



**Red Hill
Tennis Club**

President's Welcome - Winter 2018

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

New Members - Welcome!

Logan Wicks

Darby Austin

Anushka Ahuja

The Norman family

Luka Momcilovic

Michael Braysher

Raj and family

Fiona Bodman

Austin Nutall

Important Dates

Family Night - Fri 29 June

Spring Working Bee - Sun 9 September

Club Championships - Sun 21 October

Autumn 2018 Junior Pennant

Autumn 2018 Junior Pennant was yet another great season for junior players at RHTC with 11 teams entered in to the competition. We remain amongst the clubs with the highest number of teams entered, and this is entirely due to the relentless enthusiasm of club coach Matt McDonald encouraging his students to play competition tennis.

3 teams made finals, which was a great achievement. Unfortunately we were not able to bring any flags home this season, but we remain ever optimistic about next season!

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!

Finalists were Division 2 (Felix, Kieren and Antoine), Division 3 Blue Team 1 (Finn, Peter and Remi), and Division 6 (Sahana, Grace, Yiping and Yasmin).

Having such an active pennant scene at the club differentiates us from other local clubs, and certainly brings life to the courts on Sunday mornings. Most junior players become club members, even if for a year or two, which helps the club in many ways.

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

Matt, Kieren, Felix, Finn, Antoine,
Peter, Remi, Libby



Phillipa Boardman (Manager), Remi
Chapman, Finn Stenberg, Peter
Breunig
Div 3 Blue runners up

Sahana Selvadurai, Yiping Yu, Grace Powell, Yasmin Osborne (not present)
Div 6 runners up



Kieren McConville, Felix Lawler, Antoine Rebut
Div 2 Runners Up



Clockwise from top left: Felix, Felix & Antoine, Antoine, Remi

Sophie's Letter

Dear Red Hill Tennis Club Committee

I wanted to say a BIG THANK YOU for the generous cheque you gave me, to help

with the expenses for My Bruce Cup trip to Shepparton, Victoria. I'm pretty sure that none of the other Canberra Clubs gave any of their ACT Bruce Cup Players \$200!

Carrying the ACT flag into the opening ceremony was a great experience. ACT came 7/8 Teams. Being ACT's No.1 meant I was playing Australia's best, just about each Day and being exposed to that Standard of Tennis was great for Me. I won 6 matches, the most out of our Girls Team. The Highlights were winning Singles when we played NT-my best ever Win, winning NO.1 Mixed Doubles v Victoria and when ACT defeated Tasmania on the last Day, which got us off the bottom and up to 7th position!

Thanks again for all of Your support of Me and Your Financial help.

Sophie McDonald

*** The Bruce Cup is a national primary schools based event in which eight girls and eight boys are selected to represent the ACT. The Pizzey Cup is the equivalent event for players aged 18 and under. RHTC has a long standing tradition of supporting club members who are selected for Bruce Cup or Pizzey Cup. Sophie McDonald was only selected for Bruce Cup in 2017, but was appointed team captain.*

RHTC Annual General Meeting

The Red Hill Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 4 April 2018 at the clubhouse. We are delighted to announce the RHTC Committee for the coming year is:

President	Carolyn Paris
Vice-President	Libby McCutchan
Secretary	Femke Rensen
Treasurer	Zac Shafron
General members	Alexandra Kellar, Dan Kennedy, Kirsty Bunfield, Marc Mowbray D'Arbela, Hamish McConville, Guy Sancataldo, Brent Dayton, Adrian McConnon

Social Tennis – Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30pm

Red Hill Tennis Club has set up a MeetUp group to better manage communications around social tennis.

Sign up [here](#) or <https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/Canberra-Fitness-Meetup/>

Or get the Apple and Android MeetUp apps here.

[Apple](#) [Android](#)

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.

2018 Tennis ACT Junior Development Series

First Tournament South Canberra Junior Open.

11 Red Hill Tennis Club/McDonald School of Tennis, A.C.T Juniors competed.

- **Lucy Cameron** (9/u Singles) and **Remi Chapman**(Open Girls Singles) made excellent debuts, at the J.D.S level, both girls proving very competitive and winning some matches.
- **Robert Di Dio**(13/u Boys Singles) was 2nd in His Division
- **Elise Dayton**(11/u Girls Singles) just missed qualifying for the final on a 'countback'
- **Nick Maleganeas** was runner-up in the Open Boys Singles.

5 Titles were claimed

11/u Girls Singles	Alisha Kumar
11/u Girls Doubles	Alisha Kumar - Elise Dayton
13/u Boys Singles	Daniel McDonald
Open Girls Doubles	Kristina Veskovic - Sophie McDonald
Open Boys Doubles	Nick Maleganeas

A **BIG** congratulations to all who participated – well done!!

Little Visitors

You may have noticed some tiny tennis players having a hit on Monday mornings. This is part of a partnership with *Create Imagine Learn*, a childcare centre near the tennis club.

They sponsor the club and hire a court so the little ones can play tennis each week.



Family Night

The Winter Solstice tennis and bonfire night held on 29 June was truly magical. The courts were filled with tennis players while the soup heated up. After dinner we sat around the firepit chatting and looking up at the starry night. First Dan then Adrian M serenaded us with beautiful guitar music. Around 25 people came along, including three members of our neighbouring Wesley Tennis Club in Barton. Thanks to the committee for the catering.





Winter Adult Pennant

McDonald School of Tennis, A.C.T Pupils Carolyn Paris and Femke Rensen are yet to drop a set in the ladies doubles of TENNIS ACT WINTER MIXED PENNANT! The whole team - Alexandra Keller, Marc Mowbray D'Arbela, Dan Kennedy, Adrian McConnan, Libby McCutcheon - are doing the club proud

Div 4 Adult Pennant first match win!



Coaching Corner

Take at least one step closer to the net whenever your opponent serves a fault.

This gives you a better chance of being able to attack any slow or 'lollipopod' second serves.

If your opponent sees you step forward that's even better!

Working Bee

Our last working bee on 6 May was an amazing success. Thanks so much to everyone who helped.

Jane was a dynamo, cleaning the clubhouse walls, windows and washing outdoor furniture.

Adrian S, Adrian M, Dan, Ian, Kieran and Carolyn worked on planting the new feijoa hedge. The soil was hard, and the pick and shovel work was heroic. Ian dumped endless trailer loads of green waste at the tip returning with backloads of mulch for the new hedge.

Brent could not be stopped with his personal vendetta on autumn leaves on the courts (while dodging stray balls from junior pennant matches!) and on the paths. Unsuspecting parents watching pennant were co-opted into deadheading agapanthus and weeding garden beds.

The feijoa plants were donated by Bunnings Fyshwick earlier this year. We hope the hedge will improve the amenity of the clubhouse and provide fruit for kids to eat with hopefully enough left over for us to make a fundraising jam each year.



Generous Donation

We would like to thank Brent Dayton, and his family, Elise, Ava and Sharon for

donating an enormous umbrella and stand to shade friends and family watching junior pennant on Sundays. Brent donated the umbrella as part of a sponsorship of the club through his local real estate business, *Australis Realty*.



Progress with the lights

You may have noticed the LED light at the corner of court 1 has not been working at 100% for a while. We have been working with the luminaire manufacturer to repair it. Originally, they thought it was a broken controller and imported a part from the Netherlands. Once the electrician looked at the light with a 15 metre cherry picker, he found it was in actually cockatoo damage to the wires under the light. The light supplier is now importing a new light fitting to come from Holland which is should arrive soon.

The electrician fitted the rest of the lights with a wire coating that cockies don't like chewing so and will do the same to the new light once its installed.

So look forward to brighter night games in the future.

New Seat

We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a new seat to replace the one under the sun-shelter between courts 1 and 2. The bench is environmentally friendly being made of UV stabilised recycled plastic. It is also low maintenance and will never split, rot, crack or need painting. If you'd like to be part of the demolition crew with the old seat and help put in the new one (happening after the school holidays) – send Carolyn a message on 0407 974 203.



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