

Minutes of the Weston Creek Tennis Club 2020 AGM held on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 7:30pm

1. Present

Stewart Back, Graeme Rossiter, Geoff Kotz, Brian Chauncy, Clair Dupont, Mark Walton, Daniel Green, Johnny Swientek, Lorraine Ovington, Maggie King, Tony Laudenbach, Peter Ward, Carl Jackson, Tim Harris, Rick Lord and Michael Bruen.

2. Apologies

Patricia Hagan & Colin Thompson.

3. Acceptance of Previous AGM Minutes

The Executive Committee accepted the previous 2019 AGM Minutes with no alterations. Accepted.

4. Business Arising from Previous AGM Minutes

Nil

5. Executive Annual Reports

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

5.2 Refer to [2019-20 Audited Financial Statements and Finance Report](#).

5.3 Refer to [Membership Report](#). Brian Chauncy provided additional membership information to attendees at the meeting. This information/report has been added to these minutes.

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

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

5.6 Refer to [Social Tennis Report](#).

5.7 **All Report Accepted:** It was moved by Graeme Rossiter that all reports be accepted. Seconded by Geoff Kotz. 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 Geoff Kotz was nominated as returning officer for new executive nominations.

6.3 Refer to [Nominations for WCTC Committee 2020-21](#). Head Coach Mark Walton has been elected on to the Committee as the Coach Representative. Geoff advised that the listed nominations for the WCTC Committee have been elected as the new Committee for 2020-21. Refer to [WCTC Committee List 2020-21](#).

6.4 All 2019-20 Committee members are current WCTC financial members.

6.5 New President Peter Ward and new General Member Carl Jackson briefly introduced themselves to members. Carl Jackson has been a member of the Club for about 15 years and plays social tennis and competition tennis. Peter Ward thanked Stewart Back for his many years of service, and everyone on the Committee. Peter believes the Club has one of the best facilities in Canberra. Membership is one of the challenges facing the Club including how to increase membership and making sure members get the most value out of their membership and have a worthwhile experience. Peter thanked the Club and looks forward to working with the Committee.

6.6 Former President Stewart Back also briefly summarised the recent President's meeting that was held on 10 August 2020. This meeting was held to discuss the financial viability and income system. All presidents agreed that membership was too cheap and that they should not be paying rates. There was also an issue with club ownership of land/property, however the banks not agreeing with this. The WCTC is long term lease of 100 years, however some of the other clubs have short leases. There was also an issue with facilities as most were originally built in the 70s. It would be interesting to see what sort of courts the new Gunghalin facility will have as Tennis ACT does not prefer grass courts. The President's did not agree that the definition of major assets in the club does not include resurfacing.

7. Auditors

7.1 **Motion:** It was moved by Geoff Kotz that GLR Accountants be reappointed as auditor for the financial year 2020-21. This was seconded by Graeme Rossiter. Accepted.

8. General Business

Life Membership – Stewart Back

8.1 Former WCTC President, Stewart Back, was awarded a Life Membership and presented with a rotating cheese board, cheese knives, and a copy of Mulga Bill's Bicycle by Banjo Patterson and a can of tennis balls for all his work while being the Present of the Club for the past 13 years. Refer to Geoff Kotz's [presentation notes](#) for more information about Stewart's accomplishments.

8.2 Stewart Back thanked the Committee for their support, in particular Geoff, Graeme and Brian, during this period and hope the new incoming President Peter Ward will continue to keep the 'community' focus of the Club rather than a commercial focus.

Constitution

8.3 The Club's constitution has not been updated since 2003. Under this current constitution, the Club needs to hold a special general meeting (SGM) in order to make any changes. An SGM is held to deal with on subject only, and in this case, it would be the Constitution.

8.4 Graeme Rossiter and Geoff Kotz have made updates to the constitution. They will send it to the Committee for their review and set a date for the SGM to approve the changes, possibly the same date as the next general committee meeting.

8.5 The updates are minor and include document formatting and allowing for changes to be made to the Constitution at a AGM instead of holding a SGM instead.

8.6 Once the Constitution is approved at the AGM, then the Club can lodge it with the ACT Government (Access Canberra, Registrar Office). A lodgement fee will be required.

Bar Fridge

8.7 WCTC Member Rick Lord advised he would like to donate an old bar fridge to the Club so that ice can be held for injuries. Members agreed and will place the fridge in the back room.

9. Next AGM

The next Weston Creek Tennis Club 2021 AGM will be held on Wednesday 18 August 2021 from 7:30pm at the Club.

10. Meeting Close

The Weston Creek Tennis Club 2020 AGM closed at 8:15 pm.

Prepared by Clair Dupont

President's Report

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting for 2020.

As indicated on our website and emailed to you, the Annual General Meeting for 2020 will be held on Wednesday 19th August at 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse. Please come and contribute to the running of your Club. The Club needs new Committee Members and is under-represented with competition players. If you can participate as a Committee Member, please contact Clair Dupont, Brian Chauncy or myself before the AGM.

We are now in a more fortunate position, administratively, to keep members up to date on activities through the industry of your Club's secretary, Clair du Pont, who adds items of news/interest to the website as they occur.

Hence the Annual Report will be mainly a precis of activities of the last topsy-turvy year.

With the online membership and court booking system, Membership continues to be less than desired. Fees have increased minimally; and we continue to see an increase in casual player fees via the book-a-court system. There are still some frustrations with the now not-so-new system, but thanks to the effort of our Membership Secretary, Brian Chauncy, individual problems have generally been resolved. Should you have difficulties with the online booking or registration system, please contact Brian.

The Committee has, and continues to liaise closely with, ACT Tennis on the future of tennis, and participates in their regular forums and information sessions.

As we all know this year has been a year of unpredictables. The virus, bushfire smoke, vandalism, court resurfacing, lighting upgrade, grounds and fence improvements, and court maintenance have provided a large workload for several Committee members.

Our collective appreciation goes to Geoff Kotz for his role in organising loans, grants and work on the lighting upgrade to LED lights with contractors that have caused much angst and effort, the resurfacing of courts 5-8, plus his normal load in keeping the Club's finances going.

The resurfacing took place fortuitously during the pandemic, but the sanding and final levelling cannot be addressed until spring and warmer weather.

Also, with a lot of diligence, discipline and his own time and effort, Graeme Rossiter was able to keep the Club at least partially open. Together with Tim Harris (who had his paint compressor and kit stolen by vandals) their efforts on the fencing and the grounds, are very much appreciated.

With all the day-to-day changes and other activities, our diligent Secretary, Clair has kept all members informed on the state-of-play. Your Committee hopes the next year will be much more stable than the last year, on many fronts.

We are still concerned for the serviceability of the Club roof as it continues to leak into the ladies toilet on wet occasions, but we are unable to locate where the water comes from. If we were sure that the roof itself leaks then we would replace it, but there is no assurance that it is the problem.

Also, we are very conscious that the fences are old, rusting and more importantly sliding down the poles and turning up along the base, creating holes and sharp wires. However, we do not have the finances to replace them. Hence Graeme Rossiter has made a big effort to spray the fences black to enhance their appearance and life. We have been advised on how to repair the turned up wire and straighten the bent poles and Graeme, Geoff and Tim will work on that over the next 6 months.

Committee Members have also attended numerous ACT Tennis Forums, held mainly at night, but also, more lately with the virus, online; this has been less, than satisfactory but better than nothing.

During the virus, competition tennis has been suspended, but is now starting up again.

Finally, and not the least important activity, has been children's coaching. Mark Walton and his team have been able to conduct limited coaching despite the restrictions, but some of his activities have of necessity been suspended. However, it is good to see that most normal activities have resumed for the present, and that players are again enjoying "the game for life", and the associated social aspects.

Despite the foregoing, your Committee has not lost focus on tennis itself. Tennis wise, the Club is again open and welcoming to all the community, and the level of activity, even in winter, indicates tennis remains a very popular sport. Juniors, competition, social and casual play is well supported, however, like all Clubs, there continues to be a paucity of players in the 20-40 year age group. There are a number of Tennis Australia and ACT Tennis programs aimed at bringing back those who stopped playing after their initial involvement. While many children receive coaching, this does not translate to those children continuing to play or to them joining the Club. This continues to be a nationwide issue for many sports.

We continue to have two sponsorships for which we are most thankful. The Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC) continues the present 7.5% of 'card swipes' at the CSCC venues. We ask all members and their friends, who are members of the CSCC, to "sign up" when they visit any of the CSCC Clubs, and then swipe their CSCC card when they buy food or drinks. (Please note: One does not need to be a member of our Tennis Club - this is relevant to parents of children and any friends).

The Rebel Sports support is also of great benefit in that 5% of "Rebel" purchases are returned to the Club through purchases at any Rebel store. For this system to benefit, any person with a Rebel card and directly identifies our Club, or whose card is annotated "Weston Creek Tennis Club" who makes a purchase and swipes the card

adds 5% to our credit without any penalty to their purchase . The Club uses funds to purchase Club needs – balls, nets, etc- to help reduce the cost of playing. But Rebel does not have sweepers, so the Committee continues to look for better sweepers that last longer and are much less costly (present sweepers are about \$300!). The Rebel cards are available from Mark Walton, Brian Chauncy and myself.

Please support our Tennis Club by participating when you, your family and friends go to either the CSCC or a Rebel Sports store. **Please note:** The Club does not contribute to private groups or individuals whose play is not open to the community at large.

While our financial position is sound on a yearly basis, planning and implementing a longer term sinking fund which provides for new courts, fencing, and a new lighting system and other items, is far from precise. To resurface courts 5-8 required that we obtain a loan from the ANZ bank for \$70K, repayable over 5 years. The remainder of the \$150K needed to 'do' the courts was taken from our bank balance, which is now not looking as rosy.

As all will appreciate, the Club has existed now for almost 50 years and all the major components of our Club – Courts, lighting, fences, Clubhouse, electrical and water systems and grounds, need a major “makeover”. As you have read from the above, 4 courts(5-8), lighting, fences and grounds' deficiencies have all been addressed, but ensuring your Club can progress facilities' improvements further, will need substantial government assistance. ACT Tennis and executives of numerous tennis Clubs are addressing this wider issue now.

Your Committee believes that most members want the Club to continue to operate as a Club rather than as a commercial centre; we will try to keep the need for survivability, commercial, viable/Club-like and open, in balance. Affiliation with ACT Tennis brings several benefits, such as competition organisation, player insurance, support expertise in running the Club, and news on various Tennis trends/activities.

Each year I conclude the Report with this reminder - most importantly, Tennis at our Club is a game for all to participate in and enjoy. Your Committee will try to keep it that way. **There is little doubt that playing tennis at all ages contributes to our physical, mental and social well-being, which in turn enhances our quality of life-AKA happiness.**

Remember to keep up to date on activities through the Tennis Australia Weston Creek Tennis Club web site /– www.tennis.com.au/westoncreektc/ where you can book a court and pay as a casual or member, gain access to coaching, and generally keep up to date with all our Club activities.

Last but not least, I believe all players owe many thanks to the Committee Members who have contributed so much to the operation of the Club in the last year.

Stewart Back
President

Annual Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements

WESTON CREEK TENNIS CLUB INC.

ABN. 68 568 792 579

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

1 APRIL 2019 - 31 MARCH 2020

Weston Creek Tennis Club Inc.

Committee's Report

The committee members of Weston Creek Tennis Club Incorporated submit the the financial report for the year ended 31 March 2020

Committee Members

The names of the committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Stewart Back (President)
Graeme Rossiter (Vice President)
Geoff Kotz (Treasurer)
Clair Dupont (Secretary)
Brian Chauncy (Membership)
Maggie King
Lorraine Overton
Daniel Green
Johnny Swientek
Mark Walton
Tony Laudenbach

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the club during the financial year were to provide tennis instruction and friendly competition opportunities to all members

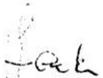
Significant change.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The operating result amounted to a surplus of \$11,239.97

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



(President)



(Treasurer)

Dated: 27/7/2020

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
WESTON CREEK TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED**

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of Weston Creek Tennis Club Incorporated, being the Statement of Operating Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet and Notes **for the year ended 31 March 2020**, showing an **Operating Surplus of \$11,239.97. and Accumulated Funds of \$298,177.52**. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with applicable policies described in the notes to the accounts and relevant statutory requirements as outlined in the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)* as to present a view of the entity which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows.

Qualifications

As is common for organizations of this type, it is not practicable for Weston Creek Tennis Club Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to receipts was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial statements of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial statements are in accordance with s 72 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)* and present a true and fair view of the financial position of Weston Creek Tennis Club Incorporated as at **31 March 2020** and the results of its operations for the year then ended.


Brett Hanlon
Chartered Accountant
30 July 2020

Weston Creek Tennis Club Inc.
Statement of Operating Income and Expenditure
1 April 2019- 31 March 2020

Income	2018 - 19	2019 - 20	% Change	Notes
Court Usage Fees	30,188.19	28,901.01	4	
Interest Received	2,008.48	2,272.02	13	
Membership fees	37,015.66	35,041.18	5	
Pennant Player fees	8,220.00	6,880.00	16	3
Sponsorships and Grants	1,865.92	12,543.89	572	4
Key Deposits Liability written off	10,955.00			
Insuarnce Claim	7,100.97			
Total Income	97,354.22	85,638.10	12	
Expenditure				
Administrative expenses	1,233.20	1,488.70	21	
Advertising	457.15	0.00	100	
Affiliation ACT Tennis Association	5,300.00	5,406.00	2	
Audit fees	330.00	550.00	67	
Clubhouse cleaning and maintenance	6,464.89	7,448.50	15	
Consumables	243.35	440.75	81	
Donations, Gifts, Prizes	0.00	0.00		
External court hire	0.00	0.00		
Gov't charges:				
Land rent	5,688.30	5,665.16	0	
Lodgement fees	84.00	0.00		
Rates	6,602.30	8,278.12	25	
Grounds Maintenance	2,408.81	4,800.61	99	5
Insurance	1,626.08	1,713.92	5	
Pennant team competition fees	8,080.00	3,060.00	62	3
Sundry Expenses	1,232.00	0.00	100	
Utilities:				
Electricity	6,712.53	6,994.67	4	
Waste removal	1,179.75	1,213.85	3	
Water supply and sewerage	1,892.85	2,058.31	9	
Total Expenditure	49,535.21	49,118.59		
Net Cash Surplus	47,819.01	36,519.51		
Adjustments				
Add - Outstanding payments due				
Pennant Player fees	0.00	0.00		
Court Hire	0.00	0.00		
Less - Membership Prepayments	0.00	0.00		
Less Depreciation				
Buildings and structures	21,644.72	23,211.61		2
Equipment	1,860.04	2,067.93		2
Total Adjustments	23,504.76	25,279.54		
Net Operating Surplus	24,314.25	11,239.97		

Weston Creek Tennis Club Inc.
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

	31/03/2019	31/03/2020	Notes
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cheque account	5,299.92	77,100.86	1
Cash received but not banked			
Savings Account	21,304.36	44.60	
Term Deposits	102,610.28	87,842.06	
Total Current Assets	129,214.56	164,987.52	1
Non-Current Assets			
Buildings and structures at cost	512,858.71	512,965.26	2
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-373,807.58	-397,019.19	2
Equipment at cost	38,759.20	39,399.20	2
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-20,087.34	-22,155.27	2
Add Outstanding Pennant Player fees	0.00	0.00	
Add outstanding Court Hire	0.00	0.00	
Total Non-Current Assets	157,722.99	133,190.00	
Total Assets	286,937.55	298,177.52	
Liabilities			
Pre-Payments - Membership	0.00	0.00	
Key deposits	0.00	0.00	
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	
Net Accumulated Funds	286,937.55	298,177.52	
Accumulated Funds at Start of Year	263,117.51	286,937.55	
Net Operating Surplus	24,314.25	11,239.97	
Accumulated Funds at End of Year	287,431.76	298,177.52	

WESTON CREEK TENNIS CLUB INC.

Notes on the Reports year ended 31 March 2020

- 1 The club operates on a cash accounting basis, which means all receipts and payments are recorded in the club's accounts on the day the transaction took place irrespective of any portion of the receipt or payment which might refer to a prior or subsequent financial year.

- 2 Assets are recorded at their historical cost and are depreciated, using the straight line method, over the number of years of expected useful life. As assets become fully depreciated and have either been replaced or become redundant they are written off and deleted from the asset register.

- 3 Both Pennant competition income and expenditure figures were down due to cancellations.

- 4 A Grant of \$10,000 from Stronger Communities Programme will go toward the Court Lighting Project

- 5 The increase in expenditure is due to the need to remove the dying Eucalyptus Nicholii and treatment of the elm tree.

Membership Report 2019-20

Membership Report for AGM 19 August 2020 addendum

Further to the membership report for the 2019-2020 membership year [1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020] that went to our auditor in April, I wish to add the following information.

At the start of this membership year on 1 April, the Club moved to a pilot version of a club management system named Club Spark. We joined this as a test prior to its adoption by all clubs affiliated with Tennis Australia. The system incorporates financial and membership information as well as encompassing the Book a Court system.

Jake Lalliard from Tennis ACT has been our valuable liaison person and fixer.

The system has been functioning well in general with only minor (mainly operator ie me) problems. It allows members and the general public to find an available court and then book on line. Power black outs, although rare, cause a shut down of the booking system.

Club Spark allows the club to monitor court usage as each person who has booked a court must enter their pin code for the booking, irrespective of whether the gate is open or not. Problems have occurred when players do not leave sufficient time between booking and their desired time of play; about 20 minutes is required. Some players arrive too early for their booking; the key code starts working about 10 minutes prior to their booking. If people wish to cancel their booking, they must do this at least 1 hour prior to the booking if they do not wish to be charged. So, keep an eye on the weather. Some players have complained that the lights don't turn on or go off before the booking has ended. I have not been able to find what the cause was but it happens rarely and again I suspect operator error.

At the start of the year, last years members were migrated to the new system and remained active until the period of grace had expired, when the system should have marked them as lapsed. Updates to the code will make this automatic in the future, but in the mean time this has to be done manually so the numbers in the current list are not necessarily accurate. There needs to be an automated email to members when their renewal is processed or new memberships accepted, but this has been flagged. I have also asked Jake to expand recording of the method of payment to include eft and credit card to replace 'other', which is not helpful to planners.

The new system also includes an email program that seems to operate as intended. So each member should get reminder notices to update their membership or a notice that their membership has lapsed after 1 month ie on 1 May. (the period of grace for renewal).

The courts were closed for *ca* 6 weeks due to the initial Covid-19 crisis but, because of the generosity of our members, this did not seem to affect our membership renewals. Also Graeme provided access to **members** for singles play during this period, which was very much appreciated.

Members in 2016-2017: 345, 2017-2018: 339 2018-2019: 236, 2019-2020: 264. This year we are approaching 300 members and we are only half way through the year. Mark Walton has been active in encouraging his students to join as juniors, who are the future of the club and tennis in general.

One major problem remains, which costs the Club revenue. If a member books a court for free, as he/she is entitled to do and plays with non members but does not collect any payments from them, we loose out. No one knows how to fix this, but fortunately many people are honest and collect the money.

Brian Chauncy
 Membership Secretary
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 19/8/20

Name	Type	Full Cost	Sold	Members
2019 Carnivale Adult	Adult	\$150.00	4	4
2019 Carnivale Family	Family	\$280.00	2	8
2019 Carnivale Special	Special	\$120.00	2	2
2019/2020 Life Membership (non-playing)	Life	0	4	4
2019/2020 Life Membership (playing)	Life	0	7	7
2019/2020 New Adult membership	Adult	\$225.00	17	17
2019/2020 New Family Membership	Family	\$420.00	0	0
2019/2020 New Junior Membership	Junior	\$90.00	5	5
2019/2020 New Special (Pensioner) Membership	Pensioner	\$180.00	1	1
2019/2020 New Student Membership	Student	\$165.00	2	2
2019/2020 Renewing Adult Membership	Adult	\$150.00	117	116
2019/2020 Renewing Family Membership	Family	\$280.00	42	39
2019/2020 Renewing Junior Membership	Junior	\$50.00	8	8
2019/2020 Renewing Special Membership	Special	\$120.00	46	46
2019/2020 Renewing Student Membership	Student	\$110.00	5	5
		Total	262	264

Coach Report



Hi all, as we all now know 2019 – 2020 has been a challenging time for all so far with bushfires at the end of 2019 early 2020 & now Covid-19, making life very different & challenging. We at CSOT have also been affected, like all of us, from these events, but as we speak we are just happy to be back on the court doing something we love, even if it is in a slightly less normal way. Numbers for coaching would normally be around the 300 to 400 students thru summer & 200 to 300 in the winter time, this would be at least 30% off at the moment. We are currently hoping to do some school work again in term 4, but other events towards the later part of the year have already been cancelled for 2020. These include the Interstate Teams Challenge here in October & the end of year NZ junior tour in December. The Tennis Carnivale Charity Day for RMHC has also been cancelled for 2020 due to Covid-19. We hope to be back with all these programs in 2021. However we are still striving to run as many programs as possible under the obvious hygiene protocols & these are below.

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.

- 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** - NOT On This Year.
- INTERSTATE TEAMS CHALLENGE – Not On This Year
- Weston Creek Junior Open Sat 7th & Sun 8th Oct – TBA – If on may only be a singles event for juniors.
- End of year NZ Junior tennis tour 6th to 22nd Dec – Not On This Year.

As you can see we do have a wide ranging & diverse options for tennis but as mentioned we are currently, under quite a few restrictions with the current climate of Covid-19. We hope this will change for all us in the near future, but most important we all need to make the best of this situation & get on with doing what we can. We are still very lucky, to be able to play tennis, & hope that this will continue in the immediate future.

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

Regards Mark Walton Club Coach
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Canberra Tennis League - The Walking Clinic Adult Tennis League

2019-20 was shaping as a big year for adult pennant with the launch of the Canberra Tennis League.

The year started well with the 2019 Walking Clinic spring leagues going ahead as planned. Weston Creek had 6 teams in the Monday/Tuesday league and 2 teams in the Thursday league. There were 26 players registered across these teams.

Unfortunately, the Summer and Autumn leagues were cancelled due to the smoke from the bushfires and the COVID-19 pandemic, respectively.

The Canberra Tennis League eventually got underway with a shortened Winter competition currently approaching finals. Weston Creek has 5 teams in the Monday/Tuesday league, 3 teams in the Thursday league and 2 teams in the Saturday league. There are 46 players registered across these teams. Players have been lucky to use the new LED lights and new court surfaces.

Weston Creek had some great results in the limited playing opportunities. Highlights include grand final appearances in division 1 in the Spring Thursday league and both division 1 and division 7 in the Monday/Tuesday league. Congratulations to all captains and teams who participated. A special thanks to all club captains who organise their teams from week to week and maintain our reputation as a competitive but friendly club.

Entries are open now for The Walking Clinic 2020 Spring Adult Canberra Tennis league season. The popular Monday/Tuesday night league offers players with a mixture of singles and doubles in a quick format. The Thursday league is a great option for players wanting to play just doubles, and the recently introduced singles focused Saturday league is perfect for players looking to play a longer format. [Register as a team or as an individual through Match Centre today.](#)

Entries Close 19 August via Match Centre. All player must be members of a Tennis ACT affiliated club to play in Canberra Tennis League. All entries are subject to approval from your club and Tennis ACT.

Dan Green

WCTC Club Captain

02 August 2020

Social Tennis Report

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Morning Social Tennis

Social Tennis is 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 players play social tennis, both in private and Club(open to all) play.

The open groups play every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday evenings. There are 25-50 active players in the open day sessions and numbers have been particularly up after the virus lockdown. Private groups play most days.

Anyone in the Community is most welcome to play on Monday, Wednesday(morning and night) and Friday morning. Fees are minimal.

The open play days and nights are also sociable times for all, and while the play is competitive, it is also relaxed and there are no sheep station prizes .

Stewart Back

WCTC Monday, Wednesday & Friday Morning Social Tennis Coordinator

Wednesday Night Social Tennis

Since the re-opening of the tennis club, it's been encouraging to see a steady increase in numbers for the Wednesday Night Social. This is out of the norm in relation to past years, as numbers usually dwindle at night over the winter period. However, since the closure, it seems people are keen with getting back to tennis generally.

We recommenced Social tennis on the 25th May 2020 with an attendance of 10 people including myself.

Last week on the 22 July 2020, we had an attendance 26 people including myself.

This includes separate groups of Wednesday Night Social attendees who want to play with each other as a unit on their own court. One group in particular has been doing this for years and it's a pleasure to accommodate them.

Since the tennis club re-start there is an average of 4 or more courts being utilised on a Wednesday night with some new faces joining the regulars. This is really good attendance for this winter period and the cold nights that we are having.

Everyone is commenting on the excellent lighting that we now have and people have even noticed the added paint and improvements as well. In addition, I think the grass on courts 5 to 8 are bedding down well. Thanks Geoff, Graeme and Tim and the committee as a whole for all working together as a top team.

Johnny Swientek

WCTC Wednesday Night Social Tennis Coordinator

2 August 2020

WCTC Committee 2020-21 Nominations

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second	Nominee Accepts Nomination
President	Peter Ward	Graeme Rossiter	Geoff Kotz	Yes
Vice President	Graeme Rossiter	Brian Chauncy	Clair Dupont	Yes
Treasurer	Geoff Kotz	Graeme Rossiter	Brian Chauncy	Yes
Secretary	Clair Dupont	Brian Chauncy	Geoff Kotz	Yes
Membership Secretary	Brian Chauncy	Geoff Kotz	Clair Dupont	Yes
Coach	Mark Walton	Brian Chauncy	Geoff Kotz	Yes
Pennant Captain	Dan Green	Clair Dupont	Graeme Rossiter	Yes
Ordinary Member	Johnny Swientek	Clair Dupont	Brian Chauncy	Yes
Ordinary Member	Tony Laudenbach	Johnny Swientek	Lorraine Ovington	Yes
Ordinary Member	Maggie King	Lorraine Ovington	Tony Laudenbach	Yes
Ordinary Member	Lorraine Ovington	Maggie King	Johnny Swientek	Yes
Ordinary Member	Carl Jackson	Graeme Rossiter	Johnny Swientek	Yes

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PRESENTATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO STEWART BACK

Stewart Back has been president of the Weston Creek Tennis Club for the past 13 years. The members and committee wish to thank Stewart and show their appreciation for the time and effort spent in carrying out these presidential duties.

The archives I accessed show Stewart as first assuming the Presidency in 2007/8 after having looked after the weekly social tennis for a number of years. Some would say that is a long time in a thankless job with very little recognition and even less remuneration. We have considered offering to double his pay-rate but we thought he may be offended or embarrassed at the idea of finding himself in a higher tax bracket.

Under his *Stewart-ship* the Club has undertaken and satisfactorily completed many projects which have added to the club's facilities and provided enhanced amenity to its members. These include:

- Courts – 8 courts have been resurfaced
- Lights – changing from metal halide lights to LED – an interesting and somewhat frustrating project.
- Club house – Floor covering replacement and changeroom renovations.
- Installation of the electronic gate and booking system
- Gazebos – replacement of vandalized with new which attract increased usage.
- Periodical medical treatment for the prized elm tree.
- In-house projects carried out voluntarily by club members
 - Rejuvenation of neglected landscaping and watering systems
 - Cleaning-up vegetation and tree root invasion along the Southern fence
 - Fence painting
 - Artificial grass paths around the courts
 - Out-door furniture painting and painting over Graffiti
 - Stabilising damaged fence poles and rails

On matters financial

The club now benefits, to the tune of thousands of dollars each year, from participation in the loyalty rewards program offered by Canberra Southern Cross Club and Rebel Sports.

Stewart has led the charge against TA and the ACT Government's inability to provide appropriate financial assistance towards maintaining our community oriented facility to a safe and inviting standard. This has been an ongoing battle for many years but recently Stewart exchanged his four legged white charger for a two wheeled variety. This nearly ended in a catastrophe. Enough said at this stage.

On matters of a social nature

Some may say Stewart's skills shine brightest when organizing the social players' Christmas Party where everybody goes home with a prize and it has been rumored some members, after the event, have not been able to find their cars in the carpark. He has also organised mid-year lunches and Christmas lunch for committee members.

That is an impressive presidential tenure, I hope I haven't left off anything of great importance.

Presentation

Stewart, as a measure of our appreciation, the members and committee of the Weston Creek Tennis Club have awarded you an Honorary Life Membership and also present you with a “rotating dart board and tennis racquet repair kit” (otherwise known as Cheese platter and knives set) and as an afterthought, a copy of Mulga Bill’s Bicycle by Banjo Patterson which should be read every time you get the urge to “mount the two wheeled beast”.

Congratulations and thank you.

Geoff Kotz
WCTC Treasurer

