

BRIGHT TENNIS NEWS



Winners are gridders as team Prokennex of Minter, Craig, Alex and Tracy take the Tuesday night title after running up during the season. Great performance guys! Unfortunately Wednesdays final was rained out by a very inconvenient burst of rain.

Upcoming Dates

Monday Fast 4 Tennis

Please contact Bev Schwarz on 575512221 or Bev Giraud on 0439398481

Tuesday & Wed Night Pennant

Summer / Autumn pennant grading night will be 2nd / 3rd Feb 2021. Competition commences the week after. Please contact Tracy Carey 57551688 or Heather Thompson 0428 354 117

Tennis Coaching

Group Junior Tennis Coaching

Mon, Wed & Friday afternoons during school terms

Adult and Junior Private Coaching

Available by arrangement

Contact Geoff Hollow 0418269249

Saturday Junior Tennis

Commences Saturday Feb 1



Geoff Hollow helps Tom try out and select a new racquet. Racquets available through Geoff.



Elaine Woods, Carol Laphorne, Kim Simpson, Phillis Reid, and Bev Schwarz . All enjoying Monday Social Tennis



Announcing Tuesday Family Social Nights

Commencing 4th January 2021 on Bright Tennis Club will be hosting a family social night every Tuesday during the school holidays at 6pm. Come and meet some of your fellow family members and enjoy some social time. Maybe even play a game of tennis in the meantime!

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Reciprocal Memberships.



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Myrtleford



Mount Beauty

Bright Tennis Club membership also gives you reciprocal rights to play at the Myrtleford and the Mount Beauty Tennis courts.

Club Memberships now due...

Club membership fees are due and payable by the **31st October 2020**. Once again we will be utilizing an online system of registration and payment through "My Tennis". memberships available:

Family \$195

Student (under 12) \$40

Single \$80

This is a Tennis Australia application and has been designed to make life easier for club administrators, allowing us to quickly and easily manage club memberships and generate membership reports.

A copy of the Online Membership Instructions have been attached at the back of this newsletter for your information. Manual Registrations will continue to be offered if you do not have access to a computer. Please contact David Chlebna on 0409 808 469

Bright Tennis Club

Committee 2020/2021

President: Tracy Carey

Treasurer: Jody Vlahandreas

Secretary : Adrian Ciolli

Vice President: Mick Crocker

Memberships: David Chlebna

Committee Members:

Andrew Porter

Alex Duncan

Geoff Hollow

Why Love Means Nothing to a Tennis Player.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Bright Tennis Club!



Today's tennis evolved from a game called "Jeu de Paume" played by Monks in 12th Century Northern France, where the ball was made from wood and was hit with a gloved hand. The word love is thought to have come from the French word "Leoff" or egg, which resembled the figure for 0 when the monks wrote the score, or maybe it represents the egg on the face of the player with that score.



Presidents Report – Bright Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting – 6.45pm, 27th October 2020 outside the Clubrooms

Welcome to the 2019/2020 Bright Tennis Club AGM. Membership increased during 2020 with a total of 166 members at the end of October 2020¹. This was comprised of 23² Family Memberships, 56 Adult members and 15 Junior Members. Membership fees are the Club's main income, comprising 61% of the club's income at \$10,117 and is an increase of 20.3% on 2019³. This income was supplemented by \$642 court hire fees through the Visitor Information Centre (VIC). This was a significant drop from 2019⁴ due to the Covid19 pandemic.

Year	Family Memberships		Adult Members	Junior Members	Total
	Adult	Junior			
2019/2020	52	43	56	15	166



Tuesday & Wednesday Night Pennant

It has been great to see a strong Tuesday Night Pennant competition in the last 12 months fielding 8 teams of 4 in our Spring/Summer Competition and 7 teams in the Summer/Autumn competition. We continue to attract a number of new players and unfortunately have also lost a

few of our regular players due to injury. I must say not seeing the name "Poyner" on the teams list is a first for me in the 10 years I have been playing at the club. Thanks to Allan Poyner

for coordinating and Raph Baris for doing the draw each week.

Thanks to the efforts of Heather Thompson and a slightly different playing format the Wednesday Night competition has shown strong numbers with 5 teams of 4 in the Spring/Summer Pennant and 6 teams of 4 in the Summer/Autumn 2020 competition. It is great to see the wide mix of players in our Wednesday night comp including players returning to the game that have not played for many years, Juniors wanting to step up into competition and some regular Tuesday night players just wanting to get more tennis!

Covid -19 Pandemic

On the 23 March a decision was made by the committee to suspend all competition play with social play continuing for members only under strict health and hygiene guidelines provided by Tennis Victoria. However as conditions changed and further government announcements made, by the 26 March the club was closed to *all play*. This continued for two months and to see empty courts over this time was a very sad sight indeed. On May 18 with the Government easing restrictions, the committee met again and voted to

1. 137 Members, 17 Family members 2019, 127 Members 2018, 124 members in 2017, 126 Members in 2016,

2. 17 Family Members

3. Membership income \$8389 in 2019, \$7726 in 2018, \$9016 in 2017, \$8235 in 2016 ⁴ Court Hire 2019 \$2404



reopen to Members only Social play. However this was short lived as the Vic Government announced that Victoria had entered a State of Disaster and all tennis activity in Regional Victoria moved once again into Stage 3 restrictions from 6 August. Fortunately Stage 3 restrictions (phase 2) allowed Regional Tennis clubs to continue to play under restricted guidelines. This was great news for our club and our members!

It was not until September 17th as we moved out of Stage 3 restrictions that we were once again able to resume competition tennis and our Spring/Summer Pennant was able to kick off as usual in October under new “covid normal” conditions. This also coincided with reopening the courts to hire through the VIC.

I would like to make special mention to Geoff Hollow during this time who ensured that the Guidelines were printed and displayed in the clubhouse and kept in line with Tennis Vic advice, which was constantly changing. Also for the extensive clean of the clubhouse to ensure we were covid safe!

Grants and Defibrillator Training

In 2018 we were successful in a Grant from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services for a defibrillator machine. We took receipt of this in February 2020 and 10 tennis club members received training in its use at the clubhouse from a St John's representative. This is a great addition to our clubhouse and thanks Jody for your efforts in pursuing this over a period of 2 years!

Over the winter the club was also successful in receiving a number of Grants:

6 Bottles Hand Sanitizer from Tennis Vic

\$1000 from Community Sport Sector Covid -19 Short Term Survival Package (SRV - State Govt)

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\$270 from Alpine Shire Community Grants, 100% funded by Bendigo Bank for an AED Cabinet

Monday Social Tennis

Continues every Monday morning from 9.00am in the warmer months and from 1pm in the cooler months. Well done to our ladies who continued to play even when it was ‘singles only play’ during the height of the pandemic. Thanks to Bev Schwarz for co-ordinating.

Open Court Sessions

All the gear but no idea? Open Court Sessions was an initiative by Tennis Australia to attract players back to tennis in a social environment. This was marketed as a new and great way to get out and meet new people, have a laugh, and play tennis at your skill level – and all to music! On court activities included tennis on smaller courts, Pickleball and triples on a full size court. From 30 Jan – 30 March 2020 BTC held 5 sessions & attracted 29 participants.



As the “On Court Host” I attended two training sessions in Wangaratta and Albury and found it very satisfying to see people re-engage with the game.

Club Championships - cancelled due to Covid-19

Club Maintenance

Mick Crocker (assisted by Adrian) continues to do an amazing job on our grounds and I would like to thank him for his time. We certainly have facilities that we can be proud of. A few of the major club maintenance items include:

Pressure reduction valve fitted to drinking fountain

Continual work on the moss removal on the artificial grass which we think we have finally beaten!

Relocation of the court light switch from the men’s toilets into the change area

Junior Tennis

Junior tennis continues to be very active in the club with 58 Junior Members. Saturday junior tennis continues to be well supported.



I felt like the luckiest person alive when I got to escort 10 Bright Tennis Club Juniors to the Australian Open this year and played on Show Court 8 as part of the Tennis Australia’s Hot Shots program. This was a great experience for the players and family who attended.

Vale Brian Elvish

A special mention to Brian Elvish who died in August this year. Brian is responsible for most of the signs that you can see around the tennis courts and also our beautiful club champions board.

Current Committee

I must say this has been a particularly hard year for all of us with the bushfires and a pandemic and I would particularly like to thank the committee for your time and effort that you have put into your roles. Unlike previous years there was no break over winter this year, as we were processing new members (joining due to a lot of other sports being shut down over covid); applying for Grants to alleviate our drop in court hire income; and meeting to discuss the guidelines/closure/reopening of the courts during the pandemic. I really thank you for your support during this time.

Mick Crocker – Vice President (our ever smiling groundsman!); Allan Poyner – Secretary (A special thank you to Allan who will be stepping down after 22 years as Secretary!!); Jody Vlahandreas – Treasurer (Great work on getting us all set up with online banking..we are fully automated!!); David Chlebna – Memberships; and our General Committee – Adrian Ciolli, Nathan Fenton, Heike Fleckenstein, Geoff Hollow, Lee Rosser, Viv Fadersen –for your work throughout the year. Clubs like ours certainly don’t happen without the assistance provided by our committee.

Tracy Carey



Bright Tennis Club Online Membership & Renewal

If you experience problems with your online membership please contact
Customer Support on 1800 752 983

1. For all online memberships go to www.tennis.com.au
 - a) If you don't have a **Tennis Account** you will need to create one. You can do by selecting the **JOIN** tab in the top right hand corner.
 - b) If you have a **Tennis Account** select the **LOG IN** tab in the top right hand corner. Proceed straight to step 2.



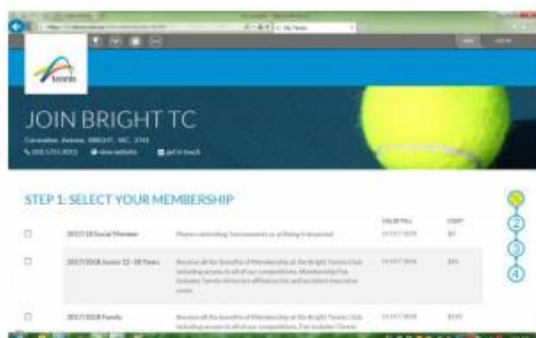
You will need to join by either connecting your Facebook or Google+ account, or selecting **Join with Email**. Note if you are joining a child select **Under 15?** **JOIN HERE** and you will be able to use your email address.





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2. You should now see your **name** appear in the tab on the top right hand corner. In the "Near You" Court Search you will need to type "3741". This will bring up Bright Tennis Club details near the bottom of the screen and you can request to "join this club".
3. Select the type of membership you wish to purchase and click the **NEXT** button that will appear in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.



4. You will need to confirm your membership purchase is for the account you are logged into and click the **NEXT** button.
5. You will then need to enter your personal details and any personal details for family members (if purchasing a family membership) and click the **NEXT** button.
6. Select any membership extras you wish to purchase (Key Deposit or Ball Fees) and click the **NEXT** button.
7. Follow the prompts to complete other required information and select your payment type from **EFT, cash or cheque**. You will receive an invoice via email which contains instructions on how to make payment to the Bright Tennis Club.