



GOLDEN GROVE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

[April 2017]

Key Dates - 2017

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April

- 1st – Presentation Night
- 7th – winter registration closes for juniors
- 21st – nominations close for Orange Ball

May

- 6th – first match for juniors and Orange Ball

June

- 10th – no matches for Orange Ball

July

- 1st – Orange Ball Finals
- 15th and 22nd - no matches due to school holidays

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A word from our President, Craig Mousley

Welcome to our first edition for 2017. I hope you have all had a great summer – I can't believe it's almost time to start our Winter season... I have a few bits of news, in particular our plans for a new clubhouse (see below). In this edition we have a feature article concerning Brad Mousley's recent Aus Open exploits. In our *Getting to Know...* section we feature Kimberly Absalom, who will be a familiar face to most of our members, and a great spread on our Charity Day that was held late last year, to raise money for beyond blue.



New Clubhouse Update

I have been in contact with the council and Tennis SA regarding our proposal for a new clubhouse up near court 5 and 6. A design has been drafted and presented to council who are now looking at it and will get back to us. At this stage there is no funding for this financial year but we are hoping to have everything organised for the next year. We are all very keen to make this happen and I can assure you we are all working hard to get this project off the ground sooner rather than later. I will keep you updated on further developments.

Congratulations

Well done to **Zoe Pinnegar** for her selection to train at the State *Nothing Impossible Squad* (NIS) in the city. This is a well-deserved reward for her hard work and hopefully will assist her to further develop her game. Great job Zoe!

Training/Practice

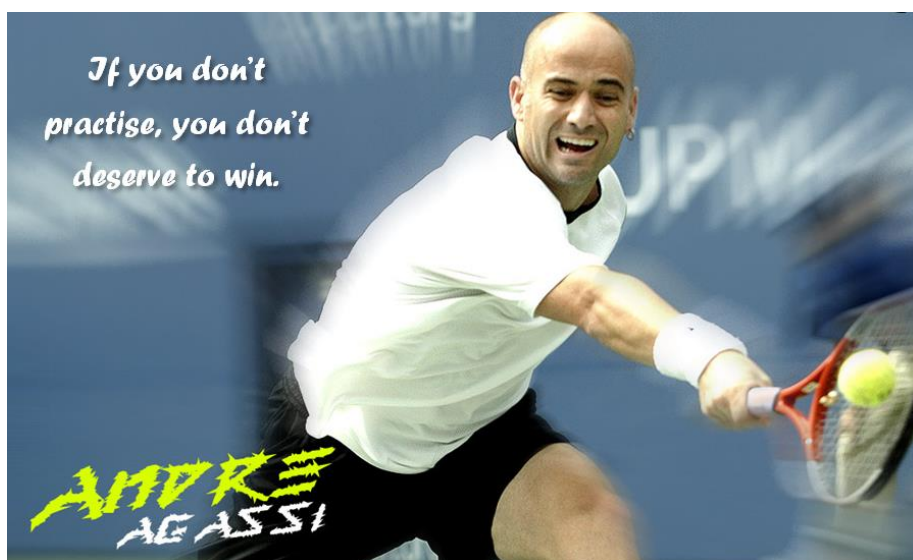
I'm going to say this as simply as I can "Get out and hit balls!!!!" You can have all the coaching or training you like but you also need to practise with a hitting partner. This could be your mum or dad, another player from your team, or anybody that can hit a ball over the net. The more you hit, the more you can practise the things you are shown at training, then put them in your match. Don't be afraid to contact other members and ask for a hit! You can use the Chat function in our Team App to contact people if you don't have mobile numbers. This is yet another good reason why I encourage all club members to use our GGTC Team App!

<https://ggtc.teamapp.com/>

Remember - the more you practise a move or a stroke, the more it becomes a natural part of your game. So get out there and get practising!

Craig

Craig Mousley, President





Getting to know... Kimberly Absalom

In this edition we get to know our Vice President and Junior Player Representative Kimberly Absalom. Kimberly is one of our stalwart committee members - many of you would have seen Kimberly coaching, helping out with cardio, pitching in at our club events, and basically making herself useful, as well as playing with the Ladies State League team on Saturday afternoons.



Kimberly has been at the club for 16 years, coaching for 17 years, and a committee member for 14 years. Despite being a Mum of two young children (Hunter, 3 and Kenzie, 1), Kimberly continues to contribute her time and energy to making this a great club.

How long have you been playing tennis? Do you still play?

I started playing tennis when I was 7 years old and played my first junior season just before I turned 8. I've been playing for 26 years and apart from a back injury and being pregnant I've never missed a season!

I captained Golden Grove's first Premier League team about 14 years ago and have been playing at State level up until a few weeks ago. I have decided that I would like to take a step down and play division one with some of my friends that I train with in Craig's talent squad. Looking forward to a fun Winter season!

Who is your most admired tennis player (past or present)?

So many for different reasons that I'm not sure I could pick just one! Monica Seles for her strong two handed backhand and her fierce determination before tragedy ruined her career. Justine Henin with amazing strength for such a small stature and of course her one handed backhand which was beyond impressive in women's tennis. Kim Clijsters for her raw talent and impressive comeback after retiring and having a baby and winning a Grand Slam third tournament back! Very admirable!

What is your best piece of advice for our junior players?

Practise, practise, practise! I used to train four times a week when I was a junior and three times currently. If you put in the work during the week you will be rewarded in your matches. Grab a team mate and have a hit after school!

Finish this sentence: The most important lesson I have learned in tennis is...

Determination will get you far. Excuses will not.

2016 - a great year of our Mid-Week Ladies

Sue Lokan, our Mid-Week Ladies coordinator, reports...

The season to December 2016 finished with all three Golden Grove teams playing in the Preliminary Finals, hosted by the Tea Tree Gully Tennis Club. Although Divisions 1 and 4 were unsuccessful, they were all very hard fought games, played in uncomfortably hot conditions. The Division 2 teams had to play a Super Tie Break after finishing on equal sets and equal games and won, therefore qualifying to play in the Grand Final. They were defeated in the GF by the Rostrevor ladies.

We then enjoyed the Presentation Lunch held at the Tea Tree Gully Golf Club, hosted by the Modbury MWL teams.

There are four MWL divisions, each comprising 6 teams. We are permitted 5 players per team and so that equals about 110 ladies registered to play.

Tennis is certainly "a team for life" with many ladies playing for 40 plus years, many even longer. Perhaps some not as fast or fit as when they first started playing, but sometimes 'precision placing' of the ball out plays speed!

Quite a few of the tennis players are also netballers and so the social interaction between sports and players is present and there are also a lot of MWL who play in the senior tennis tournaments held around Australia.

Of course, most matches on Wednesdays finish with morning tea hosted by the home team which gives us all a chance to catch up on news and to form friendships, many of which have been forged over decades.

Come and play Mid-Week Ladies morning tennis. It's a great game, with fresh air, fitness, competitive, friendship and 'a game for life'.



Brad aces the Aus Open

What an amazing two weeks for all of us watching one of our own – rising star [Brad Mousley](#) - making the quarter finals of the doubles at the Australian Open!

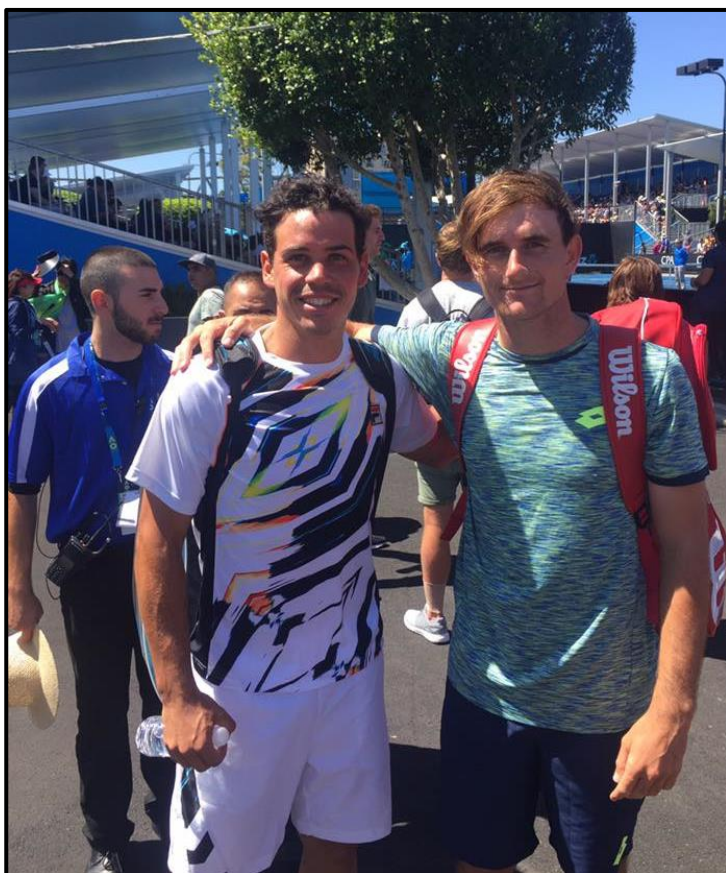
It was fantastic to watch someone that has grown up coming through our junior and senior ranks playing on the biggest stage in the world. Congratulations Brad from all of us and we hope it is the beginning of many more things to come.



“ I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all the support and well wishes from everyone. We had people coming to watch Brad's matches, texting, calling and putting messages of support on social media. It really meant a lot, with many of you knowing Brad from when he was a young boy. All of the support over the years is very much appreciated. It can be a difficult and lonely path sometimes and knowing that he has so much support from our club members and friends helps tremendously.

On behalf of the Mousley family I sincerely thank you for your kind messages.

Craig





Community Charity Event - \$14,000 donated to **beyondblue**

President's Wrap of our beyond blue Charity Day

What an absolutely fantastic event and we raised \$14043-02 for Beyondblue!!

The 24hr event was a complete success, even with the rain Sunday morning, but it didn't dampen everyone's enthusiasm. The day started off in beautiful sunshine from 12pm with kids playing tennis, the fire truck turning up from **Golden Grove Fire Station** and with a jumping castle and face painting for the kids. We also had the sausage sizzle going with beautiful cakes and drinks in the social room and everyone could have a look in the hall at all the incredible auction items we had. What an assortment!! Thank you to all the teams that helped make that possible and the wonderful donations from businesses, members and friends.

Moving in to the night the kids had fun on the fire truck from Salisbury station and the music was playing thanks to **Novotech** who donated the PA system. We also had a great turn out for the dinner and the auction where all items were sold and this made up the majority of the funds raised! Thank you to **Jack Reader** for most of the special tennis items we had that we would not have been able to get our hands on if it wasn't for him. **Sam Doman**, the auctioneer from **Ray White** did a great job and made the auction a fun night with some good laughs.

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We then moved late into the night with midnight Cardio tennis which was amazing!! Think all lessons should be held at that time if everyone is so keen!? A few people stayed to hit right through the night which was appreciated to keep me company and we were treated to a beautiful sunrise. The rain came around 8am just in time for our egg and bacon breakfast but was still fun! Things eventually wound up after 24hrs at 12pm.

As part of the funds raised, we attracted 9 new sponsors and as a club we donated half of the sponsorship money towards the charity. I would like to welcome and say thank you to the following sponsors:

Silver Sponsors:

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We also had some generous donations from:

- ▶ Garden Grove
- ▶ The Frame Connection, TTP
- ▶ Golden Grove Tavern
- ▶ Cruiseabout
- ▶ Drakes Foodland Golden Grove Village and Surrey Downs
- ▶ Detmold for plates bowls etc.
- ▶ Plus many other businesses

Thank you also to...

I would like to say the biggest and warmest thank you to everyone that helped or participated in the organisation, running, donation of items or their time in making this event the massive success it was.

To our members, who are the heart and soul of our club; what a great effort and thank you for your support. It was fantastic to see you getting the baskets organised and seeing the kids and adults coming together and having an absolutely enjoyable time.

To the committee, wow! Why didn't anyone stop me when I came up with this crazy idea?? But thank you to everyone for everything and making the event run so smoothly. Impossible task without all of you! Amazing bunch of people.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the cakes, behind the bar or canteen, putting the auction items and prizes together, for setting or packing up, to Sherri and Lynda for all the hassles I gave them in regards to everything basically and anyone else I may have forgotten, THANK YOU!!

It's great to see what can happen when we all come together. So stay tuned for more exciting news and events soon!

Craig Mousley
President





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Summer Season Wrap-Up Juniors

This summer GGTC entered 16 junior teams into the NETA competition, competing from Pennant down to division 9. This involved 10 boys teams and 6 girls teams. Of these, we had 12 finish in the top 4, with 5 making it to preliminary final and 2 teams making it straight through to the final.



Grand finalists were:

- ▶ Girls A3, Boys Division 3,
- ▶ Boys Division 9 Gold,
- ▶ Girls Division 3
- ▶ Girls Division 5



Well done to all those who competed this summer... hopefully you have all registered for Winter!

*"Losing is not my enemy...
fear of losing is my
enemy."*

Rafael Nadal



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- ▶ check out our Facebook page for updates and social news. You will find information about our competitions, coaching, social events, match programmes, latest newsletter, court rosters etc.





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- Chairperson Position Vacant*
- Kimberly Absalom,
- Lynda Perkins,
- Craig Mousley,
- Brianna Dent,
- Kerrilyn Crebbin,
- Darren Sahb and
- Lee Norrey

*"A volunteer is like a rare gem.
When placed in the right setting
and cared for, they will shine and
give pleasure to all who see them."*

Unknown

Fundraising Committee: volunteers needed

If you have been wondering how you can contribute to our club and if you would like to help make our club the best it can be, why not volunteer to be part of our fundraising committee? We need volunteers to assist in our fundraising efforts. If you can help, please let us know by talking to a member of our committee, or emailing Lynda Perkins at secretary@ggtc.org.au.



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