps document court usage.
- If you are playing with a non-member, please note them as a guest when you make the booking, and **please pay for them (\$10 per hour)**. This works on an honesty system, and we rely on members to contribute appropriately.

AGM and Club Committee

The Club held its Annual General Meeting on 6 April 2017.
The Red Hill Tennis Club Committee for 2017 is as follows:

President	Carolyn Paris
Vice-President	Libby McCutchan
Secretary	Femke Rensen
Treasurer	Zac Shafron
Junior Vice President	Guy Sancataldo
Web wizard	Hamish McConville
Committee members	Alexandra Kellar, Dan Kennedy, Kirsty Bunfield, Marc Mowbray D'Arbela,

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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