

GOLDEN GROVE TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

[Winter Season 2015]

KEY DIARY DATES 2015 - 2016

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August

- Friday 28th & Saturday 29th – last round of winter competition
- Summer registrations open

September

- Monday 7th – senior registrations close
- Sunday 20th – junior registrations close
- Sunday 20th – Club Open Day 11am to 2pm

October

- Saturday 10th – first round of senior competition
- Friday 16th & Saturday 17th – first round of junior competition
- Sunday 11th – Pre-season Family Fun Day – from 11am (seniors, juniors & families welcome)

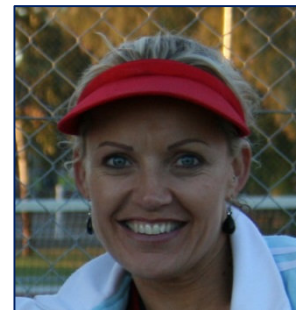
December

- 13th – Christmas BBQ - details

A word from our Secretary and Treasurer, Lynda Perkins

We are already at the end of our Winter 2015 season and ramping up for Summer season 15/16.

Our Open Day is on 20th September – details below. If you know anyone who is interested in getting into tennis, tell them to come along to Tilley Reserve from 11.00am – 2.00pm.



Our social committee has been doing a great job running a number of events over the year, including the Wimbledon Sleepover in July. The kids had a great night, and we would love to do it again next year if we can get more juniors to attend! (See story on page 2.)

Registration for summer competition is now open! Note the closing dates for registrations and the first match in the KEY DIARY DATES section at the left of this page!

Please ensure you put our Family Fun Day in your diary for 11th October – a flyer detailing the event will be emailed to you very soon!

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment from Sonja Bradshaw, whom has been the Chair of our Social Committee for the past 12-months. Sonja unfortunately has to step down from the role, and we are in need of a new Chairperson. If you are interested in the role or being a member of our social committee please email Sonja social.committee@ggtc.org.au

Many thanks to Sherri Dawson for being our Club Newsletter Editor in Chief – it takes a fair bit of time to put this newsletter together and Sherri does a fine job!

GGTC OPEN DAY/COME N TRY DAY

Sunday 20 September 11am to 2pm

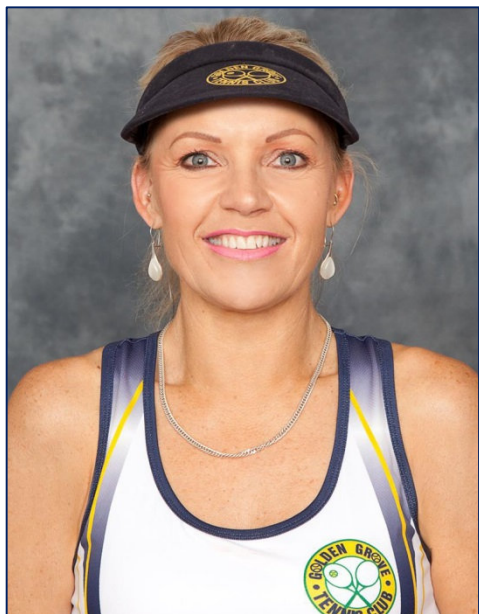
- **FREE Coaching Session for juniors (new players) from 11.00 – 12.00*
- **FREE Cardio Tennis session 12.30 - 1.30*
- *FREE Sausage Sizzle*
- *Radar Gun will be on hand for serving!*
- *New Juniors can register on the day to play summer tennis.*
- **Bookings Essential – Craig Mousley 0412 262 006*



*Current members are invited to come out for a hit and a bite to eat too!
Please tell your family, friends and work colleagues!*

Getting to know... Lynda Perkins

In this edition we get to know our club Secretary/Treasurer. Lynda has been a committee member for our club for 11 years. Lynda gives a lot of her time, energy and passion to the Golden Grove Tennis Club. Lynda is one of the reasons our club is so strong. In 2014 she became a Life Member of our club.



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

I started playing competition tennis at the age of 41 after having lessons with Craig for 8 months, and I have now been playing for over 10 years. So you are never too old to start!

Taking up tennis was the best thing I ever did!

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

Currently Serena Williams, because she is just so driven and powerful on the court. Past favourites were Steffi Graf for her poise and athleticism, and Justine Henin was also a favourite of mine due to her sensational single back-hand (beautiful to watch!)

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

Try your best, always be a good sport, and be prepared to change your game plan if it isn't working on the day! Enjoy your tennis...it's supposed to be fun!

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

Plan the end of season trip with the girls early so we get cheap flights!!!

Wimbledon Night ... a big hit!



On Saturday, 4 July we had our inaugural **Wimbledon Night sleepover**. A great time was had by all, and there were plenty of games and activities (not to mention popcorn and soft drinks!) to liven the night up. Did anyone actually watch any tennis?



Thanks to chaperones Darren Sahb, Brianna Dent and Shavaun Dent for spending the night dodging balls and popcorn and making sure the kids had fun in a safe environment. Let's do it again next year!



[You can see more photos on our Facebook page... search for **Golden Grove Tennis Club**]

Announcements

Our Ladies Club Captain for summer will be **Kimberly Absalom** until Christmas. After that **Jessica George-Axford** will take on the role.

A big thank you to **Ali George**, who has volunteered to take over the management of our canteen. Ali has also put her hand up to be our Uniform Officer for Summer 2015/16.



Volunteers needed... can you help?

We have committed to running the canteen for SAPSASA fun days on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 October. We really need helpers from 9.30am to 2.30pm. These events are a great fund-raiser for our club!

If you can help **for an hour or two** on the day please email Ali George on info@ggtc.org.au Many hands make light work, so the more people who volunteer the less work it will be for everyone involved.

Being a Ball Kid at the Australian Open

Rebeka Schaefer shares her adventure



This year I was a ball kid in the World Tennis Challenge held at Memorial Drive in Adelaide. I spent 3 Sunday's and 5 Thursdays after school training with the squad in order to prepare for this event. From there the squad was prepared for a "practice" round, working at the ATP Finals also held at the Memorial Drive courts. Our mentors watched over us carefully, analysing our best moves and our worst. The time finally came for us to ball kid for a nationally televised event for the first time, the World Tennis Challenge. After the three days of hard work and careful analysis by the mentor ball kids and our director, two ball kids were chosen to represent South Australia in the 2016 Australian Open. I was one of those two selected. After never being a ball kid before and putting such a good attitude into the work I did, I was chosen by the mentors along with my director to fly to Melbourne for 3 weeks and ball kid for some of the best players in the world.

I fly over on the 8th of January and train for 6 hours a day, every day leading up to the event. From there, our court positions and rosters will be formulated and we will be notified when and where our duties will be required for each day during the main draw and up until the finals. Ball kids do not get paid for the work they do, it is all purely volunteer based although the ball kids do receive a gift at the end of the event to thank them for the work they do. Being a Woolworths ball kid at the World Tennis Challenge was one of the greatest experiences of my life, I met Lleyton Hewitt, Michael Chang, Goran Ivanisevic, Tom Berdych, Marcos Baghdatis and I almost got the chance to meet John McEnroe but missed out because I was called out on court for an injury. I really enjoy being active out on the court and working with a great team of kids. It's a really rewarding experience and I would highly recommend it to everyone, it's just so much fun!

At the Australian Open, I'm really looking forward to being a ball kid for any of the top 10 players (male or female) but hopefully I get to meet Roger Federer or Serena Williams that would be my ultimate goal as they are so inspirational to me. I'm also looking forward to flying to Melbourne and going to all of the tourist attractions with the squad because I have never been to Melbourne before, I am really excited about it!

Congratulations Rebeka!



Brad's Back!

Craig Mousley reports on his recent trip to Turkey to witness club favourite, Bradley Mousley's triumphant return to tennis.

Bradley Mousley has made a very successful return to tournament play with his first 4 tournaments in Turkey. I was fortunate enough to be there with him and was very happy with what I saw and the improvements we have been working on.

In 4 weeks he has already achieved his highest ATP ranking of 949 reaching the singles final of 1 tournament in Istanbul and the quarters of another. In the 4 tournaments he also won 2 doubles titles, was runner up in another and lost to the winners in the quarters of the first tournament back.

He will remain playing overseas until early September, when he then prepares for a month of tournaments from late September here in Australia. He has also been fortunate enough to have been asked to train at one of the best facilities in the world in Turkey. Both Bernard Tomic and Thanasi Kokkanakis also train there at various stages along with other highly ranked players. It's something we have to consider and looks a very good proposition.

We also went to Gallipoli which was one of the best things I have experienced in my life and lucky enough I was able to do it with Brad. The only 4 days we got off in 5 weeks!!

We both wish to thank everyone again for your support and well wishes. It is very much appreciated.



Bradley with partner, Tuna Altuna.



Bradley and Craig at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli – a very moving experience.

Hot dogs, hackers and moonballs

Is your tennis lingo up to speed? Below are some of the more unusual tennis terms...

Hacker: player with an unconventional or un-coached playing style.

Hot Dog: trick shot whereby a player chases down a lob, then hits the ball between his legs from behind the baseline with his back to the net.

Moonball: stroke played with heavy topspin to slow down a point or help a player to recover their position on court.

Poach: doubles manoeuvre whereby a net player intercepts a shot directed at their partner.

Pusher: term used to refer to a player whose game is based on keeping the ball in play rather than aggressively trying to hit winners.

Shank: mis-hit stroke resulting in a misdirected shot.

Tanking: colloquial term for losing a game, set or match on purpose.

You can read more at: <http://www.tennis.com.au/learn/rules-and-scoring/glossary/>

Private coaching

If you would like private ("one on one") coaching there are a number of experienced coaches available. To find out more about individual coaching for yourself or your child, please contact **Craig Mousley** on **0412 262 006**.



Sports Vouchers program



Our club has registered for the Sports Vouchers program, which offers a \$50 discount on membership fees for primary school age children. See <http://www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/>

If you qualify you are entitled to one voucher per annum, so if you haven't already used yours, you can do so for the coming Summer season 2015/16, but you have to claim before 31 December 2015.

Why not try Cardio Tennis?

The best thing about Cardio Tennis is that you do not have to be good at tennis to get involved. In fact, it doesn't matter if you've never played before. Low-compression tennis balls promote immediate success, especially for beginners, because they travel at a lower speed making it easier to strike the ball.

Activities cater for all ages and skill levels, so while it's great for beginners, more experienced tennis players will also enjoy it. Classes are on Monday and Wednesday from 7.30 – 8.30pm, and Thursday mornings from 9.00 – 10.00am. For a free trial, contact **Craig Mousley** on **0412 262 006**.



In this edition we find out a bit more about some of our 'tennis families'. If you want to feature in a player profile, or you have other suggestions for our newsletter, please let us know by email to secretary@ggtc.org.au

Player Profile... the Bradshaw family

How many people in your family play tennis and how old were they when they started?

We have three in our family who play competition tennis. Both Cole and Max started playing competition when they were eight and I started playing when I was twelve.



L to R: Max, Sonia and Cole

How do you juggle

Max and Cole's trainings and matches?

Our boys play on different days and usually train on different days too which means we are at the courts most days but not for very long. This works for us.

When do they play?

I play on Wednesdays in the Mid-Week competition. It's good fun playing doubles with each of my teammates. Max plays on Friday nights and Cole plays Saturday mornings.

How long have you been involved with the club and the committee?

Our family has been at the club for almost 10 years now...that's gone fast!!! During the last year and a half I have been on the committee helping out where I can.

What's the best thing about Golden Grove Tennis Club?

There are too many good things about our club to just pick one! Besides having a lovely place to play our favourite sport and having different kinds of training opportunities with our coaches, we enjoy the friendships we have made along the way and catching up with our teammates every week.

What has been the most favourite event at the Club so far?

Bogan Bingo was such a fun night. I've never seen so many mullets and flannelette shirts in one room before!

What do you all do in your free time away from tennis?

We all like catching up with friends and family, going away on holidays, going fishing and also heading up the river. The boys also love computers and driving anything, be it a quad bike or dirt bike. Max also spends time making short films.

Favourite family holiday you have been on?

This year our family went to the Australian Open in Melbourne - we loved it! Cole's favourite holiday is going on a houseboat whereas Max enjoys holidays to the shack or going to the river to knee board.

Player Profile... the Reid family

How many people in your family play tennis and how old were they when they started?

Three children (Devon, Kayla and Bryson) playing competition tennis in our family. Started group coaching with Craig at the following ages: Devon 6 and a half, Kayla 4 years, Bryson 5 years

How do you juggle Devon, Kayla and Bryson's trainings and matches?

Coaching and team trainings are on 5 days a week (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays with matches Fridays and Saturdays).

When do they play?

Friday nights Devon and Kayla both play juniors so we go in different directions. Saturdays mornings Bryson plays juniors and Saturday afternoon Devon plays Senior men's tennis and Kayla fills in some weeks for the Senior ladies comp.

How long have you been involved with the club?

We have been involved with the club through coaching for 10 years and GGTC competition tennis for 6 years now.

What's the best thing about Golden Grove Tennis Club?

The best thing about GGTC is the awesome people and the friendships we have made.

What has been the most favourite event at the Club so far?

Favourite event is the annual GGTC Presentation.

What do you all do in your free time away from tennis?

Time away from tennis is more sport. Devon does martial art (first Dan Black belt), Kayla plays Districts Netball and Bryson does swimming.

Favourite family holiday you have been on?

Favourite family holiday we've had this year was having their grandmother come to stay with us for 2 months.

Devon, Kayla and Bryson getting to meet her for the first time and taking her to places around Adelaide was an unforgettable experience for everyone!



*Back row: Devon and Kayla
Front row: Bryson*

Our Committee

The following people were elected to our committee at our **Annual General Meeting** which was held on 17 February 2015. Thanks to all of the people who attended and those who have volunteered to join, or have continued to represent the GGTC.

President	Simon Eshmade	president@ggtc.org.au
Vice President	Paul Axford	vice.president@ggtc.org.au
Treasurer/Secretary	Lynda Perkins	secretary@ggtc.org.au
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Mid-week Ladies Representative	Sue Lokan	midweek.ladies@ggtc.org.au
Junior Coordinator	Nicole Eshmade	juniors@ggtc.org.au
Junior Player's Representative	Kimberly Absalom	player.rep@ggtc.org.au
Senior Player's Representative	Vacant	

General committee members: Josette Boyle, Sonja Bradshaw, Brianna Dent, Shavaun Dent, Slava Grigoriev, Paul Holmes, Adam Pinnegar and Kym Sladden.

Social Committee: social.committee@ggtc.org.au Kimberly Absalom, Josette Boyle, Sonja Bradshaw, Sherri Dawson, Brianna Dent, Craig Mousley, Lee Norrey, Lynda Perkins, Michelle Pope, Darren Sahb.

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.

"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."

Thursday night social competition coordinator

Position vacant – if you can help please contact secretary@ggtc.org.au.



2014-15 GGTC General Management Committee



2014-15 Social Committee Members

Sponsors needed

We are always looking for more help, so if your company, or someone you know, would like to provide sponsorship to our club please talk to a committee member or email Lynda Perkins at secretary@ggtc.org.au. For just \$250pa we will display signage at the courts.

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