



# TOP SPIN



**ROB CASEY**

**TENNIS WEST HALL of CHAMPIONS INDUCTEE 2021**

**DECEMBER 2021**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

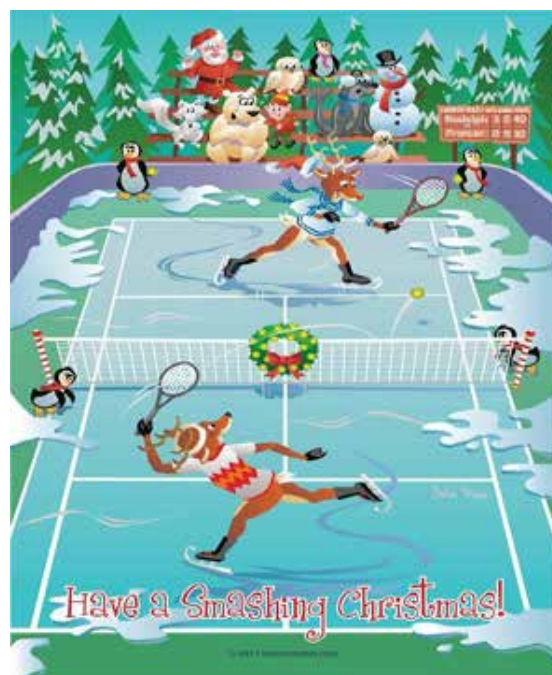
Season's greetings to all members and welcome to the Summer edition of Topspin. Is it just my imagination or has this year just flown by? I can't believe we are nearly at the end of 2021. And Christmas is literally just around the corner.

The Club Christmas Party was held last Saturday night (at the time of writing this) and once again it was a truly wonderful event. It was great to see so many in attendance and we were treated to a Bali theme with interesting props (some more interesting than others), great food, and great music. And it goes without saying that the company was wonderful with everyone in great spirits. A big thank you to all who contributed their time and effort for this event: be it in the organisation and setup, the service behind the bar, or the much dreaded Sunday clean-up.

As this is a time of reflection, I would like to also take the opportunity to pay tribute to all of our life members. The Club is truly grateful for all the effort that you have put in over the years to make the Club the well-established success that it is today. At the recent AGM, the meeting passed a motion to bestow this accolade upon our current vice-president Fred Santich. Fred has been a great servant of the Club having been on the Committee for 15 years, serving as President for 3 years, vice-president for the past two years, and not to mention the effort put in around the Club in everyday activities and maintenance. Congratulations and thank you Fred.

I would like to also take this opportunity to bid farewell to one of our current committee members, Nick Bertelli who is returning to Melbourne for family reasons. Nick has been a great asset to the Club and has assisted in coaching activities and has been a great competitor in the Club Championships and Pennants. He is also one of the nicest people you are likely to meet. Best wishes to you Nick for all your future endeavours and if you are in the neighbourhood, be sure to stop in and say hello.

I would also like to thank our TopSpin editor, Leonie Edwards, for all of the hard work that she has put into producing these wonderful publications over the past couple of years. Unfortunately for the Club, Leonie has decided to not continue in her current role due to family commitments. Thank you Leonie and best wishes from us all.



And lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope 2022 will be a great year for all.

**Rob Nakhoul**

# CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new members – Damir Mingaliev, Yuimi Yumigama

As the weather and our membership numbers continue to improve, all courts are pretty close to full for social play on both Wednesday and Saturday. More players are welcome on Sunday as well.

We have commenced using the facility again for sets organisers to use the manual system. We have purchased a new magnetic whiteboard with printed nametags for all players. The intention is that the Duty Captain for the day can choose whether to continue to use the current computer software or to organise sets using the manual system.

A couple of reminders for all players:

- a) Please get your name tag out of the box when you arrive and place it on the board to help the Duty Captain out
- b) If you are wanting to stop for the day or session, please do not remove your nametag from the board, but just draw a line through the sets you don't want to play

The rosters for sets organisation for Wednesday night and Saturday afternoons for the next 3 months have been emailed out and posted on the noticeboard outside the pro shop. I'll be posting an updated Wednesday roster shortly due to some changes. Could I ask all rostered members that if you're not available to fulfil your rostered time that you organise to swap with someone and then advise me of the change so I can update the roster accordingly

We have also begun our 4 week trial of starting Saturdays at 1.30 pm and having a six set program with a shortened afternoon tea break. We'll update everyone at the completion of that trial just before Xmas.

Thanks to Denise, Jan, Lesley, Antonette and Anne for all the work on the Friday to setup for Saturday's Xmas party and again to all who came in on Sunday to clean up. Yet another great night.

Would like to wish Nick Bertelli all the best for his move to Melbourne. Thanks for all your efforts around the club and on the committee Nick. Our loss is Melbourne's gain

Would also like to encourage everyone to stick around after tennis and enjoy a drink at the bar and reflect on the great tennis you've just played

**Adrian Fowler**





# SOCIAL REPORT

The highlight of this year's social calendar was easily the annual Club Christmas party held on Saturday 4th December. As West Australians have not been able to easily travel to Bali recently we brought "Bali" to Floreat tennis club with Indonesian inspired food and casual Bali-themed decorations. A large crowd of 75 members and their friends and family attended last week's event and by all accounts thoroughly enjoyed the chilled vibe and the camaraderie of fellow members. Everyone loved Hotplate Heaven (our 3 piece band) and danced the night away to some familiar tunes requesting they return next year!

These social events rely on our wonderful club members to volunteer their time so I would like to sincerely and gratefully thank Osman, Jan, Anne, Antonette and Lesley who provided and helped set up the wonderful decorations on Friday afternoon. Also a huge, huge thank you to those who helped tidy up on Sunday including Peter Lanzon, Rob Nakoul, Adrian Fowler, Michelle Kelly, Penny Askin, Jan Yeo and Antonette Kennedy. Many thanks to Michelle who spent time on Saturday night collecting money from guests.

No party at the club is possible without the wonderful organisation of our bar supervisor, Mike Eyre and his amazing, obliging and supportive bar staff including John Lemmon, John Strachan, Marie- Claire and Ryan Anderson. Words cannot describe how crucial these volunteers are to the club giving up their time so willingly.

Saturday 11th December at the club was an opportunity for all to say goodbye to a popular member and current committee member, Nick Bertelli, who is returning home to Melbourne this month. I know the Club will be poorer without his good humour, sensible advice and friendship let alone his court prowess. But I know we all wish him well and look forward to seeing him back next year to play finals pennants!



Please refer to the Calendar on the Club's website for all upcoming events both from a social and tennis perspective. For example, Australia Day tennis followed by a champagne breakfast is on Wednesday 26th Jan at 8.30am.

Have a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

**Denise Cramer**

PS - The photo may look long and skinny but thats just how Nick is! Love ya Nick - miss you already  
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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### **Change of Membership Coordinator and enthusiasm for our club**

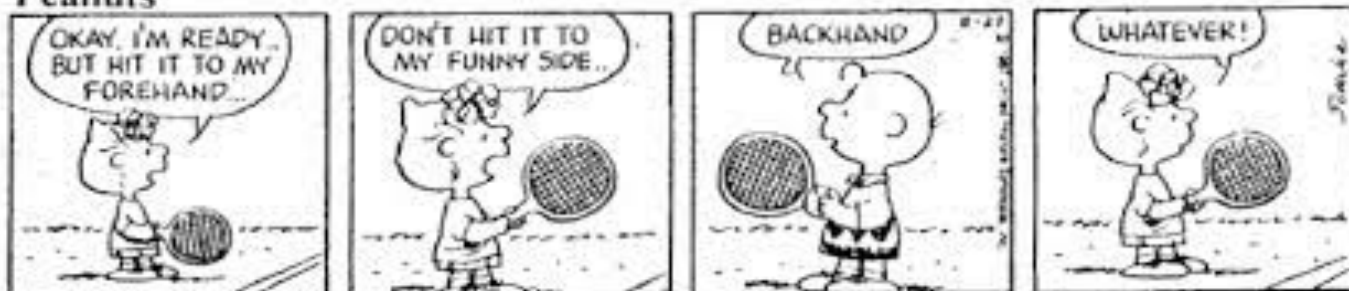
We are thrilled that we now have Sue Walsh in the chair as Membership coordinator and Sue is getting the hang of it already. The automating of membership is helping us and we appreciate the support from members in the uptake of the online membership and online payments - thank-you! We still have some members who have not paid their annual fees and if you are uncertain, you can log into the Club website (top right hand corner) using you Clubspark e-mail and password to check (and pay if necessary). Sue is sending out reminder e-mails as well.

I take this opportunity to share a great tennis club moment for me (Russell) and would love to hear any that you have. Do you look forward to tennis each week? I do, and last week (13th Nov) was a highlight. A beautiful day, some great sets and I thoroughly enjoyed being given a break (too many members for courts) as I could watch our top ranked league team in action while sitting and leaning on the new 'outside bar'. I was in my element, great tennis, lots of great people to talk to (I like the odd chat :)). I looked around and realised how many people I now know, how many smiles there are and how good it felt to be down at the club. It takes the efforts of many to make this happen and I am just really thankful for them all. What is adding to my enjoyment are the tips I get from Andy at Friday drills class - it really makes a difference and I am loving having things to work on each week - if you are courageous ask me and I'll tell you all about it (haha). If you haven't had the benefits of coaching, I really encourage you to think about it.

Cheers,

Russell & Mal (now over to Sue)

### **Peanuts**



## HONOURING ROB CASEY



*Ranked as the state's top-ranked junior and senior player respectively from 1970-1973 and 1974-1980 and No 2 ranked Senior 1982-1985, Rob dominated the local field and was named 'Player of the Year' from 1976-1978 and then again from 1980-1986. He was a member of the Australian U/19 tour to Canada and won the Canadian Pacific International Junior title in 1972.*

*Named as a member of the Davis Cup Training Squad over the summer of 1972/1973, Rob went on to tour internationally from 1974-1976 and then again in 1978. Successful at international level, Rob won the Deventer International (Holland, 1974), the Hasselt Championships (Belgium, 1974) and the Le Boulou (France, 1976). In addition, Rob reached the semi finals of the St. Moritz (Switzerland, 1974), Manchester (England, 1976) and Amersfoort (Holland, 1976). With an outstanding state tournaments record, Rob dominated the field winning nine State Closed Singles Championships (1975 – 1985), ten State Hardcourt Singles Championships (1972 – 1985), eight Champion of Champions Singles Championships (1976 – 1985), six Spring Singles Championships (1973 – 1984), four City of Perth Singles Championships (1974 – 1981) and four City of Fremantle Singles Championships. In addition, Rob won the Interstate Challenge Cup in 1979 and 1982, claimed eight A Grade (State Grade) premierships with four clubs (Claremont, Fremantle, Scarborough & RKP) and was undefeated playing at No. 1 in A Grade in three successive years from 1981.*

*Born 29 August 1954 Rob lived in Scarborough and then Claremont and attended St Louis College. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship in 1972. He graduated from St Louis and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at UWA 1978.*

*Rob has been strongly committed to the administration of tennis at all levels. He is one of a small minority of coaches to hold the prestigious Level 111 Certificate with the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and has attained the reputation of a 'master coach'. He has varied coaching experience and a major component of Rob's professional life has been his commitment to organizations supporting tennis coaches and to coach education.*

*It is little wonder that on the 8th October 2021 Rob Casey was rewarded for his years of experience and inducted into Tennis West Hall of Champions*

*Rob's acceptance speech:*

*"I am very honoured to have received this recognition and congratulate the others in the recent inductees into the Hall of Champions. Tennis has given me wonderful opportunities throughout my life and in fact I have had a close relationship with each of the other 3 inductees having coached Jenny briefly prior to her final Australian Open campaign, taken Chris away on his first overseas tour in 1978 and having Christine as my mixed doubles partner over many years. But I would also add that being a coach at Floreat Tennis Club over recent years has been as enjoyable as any aspect of my tennis career and I am very grateful to be spending my twilight coaching years at such a vibrant and friendly club"*



## FLOREAT PARK TC 18 YEARS & UNDER BOYS WINNERS

The Floreat Park 18 & Under Boys won their division 4 Grand Final on Sunday 22nd August.

After a winter season interrupted by rain on a few occasions the boys won the Grand Final 4-2 against Kingsley Tennis Club. The boys represented the club well over the season with lots of great matches and showed great manners by wolfing down the morning teas that were on offer after each game.

Please see photo below with (l-r) Campbell Strachan, Mannat Puri, James Chandler and Wen Zhu. The other member of the team is Oliver Wen who didn't play in the grand final but played great in the semi-final to secure our place in the final.

So watch out Peter Le Brun as they'll be coming for your title soon.



## PROPERTY REPORT

The McCready bar (Club Secretary Helen's idea) overlooking court 9 is proving popular . It will be better when the new outdoor stools arrive shortly. Many thanks to Garry Briggs for the construction work.

The recent gas leak to the BBQ has now been repaired by the Town. Thanks to Keable for so promptly painting out the new above ground copper pipe.

The Club and the Town have agreed to share the cost of replacing the existing court lighting with new LED lighting. Initially it is planned to do courts 9 to 12 and bring the lighting level on those courts up to the standard of the lighting on courts 1 to 8.

**Phil Nadebaum**





Remember that the framed originals are available to buy in the clubhouse for \$50 with 100% proceeds going to support charity.

# STATE SENIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Floreat Park Tennis Club will be well represented in next week's State Senior Tennis Championship at Nedlands Tennis Club.

Get down and cheer them on.

Singles events from Thursday to Saturday, Mixed Doubles on Saturday also and Mens/Ladies Doubles on Sunday.

Match formats TBC but likely to be knock-out singles (consolation draw for first match losers) and round-robin doubles.

<https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/tournament/B235549D-7ADE-4DFC-A2F9-B10F0730A249>

## Seniors take to Nedlands courts

**Nedlands Tennis Club will host the State Senior Tennis Championships from December 16 to 19.**

The event is open to players throughout WA from the ages of 30 to 80-plus.

Men's and ladies' singles will be played on the Thursday and Friday, mixed doubles on Saturday and doubles on Sunday.

On Friday December 17 the Tennis Seniors WA annual general meeting will be held, to be followed by a cocktail function.

On Saturday the club will host a Christmas function for players

and club members, with live music and a barbecue.

The club is hoping to attract more than 250 entries of a broad spectrum of players to enjoy the grass courts and heritage-listed art deco clubhouse at Nedlands Tennis Club.

Club members will volunteer in the canteen and bar to make sure players are well catered-for and raise much-needed funds for the club.

The event is run by Tennis Seniors WA, supported by Tennis West and sponsored by Kartel Sports.



*The art deco clubhouse at Nedlands Tennis Club.*



# FPTC CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021



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## AND JUST ONE MORE FUNNY THAT TICKLED ME

### **Pageant bans Botox camels** - The West Australian - (null) - Page 8 Friday 10 December 2021

Dozens of camels have been barred from a beauty contest because they've had Botox, face lifts and lip jobs.

More than 40 entrants have been disqualified from the King Abdulaziz Camel Festival in Saudi Arabia after being found with "artificial enhancements", the State-run Saudi Press Agency said.

The popular annual pageant, which kicked off this month, invites breeders of "the most beautiful" camels to compete for close to \$100 million in prize money. (No comment ..... Leonie)

# Life Lessons in Tennis

1

Every game begins with "Love."

2

Miss-hits can be winners.

3

Foot faults happen. You get a second chance.

4

Each point is a new opportunity.

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No matter how far out of the match you think you are, there's always hope for a comeback.

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Celebrate the wins!

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Learn from losses.

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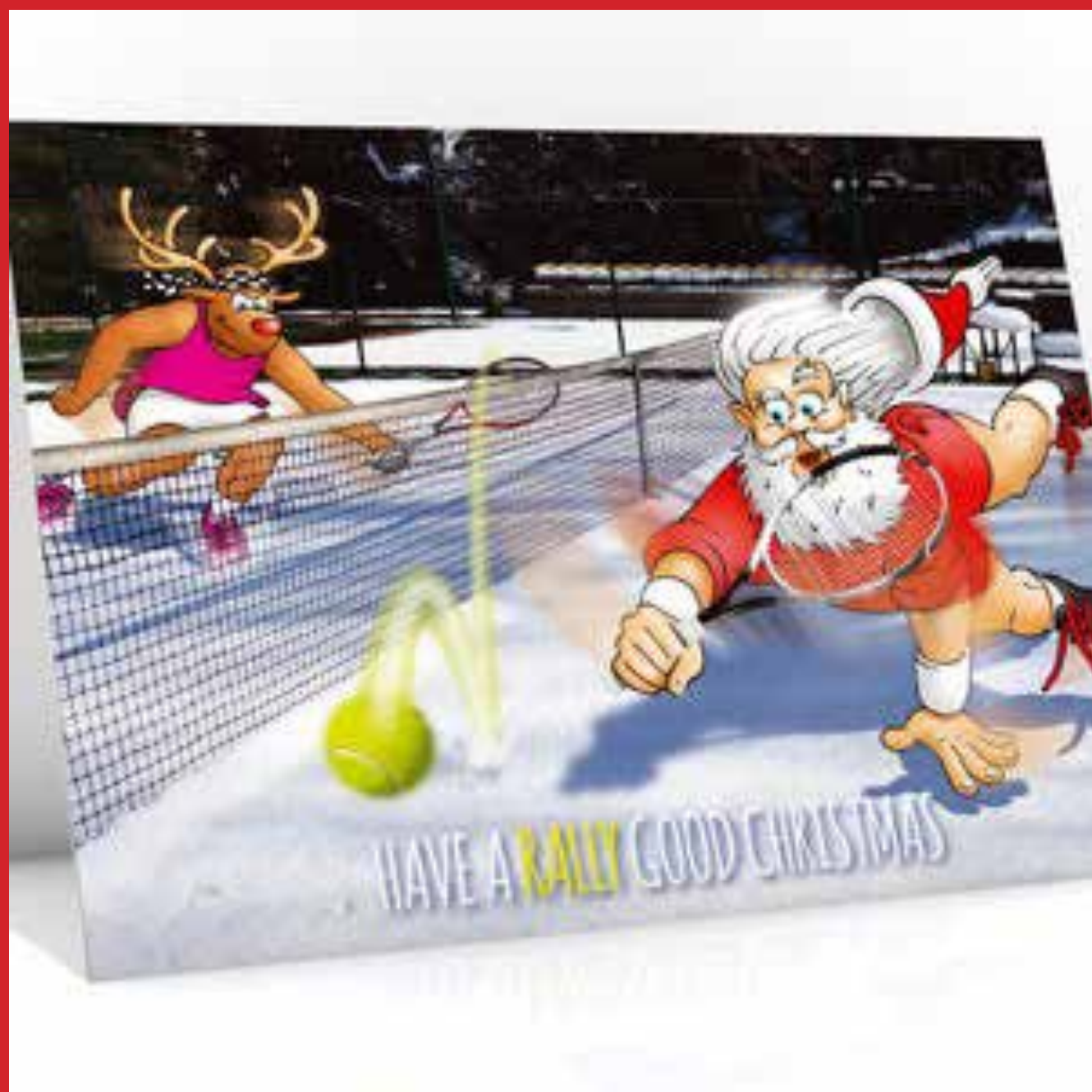
Keep your eye on the ball.

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Commit to following through.

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Believe in yourself.







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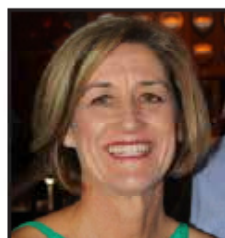
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