

# Turner Tennis Club Newsletter

## November 2017

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**President:** Giorgina Williams

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## Annual General Meeting Notice – Sunday 26 November

The Turner Tennis Club AGM will be held at 3pm on Sunday 26 November 2017 at the clubhouse.

At 4pm – we will be hosting a free BBQ, drinks, and Fast4 social tennis to christen the new courts! We would love to see as many members as can make it and please RSVP to [turnertennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:turnertennisclub@gmail.com) by Friday 22 November.

All Committee positions are up for re-election as follows:

- President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
- At least 2 Ordinary Committee members

Whilst at least some of your current dedicated band of Committee members will continue on, it would be fabulous to welcome some new faces to the Committee!

Nominations for committee positions are welcome via email at [turnertennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:turnertennisclub@gmail.com) by Thursday, 23 November.

**All welcome.**

## Note from the President

Our Committee has attended two Tennis ACT Club Forums this year which we have found very useful. The first in the depths of winter looked at how we as a club should ensure any children playing at TTC are adequately safeguarded. Tennis Australia has provided a Resource Kit for Clubs to help them provide a safe environment for our younger members and visitors. The second forum looked at club governance models and coach engagement – both of interest to your Committee.

There are lots of congratulations in this newsletter as we celebrate the achievements of, and accolades for, a number of club members who have excelled themselves either as players or supporters of the game of tennis.

Once again I want to thank the Committee for their huge efforts again this year. Whilst all of your Committee put in many hours of volunteer time to make sure you have a vibrant club, I want to acknowledge the special efforts of Norm Schram for managing our club upgrade program which often includes rolling up his sleeves and doing it himself! I also want to thank those involved in establishing Book-A-Court and MyTennis for TTC. Many many volunteer hours have gone into this, including ongoing administration, and for this we are very grateful.

We are really pleased to see the coaching program, under Robbie Manzano's lead, grow in strength. Together with the implementation of Book-A-Court and court upgrades we hope to see a growth in court usage and in memberships over the next 12 months.

## Your Membership & MyTennis

Turner Tennis Club (TTC) is now using Tennis Australia's *MyTennis* to record and maintain our memberships.

We are therefore strongly encouraging all members to have a *MyTennis* account, renew your membership and maintain membership details online.

We will provide reminders via email over coming months and details are also available on the TTC website.

Membership renewals will be due on 1 February 2018 with reminder notification being provided in January.

## Walk of Fame for TTC Legends

ACT tennis legends and TTC members Alison Ide and Ros Balodis were inducted into the Tennis ACT Walk of Fame on Saturday 9 September at the Tennis ACT Awards.

The Tennis ACT Walk of Fame is located at the entrance of the redeveloped Canberra Tennis Centre. Ros and Alison (who passed away in 2009) are honoured for their exceptional contribution which has brought recognition and esteem to them and to tennis in the Australian Capital Territory.



Photo: Ros accepting her Award



Photo: The late Alison Ide honoured at the Walk of Fame ceremony.

Read more about the achievements of both Alison and Ros in the Canberra Times article replicated at the end of this newsletter.

## Congratulations!

## Tennis ACT Awards 2017

Our Treasurer Peter Breugelmans, was awarded the Volunteer Achievement Award for 2017 for his outstanding 40 year contribution to tennis and also took home the ANZ bonus prize of a trip to the 2018 Australian Open.

Peter has played tennis since he was a youngster and subsequently has represented TTC in many seasons of pennant. He has played in the Australian seniors team event since 1981 and participates in the Twilight competition. Since 1996, he has been Treasurer of Tennis Seniors ACT and has served on the TTC volunteer club committee since the 1970s as your Treasurer. He has also led the club's grading committee, maintenance committee, been membership contact and association representative.

You can read more about Peter's amazing contribution here:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/act/news-and-events/events/tennis-act-awards/anz-bonus-prize-ao-2018>

Long time member Ros Balodis was awarded the Most Outstanding 35+ Tennis Senior.

We also nominated our coach Robbie Manzano for the Coaching Excellence – Club Tennis ACT Award, although not successful this year we are pleased to have been able to put Robbie's name forward.

## Congratulations to you all!

## Coaching by Tennis Canberra

Our Tennis Canberra coach Robbie reports that Tuesday's coaching session at the club is going well.

If you would like to join the Tuesday sessions at TTC, more information about coaching is at:

<http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/activities/turner-tennis-club/>

To book please head to:

<http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/book-online/>

## Have You Registered for Book-A-Court?

We are now into our fifth month of operation of the online booking system and would love to hear your feedback – good or not so good. Drop us a line: [turnertennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:turnertennisclub@gmail.com)

If you have not yet joined you will shortly receive an email from TTC inviting you to join. Please sign up as we would like to see all our current members registered and we still have some way to go!

A reminder that we have put together a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" which you can find on the Turner Tennis Club website:

[www.tennis.com.au/turnertennisclub/book-a-court/bac-faqs](http://www.tennis.com.au/turnertennisclub/book-a-court/bac-faqs)

## Pennant Competitions

Congratulations to Turner Tennis Club's Monday Night pennant team - James Gaukroger (captain), Aidan Kerr and Bradley Hocking.

The guys beat O'Connor Tennis Club five sets to one to take out the 2017 Winter Season Monday Night Division 4 Red competition.



Photo courtesy of Tennis ACT. Left to right: Aiden, James, Bradley.

The winning team received a Pennant 2017, wine glasses and a Tennis Australia Open towel.

The club has again nominated a night competition team in the 2017 Spring Monday & Tuesday Night Mixed Pennant. The members of the team are James Gaukroger, Bradley Hocking and Jarred Davis and have been placed in Division 6.

Grab a few friends and go to the Tennis ACT web site for information on dates, times, and formats of pennant competitions. Prior to competitions, you will find sign-up sheets at the clubhouse or you can contact the club by email.

## Club Upgrades

Courts 3 and 4 have now been resurfaced with the Committee very pleased with the end result. Thanks to players who had to make other arrangements whilst the work proceeded. We hope that the wait was worth it and we look forward to many years of great play on these new surfaces.

Replacement of clubhouse fencing has been completed with us gaining some area adjacent to the clubhouse along our lease boundary.

Now our efforts will be on remediating the car park (thanks again to Pink Tennis for making this possible) and that will complete our activity for 2017! We have a long wish list of future developments so will share those once the Committee agrees the plan for 2018.

A special thanks to Norm Schram, Maintenance and Upgrade Coordinator, who continues to spend many hours at the club solving problems, performing maintenance and making sure our upgrade program stays on track.

If you spot any maintenance issues or have feedback about the upgrades, please email [turnertennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:turnertennisclub@gmail.com)



Photo: Resurfaced courts and the work in progress.

## Committee 2017 Achievements

- Successfully bid for government grants to replace two courts and for electronic gate access
- Oversaw upgrade of Courts 3 & 4
- Implemented Book-a-Court software for online access to courts
- Installed new electronic gate, and new perimeter fence around clubhouse
- Held a successful Fundraiser Trivia Night at the RUC
- Our Treasurer received Volunteer Achievement Award at the Tennis ACT Awards
- Implemented a Three Year Financial Plan/Updated club Business Plan
- Undertook Tennis Australia Operational Health Check
- Providing ongoing support to members and non-members : for MyTennis, Book-a-Court and hiring queries.
- Arranged and oversaw problematic light repairs
- Cleaned clubhouse, courts and surrounds and up kept club supplies
- Arranged club signage
- Designed carpark restoration plan
- Purchased and replaced nets
- Regularly collected fees from hire venues (prior to Book-a-Court)
- Managed maintenance contractor
- Regular Committee meetings held during 2017

## Volunteering at the Canberra International

Club members were seen enjoying the tennis at this year's Canberra International.

Our Vice President was one of many local volunteers who had a fabulous time supporting the event and watching some great tennis and she would highly recommend club members volunteering their time for either a day or the whole event.

Tennis ACT will be hosting another men's ATP Challenger event – The East Hotel Canberra Challenger from 6-13 January 2018. Keep an eye out for their emails or website for volunteer requests.



Photo: Val our Vice President enjoying the 'perks' of volunteering!

## Suggestions and Feedback

You can always provide suggestions/feedback via email to [turnertennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:turnertennisclub@gmail.com)

**Thanks for your support!**



## Tennis ACT inducts Ros Balodis and Alison Ide into walk of fame

### Article Published in the Canberra Times 8 September 2017

by Chris Dutton

The good news for Tennis ACT walk of fame inductee Ros Balodis is that she's still unbeaten after almost 20 years.

The bad news for the 58-year-old's opponents is that she wants to keep playing for another 32 years and has no intention of relinquishing a remarkable record.

Balodis and the late Alison Ide have now joined Wally Masur, Ken Willis and Keith Carnall as Canberra tennis legends on the walk of fame.

Tennis has been Balodis' 'hobby' for the past 50 years, but she boasts a winning record most could only dream of: 19 years of never dropping a set at the Australian seniors titles.

Not bad for a hobby. But the scary part is Balodis hopes to continue playing well into her 90s.

"I don't usually look at how many matches I've won, but I have to when [the media] ask," Balodis laughed.

"I had a look for the walk of fame and I think I've won the national seniors title 18 times. Usually I play three or four singles at each of those tournaments.

"I think it's important not to think about it, otherwise it weighs on your mind. If I lose, I lose. As long as I've given it my best effort, I'll be happy.

"I'm hoping I've still got a fair few years of being fit and healthy ... there is some wear and tear on the body.

"I see people playing who are over 90 years old, and I really admire their fitness and tenacity. I hope I can stay fit and healthy to emulate their efforts."

Balodis was a junior tennis star growing up in Wollongong and won the Victorian under-19s singles title in 1976 as a curtain-raiser on centre court to an Australian Open men's semi-final.

She started playing when she was five and won the Australian under-13 title, but after winning the Victorian Open she decided to go to university instead of chasing a professional tennis career.

"Physically I didn't think I had the capabilities to play week after week and you need to be able to do that to make a living from tennis. That was the main thing," Balodis said.

"But I never wonder what if. I'm very happy with how my life turned out, and tennis has been a hobby for 50 years."

Balodis' dominance in Canberra's women's tennis events in the 1980s prompted calls for unisex tennis teams to curb her winning streak.

She has also won seven singles and 11 doubles titles at the over-35s world championships, played for Australia 14 times and is still the world No. 1 for over-55s.

Ide, an ACT Sport Hall of Fame member, is credited with being the "architect of modernising women's tennis in the ACT".

She was a mainstay at the Australian veterans championships, playing in 23 of the first 24 years of the tournament.

Ide also served two terms as Tennis Seniors ACT president, was made an honorary life member of the ACT Tennis Association in 1981 and was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for her service to tennis in 1997.

This story was found at:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/sport/act-sport/an-unbeaten-legend-tennis-act-inducts-ros-balodis-and-alison-ide-into-walk-of-fame-20170906-gyc6lm.html>