

Bright Tennis News

WINTER/SPRING SEASON 2020-21

Tuesday Night

With David Chlebna conceding **only one single solitary game the entire night** it would have been miraculous for Russell Shems team to have won. Shemies team did however manage to win all the other sets not involving David, only to lose the night on game count 29 to 19.



Premiers: David Chlebna, Dene Freeland (Sub)
Caroline Michie and David Mclean



Second: James Trimble, Russell Shem, Heike Flekenstein
and Stuart Robinson

Wednesday Night

Ovens (Josephs team) defeated Baker in an extremely close match, 3 sets all 31 games to 28 games. Wow what a close one!



Premiers: Joseph Paterson, Sera Paterson, Bailey Jennings-Allen,
Ben Redfern



Second: Angus Murrells (Sub), Bruno Souza (Sub), Adrian Grech,
Cathy Lennon

Upcoming Dates

Holiday Social Tennis	Every Tuesday night through January (4, 11, 18 25)	
Summer / Autumn pennant grading night	Tue/Wed	1st /2nd Feb 2022
Summer / Autumn competition start	Tue/Wed	8th/9th Feb 2022
Saturday Junior Tennis start	Saturday	4th Feb 2022
Group Coaching start	Monday	7th Feb 2022
Tennis Coaching Available by arrangement Contact Geoff Hollow 0418269249		

Bright Tennis Club

General Committee 2021/2022

President: Tracy Carey

Treasurer: Jody Vlahandreas

Secretary : Adrian Ciolli

Vice President: Mick Crocker

Memberships: David Chlebna

Members: Bruno Souza,
Craig Thompson , Michelle Yarwood
Geoff Hollow, Dene Freeland

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Games Day at Saturday Morning Juniors Coaching



Games day on the last Saturday morning coaching session of the year with Geoff Hollow.

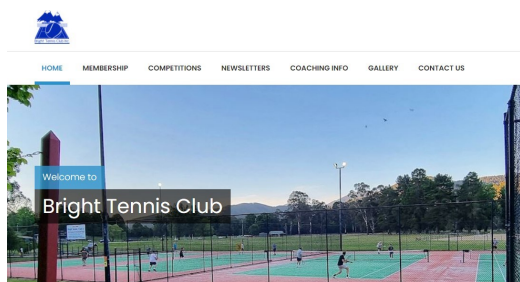
A great innovation for the kids, a lot more games next season!

BTC Gets an Website Upgrade and a new Facebook Page

Thanks to new member Bruno Souza, BTC now has an improved website and a brand new Facebook page which can be used when looking for a sub during the season. Handy to have members with skills!

<https://play.tennis.com.au/brighttennisclub>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/brighttennisclub/?ref=share>



Thanks For the Mini- Court Facelift

Many thanks to Geoff Hollow, Michelle Harwood and Bruno Souza in putting in some hours cleaning up the mini courts.



Weird Tennis Rules and Facts

1. When serving, you can stand anywhere (behind the service line) from the center line to the **inside** tramlines in singles, or to the outside side lines in doubles. **However, once you have served your first serve from one position, you must serve your second serve from roughly the same position.**
2. String Dampeners are only allowed to be positioned underneath the first cross string at the bottom of the string bed or above the top cross string at the top of the string bed.
3. If a ball hits or is caught by a person during a point then that point is awarded to the opposing team, regardless of where the person who was hit or caught the ball was standing at the time.
4. The "Deuce" score is thought to come from French, meaning "Two", as in two points to end the game.
5. Tennis courts were originally hourglass shaped.
6. Old fashioned gut strings had a tendency to wear mainly on one side of the racquet face. Therefore when calling for who serves first players often used to call "rough" or "smooth" when the racquet was spun.



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New Bright Tennis Club Social Event This January

BRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

HOLIDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

ABOUT

Free for members and \$5 for non members
No booking required just turn up on the night.
Adults and kids of all skill levels are welcome!

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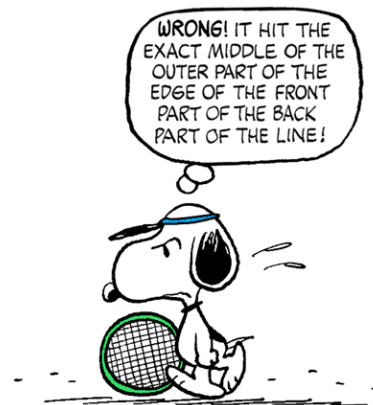
- January 4th 7pm
- January 11th 7pm
- January 18th 7pm
- January 25th 7pm

📍 <https://play.tennis.com.au/brighttennisclub>
📍 Bright Tennis Club 55-71 Coronation Ave, Bright VIC 3741

If you can spare the time it would be great to see some members support this terrific social event during the holidays. This event is open to all people, junior and adult, of all skill levels. Please come and welcome in some visitors and locals to the Bright Tennis Club. Thank you to Tracy for organizing /disseminating this brochure, and thank you to Bruno Souzas brother for creating it.

Holiday Social Tennis

Tuesday night 7:00 January (4, 11, 18, 25)



Tennis Australia “Kids on Court” days at the 2022 Australian Open are back!!



10 lucky kids from Bright will be invited to attend. Kick off the morning with plenty of outdoor activities such as ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, face painting, waterpark activities and stage shows! **To be eligible you must not have attended previously, be a current member and be able to rally in pairs.** If your child is interested in attending please contact Tracy Carey for further info at brighttennisclub@gmail.com

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The Australian Open 2022

The Australian Open will take place 17th—30th January 2022.

This will be the 110th Australian Open. You can purchase tickets at ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au/ausopen

This AO has been hit by injuries and covid. Whilst Ash Barty is a great attraction, Roger Federer (knee surgery), Serena Williams (torn hamstring) are out. Novak Djokovic looks like he is controversially getting a covid vaccination exemption, Rafael Nadal (covid) Olympic gold medalist Belinda Bencic (covid), Dominic Thiem (wrist surgery), are all doubtful.

Because of the pandemic, there is no qualifying tournament this year. Andy Murray (who may be playing his last tournament), Venus Williams and Jo Wilfred Tsonga all need wildcard approval to play.

End of the road for Davis Cup?



In 2018 the ITF sold the rights to run the Davis Cup to the Kosmos soccer marketing group. Davis Cup has since been changed to a World cup type event, staged in Italy and Spain, best of 3 sets, no reverse singles.

There is now speculation that the Kosmos group is about to do a very lucrative deal to hold all Davis Cup finals in Abu Dhabi for the next five years. Hewitt, who was part of two Davis Cup-winning Australian teams in 1999 and 2003, said any such move would be “selling the soul of the Davis Cup. This is a wonderful stadium here, but no crowd to watch, it’s not what Davis Cup is about.”

Barty and Alcott awarded Newcombe Medal.



For the second time in the award’s history, there are joint winners of the coveted Newcombe Medal. Dylan Alcott was recognised for becoming the first male player to win a Golden Slam (claiming all four Grand Slam singles titles, plus a Paralympic gold medal, in the same calendar year), while Ash Barty was honoured for winning five titles in a stellar 2021 season, including becoming the third Australian to claim a ladies’ singles title at Wimbledon. It is the second time Alcott has won the prestigious award, matching his 2016 effort, while it is a record-making fourth Newcombe Medal for Barty.

Presidents Report – Bright Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting – 6.45pm, 9th November 2021 outside the Clubrooms

Welcome to the 2020/2021 Bright Tennis Club AGM. Membership increased during 2021 with a total of 200 members at the end of October 2021. This was comprised of 32 Family Memberships, 58 Adult members and 11 Junior Members. Membership fees are the Club's main income, comprising 61.6% of the club's income at \$12,146 and is an increase of 20% on 2020. This was somewhat assisted by the pandemic with tennis being one of the few sports that could continue when others could not. The challenge now is to retain these members going forward. This income was supplemented by a \$1000 Covid Top up Grant and \$489 court hire fees through the Visitor Information Centre (VIC). It is noted that court hire has dropped significantly due to the pandemic and we hope to see this number increase during 2022.

Year	Family Memberships		Adult Members	Junior Members	Total
	Adult	Junior			
2020/2021	64	67	58	11	200



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 5 teams in the Summer/Autumn competition.

Thanks to the efforts of Heather Thompson and Peter Dixon the Wednesday Night

competition has shown strong numbers with 6 teams of 4 in the Spring/Summer and Summer/Autumn Pennant competition.

Covid -19 Pandemic

Although the Pandemic continued during 2020/2021 we were fortunate enough to still be able to run our two Pennant competitions during Summer and Autumn relatively unaffected. The Club however was in and out of lockdown three times over the winter with restrictions only eased for training purposes on the 9 September 2021, returning to full completion on 30 October 2021. Once again 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. Who would have ever thought a year ago that our club would have a QR code!

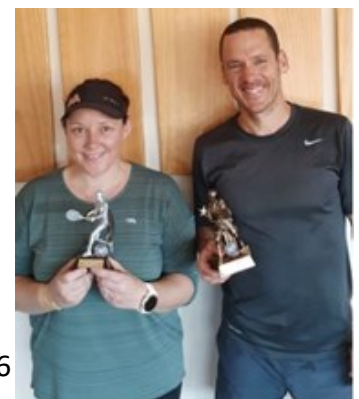
Monday Social Tennis

Continues every Monday morning from 9.00am in the warmer months and from 1pm in the cooler months. Thanks to Bev Schwarz & Bev Giraud for coordinating.

Club Championships

Club Championships for Jnr & Snr Players were back on for 2020/2021 after a 1 year break.

1. 166 Members in 2020, 137 Members 2019, 127 Members 2018, 124 members in 2017, 126 Members in 2016,
2. 23 Family Memberships in 2020, 17 in 2019
3. \$10,117 in 2020, \$8389 in 2019, \$7726 in 2018, \$9016 in 2017, \$8235 in 2016
4. \$642 Court Hire in 2020, \$2404 in 2019



Club Maintenance

Mick Crocker 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. Thanks to Geoff Hollow who took on this job while Mick was ill in hospital. I urge anyone that can operate a ride on to put up your hand to help out around the club. Many hands make light work!

Junior Tennis & Skills Day

Junior tennis continues to be very active in the club with 78 Junior Members. Saturday junior tennis continues to be well supported, however we continue to lose our Juniors after about 14 -15 years of age. We are hoping that the inclusion of a number of Junior players in our Wednesday Night Pennant will assist in reducing this drift away from the sport. In March 2021 we used some of our Covid Grant money and ran a Kids Skills Day that included prizes to the AO, a members draw and games such as beat the ball machine and speed test your serve. Unfortunately due to the Pandemic there was no Hot Shorts program at the AO this year.

Club Spark

We officially transitioned to Club Spark during the first half of 2021. This is a new membership platform which the committee are all getting use to, so we appreciate your patience!

30 Years at Pioneer Park

As you may have read in our Spring Newsletter our club celebrated 30 years at Pioneer Park on the 31 October 2021 (Thankyou to Dene Freeland for his great work on this historical issue). We were hoping to have a celebration at the club to mark this occasion, however like so many events this year it was put on hold due to the Pandemic. It's milestones like these that make you think about all of the great people that have kept this club going since its inception in the 1890's. I would like to make mention of Ian Ellen a current member & current player who was Involved with the club in its old location in Railway Avenue and instrumental, along with others, in building the existing tennis complex in Pioneer Park.

Current Committee

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of a past committee member Alan Poyner who stepped down after being our secretary over 24 years last year. Alan was also involved in other activities at the club incl.:

- Ovens & King weekend competitions

- Regular Tuesday Night Pennant competition player & Coordinator up until last year

- Represented the tennis club on the Pioneer Park Committee & and was responsible for doing any Plans/ drawings of the club that you may see around the clubhouse

- Instrumental, along with others in the building of the 4 Hot Shots courts in Pioneer Park Sep 2015

- Involvement in the maintenance of the clubhouse and surrounds.

I would also like to thank the current committee for your time and effort that you have put into your roles. Mick Crocker – VP & Groundsman; Adrian Ciolli – Secretary; Jody Vlahandreas – Treasurer extraordinaire! (Jody does an amazing job, compiling regular reports for our meetings and keeping us all on track. The club is certainly lucky to have you); David Chlebna – Memberships; Dene Freeland (Newsletter) and our General Committee – Geoff Hollow & Andrew Porter – thank you for your work throughout the year. Once again 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 google Bright Tennis Club or go to
<https://play.tennis.com.au/brighttennisclub>



2. Select the type of membership you wish to purchase and click the JOIN NOW button corresponding to the type of membership you would like to purchase.

Memberships

2021/2022 Junior 12-18 Years 1/1/2021 - 31/10/2022 2021/2022 Junior 12-18 Years of Bright TC Eligibility: Junior 12-18 Years	Pay in Full One-off payment \$45.00 JOIN NOW
2021/2022 Junior Under 12 Years 1/1/2021 - 31/10/2022 2021/2022 Junior Under 12 Years of Bright TC Eligibility: Junior Under 12 Years	Pay in Full One-off payment \$40.00 JOIN NOW

3. You will be prompted to **Sign in** to join Bright Tennis Club. If you already have an account use your email address and password. If you don't have an account you will need to create one (See red circle below). If you forget your password select link *forgotten your password* to reset

Sign in to join Bright Tennis Club

Please note

- Every time you sign in you will need to use the same method you selected to create your account

Have a problem signing in? [CONTACT US NOW](#)

Sign in with email

Email address

Password

Password is required

Remember this?

Forgotten your password?

Sign in

Sign in with your social accounts

Facebook

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4. Complete purchaser details and select **CONTINUE TO MEMBER DETAILS**

Purchaser details ○

Check details below for:

- person paying for this membership
- could be asked for member details after on the next step

All fields are compulsory unless stated otherwise

Purchaser details

First name: [text]
Last name: [text]
Email: [text]

Your basket()

2023/24 Junior 12-18 Years	
Payment:	
Pay today cost:	\$45.00
TOTAL:	\$45.00

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5. Complete Member details and select **CONTINUE TO ADD ONS**

6. Select any membership extras you wish to purchase (Key Deposit or Ball Fees) and click the **CONTINUE TO PAYMENT** button.

Club add-ons

Why not add some add products

Tuesday Night Ball Fees

Covers the cost of balls and rackets for the Tuesday Night member (Spring/Summer competition 2023) (Subscribed as 12 or under 18)

\$20.00

Your basket()

2023/24 Junior 12-18 Years	
Payment:	
Pay today cost:	\$45.00
TOTAL:	\$65.00

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7. Follow the prompts to complete other required information and select your payment type from **credit card (incurs a 2.9% fee)**, **direct deposit** or **cheque**. If you select direct deposit you will receive an invoice via email which contains instructions on how to make payment to the Bright Tennis Club.

Bright Tennis Club Banking Details

BSB: 013 545

Account: 2876 06498

Reference: Your Name

BTC Membership Information:

Family	\$195
Single	\$80
Student (under 12 years)	\$40
Student (12 – 18 years)	\$45
Key Deposit (one off)	\$20

* Membership period
1st Nov - 31st Oct each year

* **New members** joining after April 30th
will be eligible for half price fees