



NEWSLETTER

Heidelberg & Districts Tennis Association
SPRING 2024

COMMITTEE

President - Jenny Cox
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Thur Secretary - Lorraine Tancredi

COMPETITION COMMENCEMENT DATE

Tuesday 16 July 2024
Start time: 9:30am
Finish time: 2:00pm

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Term 3
15/7/24 to 20/9/24
School Holidays
23/9/24 to 6/10/24
Term 4
7/10/24 to 20/12/24

FINALS

Semi Final - 12/11/24
Prelim Final - 19/11/24
Grand Final - 26/11/24

SPRING 2024

Entries close 19 November 2024
Season starts 4 February 2025
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NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR

Raelene Craven

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jenny Cox

Welcome to our Second Newsletter!

The wonderful feedback we had following our first was really appreciated as our dedicated Editor, Raelene Craven, had put in considerable time and effort to get it off the ground. After reading the 'Captain's Lament', I am sure that you will agree with me that she has risen to even greater heights this time.

When playing an H.D.T.A. match at Eltham Tennis Club one Tuesday Raelene came across a book 'Confessions of a Midweek Lady' written by Sandy Jeffs back in 2001 and was captivated, particularly by one story, 'Captain's Lament'.

With her Editor's hat always on, she immediately thought it would be perfect for a newsletter. But, being a published book we could not do so without the author's permission. That would have been the end of that for most people, but not for Raelene as she set about tracking down the author through Facebook and asking her to give us her consent.

The story will resonate with any of you who have ever been captain. Although afterwards you can look back and laugh, on the night when you were desperately looking for that emergency you were very far from laughing and were more likely screaming and abusing everyone in sight, vowing never to be captain again!

Sandy Jeffs is clearly one of us – a passionate mid-week tennis player.

Many of you will have amusing stories of your own from tennis. I am sure our readers would love them also if you are prepared to share them with us.

TUESDAY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Leanne Kendall

I'm very excited to be a part of another fabulous newsletter! Raelene has gone above and beyond with sourcing and obtaining the content for a very entertaining read and I encourage you to email to all your players. It's great to see the wonderful team photos – thank you for sharing, all our Ladies appear to be very happy to have made it to the finals. Congratulations to the Autumn 2024 Premiers – looking forward to acknowledging your success at the AGM.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday 19 August 2024
Where: Eaglemont Tennis Club
The Boulevard, East Ivanhoe
Time: 8pm

Under our new Constitution each Club represented at the AGM will have one vote for motions. Each Club is welcome to have more than one delegate attend but each Club will get only one vote. If the majority of the Clubs present vote in favour of a motion the motion will be passed.

Any affiliated Club that does not have at least one delegate in attendance will be fined \$20.



REMINDER – YOU CAN PLAY WITH THREE PLAYERS!

Since the introduction of the 4-player format on Tuesdays the rule is teams may play one player short (with a \$5 fine) but have to forfeit if they do not have at least 3.



AUTUMN 2024 RESULTS

Congratulations to the following Premiers and Runners Up for the Autumn 2024 season:

Section 1 – Karingal Drive Gold (P) and Plenty (R)

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

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

Section 4 – UCTC-Green (P) and Greensborough (R)

Section 5 – Epping Sapphires (P) and Epping Emeralds (R)



SCORECARDS

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

The Captain's Lament

(Confessions of a Midweek Lady by Sandy Jeffs (2001))

Monday Evening, 9.30pm

- 9.30pm** Oh, hello Laura. What, you can't play tennis tomorrow? Oh I see, it's the visit to the Sara Lee Factory with the bowls girls. I'll see who I can get to play. Thanks for letting me know.
- 9.36pm** Bob, can I speak to Mabel? I need her tomorrow. Can't she put the hysterectomy off a couple of days? OK, I'll try Robyn.
- 9.41 pm** I'm sorry, I must have the wrong number, I'm after Robyn to play tennis tomorrow. She's taken the kids and gone to a women's refuge? Can't I contact her, just in case? No. Alright then, I'll try Barbara.
- 9.48pm** Hello? Who am I speaking to please? Oh, Barbara's mother. Is Barbara there please? Barbara's had a nervous breakdown and she's in Green Glades! Couldn't she come home to play tennis tomorrow, we are desperate? I see, you don't think so, she's heavily sedated. Who's looking after the kids? You are.....indefinitely. Where's Des?
- 9.59pm** Debbie, you've got to play for us! Oh, that's bad luck about your mother. Couldn't you play, and then go to the funeral? Alright, I'll try Liz.
- 10.08pm** We really need you, Liz. What? The biopsy results aren't good. Couldn't you play tomorrow and start the chemo Thursday?..... No? Goodo then, I'll try Meredith.
- 10.14pm** You've just got a job and you start tomorrow! That's very inconsiderate Meredith. OK, I'll try Susie.
- 10.19pm** Grant, has the Missing Persons Bureau located Susie yet? We're short of a player tomorrow. No..... well, I'll try someone else then. Bye.
- 10.24pm** Jillian, do you really have to go to the school to see the Principal about Darren tomorrow? I've been trying to get Susie. What's she up to? Say that again? She's run off with Des! Um.... I'll try Judy.
- 10.38pm** Judy, how about filling in for us at tennis, I know you haven't played for years, but you'd enjoy it! Cows?..... Anthrax? Quarantine? Good luck! Hope things work out. I wonder if Di could play?

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- 10.47pm** So, the divorce is tomorrow, Di. You couldn't put it off and play? You can sign divorce papers any old day, can't you? Can you think of anyone else? Ah yes, Karen.
- 11.09pm** Karen, the tennis team needs you! Please play. Bugger the car accident. Do you really have to go to court? Can't you settle out of court like everyone else?
- 11.13pm** Lauren, how are you? Feel like a hit tomorrow? I see, the neck's still sore and the law suit with Karen is tomorrow. You wouldn't rather play tennis? Oh, you're in a wheelchair. Do you have Carol's number?
- 11.21pm** Carol, I'm running out of options. I need someone tomorrow. Please play, pretty please. Oh, you're going to the spa and massage centre with Gail. Who's Gail? Ah..... your new friend. Can you give me Beryl's number?
- 11.29pm** Hello Ken, Beryl's my last hope, can she play tomorrow? You buried her last week! I am so sorry.....bugger.....we'll have to forfeit.

