



TEWANTIN NOOSA TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tony Coyle

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are enjoying our beautiful facility during this lovely time of year.

Our grant applications have produced a mixed bag of results. Unfortunately, our Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund application was unsuccessful. We had hoped to use these funds to supply LED lighting to courts 6-9. With the increased demand for evening tennis, the committee has decided to persevere with this intention and commit club funds to upgrade our lighting. We are currently looking at quotes from three sources with the assistance of Mick Blomer from Tennis Queensland. On the positive side, the club has been successful in obtaining grants of \$7,500 for the Active Women and Girls Program and \$2,500 for Active Clubs. The committee will consider strategies to use these funds appropriately. Please feel free to speak with committee members if you have any thoughts.



Many thanks to Bill Jackson for also adding to the ledger. His meticulous organisation of volunteers for the recent Noosa Runaway event raised around \$1,000 for the club. Well done Bill and many thanks to our usual volunteers.

My thanks also to Neil for his work with upgrading the Book-A-Court system on the rear courts and to Dan and his team for the recent grading review.

A reminder that the annual Junior Development Series Tournament will be held on 20-21st July with the coloured ball tournament on July 28th. Jason will be in charge and will be capably assisted by Pheonix J as part of her Emerging Leaders program. Pheonix will be supported by Sam Ryan and Jesper Anderson who are also involved in the program. As usual we will need volunteers for kitchen and BBQ duties as well as court preparation.

Due to the timing of this event, the start date for resurfacing courts 4 and 5 has been pushed back until after the completion of the tournament.

Scott J has very generously donated an upgrade of all benches that surround the courts. This generosity has been supported by personal donations from Alan Hocking and Bruce C. Thank you Scott, Alan and Bruce. Removable benches will be purchased for courts 1 and 10.

While on the topic of generosity, let me remind members of the amazing donation of \$20,000 by an anonymous member to upgrade our bathrooms. Not all generosity is financial. Marshall has donated a huge amount of time and energy to this program. He has advised members that work has commenced and that the disabled bathroom will be closed until Friday 5th July and that from Monday 8th July, the female and male bathrooms will be closed until Wednesday 31st July. Make sure to thank Marshall next time you see him.

I have been in discussions with a Perth company called Sublimation regarding the purchase of new merchandise – polo shirts and caps. Something like this:



I attended the Noosa Sports Forum earlier this month. It was well attended and gave some positive insights regarding support for local sporting clubs.

While Marshall was away, I followed up with Sportzing – the company who are booked to clean the rear ends of courts 6 and 7. They are still very much on board. They have been onsite on two occasions but found the surfaces too wet to work on. They need the carpet to be bone dry. Whilst on maintenance, the team continues its invaluable work on Friday mornings despite the recent wet weather and mould issues. Many thanks to our newest and hardest working recruit Marco!

I have been in a preliminary discussion with Gail Bates regarding the ITF Seniors event in September. I have advised her that Jo will not be catering this year although she still intends to offer her coffee van. Gail is happy to support the kitchen/BBQ arrangement as per pre Covid times.

Our coaching and junior development programs are on track. Well done, Pete.

Thanks to Malcolm for attending the recent Sports Complex meeting when I was away.

A special thanks to Kiwi Pete for his enthusiastic organisation of the Saturday afternoon sessions. The sessions are extremely popular – well done.

Don't forget our Wimbledon themed event on 7th July and keep an eye out for Jessica's trivia night.



(Kiwi) Pete Johnson

Tony.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Neil Sheahan

As we approach the end of the first half of 2024, our membership numbers are much the same compared to last year's numbers, as can be seen in the following table:

	June 2023	June 2024
Adult members	125	125
Junior members	17	21
Associate members	1	1
Honorary members	1	1
Life members	11	10
<i>Total</i>	155	158



We have had quite a few visitors attending our social sessions over the past few months, with those staying longer than a month taking advantage of our monthly visitor's fee.

Our online Book-A-Court system (which now covers all 10 courts) has been operating with no problems, making it easier for visitors to hire a court. Members are also required to use the system to book a court for private play, so that we have a record of who is using the courts at all times, and also to ensure there are no clashes with visitor bookings. The other advantage of using the system for private play is that you can pay any non-member guest fees by credit card at the same time as making the booking (obviously you can ask them to reimburse you). Any member who has not yet registered themselves with Book-A-Court and wishes to do so, should send me an email so that I can help them register to use the system.

The resurfacing of Courts 4 and 5 with new two-tone (blue/green) synthetic grass turf has been pushed back until after the JDS junior tournament at the end of July.

We are still awaiting the outcome of our grant application to help with the cost of upgrading the lights on our rear courts to LEDs which will cost about \$65,000. If our grant application is unsuccessful, we will probably just pay for the upgrade ourselves.

The refurbishment of our toilet block to modernise our toilets, wash basins and showers, together with repainting and tiling, has now started.

We had to change the clubhouse locks (not toilets) due to a recent break-in, so any members with clubhouse keys will need to see me to get a replacement.

Neil

COACH'S REPORT by Pete Taylor

As we move into winter, it's the perfect time to reflect on a busy few months of tennis, in particular the incredible success of the Thursday BBQ. Demand for Thursday lessons have more than tripled since the social BBQ, in particular the 4:00pm group which now has 9 girls attending the session for term three - which is a record! Almost all of the parents are new to the club and will hopefully be part of our next generation of family members.

LTC players have shown great improvements recently performances in various tournaments:

Kingaroy JDS (double points tournament)

- Congratulations to Jack Dodd for runner-up in the U/11 boys.
- Aria Jackson for Winning the Green-ball singles
- Leo Taylor Green-ball runner up
- Phoenix Jackson Doubles U/15 runner up

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- Jack Dodd - Green-ball Runner up

It's fantastic to see some reward for the hard work on the practise courts.

In term three we will be focussing on bringing our next group of Fixtures Players through. Fixtures is club competition where junior members of TNCC represent the club and play a series of home and away matches against the other local clubs on the Sunshine Coast. To do this we will be focusing on a 'game based' approach to coaching - with point play, strategy and serving the core areas of the coaching program. I've always found the quicker we can get junior players up to competition level the longer they stay as members and as coaching students - a win/win for both the Tewantin Noosa Tennis Club and Launch Tennis Coaching.

Looking forward to seeing you all around the club!

Pete and the LTC Tennis Team!



VALE ELLEN DENNIEN

Ellen was born in Wondai on 4th October 1924 to Evelyn and Matthew Porter. Farm life was hard- lots of work and long hours. Regardless, she loved the farm life. Ellen loved her animals which continued throughout her life.



Ellen was the third of four children. Their farm was at Wheatlands, 13 kilometres from Wondai. Her duties included milking the cows, mowing and raking lucerne, gathering potatoes, onions, pumpkins, watermelons, and planting oats and wheat.

Ellen learnt to drive early on the farm driving a Fordson tractor. She often drove her mother into Murgon for shopping. The policeman turned a blind eye to the unlicensed driver! At 97 years of age, she was still driving around Tewantin.

During her teens, Ellen would spend Saturday nights at the local dances. On Sundays she would play tennis at the Wheatlands School courts and on other neighbouring towns' courts. It was at tennis that Ellen first met Reginald Dennien. In 1941 Reg was called up to fight in New Guinea. Ellen and Reg were married on 26th February 1945 in the Wondai Anglican Church. She made her own wedding dress, her mother's dress, and two bridesmaids' dresses. Not bad for a self-taught dressmaker on a treadle machine! The newlyweds share-farmed for a while until the drought forced them off the land. They moved into Murgon in 1951, where they lived for 21 years. During this time, Peter was born in 1945, Gloria in 1947, and Kay in 1953.

Ellen has always loved her tennis and has played regularly wherever she has lived. She began playing at eight years of age and continued playing well into her eighties, making many lifelong friends along the way. A proud moment for Ellen was when she won the C grade singles in Tewantin in her 80s. She was one of the inaugural members of the Tewantin Tennis Club, and was bestowed a life membership in 1990. She loved tennis so much, she wished to die on the tennis court. You didn't achieve it Ellen, but you did break your femur on the court which forced you to retire.

Ellen always wanted to travel, so in 1972 they purchased a caravan and set off to see Australia. However, they never fulfilled their dream, only travelling along the east coast. Reg and Ellen stayed a while in Rockhampton where Reg picked up work as a storeman. They then travelled to Ingham where they worked on a sugarcane and a tobacco farm. They also travelled south to Griffith to pick fruit. Reg's health was failing, so they decided to settle down in Tewantin. Peter built their house in Goodwin Street. She lived very happily there for the next 47 years. Reg passed away in 1993, so she lived alone for the next 31 years. Showing much independence and determination, she fought fiercely to remain in her own home till the end. Sadly, that was not to happen.

Ellen was always thinking of her family. At last count, she had 6 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great, grandchildren.

Ellen was a 'greenie' long before it was fashionable! Her early years on the farm taught Ellen the importance of conserving water. She would always rigourously save every drop to the point of catching the cold shower water in a bucket to be used for watering plants! Likewise with paper, what was salvageable was reused as note paper. Waste, in any form, could not be tolerated. Recycling was nothing new to Ellen, and she took it seriously. Ellen has always been a staunch supporter of buying Australian made, regardless of the cost. The closing down of Australian companies made her blood boil!

Ellen has always had an enquiring mind. She always kept up to date with current affairs (and had a strong opinion on most matters!). She has always loved to read, devouring newspapers, magazines, books, etc cover to cover. She said that as a youngster all she had to read were the labels on jam tins and the squares of torn up newspaper used in the outdoor toilet! In later years she also discovered word puzzles, and spent many happy hours solving crosswords.

Ellen was always involved in the community... working at school P & Cs, school tuck shops, Meals on Wheels for 30 years, SES volunteer, tennis club committees, war widows, and Laurel club. She visited the 'oldies' in the aged care homes, collected money for Blue Care, the Heart Foundation, and the Cancer Council. On a regular basis she would sell tickets in Tewantin's main street for the RSL, and poppies for Remembrance Day.

When Ellen's mobility deteriorated to a point where she was unable to care for herself, she spent her last four months in Kabara Nursing Home in Cooroy where she received wonderful care and attention until she passed away on Sunday 19th May, just months away from her 100th birthday.

Gloria Connors

NEW TENNIS QUEENSLAND INSURANCE BROKER

Following an extensive review by Tennis Australia of Tennis Queensland's existing insurance broking and risk advisory services, a collective decision has been made to replace Marsh with Howden Insurance Brokers (Australia) Pty Ltd (Howden). This change is effective immediately.

It is important to note this change is for the insurance broker only, not the insurance provider, meaning there is no change to the current insurance policies, with all Certificates of Currencies remaining unaffected.

Details of all policies can be found on the Tennis Australia Insurance Centre which can be found [here](#). This website is in its early stages and Howden will be adding more information to the site in the coming months.

BREAKFAST AND TENNIS

Breakfast was held at the Club after social tennis on Sunday 19th May. Here are a few photos from the breakfast. Sunny conditions and the huge number of participants made it an enjoyable morning.



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023/24

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WEEKLY SOCIAL TENNIS SESSIONS

Monday 6.30 - 9.00 am	A and B Grade Mixed Doubles
Tuesday 6.30 – 9.00 am	Open (A, B and C Grade) Mixed Doubles
1.00 – 4.00 pm	A and B Grade Men's Doubles
Wednesday 6.30 – 9.00 am	A and B Grade Mixed Doubles
2.00 - 4.00 pm	A Grade Women's Doubles
Thursday 6.30 – 9.00 am	A and B+ Grade Mixed Doubles
Friday 6.30 – 9.00 am	Open (A, B and C Grade) Mixed Doubles
1.00 – 4.00 pm	A and B Grade Men's Doubles
Saturday 6.00 – 9.00 am	A and B Grade Mixed Doubles
2.00 – 4.00pm	Open (A, B and C Grade) Mixed Doubles
Sunday 6.30 – 9.00 am	Open (A, B and C Grade) Mixed Doubles



Not getting all the Club News?

Could be you have changed your email address, phone number or address and have forgotten to let us know.

To ensure you are kept up to date with "happenings" at the Club, please advise the Secretary, via email ttcsecretary8@gmail.com, of any changes to your personal details.

WATCH FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

These, and other events, will be displayed on the club noticeboard as they are arranged, so do keep checking!

Wimbledon function
JDS tournament
JDS Coloured Ball tournament
Club Championships
AGM
Seniors' Tournament

7 July
20, 21 July
28 July
11th, 17th, and 18th August
25th August
13 – 16 September