



AUGUST 2024

We hope you are all enjoying the tennis opportunities at Sorell Tennis Club, there is a lot going on! We have quite a few updates in this newsletter and dates for you to put into your calendar. Please get in touch via the club's email if you have any questions at sorelltennis@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT NOTES

It is a great joy to be leading this club that has amazing engagement and enthusiasm from players of all ages and levels. It was really evident at the most recent Fire pot Friday (26th July) and Jacksons Handicap event (2nd August).

As we prepare entries for our AYC teams it once again appears that we will have the strongest representation in the competition, a further aspect of our club to be proud of.

As the 2024 Committee settles in, we have had a focus on strategic planning and maintaining the club atmosphere and member enjoyment. Along with the necessary work of embedding policies and processes into our everyday work, and continuing to deliver tennis for all we have three other strategies we are pursuing:

- As we are at capacity with court hire and use in the afternoons and evenings, we are considering further engagement with schools and younger children, and this will be led by Coach Andrew Bourke
- We will be developing and formalising sponsorship packages focused on supporting club activities and ongoing development of club facilities, including player support. Dave Berry is leading this work.
- Developing a staged facility upgrade plan, including maintenance planning. We will be working closely with council and Tennis Tas to maintain our tennis club at the current location and will work toward expansion and upgrades. Jake Goad is leading the maintenance planning and upgrade support, with whole of committee responsible for the staged upgrade plan.

A \$1000 grant from Tennis Australia has enabled the purchase of a heater in the Jacksons Retreat, new balls to be purchased for the ball machine (soon to arrive) and funding for new courtside seating. This was a grant resulting from our support and hosting of the Seniors Event in Jan 2024.

Our committee members work very hard to maintain the club activities and opportunities for members and I cannot thank them enough. We are so lucky to have a very engaged and active committee to share the load. I would encourage every member to think about any areas they can assist. This might range from simply helping us maintain the space by clearing up rubbish around the courts or in Jacksons, through to helping in specific areas, we are particularly interested in anyone who has design or sketching abilities to help us develop a diagram of our facility upgrade plan (just the vision- does not need to be high level). Feel free to speak to any committee member if you have any feedback, questions, or comments for us to consider.

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CLUB MEMBER STRENGTHS

We are looking for volunteers with special skills to help us maintain and help around the club. If you have experience as a plumber, electrician, or in any other trade, or any other useful skills, your expertise would be incredibly valuable to us. Whether it's fixing leaks, handling electrical work, or any other tasks, your help would make a big difference. If you're willing to lend a hand or offer support, please get in touch with us. We are very lucky to have the volunteers we do; they keep the club running and looking great for all members to enjoy.

GEILSTON BAY OPEN

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Geilston Bay Open in July. Sorell Tennis Club had great representation from the Junior events all the way to the Open events. We will keep you posted with other events that are upcoming around the state.

JACKSONS HANDICAP EVENT

Thanks to everyone for participating in this year's Jacksons Handicap Event on Friday August 2nd, with the biggest number that we've ever had for this event. It was another great event run for the club and we thank Sharon Hibberd and the committee for their efforts.

Congratulations to the following teams:

Winners: Zaviour Targett and Ryan Cowle

Runners Up: Dave Carruthers and Claire Doran

Consolation Winners: Nicole Green and Herman Gelderblom





UPCOMING STC EVENTS

Register through Club Spark or put your name down on the clubhouse notice board for the following events that will be at the Club over the next couple of months:

Fast 4 pennant (4 weeks) – August 12th – September 2nd (Monday nights)

Fire Pot Friday – 30th August 6pm

AYC (Teams will be shared and Captains will be notified in the coming days)

CLUB MERCHANDISE

There is still some club merchandise available – We would love to see as many of you getting involved by representing Sorell for Winter Pennants/AYC by wearing the gear. We have certainly had some great comments from other clubs about how great everyone looks in the gear. **Get in touch with a committee member to purchase some gear.**

BEGINNER CARDIO TENNIS

Beginner Cardio tennis has had a great start this term on Friday nights at 6pm. If you wish to register, go to the club website to book your spot! There is also a Cardio Tennis session on Tuesday nights at 6pm which you can book through our website as well. <https://play.tennis.com.au/sorelltennisclub/Coaching>



30+ INTERCLUB SOCIAL TENNIS

On Sunday the 25th of August, the Rosny Tennis Club are hosting an Inter Club social tennis from 10am – 1pm. It would be great to see some players from our club going along to support this event. It costs \$15 which includes lunch and matches. These events have proven to be very popular over the last year.

If you would like to register, contact Di on 0417447842



JUNIOR QUOTE

Our Junior Quote for this newsletter comes from Zaviour Targett who is pictured below.

“Tennis can be hard but just remember to enjoy it” – Zaviour Targett



SOCIAL MEDIA

The Club is having an increased focus on the social media side of things over the next few months. This is in hope to encourage more members of the community to join in with our club activities such as Fire Pot Friday's and Pennants. To help us with this, we are asking everyone to please make sure you have liked our Facebook page and to leave a review! This helps the page get more attention which will have a great impact on the club for the future.

BALL MACHINE

The Club is lucky enough to have a spin fire ball machine located in the clubhouse that members can book and use. It is crucial that when the ball machine is used it is booked and paid for through our website, this helps the club in many ways and so we can keep stocking up the tennis balls for the machine like we have done this week. If you have any questions, please let us know.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The club is looking for a complaint officer and keeping children safe contact person. There is training available through Tennis Australia for this if you wish to get involved. Please reach out to the club if this is something you'd be interested in or if you have any questions.

See you all on the court soon!

Club Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/sorelltc>

Court Hire - <https://play.tennis.com.au/sorelltennisclub/court-hire/>

Bookings - <https://play.tennis.com.au/sorelltennisclub/Coaching>