



GOLDEN GROVE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

[December 2015]

KEY DATES – 15/16

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December

- 12th - last match before the break (juniors)
- 13th - Christmas BBQ see page 4 for details

January

- 12th – 14th – world tennis championships
- 18th to 31st – Australian Open.
[Be on the lookout for our GGTC members: Ball Kid Rebeka Schaefer and Line Umpire Darren Sahb]

February

- 5th – matches resume
- 27th – minor round finishes

March

- TBA – registration for winter
- 19th – presentation Night

April

- TBA – winter season begins

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A word from our Secretary and Treasurer, Lynda Perkins

Welcome to Summer 2015/16. This season we have 5 Men's teams, and 4 Women's teams, and in juniors we have 19 teams (11 boys teams and 8 girls teams) - with a great representation across all grades from beginner (Orangeball) to Men's Division 1.



Summer 2015/16 also sees the introduction of a purpose-built computer program to record all match results and individual player rankings, provided by Tennis SA. This program replaces the Results Vault that we have used in previous seasons. If you want to review results go to League Manager, at <http://leagues.tennis.com.au>.

Thank you to all of the parents/caregivers who have volunteered to manage a team this season. If you want to check which court you are playing on you can access the court roster online at our website, go to <http://www.ggtc.org.au/juniors.html> or just check the wall at the clubrooms as it is posted in the glass fronted container and also in the canteen.

For everyone who has paid their fees thank you very much. If you are still to do this please give this your urgent attention, noting that the \$15 discount is no longer available. If you are in financial difficulty I am happy to discuss a payment arrangement - please contact me via email to treasurer@ggtc.org.au

Good luck to all of the teams competing in the Summer 2015/16 season – hopefully I'll be organising for some of you to be receiving premiership medals at our presentation night on 19 March 2016!

Lynda Perkins, Secretary and Treasurer

Ho ho ho – make sure you go go go (to our Christmas Picnic!)



All club members and their families are invited to come along to our Christmas function on December 13. (See page 4 for more details.)

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF THE GOLDEN GROVE TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season



Getting to know... Corey Decandia

In this edition we get to know one of coaches, who is a fairly recent addition to our club. Many of you would have seen Corey giving private lessons to some of our aspiring young champs, or if you do cardio tennis you can often see Corey on a Monday or a Wednesday night helping Craig to improve the fitness of some of our other club members or associates.

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

I have been playing tennis ever since I was 10 years old. Throughout my younger years I was lucky enough to travel regularly to tournaments both within Australia and internationally; to countries like France, Italy, Greece and America.

I still play today but not to the extent I did as a teenager, you can still see me playing Pennant on Saturdays for Broadview. Golden Grove has yet to bring me over!!!

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

I have always admired Roger Federer for his amazing ability, and the way he goes about the game. Anyone who is at his age and is still in career best form deserves to be applauded.

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

The same advice I was told from my coaches, "you may not play your best tennis every day, however there is always something that each match should teach you, and good tennis players are able to learn from their mistakes to allow themselves to improve".

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

that it's one of the very few games you can play from a toddler throughout your whole life, and the friendships you will form with others through the game is the best part.



GGTC Events

Come 'N' Try and Open Day (20 September)

We had a great turnout for our Come 'N' Try and GGTC Open day, where beginners were able to see if tennis is the right sport for them. **Thanks to Craig Mousley and his coaches for running the come and try sessions.** We recruited some potential new tennis stars, and had a great time showing the kids what it's all about. Quite a few people gave cardio tennis a crack, including the children. These sessions bring in new members to our club and the club appreciates the efforts of Craig and his team of coaches.



Family fun day (11 October)

What a great day out our Family Fun Day was. Heaps of members, new and old, came along to spend some time with teammates, club members and their families. The activities were heaps of fun, the food was good, and the weather was perfect.

Thanks to all committee members and helpers who assisted in preparing and running the day, with special mention to the following people who volunteer the time and energy to making sure that these events are well run and enjoyed by all participants:

- Craig Mousley, Kimberly Absalom, and Nicole Eshmade for organising all the activities and providing fun for all!
- Simon Eshmade (President) and Graham Boyle for being the chief cooks
- Paul Holmes (Sponsorship Officer) for providing the sausages in conjunction with Slape Bros!
- Canteen helpers, in particular Lee Norrey, Joanne Mousley, Michelle Pope and Sherri Dawson
- Ali George for the fabulous cupcakes provided – great job Ali!
- Paul Axford (Vice President) for helping out with cleaning up the courts and also with the bbq
- Wing Au for coming out to give our Sat. morning team managers a pep-talk about how to be a great team manager
- Lastly a big thank you to Sonja Bradshaw for organising the entire event and for making sure everyone knew what they had to do!



More photos can be viewed on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/www.ggtc.org.au>

GGTC – located at Tilley Reserve, Corner Yatala Vale & Hancock Roads, Surrey Downs SA 5126.

Website at www.ggtc.org.au. General emails can be sent to: secretary@ggtc.org.au

Go Bradley

*Best wishes and good luck to
Brad Mousley*

We encourage you to get behind the boy who originates from GGTC and has represented our club so well this season.



Brad and his mixed doubles partner from WA, **Jessica Moore**, have recently won mixed doubles for their state and now they have the opportunity to represent their state on 20th December. The winner will receive a wild card in the Australian Open Mixed Doubles.

Even more exciting, Brad is one of 16 players to play in the Australian Open Singles wild card playoffs at Melbourne Park on the 14th December. The winner of the play offs will earn themselves a wild card into the Men's Singles at the Australian Open.



Do you like to watch?

The playoff will be Live Streamed on the Tennis Australia website, so anyone interested can keep an eye on Brad's progress on this site.

GO BRAD!!!!!!!!!! We are all behind you.

Court Etiquette

Leaving or entering the court

New players should note that it is good court etiquette to ensure that you do not walk past other matches in progress when you are entering or leaving the court area - wait for a break in the play! The same applies for retrieving balls that have drifted over (or been hit!) to a neighbouring court.

Ladies Club Captain, and thanks to Kimberly

Congratulations to our new Ladies Club Captain, **Jessica George-Axford** (pictured on left) who has taken over from **Kimberly Absalom** (pictured on right).

On behalf of the committee and club members a huge thank you to Kimberly for all the work she has done in the role of Ladies Club Captain over the years - no doubt she will be back in the future. For now, she is stepping down so she can rest in preparation for the arrival of her 2nd child in January. Kimberly will continue in her role as Player Representative and will still be around the club.

We wish you all the best Kimberly. Good luck to Jessica and thank you for taking on the role.



GOLDEN GROVE TENNIS CLUB CHRISTMAS PICNIC 2015



TILLEY RESERVE SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 12noon to 4pm
BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED (approx 1pm)

BYO DRINKS & PLEASE BRING A SMALL SALAD TO SHARE

BYO RACQUET, FOOTY, CRICKET GEAR, FRISBEES, CHAIRS & A SHADE!

HUGE JUMPING CASTLE FOR THE KIDS (up to age 12)

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Email: secretary@ggtc.org.au SMS: 0409 991 963

What to do if you can't agree...

[From the NETA book for junior competition]

Junior players should be familiar with what to do if they do find themselves in situation where they can't resolve any issues with their opponent.

The following excerpt is from the yellow book that is issued by NETA to each junior player at the beginning of the season.

It's well worth a look through this book, as it sets out everything you should need to know, including rules and how finals will be played. Spare copies are available from the canteen, and our secretary emailed an electronic copy to all players at the beginning of the season.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

Players are responsible for their game of tennis (not Parents/Spectators). In the event of Confusion or non-agreement of players involved on the court during play the following action should be followed:

1. Advise your opponent that you wish to call for the Supervisor to help resolve the issue.
2. Place your racquet on the court to signify that you are seeking the Supervisor's help.
3. Speak directly to the **COURT SUPERVISOR**.
4. The Supervisor will assist players in resolving the issue.

Parents and spectators are not to intervene but guide players to follow these guidelines.

Can you help? *We are really keen to have more of our members help at the club*

If you something that you can do around the club to help out - please use your initiative and contact our secretary (secretary@ggtc.org.au) to let her know. We are always in need of more helpers! For example, the courts always need sweeping (blue wheelie bins are for the leaves) – if you see this needs doing feel free to do it... If you have any suggestions for improvements to our club, newsletter articles, events we can run, or whatever, please let us know.



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**.



Why not try Cardio Tennis?

Come out to Cardio and have fun, get fit, feel good!

Sessions currently running on Monday & Wednesday evenings & Thursday mornings! All ages and standards welcome. (No tennis experience is necessary.) Want to know more? <http://cardiotennis.com.au/>.

If you are interested in getting involved in Cardio Tennis, please contact Craig Mousley 0412 262 006 or email coaching@ggtc.org.au.

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.



In this edition we find out a bit more about one 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 Sahb family

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

3 of us: Darren: since age 9, Thomas age 11 and Lachlan age 7

When do they play?

Darren - Sat afternoon Div 1, Thomas and Lachlan Sat morning Div 2

How do you juggle trainings and matches?

Darren says "It's a fair juggle with a full-time office job, 2nd job as professional line umpire, watching the boys play, practising every 2nd week, and sometimes playing Fast 4 Monday nights!"

Thomas and Lachlan say "Even though mum doesn't play, she loves watching us play and takes us to coaching with Tim. Mum and Dad watch us play each week."

How long have you been involved with the club?

Darren - 2 years
Thomas - 2.5 years
Lachlan - 4 years

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

Darren says "The people we play with and socialise with are awesome, they are passionate about tennis."

Thomas says "My team-mates – Jaiden, Cole, Tyler and Lachlan."

Lachlan says "Coach Craig".

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

Darren says "The last two Presentation nights – I had a ball!"

Thomas and Lachlan say "Presentation Nights and this year's Wimbledon Sleepover."

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

Darren – Watch my family play sport, professional tennis official, and watch all sports.

Thomas – Read, creative writing and catch up with friends.

Lachlan – gaming, watch tennis and other sport, play soccer

Favourite family holiday you have been on?

Gold Coast!



Out! Darren takes on the challenge of being a Line Umpire at the 2016 Aussie Open

GGTC are pleased to announce that Darren Sahb has been accepted to go back to the Australian Open for a third time as a linesman, for the entirety of the tournament.

"It's a huge buzz being on the courts with the best players in the world and being amongst it all in Melbourne at that time of the year," says Darren. "I'm so glad that I responded to a small advertisement in the World Tennis Challenge programme, not even four years ago!!"



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
Club Coach, Men's Club Captain	Craig Mousley.....	coaching@ggtc.org.au
Women's Club Captain	Jessica George-Axford	senior.ladies@ggtc.org.au
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, Paul Holmes and Adam Pinnegar.

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 Sahn.

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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