

# TEWANTIN NOOSA TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tony Coyle

Congratulations to club coach Pete Taylor who has been selected to coach the Sunshine Coast junior team in a State competition.

Congratulations also to Ben McDonald who organised our recent State of Origin tournament as a part of his Emerging Leaders Program. Ben followed this up with a presentation to Sunshine Coast Tennis delegates.



Many thanks to the club members who volunteered for the recent Noosa Triathlon. With Bill at the helm, approximately \$2,000 was raised for the club.

The Book - A - Court upgrade to the back bank of courts has almost been completed. We are awaiting the arrival of signage for both gates. My thanks to Neil and Malcom for their work with this.

Thanks also to Pete, Bruce and Neil for their efforts in refreshing the Club's logo, brochure and signage. I believe that we should now move towards refreshing the Club's merchandise including polo shirts, T-shirts, caps etc.

I've received very positive feedback from our recent Captain V Presidents afternoon. The event was well attended and highly enjoyable. My particular thanks to Dan for his excellent organisation of the tennis for the afternoon.

Jessica's idea for an AO event has been well received by the committee. The event involves hiring a giant visual wall which will be set up on courts 4 and 5 to stream both the men's and women's finals. A sub-committee is looking at such things as seating, ticketing, food and drinks and so on. There is much to like about the event on many levels. Besides being an enjoyable event, it would also give TNTC excellent exposure. To assist with the cost of event, the club has secured major sponsorship from the Tewantin Noosa RSL club. So start to get ready for our very own AO!

Unfortunately, the tennis ball and racquet recycling firm that we had dealings with, seems to have gone out of business. So we are no longer able to recycle members' balls and racquets.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Tony

## TREASURER'S REPORT by Neil Sheahan

As we approach the end of 2023, our membership numbers are much the same compared to last year's numbers, as can be seen in the following table:

	Dec 2022	Dec 2023
Adult members	138	145
Junior members	23	22
Associate members	1	1
Life members	11	11
Honorary members	1	1
Total	174	180



Membership fees are due by 1st January.

There has been no increase in membership fees for 2024, and there have been some changes to our discounted membership categories, as approved at our last AGM:

- The annual fee for Adults is \$300 with a 50% discount for Intermediate members (18-20 years) and Senior members (90+ years).
- The annual fee for Juniors is \$60, discounted to \$10 if one or both parents are Adult members. The discounted "Parent of Junior Member" category has been discontinued.

There is now an option to pay Adult, Intermediate and Senior memberships monthly by automatic online payments from a valid credit/debit card on the 1st day of every month for 12 months. It will automatically renew every 12 months unless cancelled. There are no extra charges for these monthly membership payments.

If you wish to change from annual payment to monthly credit/debit card payments, go to our website www.tennis.com.au/ttc and login with your email address and password. Go to the Membership page and select the applicable Monthly membership category (Adult, Intermediate or Senior) and you will be guided through the setup process. You must delay doing this until 1st January - if you do this before 1st January, your credit/debit card will be charged a pro-rata fee for the days remaining in December, which you have already paid for with your 2023 subscription.

I would encourage members to renew their membership online through our website (tennis.com.au/ttc) which uses software called ClubSpark, which is also the software that manages our online Book A Court system. The online membership renewal system allows payment by credit card (preferred) as well as EFT, cash and cheque.

Tennis Australia offers Customer Support telephone advice for anyone having difficulties with ClubSpark – phone 1800 752 983.

If anyone is unable to renew their membership online, you can still do it manually using the paper Membership Renewal form which is available on our website (on the Membership page) and in the clubhouse.

Technically, anyone who does not renew their membership by 1st January should pay the Visitor's Fee (\$10) when playing at the Club from this date, until they have paid their membership fees.

Neil

# COACH'S REPORT by Pete Taylor

It has been an incredibly rewarding year at Tewantin Noosa Tennis Club and in the short space of one year we have taken huge steps forward to become one of the leading clubs on the Sunshine Coast. On the coaching side it's been a frantic finish to the year with regular coaching wrapping up in what has been our busiest term so far at the club. I have also been lucky enough to be selected as Sunshine Coast rep team travelling coach/ manager at several teams events in November and December, which several TNTC players also were selected for. We also have some big plans quietly ticking away in the background for 2024, including starting our first term in school tennis partnership, which allows us to branch out and generate



community interest in the game of tennis and bring more players into TNTC.

Looking forward we have another huge AO and summer of tennis approaching. I don't want to ruin the surprise but we are going to create a festival of tennis over the two finals days of the AO, something I'm really excited about! We need to continue to open to the doors to the community and put Tewantin Tennis Club back on the map, running an event like this is certainly that! So, stay tuned for more news on this shortly!

Lastly, on the 1st of January at the Brisbane International I will be presented with a Master Club Professional Qualification from Tennis Australia - Only 3 Queensland coaches have graduated from the course and gotten this qualification in the last 4 years.

See you back at the courts in 2024.

Pete and the LTC coaching Team!



## 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.

#### MASTERS' TOURNAMENT



150 participants from Australia, New Zealand, India, Japan, and Sri Lanka competed at the Sunshine Coast Masters Tour (MT400) Tournament at the Tewantin Tennis Club from Friday 15 September to Monday 18 September. The tournament gives Australian players the opportunity to gather important points in order to contest the World Masters Championships held in Majorca, Spain in October.

Tournament Director, Gail Bates, said "Conditions over the four days were perfect for tennis at Tewantin with sunny skies but mild temperatures. Contestants appreciated playing in the bushland setting at Tewantin during the day which allowed them to explore the

restaurants and entertainment of Noosa at night. Thanks also goes to all the volunteers from the Tewantin Tennis Club who maintained the courts in excellent condition and assisted in making the event run smoothly".

### PRESIDENT V CLUB CAPTAIN TOURNAMENT

The annual President vs Club Captain Tournament was held at the Tewantin Tennis Club on Sunday 26 November. For the first time in many years, it was the President's team who were successful, 110 to 82 games.





#### STATE OF ORIGIN TOURNAMENT



The Queensland team consisting of Sharon Campbell, Ken McGrath, Robyn Skaar and Ross Birkitt won the State of Origin tennis tournament held at the Club on Saturday 28th November. The New South Wales team was the runner-up. The event was organised by Club member Ben McDonald as part of his program as an Emerging Leader. Eight teams from Queensland, NSW, Victoria and the Rest of the World competed.

#### AUSTRALIAN OPEN BIG SCREEN EVENT

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January, the Club will be hosting the Australian Open finals on the courts with a big screen. The Women's final will be at 6.30pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January and the Men's final will be from 6.30pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

Bring along your chairs, drinks and snacks and enjoy the finals at the Club. Friends are invited at no cost. The event is sponsored by the Noosa RSL.

#### CLUB XMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party was held on Sunday 10 December at the Club. Some tennis was played followed by drinks, snacks and a sausage sizzle.





#### JUNIORS' RESULTS



Flynn and Phoenix finished 2nd on the ladder and played in the Division 1 Junior Finals of the Sunshine Coast Junior Fixtures. They competed against the best U/18's on the Sunshine Coast at Kawana in the November finals. We are looking forward to seeing them progress in 2024!



Tewantin Noosa Tennis Club Green Ballers - Leo, Aria, Felix (and Nash) made it to the finals of the Sunshine Coast Junior Fixtures this season! The team representing Tewantin Tennis Club were on a steep learning curve playing their first ever fixtures season but toughed it out to finish 2nd on the ladder - reflecting their skill, teamwork, and dedication.

#### COACHING TEAM ADDITION



Head Coach, Pete Taylor is thrilled to announce that John Ersoy is joining the coaching team full-time and offering lessons 5 days a week. John is a certified Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach and has an outstanding track record in coaching. His passion for tennis, dedication to his students, and playing and coaching experience have made him a highly respected figure in the tennis community.

#### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2023/24

**President:** Tony Coyle 0413 244 004 coylethscareers@hotmail.com

**Vice President**: Malcolm Butcher

**Treasurer:** Neil Sheahan 0418 524 626 ttc.treasurer19@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Jason Reynolds 0412 831 770 secretary@tewantintennisclub.com

Club Captain: Dan Coates

**Committee Members**: Peta Mackay

Jessica Lewis Scott Jackson Bruce Campbell

**Ball Manager:** Lois Strano

#### 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

4.00 – 6.00pm Open (A, B and C Grade) Mixed Doubles

Sunday 6.30 – 9.00 am Open (A, B and C Grade) Mixed Doubles