



2023 ANNUAL REPORT (FEB 2022 - JAN 2023)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(FEB 2022 TO JAN 2023)



2022 was a solid and consistent year for the Katherine Tennis Club. It's always great to see our club provide our community with a platform for tennis. With several dozen members and our courts used regularly, our volunteers and committee should be proud that they offer Katherine access to one of world's truly global sports.

Throughout 2022, our programs continued to run well. Our committee got stronger, we held another popular Katherine Open and we were able to make some improvements around the club including new flooring for the clubhouse.

We had plenty of juniors participating in Saturday Morning Hotshots coaching across three terms under the guidance of local coach Michael and myself. In the second half of 2022, I was lucky enough to benefit from an intensive "Junior Development Coaching" course delivered in Darwin which, upon completion, will turn me into a Tennis Australia-accredited junior coach – the first time Katherine has had such a coach in years.

We also continued to hold our local mini-comps, held at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3 for junior and senior players alike. Along with the Katherine Open, they provide our players with opportunities for competitive tennis and further skills development.

Although we are a small volunteer-run club, we also have a few players have a go at tennis on bigger stages. We had a good local contingent play alongside the Territory's best at the Katherine Open. Michael Jazyschyn and myself played Easter tournaments in Darwin and I was lucky to be selected as an official for tournaments around the country, travelling to Bendigo, Caloundra, Darwin, Adelaide and the Australian Open too.

Please read on for more details on 2022 at the Katherine Tennis Club. And thank you for all the support and good times on the courts and at the club!

Greg Dickson,
Club President

JUNIORS



Our juniors program continued with three terms of Saturday Morning Hotshots coaching, delivered by Michael and Greg. The program remained popular with around 25-28 kids signing up each term and the majority continuing to play tennis beyond each program with many juniors progressing and improving.

At the end of each term, we held mini-comp days to give juniors opportunities to play matches and put their skills into practice. We had Red, Orange and Green Ball events at the April and June mini-comps with lots of our juniors playing – you can find the winners listed later in the report.

The 2022 Katherine Open saw lots of top-quality juniors from Darwin travel down for the event and it was great to see some of our juniors play too. We even had some excellent results with Noah and Riley Trenholm finishing runner-up in the Division 2 Junior Doubles and Goldie Ganley winning the Orange Ball event. Goldie's effort and her rapid improvement throughout the year resulted in her winning the club's Junior Player of the Year award!

Another great development for our juniors was local coach Greg Dickson undertaking Tennis Australia's Junior Development Coaching course. Not only has the course improved Greg's tennis coaching skills and knowledge, it will result in Katherine having its first nationally-accredited tennis coach in years. On the downside, Michael Jazyschyn, who has been key to building up the club's junior program in the past 3-4 years, has now finished school and moved into full-time work and has much less time to spend at the club. A huge thank-you to Michael for all his amazing work!



SENIORS

For the club's senior players, Sunday Social each week is our main hit-out and get together. Numbers of around 10-15 remained steady throughout the year.

We complimented these regular social hits with our three mini-comps, offering more of a competitive tennis environment, as well as the Katherine Open which a lot of senior players participated in. We even scored a couple of trophies with Andrew Knox from Tindal winning the Social Singles and Karin Spain finishing runner-up in the Social Doubles (with Tracie Sanim from Darwin).

Late in the year, Tim and Greg held a 3-week series of Adult Beginner lessons which about 20 newbies benefitted from.

Michael Jazyschyn played two Easter tournaments in Darwin, winning matches against Darwin players in both events.

Lewis Lampton was named Senior Player of the Year for 2022 for great results at our local comps plus good performances interstate at the Brisbane GLTA tour event.

Each year, we also say goodbye to players we come to enjoy hitting with each week. It was particularly sad to see Kyle Booker and Ryle Cenabre move on from Katherine as well as other regulars like Matia, Emily, Marty and Matthew. Thanks for all the tennis!



2022 KATHERINE OPEN

The Katherine Open was again the biggest event for our club this year, held on the May Day long weekend. This year's edition attracted over 100 entries – mostly from Darwin – an increase on 2021 (although Covid knocked out a few players at the last minute!).

It was a huge 3-day weekend of competition for juniors and seniors of all levels and even included a \$3,000 prizemoney pool for the Open divisions. The Open division results were:

- Men's Open Singles Final – Ben McLachlan def. Hayden Litis
- Women's Open Singles Final – Eva Harris def. Amber Sharp
- Men's Open Doubles winners – Nathan Ingram and Ben McLachlan
- Women's Open Doubles winners – Amber Sharp and Ava Willoughby

Several Katherine Tennis Club members also did well:

- Goldie Ganley won the Orange Ball Singles
- Noah and Riley Trenholm were finalists in Division 2 Junior Doubles
- Noah Trenholm finished 3rd in Division 3 Junior Singles
- Karin Spain finished runner-up in Social Doubles

A big thank-you to the 2022 Katherine Open sponsors, Jo Hersey Member for Katherine and Katherine Physio. Thanks also to Sam Geiss from Tennis NT for managing the tournament and all the local volunteers who helped in the canteen and with the fundraiser dinner.



AROUND THE CLUB

This year saw some improvements to the club. Most substantial was a grant from the Community Benefit Fund to install new flooring throughout the clubhouse. This was a much-needed improvement. We owe huge thanks to the Community Benefit Fund as well as Katherine Town Council who stepped in to repair termite damage so that the work could be completed. Thank to you to our members too – we put \$2,000 of our club savings towards making this project a success too!



Thanks also to committee member Kyle Booker for salvaging some excellent second-hand outdoor seating for the club. This allows us to provide on-court seating on the four member-access courts as well as spare seating for spectators. Kyle also did a great job of fixing up our old signboard.



COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

Katherine Tennis Club doesn't exist without its committee and volunteers so we owe a huge thank you to all those who donate their time to sit on the club committee and to volunteer at various events.

Our club is governed by a local committee who meet every couple of months to keep things moving. A big thank you to those who served on the committee this year:

Greg Dickson – President (since 2019)
Tim Dowling – Vice President (since 2021)
Karin Spain – Treasurer (incoming in 2022 after being an ordinary committee member since 2020)
Emily Vink – Secretary (June to December 2022)
Elisabeth McKerracher – Secretary (incoming December 2022)
Rachel Ricciuti – ordinary committee member (incoming in 2022)
Leah Rowlands – ordinary committee members (incoming December 2022)
Ryle Cenabre – ordinary committee member (to December 2022)
Kyle Booker – ordinary committee member (since 2020)
Lewis Lampton – ordinary committee member (for numerous years)

Special recognition is due to Karin Spain for stepping up to take on the Treasurer role and doing a great job of it.

Thank you also to our outgoing committee members for their service: Ryle Cenabre who served on the committee from 2020 until leaving Katherine in December 2022, Jason Gapinski who served as Treasurer until the 2022 AGM, Emily Vink who served as Secretary from June 2022 until late 2022 and Matia David and Matthew Chung as outgoing committee members in 2022.

Volunteers played a big role in the club this year too – helping at the Katherine Open, helping clear out the clubhouse for the re-flooring and helping at our mini-comp days. Thank you for all your contributions!

Each year through Tennis NT, the club selects a **Clubperson of the Year** which is awarded at Tennis NT's awards night. The 2022 award went to Greg Dickson for his dedicated service to the club.





OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

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

	2019 (at 31/1/20)	2020 (at 31/1/21)	2021 (at 31/1/22)	2022 (at 31/1/22)	2023 (as of 15/6/2023)
Members	42	41	90	64	55
Income	\$10,867.95	\$10,,181.95	\$17,305.24	\$27,549.77	\$16,626.61
Profit/loss	\$2,284.49	\$1,398.11	\$11,289.14	\$536.53	\$12,660.94
People who entered the Katherine Open	97	Cancelled	89	101	104
People who like our Facebook page	389	523	~600	704	719
Instagram followers	-	-	~40	82	88
Average juniors at Saturday Hotshots	Not held	10-14	22	22	22
Average seniors at social tennis	8-10	10-12	16	10-12	10-12

CLUB MINI-COMPS

Our club mini-comps are a recent program that only started in September 2020. We now run them three times a year for Junior and Senior players, coinciding with the end of a term of Junior Hotshots coaching. They help create a positive, competitive club environment that allows our players to develop their skills further.

In 2022 we ran three successful local mini-comps:

- April 2022 mini-comp – 21 players
- June 2022 mini-comp – 25 players
- September 2022 mini-comp – 19 players.

Here are some of the winners!

	April mini-comp	June mini-comp	September mini-comp
Red Ball	Amelia Anstee	Amelia Anstee	--
Orange Ball	Goldie Ganley	Nathan Lalim	--
Orange Ball doubles		Liam O'Hare Goldie Ganley	--
Green Ball	David Jazyschyn	Harlon Fernando	--
Serious Singles	Greg Dickson	--	Lewis Lampton
Social Singles	--	Lewis Lampton	--
Social Doubles	Matia David Dan Forssman	--	Lewis Lampton Mikeh Vrontos



INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Although we are a small club, it is great to note local players achieving on the local, state, national and even international level. Here are some achievements of Katherine Tennis Club members in 2022:

Katherine Tennis Club 2022 Award Recipients

Junior Player of the Year – **Goldie Ganley**
Senior Player of the Year – **Lewis Lampton**
Sportsmanship Award – **Tim Dowling**
Most Improved Award – **Karin Spain**
Clubperson of the Year – **Greg Dickson**

Tournament results

Goldie Ganley – Katherine Open – Winner, Orange Ball
Noah Trenholm – Katherine Open – Runner-up, Division 2 Junior Doubles
Riley Trenholm – Katherine Open – Runner-up, Division 2 Junior Doubles
Kyle Booker – Katherine Open – Quarter-finalist, Mens Open Singles
Michael Jazyschyn – Gardens Classic – Quarter-finalist, Mens Open Singles
Greg Dickson - Gardens Classic – Quarter-finalist, Mens Open Singles
Greg Dickson – Hobart Out 2023 Tennis Tournament, A Grade Consolation Winner
Lewis Lampton – Hobart Out 2023 Tennis Tournament, B Grade Doubles Finalist

Other achievements

Officiating – **Greg Dickson**

Chair Umpire

- Bendigo W25 ProTour,
Caloundra W15/M15 ProTour,
Darwin J4 ITF,
Darwin W25/M25 ProTour

Line Umpire

- Adelaide International,
Playford Challenger (ATP80/ITF W60),
Darwin W25/M25 ProTour

Match Assistant

- Australian Open



PHOTO GALLERY



Doubles finalists at the 2022 Katherine Open



Michael Jazyschyn in action at the Gardens Classic in Darwin



Some of our Sunday Social regulars

PHOTO GALLERY



2022 Most Improved – Karin Spain



Lewis Lampton in January 2023 reaching the final of the B Grade doubles at the Hobart Out event



Red Ballers at Saturday Morning Hotshots

PHOTO GALLERY



Greg and Ryle in their doubles quarter-final at the 2022 Katherine Open



Green Ball group at Saturday Morning Hotshots



September mini-comp "serious" singles players