



WINTERY EOFY EDITION – JULY 2023

TOPSPIN

Dear Members,



Welcome to the winter edition of Topspin!

I hope this edition finds everyone well, keeping warm, and healthy. Usually the Perth winters are dry and cold, or sometimes wet but warmer. This season, we seem to have copped wet AND cold for some reason!!

As most of us battle the seasonal affective disorder that winter brings upon us and the associated paucity of tennis game time, this year our mood has been particularly bleak following the loss of our beloved friend Ryan. He will be sorely missed. So sit back on your sofas with a warm cuppa or glass of Margaret River red, a toast to Mr Anderson, and (hopefully) enjoy your EOFY edition of Topspin.

I will be handing over Topspin to the committee after this edition, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their support all this time. I hope that you have enjoyed some offbeat humour and some new informative segments introduced during my tenure.

Adieu!

Your Editor,

Glenn L

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President's Report

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Hello fellow Members,

Welcome to the mid-year edition of Topspin for 2023. Everyone no doubt enjoyed the terrific weather we've experienced this last few months - until we hit June where it poured almost daily which resulted in interrupted tennis for most of the month. Nevertheless, some diehards still attended at times and it was very pleasing to see 12 courts in use on Saturday 17th June. Some finer weather the last few weeks has been welcome, with some great attendance.

You would have by now received notification of the 2023/24 Membership Fees. The letter is self-explanatory for the reasoning of changes to some fees, and revisions to membership categories. The fees have not been adjusted for almost 10 years and membership payments opened up on 1st July 2023.

There are plenty of improvements and activities in progress around the Club, which are summarised in a following report by Vice-President Gwyn.

It was a sad occasion last month with the passing of one of our long-time members Ryan Anderson after a short illness. Ryan's family passed on their thanks to everyone for their support and attendance at his funeral and the Wake at the FPTC afterwards. It was a great send-off for Ryan and he will be sadly missed.

There are a number of club activities planned for the months ahead. I encourage all to view the Club website at <https://play.tennis.com.au/floreatparktennisclub> to ensure you are aware of the upcoming events that Denise will explain later in this edition.

Thank you again to all committee members for their tireless contribution to the management of the Club affairs and we welcome more members to being involved in future years.

As always expressed, if any member would like to make any suggestions how we can make improvements around our Club, or help to play a role on the Committee, please speak to myself or any other committee member. We always strive to make the FPTC a better place to be and consider any suggestion that you may have.

Thank you, enjoy your tennis, and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Fred Santich

President

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From the Vice-President's Desk

Dear Members,

Some of the projects currently underway, or around the corner, are:

Foyer Upgrade – Council has approved these works which also involves a new, redesigned bag rack. A contract has been awarded by the Club and initial works have commenced. We expect this to be completed around the end of July. New cabinetry is also being installed in the Pro-Shop.

Tree Trimming – Trimming of trees on the north and south sides of the courts was completed 23rd June. Some of the tree growth was impacting fences and had to be cut back extensively.

Court 12 Hedge - In conjunction with the Council and Education Dept, the trimming of trees adjacent to the side of Court 12 was completed during the July school holidays. A busy bee with volunteers was held on 9th of July to clean the fence and surrounding area of tree cuttings and leaves, as well as tidying up around Court 1. Thanks to all the club members who turned out to assist. Repairs to several holes in the Court 12 fence will be progressed during the month.

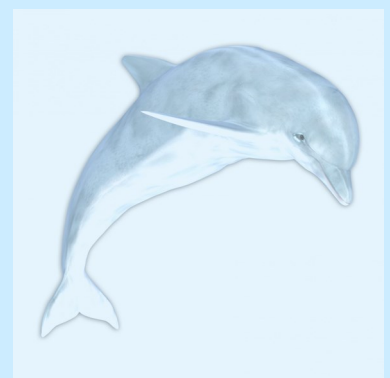
LED Lighting Upgrade - funding is proposed in the Town of Cambridge 2023/24 provisional budget that is due to be approved in July. We are working with the Council on this project with the aim that it will be completed during the coming 6-9 months.

General Screening – This project is in progress and more screens will be installed around selected courts in the coming weeks.

Please feel free to speak with any of the Club Committee, or drop an email to: fptc.general@gmail.com

Gwyn Dolphin

Vice President





Captain's Report

Hi All,

Well, despite the weather gods not being kind to us in recent times it has been good to see some tennis played even on damp courts. Hats off to those who brave the elements and played. Unfortunately, the weather intervened and forced the postponement of the Battle of the Coaches until later in the year when the weather improves.

We're also planning to host the Cambridge Cup in conjunction with City Beach Tennis Club and Reabold Tennis Club around late October. Details to follow once we confirm the date.

Congrats to Sebastian Montoya for narrowly winning the recent Monthly Mug over Osman and Mal Ryan.

Looking forward to seeing the new changes in the clubhouse due shortly.

Upcoming events

Cambridge Cup – Late October (Date to be confirmed)

Battle of the Coaches – Likely Sunday August 20

Regards

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Hi All,

Unfortunately the weather didn't behave itself when the original date of the Battle of The Coaches was supposed to be held.

However, I'm happy to say that we will be running the event on Sunday 20th of August. I'm sure the move to an afternoon event rather than the original planned evening time slot will please most of you.

If you had signed up for this event , could you please let your team coach know if you are still available for the new date.



If you are not sure which team you are in, or if you had not signed up for the original event but would like to participate, please let me know.

Many Thanks,

Andy Mackechnie

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BATTLE OF THE COACHES



**Rescheduled for Sunday 20th
August 2:30-5:30pm**

TIME TO PICK A SIDE



**TEAM
ANDY**



**TEAM
JUSTIN**



**TEAM
JASON**



**TEAM
JACKIE**

**We invite you to the annual Battle of the Coaches event.
each player will represent one of the coaches and
compete against rival coaches teams in a series of doubles matches
food will be provided after play
Battle of the Coaches shield to be awarded to winning team**

COST:\$20



**GREAT
PRIZES TO
BE WON**

**PLACES
LIMITED**

**CONTACT
COACH YOU
WANT TO PLAY
FOR**

Andy's Teaching Tip



WANTING MORE POWER

If you are looking to get more power from your shots, avoid swinging faster as this will most likely end up with you losing balance or affecting timing.

When trying to increase the power of Forehands and Backhands, focus like most areas of improvement should be directed towards our *PREPARATION*.

Preparing your upper body as early as possible will allow you the opportunity to arrive at the ball earlier which in turn will give you the time to step forward and contact the ball further up the court thus shortening the time between shots

Arriving at the ball earlier with improved preparation will also give you time to create a stronger base with your legs to drive up from, which should result in a heavier and more aggressive shot.

PREPARATION PROCESS

The shoulders should be the first body part to turn followed by the racquet head moving slightly behind your dominant hand. Having your upperbody ready to hit the ball before you start to move your legs will allow you to move more aggressively towards the ball. As your opponents oncoming shot gets closer to bouncing you should be slowing your footwork down. This will make it easier to not only stop when the ball does bounce but will also make it easier to adjust your steps if needed. Having no more footwork after the ball bounces will allow you to create a stronger base with your legs to drive up from, or to step forward and hit ball earlier.

Getting to Know You



This is the section of the magazine where we get to have some fun getting to know one of our Club Members a bit better.

For this edition, I have chosen one of the funniest guys I have ever met at FPTC :

Name : Philip "Posturepaedic Peanut" Sealey

Plays : Right handed, double-handed backhand

Game Style : All-court

Racquet : Babolat Pure Drive 300g (Aga's Racquet!)

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Q: Welcome to Topspin, why don't you tell us more about yourself?

P: I was born in West Ryde, Sydney . My Dad was a Pom from East End London and my Mom was from Mauritius,

Q: Do you have any family here and what do you do for work?

P: I have no family here in Perth other than the one that I have made, as my brother is in NSW.

I have been in Perth for about 12 years with my wife and 2 brown babies, but none of them were born here. Gabi was born in Germany and Miles was born in Paris when I was still working overseas. I work in corporate law.

Q: How did you meet your lovely missus Ingrid?

P: Believe it or not I met her at the Sydney Opera House, watching the Chronos Quartet and our unofficial first date was kind of following on from that!

Q: Have you ever been mistaken for a Mexican?

P: No!

Q: Have you ever been mistaken for a white fella?

P: Never! I'll tell you what I have been mistaken for in my travels... in this order... Turkish, Kazakh and, most commonly, Azerbaijani !!

Getting to Know You



G: When did you start playing tennis, and why?

P: I started at about age 8-10 in NSW. Then I did not play for many years until I started again after moving to Frankfurt and needed some exercise. So I tried playing on indoor courts and European clay, and found that I really enjoyed it so it has remained my sport till now.

G: What is your best/favourite shot?

P: The inside-out (a.k.a. Turkish!) forehand

G: I need to ask you about your unique serving technique ("The Azlan")... do you think you will be able to serve if you had your mouth closed?

P: What?? No, probably not as it would interfere too much with my service motion!!

G: Who is your favourite tennis player, and why?

P: Oh, Ash Barty for sure. She is the whole package, with her game as well as her approach to life.



Getting to Know You



G: What is your favourite song?

P: "Lilac", by Aaron Parks

G: Name a movie that would best reflect the story of your life ...

P: This is not a movie but I would say "Ted Lasso", as I really identify with him.

G: What is your pet hate?

P: I don't really have one, but I definitely do not like things being left all throughout the house.

G: Name 3 people you would love to have as your ideal dinner guests.

P: An Aztec chief from the ancient civilisation, a Nyoongar elder from 35,000 years ago and Charles Darwin, because I like animals.



G: Name something about yourself that may surprise our readers ...

P: Most people would not know that I really enjoy playing computer games. Also, I once lived in John Curtin's old home for a few months!!

G: Thank you Phil!



CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dear Members,

Club membership fees have been largely unchanged for a number of years. However, there has been an increase in the fees for some of the membership categories for 2023/2024 to balance Club costs with income. Also a new category (6 month membership) has been added. This category is for players who are members of other tennis clubs and are restricted in their use of courts for social play over this period.

Our Club warmly welcomes the following new members who have joined in recent months:

Angus McAllister, Kirsty Bentley, Melody Gillam, Rachel Yeo, Shane Lacey, George Aslanis and Vicky Hou.

Serena Williams once said "If you can play tennis while someday is shooting a gun down the street, that's concentration"

Regards,
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Social Committee Report

Social Report

Rain has interrupted a lot of Saturday social play over the last couple of months but whenever the sun shines through you will find our Floreat diehard members playing and descending on the bar afterwards.

Recently many members past and present were at the club to celebrate the life and mourn the passing of our dear fellow club member Ryan Anderson. I am sure Ryan would have appreciated our toast to honour his life. I know we will all miss his infectious laughter and his contributions to the club.



JUNE EVENTS



3rd June - Aquarobics



10th June - Water Polo



17th June - Synchronised Swimming



24th June - Snorkling



JULY EVENTS

The recent "monthly mug" organised by our captain Adrian saw 25 members participate and stay for barbecued satay sticks from Mr Wheezy on a cold Sunday afternoon.

Some will have noticed the committee has purchased a new Westinghouse oven in the kitchen which has been well received and is working much more efficiently than the previous oven.

Upcoming events to put in your diary:-

Wimbledon afternoon tea - Saturday 15th July - Wear white to tennis!

Play N Stay (Gourmet burgers) - Saturday 22nd July

Quiz Night - Saturday 19th August

Opening Day (Spit Roast) - Saturday 14th October

Thank you!!

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Meanwhile, this poster spotted somewhere in South Australia....



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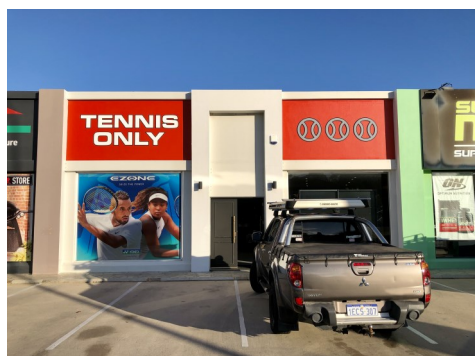
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In Loving Memory



Ryan M. Anderson

(1949 - 2023)

A Brother

A Friend

A Very Naughty Boy