



Benalla Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Newsletter September 2023

Welcome to our new 2023-2024 Tennis & Croquet Season.



I hope you are all well and looking forward to getting back on the lawn courts enjoying playing tennis and croquet with new and existing players and friends.

Our 2023 AGM was held on Monday 19 June. The elected Executive of the Committee comprises President David O'Donoghue, Vice-President Mark McDonald, Secretary Lisa Salvadori, Treasurer Gemma Kay with our General Committee being Henry Nam (Grounds), Wendy Maxwell (House), Geoffrey Bath & Bruce Blay (Croquet), Vince Branigan (Grants), Andrew Marriott (Grounds), Tony Kelly, Sharon Teichert and we welcome Kate Campbell.

98th Annual Benalla Tennis Tournament - 2, 3 & 4 January 2024

Please keep these dates free so that you and family & friends can play and have lots of fun playing tennis on 24 excellent grass courts meeting new players and their families. **This is your club's major annual fundraiser.**

Also following this tournament, the Club will be hosting the 2024 Interregional Championships on the three days following the tournament ie. 5-7 January. There will be about 250 players participating in this event. While we don't actually run this tournament, we do have to provide the catering so we will be looking for as many people as possible to help out.

Major Fundraiser

This year we will be having a major raffle.

First and second prizes will consist of two tickets to the Australian Open men's and women's finals as well as other great minor

prizes. Tickets will be \$10 per ticket, books of five.

Grounds: Tennis & Croquet Lawn Courts

Adrian Pantling will continue to be our curator this season. The Club is in the process of putting permanent net posts on the front courts. This is a big job but it will save us a lot of time/money and also be a lot safer as we will no longer require the tension chains.

There is a club working bee on Saturday 30 September starting at 9.00am through to 12pm. It would be greatly appreciated for players and members to attend and complete maintenance tasks around the courts & grounds as well as clubhouse maintenance.

Tennis Coaching

New Club Coach Greg Duns from Yarrawonga will commence tennis coaching lessons from Tuesday 10 October. Greg Duns is a level 3 high performance tennis coach. He has coached many state and nationally ranked juniors, as well as the 2005 Men's Wimbledon doubles champion. Greg is also a qualified sports teacher. Greg and his coaching team are excited about building up the tennis coaching program in Benalla.

Greg will commence tennis coaching lessons from **Tuesday 10 October and every Tuesday across Term 4.** If numbers increase, he will add a second afternoon.

Time: 4pm-4.40pm (4-6 year olds & 7-9 year olds)

4.40pm-5.20pm (10-12 year olds & 13-17 year olds).

The cost is \$175 for nine weekly lessons. For the 2nd and 3rd child in family the cost is \$165 each.

To book junior coaching lessons for the above nine-week program, please text Greg on 0410 574 482.

2023/24 Membership Subscriptions

Mark McDonald is our club's membership manager for the new 2023/24 season.

This season membership and tournament fees will be done online using the following link which is also on the Benalla Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club website:

[2023/24 Club Membership Form](#)

Can club members please make every effort to pay their membership fees ASAP by 1/11/2023.

Benalla Croquet Club Returns to Play

Benalla Croquet welcomes new players and visitors. At present, play is held on Tuesdays and Thursday, with arrival at 9.10am for a 9.30am start. The Croquet Executive this season is Debbie Hazel as President, Irene Cleft as Secretary and Judy Amery as Treasurer. Phone Debbie on 0407 506 328 for more details.



Benalla & District Tennis Saturday Afternoon Competition

Benalla Lawn has entered two teams in a combined section 1 & 2 competition that plays each Saturday afternoon. Each team comprises 3 ladies & 3 men with each player playing three 8-games sets for the day. Clubs participating come from Benalla Gardens, Goorambat, Tatong, Swanpool, Violet Town, Euroa Lawn, Terip, Avenel and Strathbogrie.

Contact Peter Jewell on 0407 519 249 or David O'Donoghue on 0417 514 231.

Mid-week competitions

Tuesday ladies commences 3/10. Contact is Jane Grimwade 0419 898 582 - all welcome!

Wednesday Night Mixed Tennis

Wednesday night mixed tennis commences on Wednesday 18 October. This is a teams competition comprising of four players. Each team has to have one of the opposite sex. All players and standards are catered for. For more information, please contact David O'Donoghue on 0417 514 231.

Juniors and Community Play

Juniors and community play commences on Saturday 7/10.

Juniors 9.00am and Community Play 9.30am. Juniors will have two try out days on 7/10 & 14/10 and then all juniors will be placed in teams comprising 1-2 sections.

All children between 4-12 can participate, learning tennis skills in a fun environment.

Please promote this community play learning tennis initiative to local parents & friends who may like their children to attend and enjoy. Parents are asked to join in and participate in the fun tennis activities under the leadership of our club legends Vince Branigan & Henry Nam.

If you have any queries in relation to tennis, please contact me directly on my mobile 0417 514 231.

David O'Donoghue

PRESIDENT

We are again working with Tennis Victoria in promoting our great sport and endeavouring to develop young players.

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