



NEWSLETTER

Heidelberg & Districts Tennis Association

AUTUMN 2024

COMMITTEE

President – Jenny Cox
Secretary – Chris Jeffery
Treasurer – Chris Groves
Tues Secretary – Leanne Kendall
Thur Secretary – Lorraine Tancredi

COMPETITION COMMENCEMENT DATE

Tuesday 6 Feb 2024
Start time: 9:30am
Finish time: 2:00pm

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Term 1
30/1/24 to 28/3/23
School Holidays
29/3/24 to 14/4/24
Term 2
15/4/24 to 28/6/24

FINALS

Semi Final – 28/5/24
Prelim Final – 4/6/24
Grand Final – 11/6/24

SPRING 2024

Entries close 11 June 2024
Season starts 16 July 2024
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NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Raelene Craven

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jenny Cox

Our first Newsletter! All credit goes to Raelene Craven, who has worked hard to bring her brainchild to fruition, with help from Leanne Kendall. Thank you both.

As this is a first for the H.D.T.A. it seems appropriate to look back over our long history, back to our formation 87 years ago. On 9 July 1936 delegates from the Ivanhoe Tennis Association and the Alphington Tennis Association decided to amalgamate to form a new association, The City of Heidelberg and Districts Tennis Association.

28 Clubs affiliated and we were ready to run competitions. We started with Saturday and Tuesday competitions and in our first season had 32 teams on Saturday and 8 teams on Tuesday. We were a success and by 1940 our affiliated Clubs had increased to 39 and we had 50 Saturday teams and two sections on Tuesdays.

Then along came the Second World War and with so many men away the Saturday competition had to be cancelled – but the Tuesday continued (albeit with reconditioned balls as that was all that was available!)

After the War the Saturday competition resumed with numbers building up and up and in 1978 we had 216 Saturday teams and 16 sections on Tuesdays. We then expanded by establishing the Thursday competition in 1979 and by 1984 we had 21 sections on Saturdays, 20 on Tuesdays and 13 on Thursdays. Given the success of Thursdays we tried again, setting up another competition on Sundays in 2011.

Unfortunately, tennis is not as popular these days and we no longer reach these heights but we are still around and those who play enjoy their H.D.T.A. tennis. As in keeping with the times in our earlier days, as well as the competitions, social events were an important fixture on our calendar, including an Annual Ball, an Easter Tournament and a Mid-week luncheon.

The Annual Ball was considered to be such an important event that it was discussed at the very first Committee Meeting and held in the very first year of the Association – 600 people attended in the City Hall. How times have changed.

Until 9 July 2036 when we reach our 100 year milestone.

TUESDAY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Leanne Kendall

Nearly 10 years ago I attended my very first HDTA meeting being the 2014 AGM as Coordinator for UCTC-DC. I was most impressed with the running of the HDTA meetings under President Jenny Cox and the Committee. The next year saw a few changes notably the retirement of Laurelle Kavanagh as Assistant Secretary Tuesday Ladies after more than 30 years. I joined the general committee and observed Jenny as Acting Assistant Secretary to see if I might take on this role. At the time it seemed a good idea to have a current Tuesday player looking out for our Tuesday Ladies' Competition.

HDTA was also transitioning to online scoring – 2015 Competition Planner followed by 2016 League Manager. I officially took on the Assistant Secretary's role for Spring 2016. I was very grateful to Jenny and Dot for the ongoing mentoring over many seasons. I clearly remember these words of wisdom from Laurelle "learn the By-Laws" to which I have spent many hours referencing these 12 – 14 pages.

I was most fortunate to be able to move the online scoring to TROLS for Autumn 2017. League Manager was very time consuming and difficult for our Ladies with limited computer knowledge – (the nightmare of using numerous profiles, passwords, tennis ID, DOB or even an email address that may need to be created??!) therefore the opportunity to utilise TROLS with our 5 player format was a revelation. Of course we are now back to the 4 player format and TROLS continues to be a fabulous program that has been mastered by many. Incidentally I've just set up my 15th season being Autumn 2024 and typed the HDTA fixture.



Tuesday Secretary's Report continued

I thoroughly enjoy this role, including the endless support I receive from Tuesday Ladies' in general. It's been lovely to meet you on the court or sometimes out in the community to have a little chat about anything "tennis". Looking forward to many more seasons with the ultimate goal to still be playing in 2036!

Enjoy your tennis.

SPRING 2023 RESULTS

Congratulations to the following Premiers and Runners Up for the Spring 2023 season:

Section 1 – Plenty Blue (P) and Karingal Drive Red (R)

Section 2 – Ramblers (P) and Rosanna (R)

Section 3 – Karingal Drive Blue (P) and Karingal Drive Green (R)

Section 4 – Grace Valley (P) and UCTC-DC Green (R)

Section 5 – Epping (P) and Rosanna Red (R)



SCORECARDS

Tuesday 4 player scorecard *Revised 2023* is on the HDTA website and available for printing.
www.trols.org.au/hdta/

FINES

Late entry of results (fine and loss of 4 points)	\$5
Incorrect online entry	\$5
Emergency not indicated	\$5
Emergency standard not given	\$5
1 player short	\$5
Forfeit or default	\$20
Withdrawal of team	\$60
Other by-law breach - as determined by the Committee	

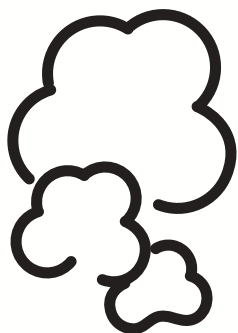
Heat Out (By-Law 13a)

HDTA will be required to use the Bureau of Meteorology website www.bom.gov.au to obtain temperature readings for Viewbank. Open the above website and go to "VIC", dropdown box appears. Select "Melbourne Observations". Scroll down to "Viewbank" where the current temperature will be displayed and updated every 10 minutes. The match must be cancelled once the temperature reaches 31.5 deg c. Please note the time of this reading on scorecards and TROLS. Opening "Viewbank" will show the temperature range in 30 minute intervals but for a more up to date reading, please use the previous screen. **Other mobile phone weather apps are not to be used for cancelling matches.**



Air Quality (By-Law 13a)

All matches will be cancelled if the day before the match the EPA forecasts the air quality in the area of the match to be "very poor" or worse. Players are not required to attend the courts. The match will be deemed a Draw and undecided points allotted equally to each team.



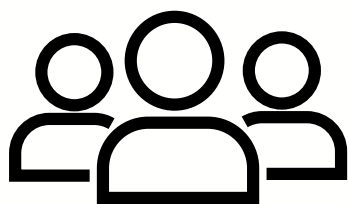
Rain or Frost (By-Law 13a)

Matches can be cancelled due to rain or frost from 8am by mutual agreement between the two captains with or without attendance. If there is no mutual agreement to cancel, attendance is required. If play has not commenced and courts are not playable by 11am the match is cancelled and is a draw.



Eligibility for Finals (By-Law 12 e)

Players are eligible to play in a final after playing three matches in that section or in lower sections, subject to by-law 12(c). Matches cancelled by mutual agreement without attendance and forfeited matches **do not count** as played matches.



Tribute to Dot

Our Dot was a friendly, warm, caring, “one of a kind” person who was well respected and loved by our tennis community. Sadly she passed away in July 2023.

Dot was awarded a Tennis Victoria Service Award in 2018 which recognised those who have demonstrated their long-term volunteer contribution to the sport of tennis in Victoria through significant service to a Tennis Victoria affiliated Club, Centre or Association.

In 2019 Dot was awarded an Honorary Life Membership for her invaluable contribution to the HDTA over so many years.

Dot joined the General HDTA Committee in 1992. When Margaret James (the lady running the Thursday Competition at that time) became ill in 1994, Dot volunteered to take the Thursday comp on and officially became the Assistant Secretary Thursday at the AGM in 1995. In 2000 our Treasurer (Glen Debney) resigned and again Dot volunteered to take that role on – but, only on the condition that she was allowed to keep being the Assistant Secretary Thursday as well as she was not prepared to give that up! She officially became the Treasurer at the AGM in 2001.

More important than the number of roles or the length of time, is the way Dot went about it all. Nothing was ever too much trouble and everything was done with Dot's unfailing good humour and kindness.



**“Look
after you”**
Dot Fitzgerald 🐦