



TOPSPIN

Floreat Park Tennis Club's quarterly newsletter.



Christmas Party

Floreat Park Tennis Club's members, family and friends on Saturday 7 December for the annual FPTC Christmas Party!

President's Report

Fred Santich



Welcome to the New Year edition of Topspin for 2025! I trust everyone enjoyed a very Merry Christmas with family and friends, and saw the new year in with a bang.

The weather has been excellent for tennis these last few months with a few very hot days in early December but social tennis was active and Book a Court saw the highest numbers of bookings for members and visitors.



We've had a busy few months at the Club. The 85th anniversary celebration of Floreat Park Tennis Club on October 11 was a resounding success with most Life Members present and a total of about 75 current members and partners attending this milestone event. Many thanks to the Town Mayor, Mr Gary Mack, for attending and sharing a few words to officially open the 2024/25 season. A special thank you also to Rob Stirling for running through some past club activities and Peter Hullett for his advice on his junior years.

I commend Club Manager, Gwyn Dolphin, for assembling a remarkable Club history that goes back to the Club's inception in 1939. The many photos were a wonderful collection of history. Thank you to Denise, the social committee and Ultimo catering who arrange the delicious food for the night. And a final thank you to the bar staff of the evening, who volunteered their time and did a wonderful job, keeping everyone hydrated until lights out.





A new BBQ was installed just in time for our casual Christmas function on December 7, which was enjoyed by 50 hungry members. Thanks to your resident chef Mark for marinating and cooking, and thanks again to Denise and Co for making the salads and desserts.

It is a pleasure to have introduced you all to our new Senior Coach Jon Jenkin who commenced during middle of November. If you haven't met Jon yet, please walk up and introduce yourself and have a quick chat. Jon and Jason now offer the Club a strong range of coaching sessions. You will note of a few more drill sessions that began during last month and I encourage you to take part when the times suit, or to book some private lessons. A profile of Jon is included later in this Topspin.

Sadly, Jackie's workload means she is having to reduce her involvement so I'd like to thank her for all her valuable coaching and communications work that she has provided for the Club.

As previously mentioned, any queries as to operational and coaching matters should be directed to the Club on email fptc.general@gmail.com or phone 0467 764 841.

The 2025 Club Championships will be held on March 28/29/30 and April 5, with Jon playing a key role in organising. More details will follow soon.

As you may be aware, we have yet to appoint a Club Captain for the 2024/25 season. Currently, your Vice President, Adrian Fowler, is overseeing this area but if anyone would like to assist, your committee would be most grateful for the support.

Finally, the AGM was held on October 19, and I was pleased to accept your nomination to continue as your President for the 2024/25 season. This role is a privilege, and I appreciate the dedication and teamwork of our committee and members.

In closing, I wish to welcome all the new committee and look forward to working closely with them during 2025.

Enjoy your tennis and I look forward to seeing you all around the Club.

Vice President's Report

Adrian Fowler



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. For those who are still away or are just going again, we are but envious. Good luck Yvonne with your first attempt at snow ski-ing in many years (may the knee hold up!) and for those lucky enough to be heading over to Melbourne for the Australian Open, it's always a fabulous event.

It's been great to see tennis being still well attended over the Christmas/New Year period and I would like to welcome our newest member, Mark Moscou, who came down for his first Saturday social this month. It has also been encouraging to see a number of new visitors attending both Saturday and Wednesday social, and making enquiries about what else is on offer at the club.



A reminder to everyone to be mindful of the weather as this Summer season looks quite hot! Please make sure you look after yourself when coming down for a hit. Don't overdo it and please take a set off to have a rest if you feel like it. Sunscreen is available at the club and we do advise you to 'slip, slop and slap'.

I would also like to say thanks to all who volunteer their time for the sets rosters and to those who offered to be available more often to help run sets where required. With your help, we can share the workload which makes it a lot easier for all. If you have not done sets before and would like to support our social tennis, please feel free to contact me and we will be happy to assist you.

We are looking at opportunities to hold some inter-club activities and will advise as details are confirmed.

Quick reminder that the Club Champs are scheduled for March 29-30 and April 5.

In the meantime, we are happy to hear any and all ideas as to what we may be able to offer as a club and look forward to seeing you on the court or after social at the bar!

Club Manager

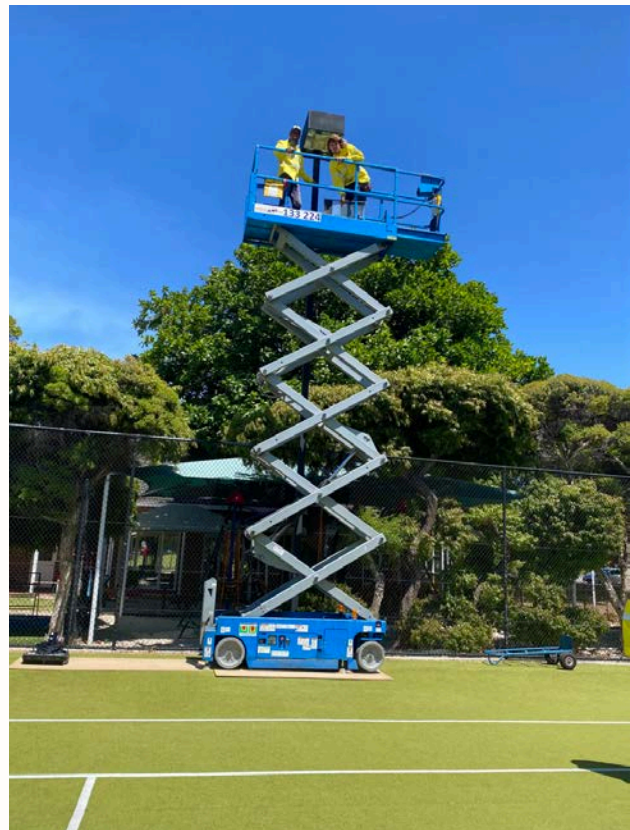
Gwyn Dolphin



The last few months have seen the culmination of two key projects central to the Club's future – the fitting of the new LED lights on all courts, and the recruitment of Jon Jenkin into the coaching program (Jon's background is detailed in this issue of Topspin).

Whilst the arrival of the new lights has taken longer than we wished when the first replacement plans were drawn up, the new system was finally fitted in December. Under the terms of the Club's lease with the Town of Cambridge, it is the council's role to handle the project, including the specification of the lights and the appointment of contractors.

However, thanks to the considerable efforts of Rob Nakhoul – whose support and advice has been outstanding - the Club had already created extensive lighting designs and requirements. All the lighting poles were inspected, approved and rust-treated, and state-of-the art Dark Licht LEDs were fitted, tested and adjusted for maximum performance.



The new lights provide stronger, more-concentrated light than we previously had in place – with less 'spillage' of light outside the playing court areas, which means the areas beyond the fences appear darker. The LEDs are also more cost efficient, use less energy and are recyclable.

The new lights have already seen much use over the holiday period, with court hire bookings running at high levels, especially on January evenings with the United Cup and Australian Open competitions putting tennis in the spotlight.

Junior Holiday clinics also proved popular with classes running from the middle of December, with coaches Jon and Jason leading the programs, supported by assistants Imogen and Leo. Over 30 junior players, aged 4 - 12, took part in the morning lessons.

Jon's arrival into the coaching program as Senior Coach has given the Club the chance to expand the junior and adult classes. His extensive playing and coaching background, both overseas and in WA, brings fresh ideas to the Club and enables us to offer a wider range of classes. Particularly, more private coaching sessions are now available for members with both Jon and Jason.

Adult drills has expanded to include a Tuesday night, while a tennis beginners' group will run on Thursdays, coached by Jason. Coaching sessions for Leagues' teams have also been made available, while Junior Development Squad training programs will give our younger members the best possible chance in their Leagues' competitions.

From February 1, Saturday morning Rally Racquets will move to 10.00am and the junior program will see additional classes available across the Blue, Red, Orange, Green and Yellow Ball classes. In addition, as a Tennis Australia coach, Jon will now offer Hot Shots entry-level trials for juniors.



New Senior Coach

Jon Jenkin



Jon Jenkin joins Floreat Park Tennis Club with a wealth of local and international experience. Having started his tennis career in Perth as a successful junior, this led to a scholarship at the University of Texas and a subsequent coaching profession that has taken him to London, Singapore and Poland.

Now, with fiancé Karolina and young son Paxton, Jon has returned to Perth to work with Jason Hiew to help grow the Floreat Park coaching organisation with a focus on a solid junior development program, an expanded variety of adult classes and a strong connection between the club membership and the coaching operation.

Career

2021 - 2024	Tennis coach (private and group), Gdansk, Poland
2018 - 2021	Co-Director/Head Coach at Cross Court Tennis Academy - Dulwich College, Singapore
2017 - 2018	Head Coach at Tanglin Club & Swiss Club, Singapore
2016 - 2017	Senior Coach at Reabold Tennis Club
2013 - 2015	Head Coach at LoveTennis, London, England
2007 - 2013	Assistant Head Coach Sorrento Tennis Club
2007	Assistant Coach at North Shore Country Club
2004 - 2006	Assistant Coach at North Beach Tennis Club
2002 - 2004	Assistant Coach at The Club, Sonterra - San Antonio, USA
1999 - 2002	Assistant Coach for Sorrento Tennis Club

- Runner-Up, W.A Men's State League Final for Cottesloe Tennis Club - 2007/2008
- Won the NCAA Division 1 Southland Conference with the University of Texas, San Antonio in April, 2003
- Received a full Tennis Sports Scholarship to the University of Texas, San Antonio, USA (NCAA Div 1) in 2002
- Competed in numerous International and Domestic futures/challenger tournaments from 2000-2002
- Represented Western Australia in the 16s National Tennis Championships (Ranked #2 in WA) in 1998
- Represented Hale School 1st VIII Tennis Team from 1995-1999, winning PSA Corr Cup 4 times (1996-1999)
- Won a scholarship to Harry Hopman Tennis Academy, Florida, USA in 1996
- Winner of numerous state tournaments 1993-1999



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Junior Coaching Program

Term 1, 2025

10 Week Program starting Monday 3 February 2025

Class	Days Available	Time	Cost (incl. GST)
Blue Ball	Tuesday Saturday	4.00 - 4.30pm 8.30 - 9.00am	\$120
Red Ball	Monday, Wednesday & Thursday Saturday	3.45 - 4.30pm 8.15 - 9.00am	\$155
Orange Ball	Wednesday & Thursday Saturday	4.30 - 5.30pm 9.00 - 10.00am	\$220
Green Ball	Tuesday Saturday	4.30 - 5.30pm 9.00 - 10.00am	\$220
Yellow Ball	Tuesday	4.30 - 5.30pm	\$220



To enrol and make payment, please visit

<https://play.tennis.com.au/floreatparktennisclub/Coaching>

or the QR code.

Use code **Sm954a2p** at checkout for 10% Early Bird discount when you pay before Monday 20 January 2025.

Please note: Missed lessons will need to be made up during Term 3.
Credit will be applied for lessons cancelled by FPTC.



HOLIDAY CLINIC 5-DAY CAMP

Join our 5-day Holiday Clinic Camp!

AGES 5-13

WEEKS

20 - 24 January

27 - 31 January

PRICE PER WEEK

1/2 Days
9.00 - 10.30AM

\$125

Full Days
9.00AM - 12.00PM

\$185

This camp offers a fun, educational setting for young athletes to develop tennis skills, learn new techniques, and enjoy playing tennis!

What to Bring

- Tennis racquet (we can provide one if needed)
- Appropriate footwear
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen and a hat

Light refreshments will be provided.



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or use the QR code.

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ADULT PROGRAM



For any enquiries please contact fptc.coaching@gmail.com

Rusty Racquets

Monday 6.30 - 8.00PM Jason

Rally Racquets

Wednesday 6.30 - 8.00PM Jason

Saturday 10.00 - 11.30AM Jason / Jon

Intro to Tennis

Thursday *starts Jan 16* 6.30 - 8.00PM Jason

Morning Drills

Monday 9.00 - 10.30AM Jason

Friday 8.00 - 9.30AM Jon

Evening Drills

Tuesday 6.30 - 8.00PM Jon

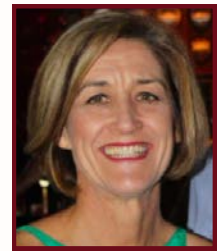
Thursday 6.30 - 8.00PM Jon

Pricing

Membership Category	One Lesson	10 Lessons
Members	\$20	\$180
Non-Members	\$24	\$220

Social Report

Denise Cramer



There has been a myriad of social functions at the club since the last Topspin. Hopefully you have all attended at least one and connected with some of the amazing people who make up Floreat Park Tennis Club.

Our annual quiz night was held on August 31 with our resident, regular quiz master extraordinaire Michelle Kelly overseeing the evening with her usual aplomb. Many, many thanks to the wonderful Margo Brewer for taking on MC duties and the unbribable Garry Briggs for marking and scoring. Eight tables fought for the honour of winning 1st place and taking home a hamper full of goodies. This year, instead of skilful hands making plasticine models, they were tested by tearing up strips of paper to make the longest piece of paper.





After tennis on September 14, 30 members enjoyed a wonderful evening of wine tasting organised by Penny Askin and provided by Claret and Co. This included a selection of Australian and international wines available for purchase at wholesale prices and an amazing, mouth-watering spread of gourmet cheese board assembled by Jan Yeo accompanied our tasting. This evening was declared a success and everyone was keen for it to be repeated in the near future!

This year's Christmas Party was a low key, casual affair attracting 45 people after social play on December 7 (photos on the next page). We started the evening in a traditional Aussie way - with Tiger Prawns, while Mark Charlton was our master "barbecuist" marinating and superbly cooking tender beef steak and butterfly chicken on a newly acquired and installed barbecue. Thank you to Fred for organising the BBQ and Duncan for assisting on the night. Our lovely social committee including Penny A, Yvonne, Jan, Leena and Lesley contributed beautiful salads and dessert. I'm pleased to report that Rob N didn't disappoint in being the last to leave as usual!

With no social tennis due to Christmas Day falling on a Wednesday ~ 25 members joined in to play social tennis at 5.00pm on Boxing Day. This was followed by a casual sausage sizzle.

I would like to especially thank all those club members who regularly step in unasked to help clean up after our social functions. Your tireless efforts don't go unnoticed and it is very much appreciated always. I would like to mention Carol C, Coral and John Lemon, who can often be seen in the kitchen tidying up. Thank you!

Please read all Club Spirit emails to find out about our next social event, scheduled for the long weekend at the end of January.



Leagues Report

Gwyn Dolphin



Mid-Season Leagues' Update

With the Tennis West Summer Leagues' competition currently in its mid-season break, Floreat Park's are preparing for the run home to the finals in both the adult and junior categories.

FPTC has a total of 12 teams in action – 8 adult and four juniors – and to qualify for the finals, each team must finish in the top four of their division at the end of the regular season.

For our Saturday teams, Osman Hadziomerovic's Division 6 squad sits just outside the top four, and just a few points away; meanwhile Patrick Berg's Division 13 team holds onto fourth.

Of our three Fast Four teams playing on Monday nights – Rachael Yeo's Division 2 team sits in the top four, while Guy Hattersley's Division 3 team and Vishal Shringarpure's Div 5 team have experienced tough draws, currently leaving them short of the finals.

Wednesday morning Women's Division 1 team under Deb Singleton have a joint team with Wembley Downs but are facing several very strong teams in their competition.

Thursday nights' two teams – Leonie Edwards' Division 2 squad and Jan Yeo's Division 5 team – have both made strong starts, holding down third and second places in their groups respectively.

At the junior level, playing on Sunday mornings, we have four teams competing across a range of age groups. Our 11 & Under Cheetah Division Mixed Orange Ball team hold a strong second position on the ladder; the 13 & Under Division 11 Mixed Green Ball have third place in their grasp; the 13 & Under Division 11 Mixed Yellow Ball team have made a great start and lead their ladder; while our 15 & Under Division 8 Yellow Ball Boys' team are in a tie for second place.

The adult season resumes on Saturday 1 February, with the juniors in action from Sunday 9 February. Finals conclude between March 18 and 24, subject to the weather.

Good luck to all our teams for the remainder of the season!

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