



Weston Creek Tennis Club

Minutes of the Weston Creek Tennis Club 2023 AGM held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 7:30pm

1. Present

Peter Ward, Clair Dupont, Graeme Rossiter, Phillip Stephens, Brian Chauncy, Lorraine Ovington, Johnny Swientek, Tony Laudenbach, Max Rafferty, Thomas Fuller, Mark Rendall, Peter Jensen, Rohan Lowry, Linda Barich, Alex Barich, Stuart Howie, Daniel Gottwield & Dean Elliott (18).

2. Apologies

Daniel Green, Mark Walton, Maggie King, Geoff Kotz & Kerry Ward (5).

3. Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes

The Executive Committee accepted the previous 2022 AGM Minutes with no amendments. Moved by Graeme Rossiter, Seconded by Phillip Stephens.

4. Business Arising from Previous AGM Minutes

Nil

5. Executive Annual Reports

President's Report

5.1 Refer to [President's Report](#).

5.2 **Additional Courts Project:** The Club is now the grantee for the project instead of Tennis ACT. The geotechnical study and site survey reports have been finalised and received by the Club. To determine exactly what can be constructed with the funding available, it is planned to issue a "Request for Quotation" to three contractors seeking formal quotations for the construction of hardcourts. This is expected to occur in mid-July. From the responses, the Club will be in a better position to know exactly how many courts can be constructed. The final application is due mid-late August 2023.

5.3 Graeme Rossiter thanked Peter Ward for his leadership, work and time as President for the club.

Treasurer's Report

5.4 Refer to [2020-21 Audited Financial Statements and Finance Report](#).

5.5 This year the club did not require to have its financial records audited but a Reviewer was required to be appointed to review the accounts. A big thank you to Stephanie Boss who did the review.

Membership Report

5.6 Refer to [Membership Report](#).

5.7 There were 374 members for 2022-23. Membership numbers are stable around the 300s.

Coach Report

5.8 Refer to the [Coach Report](#).

Canberra Tennis League Report

5.9 Refer to the [Canberra Tennis League Report](#).

Social Tennis Report

5.10 Refer to [Morning Social Tennis Report](#)

5.11 Refer to [Wednesday Night Social Tennis Report](#).

Rebel Sport Report

5.12 Refer to [Rebel Sport Report](#).

All Reports

5.13 It was moved by Graeme Rossiter that all reports be accepted. Seconded by Johnny Swientek. Carried.

6. Election of New Executive

6.1 The President noted that each year the Committee retired in accordance with the constitution, and a new Committee is elected.

6.2 Clair Dupont was nominated as returning officer for new Committee nominations.

6.3 Refer to Nominations for [WCTC Committee 2023-24](#). Head Coach Mark Walton has been appointed to the Committee as the Coach Representative. Clair advised that the listed nominations for the WCTC Committee have been elected as the new Committee for 2023-24. Refer to [WCTC Committee List 2023-24](#).

6.4 Peter Ward has resigned as the President and nominated for the Committee. Graeme Rossiter has been nominated as the President. Max Rafferty has been nominated as the Vice President. Tony has been nominated as the Assistant Membership Secretary. Geoff Kotz has been nominated as the Works Coordinator. The position of a Marketing and Promotions officer is vacant.

6.5 All 2023-24 Committee members are current WCTC financial members.

7. Reviewer

7.1 As per the [Association Incorporation Act 1991 \(the Act\)](#), small associations may now have their accounts reviewed by a reviewer. A small association is considered an association with total revenue of less than \$400,000, less than 1000 members and no liquor licence. A reviewer must not be an officer of the association and not prepared or assisted with the preparation of the accounts. They do not need to hold any qualifications. A reviewer will undertake a review of the associations accounting records and prepare a written report.

7.2 The reviewer for the Club's financials in 2022-23 was Stephanie Boss.

7.3 The Executive will look to appoint a reviewer closer to the date of the next AGM.

8. General Business

8.1 Motion to increase membership, court hire and social tennis prices as per [WCTC Revised Membership, Court Hire and Social Tennis Prices 2023-24](#). Proposed by Clair Dupont, Seconded by Peter Ward. Accepted. Prices would increase from September 2023.

8.2 It was noted that the Club will be holding a 50th Anniversary Dinner in 2023 as it was established 50 years ago in December 1973. This is a major milestone for the Club.

8.3 The Club will hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) later in 2023 to update the Constitution. There are several financial (including changing the reference from auditor to reviewer) and other minor changes which are required to update the Constitution.

9. Next AGM

9.1 The next WCTC AGM will be held on Wednesday 7 August 2024.

9.2 The Club will look to change end of financial year from April to June for 2024.

10. Meeting Close

10.1 The next committee meeting will be rescheduled to later in July or early August.

10.2 The WCTC 2023 AGM closed at 8:20 pm.

Prepared by Clair Dupont

President's Report

The 2022/2023 year was another busy year for the club with growth in our membership numbers, a steady growth in our finances, and regular improvements occurring with the facilities that are available to our members and the community at large.

Below I have highlighted just some of the club's achievements for 2022/2023, all of which contributed to making our club what I consider to be the best community tennis club in the ACT.

Funding for Additional Courts

During the year, the Federal Government announced in its Federal Budget that \$800,000 was being provided to upgrade our facility with additional courts and the possible renovation of some of our existing courts. This was the first time that an ACT tennis club had received funding through the Budget process.

Correspondence was later received from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and Arts (DITRDCA) regarding the funding and we were advised that an application needs to be prepared outlining the project details and the funding requirements. Once the application has been submitted, the department will then assess the project and, once approved, funding arrangements and milestones will be negotiated.

We also confirmed that the ACT Government will be committing \$100,000 to the project. This is a significant project with considerable work required. Consequently, a small working group of Committee members was established consisting of myself, Graeme Rossiter, Phillip Stephens and Geoff Kotz. The group has commenced liaising with the major project stakeholders including DITRDCA, the ACT Government, Tennis ACT, and the Office of the Member for Bean. Discussions have also commenced with a number of contractors who have experience in managing these type of projects.

Although this is a great achievement for the club, and clearly recognises the value our club is to the community, it will also require considerable work from our Committee to ensure a positive result for our club and our members is achieved.

Facility Maintenance and Improvements

A number of projects were undertaken during the year to improve the facilities. These included:

- the laying of timber edging around the perimeter of the courts.
- completion of the project to replace the club's aging entrance and main gate with a strong, steel security entrance and gate. The funding of this project was the result of

the club being successful in obtaining a grant from the Commonwealth Government's Stronger Communities Program Round 7.

- the engagement of an artist to paint a mural on the wall of the clubhouse. The mural includes the club's name as well as the club's logo.
- work was undertaken to repair the damaged tennis nets. At the end of the task, it was recognised that some of the nets needed to be fully replaced and this is planned to occur in the coming months.
- a new sign was installed on the clubhouse wall next to the new main gate promoting our website and providing a contact mobile number for those interested in joining the club or hiring the facilities.
- a new barbecue was purchased using funds received from the ACT Government's Seniors Grant Program. Once purchased, the barbecue had to be installed and this included demolishing the old equipment, repairing the old site, and then assembling and installing the new barbecue. A very labour intensive job but certainly worthwhile.
- The gardens and surrounds continued to be well maintained throughout the year and this work ensured the club and surrounds were always admired by both members and visitors alike. A big thank you to Tim Harris and Lorraine Ovington for the time and interest they take in caring for the gardens.

The club can be very proud of the time and effort that some of our members invest in the club to ensure our facilities are well maintained and projects are delivered in the most cost effective way. In particular, I would like to thank Geoff Kotz, Graeme Rossiter, Phillip Stephens and Tim Harris who have been the major contributors to these tasks.

Events

A number of events were held during the year including:

- The Club Championships - these were a great success with almost 80 club members participating and over 100 entries in the various events. The championships take a good deal of organising and I would like to thank Max Rafferty, Tony Laudenbach and Mark Walton for the time and effort they put into the planning of the event, and also to Mark and his coaching team who ran the event so efficiently and successfully.
- Community Tennis Day and 24 hour cardio tennis challenge – this proved to be a very successful event with the club organising a sausage sizzle on the community day. A big thank you to Brian Chauncy, Tony Laudenbach and Kerry Ward who spent the day cooking and serving, and ensuring we always had sufficient food to feed the hungry "hoards".
- The Charles Weston School (Coombs) community BBQ and Information Evening - the club set up a site with publicity material, mini nets, and racquets and balls supplied by our Club Coach, Mark Walton. The site proved very popular with both parents and children, and a big thank you goes to Phillip Stephens and Mark Walton for organising the site and promoting our club.

League Success

Throughout the year the Club had a pleasing number of teams participating in the various League competitions. The teams had regular success in the competitions with a number of teams winning their Divisions or reaching the grand final.

During the year a new policy was implemented to assist League players who find that a number of their matches are cancelled due to washout, cancellation, or oppositions forfeiting. The policy means that if one third or more of League rounds are not played, the team affected will be provided with a discount on team registration for the next season. This new arrangement gives our members the confidence that if matches are not played, financial compensation may be offered.

A big thank you goes to Dan Green who does an outstanding job organising all the League teams throughout the year and ensuring that any problems that may arise are quickly resolved.

Survey Results

The results of the club's first members' survey were released in the middle of the year with Dan Green doing a very thorough job in analysing and summarising the responses. The majority of responses provided very positive feedback, with most being satisfied or very satisfied with what the club offers. However, some respondents did make particular comments about the need for the clubhouse to be refurbished, while some concerns were expressed about the availability of courts during peak times, and the need to replace damaged tennis nets. A number of the suggestions were followed through with new nets being installed and the new club coach contract (see below) clarifying court usage times and hopefully making more courts available during peak times.

Club Coach Contract

The current contract with Mark Walton, our Club Coach, expired during the year and a new 5 year contract was successfully negotiated with Mark and signed on 15 March 2023.

As well as outlining the terms and conditions of the engagement, the new contract places a greater emphasis on growing the coaching services and coaching numbers during the term, as well as developing an "identified approach" where the Club and the Club Coach will ensure shared objectives are met. The contract also clarifies the allocation of courts during coaching times and should ensure sufficient courts are available for our members during peak times.

Mark has done an outstanding job as the Club Coach for a number of years. This includes developing juniors, providing professional coaching to individuals and groups, and expanding the services offered to our members, school communities, and the local

community. He has also taken a very active role in promoting and organising the annual Club Championships, organising regular Open Days, and providing valuable support and advice to the Committee.

Sponsorship Arrangements

Rebel Sport and the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) provided very valuable support to our club throughout the year.

Rebel Sport provided “credit” through its Rebel Community Givebacks Program, although they have recently terminated the program. It is expected that a new program will shortly be announced.

The CSCC supported our club through their Community Rewards Program and the club was fortunate to receive approximately \$2,500 from the program. The CSCC also provided a further \$1,000 to the club to assist in the building of a new storage shed. This funding was provided through their 2022/2023 Community Contribution Program.

Thank you to the Committee and our Members

The club had thirteen members on the committee in 2022 - 2023 (including the Club Coach) and I would like to thank them for their support, their participation, and the interest they took in the club throughout the year. Except for the Club Coach, all the committee members are volunteers and in spite of having very busy lives, they were able to find time to participate in the committee and provide valuable input and resources.

I would particularly like to thank the Executive Committee members; Graeme Rossiter, Phillip Stephens, Clair Dupont and Brian Chauncy. These four volunteers give so much of their time to the club and a lot of the work they undertake is “behind the scenes” and not actually seen by our members. However, without their contribution, the club would have difficulty operating.

At the commencement of the year Phillip Stephen’s was elected to the role of Treasurer. The transition from our previous Treasurer, Geoff Kotz, went very smoothly and Phillip has proven to be a very valuable member of the Executive.

During the year an invitation for an Internal Reviewer to undertake a review of our financial records was issued and I would like to thank Stephanie Boss in accepting the invitation to take up the role of Internal Reviewer for 2022/2023. Stephanie has extensive accounting experience and it is hoped that her role will provide an opportunity to improve our financial processes and our financial reporting.

Social tennis continued to be offered throughout the year with our Committee members Johnny Swientek organising the Wednesday evenings, and Maggie King taking charge of the Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Both Johnny and Maggie do a wonderful job and

through their organisational skills the social tennis programmes run very smoothly and continue to grow in popularity.

Finally, I do hope our members enjoyed their tennis at the club, appreciated the facilities on offer, and took advantage of what the club offers. The Weston Creek and Molonglo communities, and those who live in the surrounding areas, are very fortunate to have access to such a wonderful tennis facility. Without the support of our members, and our casual users, the club could not continue to operate and offer such a magnificent venue. Your support is appreciated and I hope it continues during 2023 - 2024.

Peter Ward
WCTC President

Treasurer's Report

Please refer to [Annual Financial Review and Financial Report 2022-23](#).

The Club's Financial Report for FY22-23 has been compiled from the Club accounts and reviewed by the Club's Reviewer, Stephanie Boss, as a true and fair view of the Club's financial position. Stephanie also advises that the Club remains financially sustainable with total bank funds of \$113K and a net operating surplus of \$8K, reduced from \$48K by the accelerated depreciation of assets. The Review has also identified opportunities for improvement to our financial management, for consideration by the Committee, including:

- consolidating bank accounts into one account,
- simplifying asset write-off threshold values to reduce asset register management effort,
- upgrading the Club's financial IT system to reduce the excessive workload relating to data transaction entry,
- developing an asset replacement budget to provide the context for Club income targets, and
- placing excess bank funds into term deposits to earn more income, and
- establishing simplified annual financial reporting to assist Club member awareness and consideration.

The key current risk to the Club's financial position is the planned construction of new courts that are primarily funded by Government grants. The Club needs to manage this project carefully to avoid cost overruns that may need to be met from Club funds.

The Club's Annual Financial Report is tabled for consideration by the Club and Committee. The Reviewer's Declaration, Reviewer's details and key financial data, needed for the Club's Annual Return have been forwarded to the Club Secretary.

Special thanks are given for the support provided by Stephanie Boss, as our first Reviewer, a role that replaces the superseded auditor function. Her professionalism and patience helped me immensely and ensured the Club has a clear view of our financial position and a path to improved financial management. Thank you, Stephanie.

Phillip Stephens
WCTC Treasurer

Annual Financial Review and Financial Report 2022-23

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Financial management improvements FY22-23

The improvements implemented over the previous year included:

- simplifying and reducing the financial categories for simpler reports,
- aligning categories to income streams and cost centres to reflect Club-specific activities,
- engaging a Reviewer instead of Auditor for a simpler, no cost and Club-focused financial assessment,
- sourcing a Debit Card for simpler payment of Club costs by Committee members, and
- simplifying the Club's Asset Register by accelerated depreciation of assets valued less than \$2000.

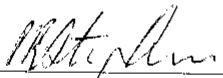
Proposed financial management improvements FY23-24

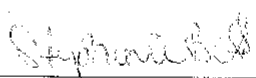
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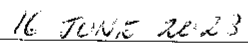
- consolidating bank accounts into one account,
- simplifying asset write-off threshold values to reduce asset register management effort,
- updating constitution on authorisation of payments, i.e., Treasurer alone or two Exec members
- upgrading the Club's financial IT system to reduce excessive transaction data entry,
- developing an asset replacement budget to provide the context for Club income targets, and
- placing excess funds into term deposits to earn income.

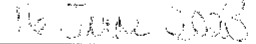
Financial Report Authorisation

This Financial Report is authorised by the Club Treasurer and Finances Reviewer


Phillip Stephens, Treasurer


Stephanie Boss, Finances Reviewer


Dated


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Attachments

1. Signed Reviewer's Report for the Club's Annual Return to the ACT Government
2. Income & Expenditure Statement, by categories compared with last year's finances
3. Balance Sheet, showing the Club's financial state compared with last year's finances
4. Explanatory Notes for both financial statements



ACT
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Chief Minister, Treasury and
Economic Development

**Reviewer's Report
Small Associations**

Associations Incorporation Act 1991

The reviewer can be any person who is not an officer of the association or have prepared or assisted with the preparation of the accounts. They do not need to hold any qualifications.

I, (name) Stephanie Boss

have reviewed the accounts of

(name of association) Weston Creek Tennis Club Inc

and confirm that, on the basis of the review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe the accounting records are misleading and that they give a true and fair account of –

- (a) the income and expenditure of the association during the financial year under review; and
- (b) the assets and liabilities of the association at the end of that financial year; and
- (c) any mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any property of the association at the end of that financial year; and N/A
- (d) for each trust of which the association was the trustee during a period in that financial year, being part or all of that financial year – N/A
 - (i) the income and expenditure of the trust during that period;
 - (ii) the assets and liabilities of the trust at the end of that period;
 - (iii) any mortgages, charges or other securities of any description affecting any of the property of the trust during that period; and
- (e) any prescribed matters.

Signed: Stephanie Boss

Date: 14.6.23 Phone: 0415 180300



Weston Creek Tennis Club Operating Income & Expenditure Statement

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Income		2021-2022	2022-2023	% Change	Notes
Court Hire fees		49,564	47,659	-4	
Membership fees		54,204	49,087	-9	(1)
League Player fees		10,350	8,871	-14	(2)
Sponsorships		2,254	8,942	297	(1)
Grants		6,300	10,150	61	(1)
Other income		1,304	549		(3)
Total Income		123,976	125,258	1	
Expenditure					
Administrative Expenses		3,066	893	-71	(4)
Insurance		1,814	1,825	1	
Tennis ACT Affiliation Fees		5,550	5,676	2	
Government Charges:	Land Rent	6,312	4,818	-24	
	Rates	6,668	6,713		
Grounds Maintenance & Improvements		800	3,992	399	(5)
Clubhouse Cleaning		5,614	9,851	75	(6)
Asset Maintenance		0	5,638	0	(7)
Consumables		0	544	0	
Utilities:	Electricity	2,829	2,256	-20	
	Waste Removal	1,138	1,459	28	
	Water & Sewerage	2,850	3,569	25	
League Competition Fees		6,231	9,290	49	(2)
Event costs			1,023	0	(8)
Other Expenses		3,077	1,363	-56	
Total Expenditure		45,949	58,909	28	(9)
Operating Surplus before Depreciation		78,027	66,349	-15	
Less					
Buildings, Structures & Equipment Depreciation		45,055	58,085	29	
Operating Surplus after Depreciation		32,973	8,264	-75	

Income / Expenditure Key Outcomes

- \$10k expended on maintaining assets and grounds to enhance our Club experience
- The reduction in Operating Surplus after Depreciation is caused by the accelerated depreciation of low value assets to zero in this financial year combined with increased expenses (see Notes 5 and 6)

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Weston Creek Tennis Club Balance Sheet

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

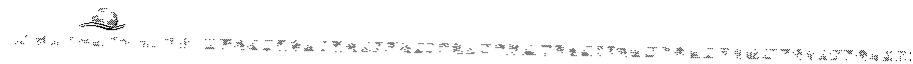
Assets

Current Assets	2021-2022	2022-2023	Notes
Business account (CBA)	20,008	64,273	
Savings account (CBA)	40,047	40,258	
Savings account (ANZ)	3,481	8,200	
Total Current Assets	63,536	112,730	(11)
Non-current Assets			
Buildings & Facilities	666,826	676,641	
less accumulated depreciation	466,327	515,551	
Net buildings & facilities value	200,499	161,090	
Equipment	116,456	123,801	
less accumulated depreciation	30,627	39,493	
Net equipment value	85,829	84,308	
Total Non-current Assets	286,328	245,398	
Total Assets	349,864	358,128	
Accumulated Funds at start of FY	316,891	349,864	
Net Operating Surplus	32,973	8,264	(12)
Accumulated Funds at EOFY	349,864	358,128	

Balance Sheet Outcomes Summary

- Significant increase bank balance
- Reduction in Net Operating Surplus reflects accelerated depreciation of low value assets

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Weston Creek Tennis Club Annual Financial Report

Operating Income & Expenditure Statement Explanatory Notes

- Note 1.** Approx 6% reduction in player & court hire fees due to..... This is balanced by increase in grants & sponsorship
- Note 2.** Engaging with Club Captain to ensure full cost recovery of League competition fees in FY23/24
- Note 3.** Other Income category includes BBQ-usage fees, etc
- Note 4.** Includes Book-a-Court Licence, Square POS purchase, Reckon Finance system licence
- Note 5.** Includes Clubhouse & hitting wall external painting (\$1300), monthly gardening costs (\$1440), repairs & parts
- Note 6.** Fortnightly cleaning of Clubhouse and toilets (\$340 /fm = \$8840 pa) and consumables (\$905)
- Note 7.** Repairs and refurbishment including paint, hose fittings, and maintenance consumables
- Note 8.** New category to capture income / expenses for Club events and hospitality, e.g. Club Championship and promotions
- Note 9.** New assets or replacements including Clubhouse air conditioner, new gate, defibrillator, new nets, new drag mats
(assets over \$2K added to asset register)
- Note 10.** Significant increase in grounds maintenance (3K), clubhouse cleaning (4.5K) and asset maintenance (5.5K)
(necessary additional expenditure to maintain a high quality tennis facility)

Balance Sheet Explanatory Notes

- Note 11.** Significant increase in bank balance reflecting significant Operating Surplus before depreciation
- Note 12.** Reduction in net operating Surplus reflects accelerated depreciation of low value assets



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Membership Report

The Club has been progressively transforming fixed date memberships (1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024) to the same category e.g. adult of '1 year from the date of joining (renewal)' memberships. This process is not yet complete as there have been a couple of glitches in the system. For example, a software limitation caused loss of personal information for some pensioner members and changed their birthdays to 1 January 1980. Secondly, the rush of renewals in early April caused some delays, leaving some members remaining in the old system.

I believe ClubSpark calculates total membership incorrectly by adding paid and unpaid i.e. pending memberships together. The total membership shown at the bottom of the table consists of only 'paid' members. I will draw this to the attention of the administrators of the system.

2023-2024 Fixed Date

Category	Paid	Lapsed	Cancelled
Adult	39	19	56
Family	11	0	12
Pensioner	0	0	
Junior	4	4	3
Student	0	0	2

June 2023 (1 Year from the date of renewal/joining)

Adult	147	69	52
Family	20 families (65 individuals)	12 (39)	4 (8)
Pensioner	34	1	3
Junior (coached by CSOT)	32	0	5
Junior	8	16	3
Student	17	6	1
Life (playing)	10	-	-
Life (non-playing)	4	-	-

Total membership from ClubSpark: 374

Unpaid: 13 (commonly within the period of grace (1 month) or injured and will renew as yearly from the date of joining when able to play.

Brian Chauncy
Membership Secretary

Coach Report

Junior/Coach Report

Date: 19th June 2023

Another solid year of tennis for coaching & tennis activities at the Weston Creek Tennis Club for 2022/23. We continue to have strong coaching numbers throughout the entire year although we do obviously drop with the seasons changing from summer time to winter. We estimate our numbers for coaching to be around the 300 to 400 students thru summer & 200 to 300 in the winter time. We have a great coaching staff with strong feedback from our local communities being a key feature to our continued success. As well, our very organised & diverse structures of programs allows us to connect with a range of people from the very young to the active adult.

Our main diverse & organised programs include:

- A range of TA endorsed tennis coaching programs which attracts a diverse range of people. From our Hotshots playing & lesson programs for the kids thru to our Cardio tennis programs, Holiday camps & local in house tennis competitions & junior ACT competitions & tournaments.
- We also have a strong connection with our local schools which we feel is vital for our grassroots tennis programs at Weston. We currently have Chapman, Arawang, St. Judes & St John Vianneys already attending our schools tennis coaching activities. We also support local fete's & fundraisers with sponsoring of local fete's at Lyon's early learning school, St.Judes & Duffy Primary in 2023.
- Open Day Tennis Events – Again something we feel is very important in connecting with the local community is our Tennis Open Days. We run 2 annually, 1 straight after the Aussie Open to connect with the buzz & interest of tennis in the summer time & the other a charity Day event. (Details of this are below). These events allow us a great way to get the local community to come to the Weston Creek Tennis Club, where we can show case all the great things that we offer. From the connection of club activities, comps & social play thru to all the tennis coaching activities & events that we offer.
- **RMH Charity Tennis Day Tennis Carnivale plus our 24hr TENNIS CHALLENGE 2022,** This is a great opportunity to show case our tennis club & potentially gain new members. Last year we had around 400 estimated come to this event so I am sure with further planning & time available we can make this event even more successful for 2023 in Sept.

- Weston Creek Tennis Club Championships, were a great success in 2022 with numbers of 91, up from 64 for the year before. We look forward to organising this again later in the year in Spring, as we actively try to get more programs going for the club & it's members.
- INTERSTATE TEAMS CHALLENGE to be held in Canberra at Weston dates 29th Sept – 1st Oct. Teams from southern NSW as well as the local area will be playing in this event
- Weston Creek Junior Open TBA, but in Nov at this stage.
- Blind & Low vision, will hopefully be off & running towards the end of this year. As we make this great club, a more inclusive club for all.
- End of year NZ Junior tennis tour 6th to 22nd Dec, 1st time this has been run since Covid.

As you can see we have a great club & we are striving to keep working on these diverse range of activities here at Weston Creek Tennis Club. These, diverse grass roots programs allow us to connect with a wide range of people to play tennis here at Weston Creek Tennis Club. We look forward to continuing our hard work in all these areas, as well as looking at expanding any opportunities to making this great tennis club of Canberra even better.

Mark Walton
Club Coach

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Canberra Tennis League Report

I'm pleased to report that since the last AGM, all four seasons (Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn) of the Walking Clinic Adult Tennis Leagues were completed in full!

During this time the Weston Creek Tennis Club had 40 team entries with 97 players used. Our teams were involved in over 300 matches between clubs which involved over 700 sets of singles and over 1500 sets of doubles.

Some incredible individual statistics across the year include:

- Tim Harris and Nathan Franklin playing well over 100 sets of doubles;
- Clair Dupont, Jason Perkins and Katherine Klose not far behind in the nineties;
- Max Rafterty and Jon-Paul Harvey playing over 50 sets of singles.

The club continued to have strong results winning several leagues. We have run out of room to display all the plaques in the clubhouse. The most recent plaques will be on display, and we will look to record all details on the website.

Congratulations to all players across all leagues and divisions for another great year. I saw some great tennis and more importantly heard that players were having fun. A special thank you to captains for organising teams week to week.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the social hit and BBQ on the 24th June just before the Winter season starts on the 29th June.

For more information on The Walking Clinic Adult Tennis Leagues, go to either [Tennis ACT Website](#) or to [Tennis ACT Match Centre](#).

Daniel Green
Club Captain

18 June 2023

Social Tennis Report - Morning

Social Tennis Report - Monday, Wednesday & Friday Morning Social Tennis

Social Tennis continues to be one of the most popular forms of play and, along with coaching and competition matches/ tournaments, are the backbone of the WCTC. A significant number of members play social tennis, both in private groups and Club (open to all) play.

The Club (open) groups play Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings, non-members are welcome to play. Fees are minimal. There are 25-50 active players in the open day sessions, eight courts are booked for an 0830 start (0800 in Summer) and, on average, usually at least 6 courts are in play.

In recent months we have welcomed several new players (Peter, Barbara, Anne, Stef, Jenny and Brenda). Sadly, early in the year we lost one of our much-loved regulars, Bob Webster – the Melbourne Cup Sweep will not be the same without him.

The open play days and nights are sociable times for all, and while the play can be competitive, it is also very relaxed.

Private groups play most days.

Maggie King

WCTC Monday, Wednesday & Friday Morning Social Tennis Contact

Social Tennis Report – Wednesday Night

Wednesday Night Social tennis has been going strong again this year. Apart from the regular attendees, we have had new people participating as well. Mark's coaching team have also been a great support as usual and they have also provided excellent racquet restringing services for us. A big thank you, to Mark and his team for their continued support.

Wednesday night tennis has had only one washout this year to date, I would like to add that my tweaking of the Vortex surrounding WCTC has kept the effects of El Nino and La Nina in check for the most part 😊

The use of EFT has become the preferred payment option compared to last year and it is now an essential tool for Wednesday Night Social Tennis.

Please note the following EFT/Cash statistics:

1. Eftpos payments 2022: Average of \$75.64 [per week]
2. Eftpos payments 2023: Average of \$118.17 [per week]
3. Cash payments 2022: Average of \$43.35 [per week]
4. Cash payments 2023: Average of \$23.93 [per week]

The EFT system is the main accepted choice, now.

Please note the following overall revenue/attendance statistics:

1. Average payments for the combined EFT & Cash per week 2022: \$119
2. Average payments for the combined EFT & Cash per week 2023: \$142

If you consider the two extra washouts that occurred last year, then the average combined EFT & Cash for 2022 would have been approximately \$136 indicating a steady committed patronage from 2022 to 2023.

On another note, a big thank you to Lorraine for her help in providing the tennis balls we use, Lorraine's service has been invaluable.

I am happy that Wednesday Night Social Tennis is going strong, it is always open for everyone from beginners to experts, alike. However, the one small criteria, is that for anyone attending, they must have some small concept of the rules of the game and some concept of hitting a ball with a tennis racquet. There was one night where a person attended, that had never played before. I could not incorporate this person in any doubles, as it would have undermined their confidence and discouraged other players. In this case, I personally spent 30 minutes of my time hitting a ball with them and providing some coaching. As you can imagine that would have been very ordinary coaching on my part, to say the least 😊. These occasions are rare, but I directed them to seek some further coaching through Marks coaching clinic so that they could learn the basics and be able to come back and participate collectively, soon. It's great that people want to seek social

tennis, but where they are first picking up a racquet, encouraging some type of coaching in the first place is very vital.

Wednesday Night Social Tennis is well attended, even in our Winter months. It continues to provide the community, with a safe and friendly environment where members and non-members alike, can come together to benefit their physical and mental health.

Johnny Swientek

Wednesday Night Social Tennis Coordinator

Rebel Sport Community Givebacks (CG)

For many years (since 2015-16), WCTC received credit from the **Rebel Sport Community Givebacks (CG)** program every quarter which has been used to obtain balls for the club's social tennis held on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Rebel Sport advised the club of a review of the program from October 2022.

CG Review

There has been no advice from Rebel Sport about the outcome of the review apart from regular monthly statements since January 2023, indicating a balance of \$0.01 credit. Recent advice from Rebel's finance department is that a new program may be developed later this year, possibly in July.

The club normally uses **4-5** cans per two or three weeks, depending on the weather, for social tennis (Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings) plus **5-6** cans per month for Wednesday evening sessions.

Dunlop AO

Through Tennis ACT the club is currently ordering **Dunlop AO** balls direct from Dunlop at a cost of \$8.33 per can and \$149.99 per carton (18 cans). This deal allows the club to order 3 months supply at a total cost of \$449.82.

The cost of ball cans for social tennis, including those sold to individual members and other social groups, is returned to club finances at \$8 per container.

Lorraine Ovington
WCTC Committee

17 June 2023

WCTC Committee 2023-24 Nominations

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Graeme Rossiter	Peter Ward	Geoff Kotz
Vice President	Max Rafferty	Clair Dupont	Jon-Paul Harvey
Treasurer	Phillip Stephens	Peter Ward	Clair Dupont
Secretary	Clair Dupont	Peter Ward	Graeme Rossiter
Membership Secretary	Brian Chauncy	Peter Ward	Geoff Kotz
Assistant Membership Secretary	VACANT		
Club Captain	Dan Green	Thomas Fuller	Clair Dupont
Ordinary Member	Johnny Swientek	Carl Jackson	Tony Laundenbach
Ordinary Member	Maggie King	Peter Ward	Clair Dupont
Ordinary Member	Lorraine Ovington	Clair Dupont	Phillip Stephens
Ordinary Member	Thomas Fuller	Daniel Green	Oliver Hough
Ordinary Member	Tony Laundenbach	Clair Dupont	Johnny Swientek
Ordinary Member	Peter Ward	Graeme Rossiter	Geoff Kotz

WCTC Revised Membership, Court Hire and Social Tennis Prices

The revised membership charges are as follows:

Category	Current renewal charge	Proposed renewal charge	Joining Fee
Adult	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$30.00
Family	\$330.00	\$350.00	\$30.00
Student	\$115.00	\$120.00	\$30.00
Junior	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$30.00
Pensioner	\$135.00	\$155.00	\$30.00
Premium	N/A	\$330.00	\$30.00

NOTE: "Premium" category allows unlimited use of the courts during the day and evenings and no charge for Wednesday night social tennis.

Booking Charges - Member Court Hire

Day Booking	Night Booking (lights required)
No charge	\$7.50 per half hour

Non-Member Court Hire

Day Booking	Night Bookings (lights required)	Day Booking (member playing with non member)	Night Booking (member playing with non member)	Proposed Night Booking (member playing with non member)
\$10 per half hour	\$17.50 per half hour	Free for member and \$6.00 per hour for each non member	\$15.00 per hour for member and \$5.00 per hour for each non member	\$15.00 per hour for member and \$6.00 per hour for each non member
\$20 per hour	\$35.00 per hour			
\$15 per hour for bookings 3 hours or longer	\$30 per hour for bookings 3 hours or longer			

Social Tennis – Members and Non-members

Social Tennis – Mon/Wed/Fri (Members)	Social Tennis – Mon/Wed/Fri (Non-Members)	Social Tennis - Wed evening (Members)	Social Tennis - Wed evening (Non-Members)
\$2.00 (covers balls and morning teas)	\$7.00	\$7.50 (covers lights and balls)	\$15.00

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