

Minutes of Weston Creek Tennis Club March Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2023, 7:30pm, Club

1. Present

Peter Ward, Graeme Rossiter, Phillip Stephens, Clair Dupont, Brian Chauncy, Lorraine Ovington, Maggie King, and Dan Green.

2. Apologies

Tony Laudenbach, Max Rafferty, Johnny Swientek, Thomas Fuller, Mark Walton and Geoff Kotz.

3. Acceptance of Previous June Minutes

3.1 The minutes from the previous December meeting were accepted.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.1 Refer to Action List as of 8 March 2023.
 - Graeme to clean up the Notice Board.
 - Phil to write instructions on the BBQ and Clair to add to info to website.
 - Graeme to check who needs new keys and cut keys with club's reimbursement.
 - Clair/Maggie to send photos to Graeme for flyer.
- 4.2 The Committee thanked Dan for organising the Autumn League hit at the club before the Autumn season starts.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Refer to Correspondence.

6. Reports

President

- 6.1 Refer to President's Report.
- 6.2 The **Funding for Additional Courts Working Group** will need to check what the funding covers I.e., 4 new courts must be hardcourt or if can replace courts 1-4 with hardcourts and make the new courts artificial grass to make them into a set of 12 artificial grass courts? Could it cover a children's courts or other works? The application is due end of August (6 months) and if not submitted on time, the funding may not be provided.

<u>Treasurer</u>

6.3 Refer to Treasurer Report

Project

6.4 Refer to Project Report.

Membership

6.5 Refer to Membership Report.

Coaching

6.6 Refer to Coaching Report.

Canberra Tennis League

6.7 Refer to Club Captain Report.

Rebel Sport

- 6.8 Refer to Rebel Sport Report.
- 6.9 ACTION: Lorraine to follow up with Tennis ACT regarding the procedure for placing orders for the bulk purchasing of Dunlop AO tennis balls, and how this should be ordered and collected/delivered.

7. General / Other

- **7.1** Addition of children's court in new development: Committee advised this will need to wait until further investigation and plan is developed for new courts to see if a smaller court for children can fit into the space available.
- **7.2 Roots on Court 9:** Graeme advised roots should be dead under the courts but will investigate. **ACTION: Graeme to investigate and resolve roots on court 9.**
- 7.3 ACTION: Geoff and Tim to investigate and address issues with ants at the club.
- 7.4 **100** years in Tennis ACT event: Committee approved reimbursement of money for ticket to 100 years in Tennis ACT (TACT) event for Johnny as he was not able to attend. Graeme will also contact TACT to seek refund for Kerry's ticket which had been paid twice.
- 7.5 WCTC 50th Anniversary: The Weston Creek Tennis Club was first opened on 2 December 1978. This means the Club will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on 2 December 2023. Margaret Atkin who is a Life Member of the club and is currently the Ladies President of the Royal Canberra Golf Club has offered the hiring of the golf club at a good rate. The golf club could be a suitable venue to hold an anniversary event for the WCTC in July or August 2023. ACTION: Executive to discuss WCTC 50th Anniversary options including dinner at Royal Canberra Golf Club.
- 7.6 **Signage:** The Committee noted there was no WCTC signage on the entrance to Dillon Close, the street sign on Namatjira Drive and the large blue sign on Streeton Drive. This means no signage until you reach the Club. Committee to approach the ACT government and request appropriate street signs to be installed, and to seek permission to put street sigh on entrance to Dillon Close on curb side. Refer to image of locations <u>HERE</u>. **ACTION: Graeme/Clair to request signage with the ACT government for WCTC on the curb side corner entrance to Dillon Close, the street sign on Namatjira Drive and the large blue sign on Streeton Drive. Other option to request permission to place own sign on curb side corner into Dillon Close curb side.**

8. Next Meeting

8.1 The next WCTC committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

9. Meeting Close

9.1 The meeting closed at 9:24 pm.

Prepared by WCTC Secretary, Clair Dupont

Action List as of 11 March 2023

| Reference # | ltem | Actioned By | Comments | Progres s |
|----------------|--|-------------------|--|--------------|
| 07/03/2023-6.9 | Lorraine to follow up with Tennis ACT regarding the minimum number of balls that can be bulk purchased, how this should be ordered and collected/delivered. | Lorraine | 10/3: Geoff agreed to arrange the purchase and storage of Dunlop tennis balls. Lorraine and Johnny to keep record of tennis balls needed. | Open |
| 07/03/2023-7.2 | Graeme to investigate and resolve roots on court 9. | Graeme | | Open |
| 07/03/2023-7.3 | Geoff and Tim to investigate and address issues with ants at the club. | Geoff/ Tim | 10/3: This has been investigated and resolved. | Closed |
| 07/03/2023-7.5 | Executive to discuss WCTC 50 th Anniversary options including dinner at Royal Canberra Golf Club. | Executive | 10/3: Executive agreed that a dinner should be held in August 2023. Graeme to determine costs of hiring Royal Canberra Golf Club as venue for dinner | Open |
| 07/03/2023-7.6 | Graeme/Clair to request signage with the ACT government for WCTC on the curb side corner entrance to Dillon Close, the street sign on Namatjira Drive and the large blue sign on Streeton Drive. Other option to request permission to place own sign on curb side corner into Dillon Close curb side. | Graeme / Clair | | Open |
| 06/12/2022-7.2 | Discuss Notice Board at next meeting or via email. | Committe e | 7/3: Graeme to clean up the Notice Board | Open |

| 06/12/2022-7.4 | Max and Tony to investigate organising WCTC Sunday Social Tennis. | Max & Tony | | Open |
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| 06/12/2022-7.6 | Executive to write BBQ terms of use including paying \$50 bond which user gets back if cleans the BBQ after use. | Executive | 7/3: Committee decided that BBQ is free for members to use and there is no bond, however the Club will charge if BBQ not cleaned appropriately. Non members will pay a fee for use of the BBQ and will be charged extra if BBQ not property cleaned. Phil to write instructions on the BBQ and Clair to add to info to website. | Open |
| 11/10/2022-6.5 | Executive to organise a Gazebo Working Bee to clean and oil the wooden flooring, table and bench seat tops and balustrading. Request volunteers to assist. | Executive | 10/3: A number of potential tasks/projects to be resourced through a working bee were identified. These include: gazebo refurbishment, net replacement, and repairs to Court 9. Geoff to prepare list including resources. | Open |

| 11/10/2022-7.4 | Clair to fix/create WCTC Google Business Profile. | Clair | In Progress: Profile appears to be validated (without postcard but sent email). Need to remove/merge 2 other duplicate profiles and link to WCTC on google as still showing CSOT as first option. However others are seeing my new profile. | Open |
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| 07/06/2022-6.5 | Max to investigate possible grants for the purchase of a battery to put the electricity generated from the solar on the roof back into the Club. | Max | In Progress | Open |
| 07/06/2022- 7.1.4 | Graeme/Geoff/Tim to conduct an audit of the Club's nets and replace where necessary. There may be some spare/new nets in the storage shed. | Graeme / Geoff/Tim / Phillip / Lorraine | 7/3: Refer to Project Report. Damaged nets will be replaced during March. | Open |
| 07/06/2022- 7.1.6 | Graeme and Geoff to determine a suitable solution for the water in conjunction with new BBQ and tiles at Club's entrance (survey). | Graeme / Geoff / Max | 7/3: Refer to Project Report. Best to do in conjunction with new court developement. Grants may help. Meets criteria for funding. | Open |
| 12/04/2022-6.9 | For membership in 2023- 24, Exec to consider merging of membership types and increasing membership fees to cover credit card charges. | Executive | 7/3: Advised too difficult to change the price for those who pay with credit card. Currently in the process of transferring all | Open |

| | | | membership types to year to date. | |
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| 12/04/2022-7.2 | Investigate options for branded merchandise (t-shirts, hats). | Mark / Max/ Clair | In Progress. | Open |
| 08/02/2022-7.2 | Consideration of purchase of New Television for Club | Committe e | 7/6: Mark to look at opportunities throug a grant / other options. | Open |
| 09/11/2021-6.13 | Membership Analysis | Clair | | Open |
| 09/11/2021-7.3 | Mark to send Sponsorship discussion paper to Committee for further discussion. | Mark | 7/6: Mark, Tony, Max to talk with Woden Club about how to target certain demographics. | Open |
| 08/06/2021-6.6 | Key Register | Graeme | 7/3: Graeme to check who needs new keys and cut required keys with club's reimbursement. | Open |
| 08/06/2021-6.14 | Dan Green to audit/investigate league numbers, income and costs over the past couple of years | Dan / Phillip | | Open |

| 08/12/2021-6.9 | CCTV Cameras in Car Park | Graeme | Received Response from Minister that installation of CCTV cameras in carpark I on the list. 6/12: Sensor lights installed after installation of new gate. Change title to CCTV only. | Open |
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| 13/10/2020-6.18 13/10/2020-6.19 | Graeme digitise competition winning flags. Graeme to collect competition plaques. | Graeme | 7/3: Found out history is missing prior to 1998. Committee agreed to only display most recent plaques on walls and put rest of winners on website. | Open |
| 16/06/2020-5.4 | Club Photos | Graeme / Clair | | Open |
| 13/10/2020 | Executive to talk to Mark Walton regarding contract, payments, exclusive rights and the update membership flyer/brochure. | Executive | 7/3: Contract has been agreed and should be signed soon. Clair/Maggie to send photos to Graeme. Graeme to add QR code to flyer. Graeme advised flyers would cost for 502 \$853.40 and for 1502 \$1201.60 | Open |
| 09/11/2021-6.9 | Graeme, Geoff and Brian to purchase and install new shed. | Graeme, Geoff and Brian | 11/10: Received \$1000 from Southern Cross Club for base of shed. Have submitted application for commonwealth grant | Open |

| 09/11/2021-7.4 | Members Survey | Peter / Clair / Dan | 7/6: Survey closed on 14 April 2022. Altogether 113 responses were received. Dan provide analysis to Committee on 7/6 which created a few new action items. | Closed |
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| 13/04/2021-5.2 | Committee to develop an agenda and decide on date for Tennis ACT work from club day. | Peter | 7/6: Exec to check with Tennis ACT if still available | Closed |

Correspondence

- 1. The Community Sports Facilities Program (CSFP) replaces the old Capital Assistance Program, and will be the primary funding available from government for the development and improvement of sport facilities in the ACT. More information HERE. Some members of the Executive met with Dougal Reed on 28 February 2023 to discuss a possible project to prevent flooding at entrance to Club house. Applications close 29 March 2023.
- Community Coaching Courses are suitable for those who would like to begin coaching tennis, or who are currently coaching, under the guidance of a qualified tennis coach. This course trains coaches to develop the skills of junior tennis players with a focus on the Tennis Hot Shots program. More information <u>HERE</u>. Application close 6 March 2023 for the <u>Women's Community</u> Coaching Course.
- Tennis ACT is now recruiting ball kids for the ACT Claycourt International 2023 held from 14-26 March 2023. Click <u>HERE</u> to register. Please contact <u>actballkids@tennis.com.au</u> for more information.
- 4. Tennis Australia is marketing and promoting a campaign for **Play Tennis products** Court Hire, Tennis Hotshots and Cardio Tennis.
- Disability Inclusion Grants (DIGs) can provide up to \$20,000 and are designed to create opportunities for people with disability to better participate in an access mainstream services, businesses and group in the community, through a one-off grant. More information <u>HERE</u>.
 Applications close Monday 6 March 2023.
- 6. The Stronger Communities Programme (SCP) Round 8 is now open. SCP provides grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 to community organisations and local governments for small capital projects that deliver social benefits for local communities. This grant and 320 other grants provided in Member for Bean Grants Bulletin. More information HERE.
- 7. The Club received 6 responses regarding being an internal reviewer for FY22/23.
- 8. Weston Creek Tennis Club is being considered as a potential venue for Tennis ACT's upcoming **ACT Super 10's** events across the year as a backup to Canberra Tennis Centre.
- Tennis ACT is celebrated 100 Years of Tennis ACT at the National Arboretum on Saturday 4
 March 2023. Several members of the Committee attended the dinner.
- 10. Various general, membership, court booking and coaching **enquiries**.

Clair Dupont WCTC Secretary

President's Report

This year has started of as busy as ever and hopefully all our members have been enjoying our wonderful facilities throughout the summer months.

Funding for Additional Courts

Correspondence has now been received from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and Arts regarding the funding for the building of four additional courts at the club. The department has advised that an application has to be prepared outlining the project details and the funding requirements. Once the application has been submitted, the department will then need to assess the project and, once approved, funding arrangements and milestones will be negotiated.

This will be a significant project with considerable work required. Tennis ACT will play a major role in the project and will be working closely with our club in providing advice, support and facilitation.

A small working group of Committee members has been established consisting of myself, Graeme Rossiter, Phillip Stephens and Geoff Kotz. The group will play a major role in facilitating the project and ensuring a positive result for the club and our members is achieved. As the project progresses, it is expected that further club members may be added to the working group.

New Club Coach Contract

A new contract to engage Mark Walton as the Club Coach has now been negotiated and agreed. It is expected that the new contract will commence on 15 March 2023 and will see Mark continue to provide coaching services at the club until 2028.

As well as outlining the terms and conditions of the engagement, the 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.

I would like to thank Mark for the way in which the negotiations have been conducted and look forward to continuing the very positive relationship we currently have with him and his team.

New Barbecue

As mentioned in the last report, a beautiful new barbecue has recently been installed at the club. To help fund the barbecue, the club submitted a grant application seeking funds through the ACT Government's 2022- 2023 Seniors Grant Program. The application was successful and the club has received \$2,000 from the program. The funds have now been used to fund this wonderful facility.

Review of Club Financial Accounts

Recently our hard-working Treasurer, Phillip Stephens, issued an invitation for an Internal Reviewer to undertake a review of our financial records. The new arrangement is as a result of the ACT Government announcing that "small associations" (less than \$400,000 turnover) no longer need to conduct a financial audit, but the financial accounts can be assessed by an Internal Reviewer.

A number of our members responded to the invitation and I would like to thank those who offered to undertake this very important role. As a result of the invitation, Stephanie Boss has been engaged as the Club's Internal Reviewer for 2022/2023. Stephanie is well known around the club and her extensive accounting experience will be of great assistance to the club. Thank you very much Stephanie.

Charles Weston School Community Event

The Charles Weston School at Coombs recently held a community BBQ and Information Evening at the school. The school contacted community groups to participate in the event. As a result of the invitation, the club set up a site with publicity material, mini nets, and racquets and ball supplied by our Club Coach, Mark Walton.

This was a great way of promoting our club to the broader Molonglo community and from all accounts the club's site proved very popular with both parents and children participating.

I would like to particularly thank Phillip Stephens who did a considerable amount of work in organising the site, the promotion materials and, most importantly, utilising his spruiking talent by promoting our wonderful club to the Molonglo community. I would also like to thank Mark Walton who negotiated with the school, organised the equipment, and worked very hard on the day keeping the children entertained. A great job.

Canberra Southern Cross Club Community Rewards Funding

A big thank you goes to the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) for their generosity and support of our wonderful club. Recently the club received \$693 from the Community Rewards Program's 2nd quarter payments. This funding is in addition to providing the club with \$580 from its 1st quarter payments, and \$1,000 to assist in building an additional storage shed for the storing of our equipment.

The CSCC has been a generous supporter of our club for many years and I encourage everyone that if you are a member of the CSCC, please nominate the Weston Creek Tennis Club and link your CSCC card to the Community Rewards Programme. The club will then receive 7.5 cents in the dollar on all food and beverages you purchase at the club.

Peter Ward President

Treasurer's Report

The Club's Cashflow Report for the last three months (Dec, Jan & Feb) since our December 2022 Committee Meeting is attached and our financial position is as follows:

- The Club finances achieved a surplus in this quarter largely generated by a combined increase in income from membership, court hire, grants and sponsorship
- There were also smaller than usual expenses relating to projects and maintenance due to the Xmas holiday period
- There were some significant quarterly expenses for our utilities and services plus subsidised costs for Xmas and TACT 100 Year celebrations
- In summary, an overall positive cashflow of \$9.0 K following our negative cashflow in Oct-Nov 22 of \$4.4K, leading to a healthy bank balance of \$96K

The Club financial management outcomes achieved over the last three months have included:

- defining processes to streamline monthly income and expense reconciliation from our multiple data systems
- engaging with our League Captains to simplify quarterly income processing
- assessing your input about our financial reports and investigating options for improved reporting from our Reckon system
- drafting a proposed structure for Event reporting using the recent Molonglo School Promotion as an example
- confirming simplified annual auditing requirements and engaging an Annual Reviewer

The proposed focus for improving our Club's financial practices over the next two months (Mar-Apr) are:

- preparing streamlined annual financial reports and supporting records for internal review
- implementing simplified financial reports to better inform the Committee and support Club development
- investigating how to establish a development fund within our Reckon financial system
- finalising streamlined League income and expense processing with our Club captains
- drafting a business case for an additional EFTPOS capability to better support our events and competitions

Phillip Stephens

WCTC Treasurer

March 2023

WCTC Cashflow Report for Dec 22 – Feb 23

| Category | Amount | Notes |
|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Income | | |
| Membership & subscriptions | 7562 | Membership Subscriptions |
| Court hire | 6865 | Court Usage Fees |
| Competition Income | 493 | League Fees |
| Canberra School of Tennis | 4000 | Monthly CSOT payments (4) |
| Grant | 2000 | BBQ Purchase |
| Sponsorship | 693 | Canberra Southern Cross Club |
| Total Income | 21613 | |
| Expenses | | |
| Projects & Maintenance | 132 | Clubhouse repairs & Storage Shed Clean-out |
| Utilities and Services | 5041 | Rates, Rent, Waste Removal & PO Box |
| Competition Fees | 840 | Summer League Fees (TACT) |
| Clubhouse Cleaning | 2040 | cleaning services (6) |
| Gardening | 509 | gardening sessions (4) + materials |
| Insurance | 1825 | annual premium |
| Entertainment | 2035 | Xmas lunch & TACT Dinner subsidies |
| Promotional Material | 40 | Molonglo Community Information Evening |
| Sundry Expenses | 142 | |
| Total Expenses | 12604 | |
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| Overall Net Cashflow | + 9009 | Generated by increased court usage, grant income and CSOT income timings |
| Bank Accounts | at end Feb | |
| ANZ Banking Account | 7,440 | |
| CBA Cheque | 48,300 | |
| CBA Online Saver | 40,259 | |
| Total Cash at Bank | 95,999 | |

Project Report

Grounds

Tim is keeping the grounds in good order and put the sprinkler system onto regular 1am watering as the grass dries out. Lorraine has been keeping up with the watering and tendering to the garden bed plants.

New courts

Geoff has drawn up some preliminary plans for the new courts. Graeme has been to ACT Govt planning at Mitchell and was provided with copies of all the drawings they have on file. Geoff and Graeme had preliminary discussion with Nick Zardo from Guideline regarding indicative costs and needs for the preparation of the land (for the artificial courts on the western side of the complex and courts 1-4 (possible conversion to hard courts). Nick is putting some indicative (non 'sharp-pencil') costs together to provide to the WCTC Project Working Group – due this week.

Area in front of clubhouse

Geoff has drawn up draft plans covering possible works to raise the levels in front of the clubhouse. As heavy equipment will be required it would be best to do this work in conjunction with work relating to the new court development in order to save on equipment costs.

Nets

Tim, Graeme and Phillip are replacing the damaged nets during March. We were unable to buy nets at the Yarrawonga Victorian Country Week Championships this year as the tournament committee did not sell any leftover nets.

Graeme Rossiter

For the Works Sub Committee

7 March 2023

Membership Report

Total Membership 426 as of 5/3/2023

Tricks for new membership Secs. The total membership at the top of the membership page in ClubSpark does NOT recognise payments made via EFT or Cash. This can't be fixed as it would need the club allow TA to access our Com Bank account.

So, 4 members were listed as not paid but when the com bank site was accessed, the people had paid by eft. I have fixed this mistake.

As requested, I will proceed with conversion of all members who are currently listed as fixed term members (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023) to 1 year from the date of joining from the date that their annual subs are paid. Renewal notices will be sent to these categories of membership by the end of March.

A dwindling number of problems with gate access are being addressed. In general, if a session is unexpectedly washed out, I book another court in my name as a replacement session.

Brian Chauncy

Membership Sec

Junior/Coach Report



Date: 6/3/2023

Hi all, it has been a busy start to the 2023 year & tennis at The Weston Creek Tennis Club. Since mid-Jan we have had many great activities occur at the Club. This includes Tennis Camps, Trips away to Wollongong for a tournament, & now the start of a busy term 1 2023 with tennis lessons.

What's coming up at WCTC with CSOT:

- So term 1 2023 has kicked off on the 30th Jan. this looks to be another busy term as we get our local community involved in a range of tennis activities here at the club.
- In house social play & comps started the week Mon 6th Feb.
- JTL (Formerly Junior Pennant) starts in a week & we will have at least 10 junior teams competing which is very strong.
- BLV Open Day TBA. But hoping to do something at the end of this month or in April. Stay tuned for more information
- WCTC Club Championships 2023. Need to discuss best timing for this event this vear???
- Term 1 2023 finishes Thurs 6th April 2023. With Easter Fri on the 7th
- Holiday Camps will run from the 10th thru to 21st April detail will follow.
- Term 2 will commence Mon 24th April

So all in all busy times ahead, but we wouldn't want it any other way at our club at this time of the year.

Many Thanks see you all at the club & on the court.

Mark Walton

Club Coach

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Club Captain Report

I am writing this report as we transition from the summer season to the Autumn season. The former ended this week, and the latter starts next week. No rest for those playing in both seasons!

As usual, with holidays and the heat, many of you took a break over summer. Weston Creek had 5 teams across the different leagues. Congratulations to all players.

In the Monday/Tuesday night league Nathan Franklin's division 1 team finished the season off well with a win over Forrest in their final match of the season. My division 1 team lost the grand final by a single game 3 rubbers, 3 sets, 26 games, to 3 rubbers, 3 sets, 25 games, against Ainslie Tennis Club. This may take a while to recover from.

In the Thursday Night League division 2, Natasha Walton and her team also narrowly lost the grand final to Jerrabomberra Tennis Club 3 rubbers, 5 sets, 40 games, to 2 rubbers, 3 sets, 36 games. While in division 3, Clair Dupont and her team won a similarly close grand final 3 rubbers, 5 sets, 37 games to 2 rubbers, 3 sets, 34 games against The Pines Tennis Club.

In the Saturday league we only had one team competing in division 1 and we were able to defend our title with a strong win over Braddon Tennis Club (3 rubbers, 6 sets, 37 games, to 0 rubbers, 0 sets, 15 games)!

It was great to catch many of you at the courts today for a social hit to get to know one another. I hope to make this a bigger, more regular event in future.

As always, you can find all the Adult Canberra Tennis League information on the Tennis ACT Website: https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/canberra-tennisleague/the-walking-clinic-adult-tennis-leagues

Daniel Green Club Captain

5 March 2023

Rebel Sport Report

For many years WCTC has 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 specific advice from Rebel about the outcome of the review apart from regular monthly statements in January & February 2023 indicating a balance of \$0.01 credit. Recent advice from Rebel's finance department in Sydney is that a new program is being developed for later this year, possibly in July. This gives our club a few months to develop another means of obtaining tennis balls.

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

The current price of **Slazenger** balls, the preferred balls for social tennis, is **\$12.99** per container at Rebel Sport and **\$15** at Big W. After April 2022 the club received a special **\$2** discount **(\$9.99)** per container from Rebel Sport. This ceased in December 2022 when the CG program ended and Rebel Sport loyalty cards were no longer accepted in store.

The cost of ball containers for social tennis, including those sold to individual members and other social groups has been returned to WCTC finances at \$8 per container.

Looking to the future, it would be preferable to have a more practical pipeline for obtaining tennis balls such as ordering **Dunlop AO** in bulk for the club or using balls that have had minimal use from league/competition matches etc. Are they used again or thrown out/recycled?

We often receive comments from members about new balls being too bouncy, as well as the usual complaints about old balls being too worn, furry etc. It would be interesting to know how other clubs manage this problem and if balls used at major championships like the AO, for example, pass the balls on etc.

Recycling: A reminder to all members that sports shoes and runners may be recycled and turned into flooring for stores, gyms, playgrounds etc. through the **TreadLightly** initiative.

Disposal bins are located in the shoe section of **Rebel Sport** Canberra Centre, Westfield Woden or Belconnen, and at the **Asics, Converse** and **New Balance** stores, Canberra Outlet Centre, Fyshwick.

Lorraine Ovington
WCTC Committee (Rebel Sport)
7 March 2023

WCTC Signage - Dillon Close, Namatjira Drive and Streeton Drive





