



# 2020 Annual Report (Feb 2019-Jan 2020)

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Katherine Tennis Club

# President's Report

Katherine Tennis Club's year runs from February to January. So, this 2020 report is actually from February 2019 to January 2020.



Although Katherine Tennis Club is a small volunteer-run club, 2019 was a year of growth for the Katherine Tennis Club. We had more members and players and were able to make a start at re-introducing a juniors program at the club with our Tuesday afternoon juniors 'community play' program. This was all possible thanks to having more volunteers putting their hand up to help out at the club. Huge thanks for the support and its great to see a little tennis community emerging in Katherine again.

We held another successful Katherine Open tournament over the May Day long weekend with around 100 players competing, including a couple from interstate! The tournament remains a popular event on the NT tennis calendar. Across 2019, some notable achievements arose from Katherine Tennis Club members travelling further afield. In particular, Michael Jazyschyn's posted some excellent tennis results in Darwin and I was lucky to be sent around the country as a tennis umpire.

In addition to the individuals and families who have supported and volunteered for the club, we also want to thank local businesses who sponsored the Katherine Open: Advanced Plumbing, NJ Homes, Katherine Solar and Katherine Sports & Family Chiropractic. Thanks also to the YMCA for support this year as well as the Katherine Town Council and Tennis NT – we wouldn't exist without these two crucial organisations. I also want to thank the outgoing president Sarah Hurley who kept the club going through some challenging times. Thank you from me and the rest of us who sat on the committee in 2019. We wouldn't be here without you!

Please read on for more details on the fun year we had and I look forward to more fun in 2020!

Greg Dickson,  
Club president.

# Juniors

Katherine Tennis Club had not had a juniors program running since 2017. With more volunteers this year, we were able to make a small start at re-introducing tennis for juniors.

In March 2019, we started off a Tuesday afternoon juniors practice session based on a program called 'Hotshots Community Play'. It encourages kids to get on court for activities, practice and matches, supported by volunteers.

We had some great helpers with this program who were able to keep it running throughout the year. Many thanks to Shannon Dohl, Michael Jazyschyn, Kylie Cowan, Shayne Cox, Michelle Lawrence, Susan Eiermann and Lisa Gaston for their time and effort.



With juniors activity starting up, we had more junior members joining the club in 2019. Over the year, 21 junior members from 14 different families became Katherine Tennis Club members.

Tuesday practice continued throughout the year, with around 8-15 kids participating each week. Many of them showed progress in their tennis throughout the year and had fun on court too.

Several of our junior members went on to play in the Katherine Open in May: Ellie Dohl, Yugan Kumarawadu, Eugene Bolton and three Jazyschyn brothers – Michael, Andrew and David. They all competed well against the top juniors from Darwin.

Of all Katherine Tennis Club's juniors, special mention goes to Michael Jazyschyn who went on to compete in a number of tournaments throughout the year. Read on to see a list of his achievements in 2019 (see page 7)



## Seniors

For adults, our main program in 2019 was Tuesday evening social tennis. Similar to juniors, 2019 was a year of growth for seniors compared to 2018.

Tuesday evening social ran consistently throughout the year, thanks to a rotation of super helpful volunteers. Greg Dickson, Kristy Stevenson, Darcy Lye, Nic Brindell, Evan Streater and Matt Stott all had a turn at overseeing Tuesday social throughout the year.

Numbers remain modest with around 6-16 players turning up each week. As with juniors, it was good to see a flow on to players entering the Katherine Open with five of our senior players entering the open and social events.

Two of our senior players also went on to play in the Darwin ITF seniors tournament in July.

One factor hampering building up our seniors numbers is a lack of coaching programs for adult beginners – at the moment the club does not really provide a pathway for adults to enter the sport. However, it was good to see that throughout the year, many individuals make use of our courts in their own time. Some take advantage of the open courts at the back of the club but throughout the year we also had a number of court hires from small groups keen to play tennis under lights.

# Committee and volunteers

As a volunteer-run community sports club, the Katherine Tennis Club wouldn't exist without its committee and volunteers. An overall goal of the Katherine Tennis Club is to work with Tennis NT to host a coach/manager at the club but the position is historically difficult to fill so the committee ensures the club can remain active in the times when we are required to be more self-reliant.

The committee carries out various tasks – organising the club's programs and tournaments, keeping track of finances, meeting every few months and liaising with bodies such as Tennis NT and Katherine Town Council. A big thank you to those who served on the committee this year, especially the outgoing committee members – in particular Sarah Jennings, Kristy Stevenson and Phil Jazyschyn who between them served on the club committee for many years

## **2019/2020 committee**

Sarah Jennings – President (outgoing May 2019)  
Phil Jazyschyn – Vice President (outgoing May 2019)  
Kristy Stevenson – Treasurer (left Katherine November 2019)  
Lewis Lampton – ordinary committee member  
Greg Dickson – President (incoming May 2019)  
Nic Brindell – Vice President (incoming May 2019)  
Darcy Lye – Secretary (incoming May 2019)

In addition to the committee, Katherine Tennis Club's volunteers are vital to the club being able to provide tennis for the Katherine community. We are greatly indebted to the following people for their time and efforts in supporting the club in various ways:

Shannon Dohl  
Michael Jazyschyn  
Shayne Cox  
Kylie Cowan  
Matt Stott  
Evan Streater  
Susan Eiermann  
Michelle Lawrence  
Lisa Gaston



# Our year in numbers

No annual report is complete without some numbers and statistics, so here's a sample:

	<b>2018</b> (as of 31/1/19)	<b>2019</b> (as of 31/1/20)	<b>2020</b> (in progress - as of July 25)
Members	25	<b>42</b>	37
Income	\$7,174.75	<b>\$10,867.95</b>	\$2,820.00
Profit/loss	-\$4,821.03	<b>\$2,284.49</b>	-\$1,313.07
People who entered the Katherine Open	117	<b>97</b>	postponed
People who like our Facebook page	363	<b>389</b>	429
Average juniors at Tuesday practice	Not held	<b>8-10</b>	8-10
Average juniors at Saturday Hotshots	Not held	<b>Not held</b>	10-12
Average seniors at social tennis	6	<b>8-10</b>	7

# Katherine Open

The highlight on the Katherine Tennis Club's calendar each year is the Katherine Open, held each year on the May Day long weekend.

The tournament is a national level tournament: junior events are part of the Junior Tour and the senior/open events are part of the Australian Money Tournament (AMT) series. The Katherine Open also includes social competitions, family doubles events and red, orange and green ball events for beginning junior players.

The Katherine Open attracts the strongest players from around the Territory, who enjoy the chance to compete for national ranking points and a share of the \$3,000 prizemoney pool.

The 2019 Katherine Open was another successful event, with a total of 97 players entering. Most players travel from Darwin but we also had a contingent from Alice Springs as well as two interstate players. Here is a selection of the final results:

- Open Men's Singles final: Brenton Bacon (WA) def Kenneth Prete 3-6 6-1 10-7
- Open Women's Singles final: Rosie Henderson def Keely Bishop 6-3 6-2
- 16s Boys Singles final: Nicolas Tremblay def Patrick Findlay 6-2 6-2
- 16s Girls Singles final: Keely Bishop def Eva Harris 7-5 6-2
- 12s Boys Singles final: Taj Cannard def Leo Campbell 6-4 6-0
- 12s Girls Singles final: Sofia Ferro def Zali Zweck 6-0 6-2
- Open Men's Doubles final: Brenton Bacon/Jarron Kretschmann (WA) def Peter Politis/Brandon Truong (NT/Qld) 6-2 6-1
- Open Women's Doubles final: Erin Bormann/Rosie Henderson def Eshaal Awais/Keely Bishop 6-3 6-2

Highlights from the Katherine Tennis Club entrants:

- Yugan Kumarawadu won the Orange Ball doubles with partner Hunter Cannard
- Eugene Bolton reached the QF of the 12s Boys Singles
- Andrew Jazyschyn made the consolation final of the 12s Boys Singles
- Michael Jazyschyn made the QF of the 16s Boys Singles and Round 2 of the Open Men's Singles



# Individual achievements

Although we are a small club, it is great to note local players achieving on the state, national and even international level. Some of our members' achievements include:

## National rankings

Three local players earned national ranking points and received Australian rankings:

- Michael Jazyschyn, Eugene Bolton and Andrew Jazyschyn

## Junior Tour - Michael Jazyschyn Highlights

2019 Top End Welding Gardens Open (Darwin)

- 16s singles QF, 14s doubles SF

2019 NT Junior Open (Darwin)

- 16s singles – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 16s doubles SF

2019 Gardens Junior Carnival (Darwin)

- 16s doubles – Winner, 16s singles – SF

## ITF Seniors - Darwin ITF Seniors (Grade 4)

- Lewis Lampton – competed in 45s singles and 35s doubles
- Greg Dickson- competed in 35s singles, 35s doubles and 35s mixed doubles

## Tennis Officiating – Greg Dickson highlights

- Line Umpire: 2019 Darwin International, 2020 ATP Cup/Brisbane International, 2020 Adelaide International, 2020 Australian Open
- Chair Umpire: 2019 Grasscourt Junior Nationals (Perth), 2019 December Showdown (Junior National Championships – Melbourne), 2019 Indigenous Tennis Carnival (Darwin)

## Other Awards and Achievements

- Michael Jazyschyn selected for NT squad at 15&U Queensland Junior Teams Carnival in Brisbane
- Michael Jazyschyn completed Community Coaching Course
- Greg Dickson selected for Tennis Australia 2019 Chair Umpire Pathway and 2019 Chair Umpire Academy
- Michael Jazyschyn received Katherine Tennis Club 2019 Volunteer of the Year award





# More pics!



Michael Jazyschyn representing NT at Queensland Junior Teams Carnival



Volunteers promoting the club at YMCA Come'n'try day



Lewis and Greg competing in Darwin Seniors ITF



Greg Dickson officiating at 14s National Championships in Melbourne



Lewis and Greg receive Michael Jazyschyn's volunteer of the year award at Tennis NT awards night. Also pictured: tennis pro Kimberley Birrell and Tennis NT's Erin Bormann