



Mt Beauty Tennis Club

March 2022

Newsletter

Welcome to the March Newsletter of the Mt Beauty Tennis Club.

Recently we have added a new member to our committee, Rob Cabion. Rob has been a member of the club for many years and is a past President. It's great to have Rob on the committee. He is very familiar with the history of our club and brings with him knowledge and experience of all matters relating to tennis. Rob Cabion can be contacted at cabion@bigpond.com

We have also welcomed several new members to the club who have joined over the summer months. As members of the club, you are entitled to use the courts whenever they are available. You are also encouraged to participate in the social tennis groups that operate at various times during the week.

This year we have three schools using the courts, the Mt Beauty Secondary College and the Mt Beauty and Tawonga Primary Schools. We hope this will introduce new players to the sport and encourage future club members.

An important date!

The Club Championships will be held on Friday the **1st April 2022**. All members of the club are encouraged to participate. This is a fun day – players of all abilities are welcome. For more information, see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The Defibrillator

Members are hopefully aware that the club has a defibrillator. This has been located inside the Clubhouse. However, particularly in times of Covid, the Clubhouse is often locked and inaccessible to players. The Club has now purchased a cabinet which will soon house the defibrillator on the outside wall of the Clubhouse, under the veranda. Many thanks to Geoff Hollow for organising this and to Rob (in advance) for attaching the cabinet to the wall.

Maintenance Issues

Before Christmas, Tuff Turf did a thorough maintenance of the courts - they cleaned the surfaces, refreshed the sand and groomed the courts. We also sought their advice on the lumps which have appeared on Courts 1 & 2. Unfortunately, these are most likely caused by a shift in the asphalt underneath the surface of the courts so we have yet to find an affordable solution to the problem. Despite this, the courts are playing quite well and have benefitted from the professional care offered by Tuff Turf.

Members may have noticed the grass growing in the spouts of the clubhouse. The Shire have not only removed all this debris and growth but have done a thorough clean of the roof, including the veranda. Thank you to the Shire for this work, it has made quite a difference to the appearance of the facility.

We are also consulting with the Shire over several other ongoing maintenance issues.

1. Drainage. In heavy rain, the courts often flood. The Shire has investigated the problem and is seeking a solution. We hope to hear from them soon.
2. Lighting. We have no working outside lights at present. The Shire has agreed to look at this.
3. The large tree in the venue. The debris from this tree is very damaging, particularly to Court 1. We have asked the Shire to prune the tree to make it more manageable. Again, we hope to hear back soon. Meanwhile, we have been promised more help in keeping the venue clear of leaves during the Autumn months.

The Club has purchased two new nets to replace those on Court 1 & 2. We expect to take delivery of these in mid-April.

A gentle reminder! Please lower the nets after play but not too much. One turn is sufficient, the nets should not be touching the ground.

We have had three incidents of broken net posts recently. Thank you to Ken Bell, Paul L'Huillier and the Men's Shed for ensuring these have been repaired. In particular, thanks to Reg Hollonds who opened up the Men's Shed on a Monday in order to have the post fixed for the Over 50's group on Tuesday morning and then fixed another post just two days later.

Ball Machine

The Club owns a ball machine which has been out of action for some time. However, thanks to Rob Cabion, it is now in working order. If anyone wants to use this machine, please contact Rob on 0437 536 627 .

For safety reasons, users will need proper instructions on its use.

Coaching

Coaching has commenced for 2022. This is provided by our professional and experienced coach Geoff Hollow on Tuesdays and Thursdays. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information.

Around The Courts

The Over 50's group continues to play every Tuesday and Friday morning, weather permitting. The start time is now 8:30 am. Our numbers are quite healthy at present but we always welcome new players.

Last December we celebrated the end of year with a wonderful lunch at the Neighbourhood Centre. We used the occasion to present our annual awards. Congratulations to our very worthy winners.

Player of the Year: Andrew Robertson

Andrew is recognised for his work around the club and his development of our new website.

Nick Kyrgios Award: Paul L'Huillier

Paul brings energy and enthusiasm to our Over 50's group every time he plays.

Nice Person Award: Rob Cabion

Rob could hit us off the court – but doesn't. We appreciate his level of play and his sportsmanship.



Rob, Paul and Andrew with their awards.

The Thursday Morning Ladies Group also continues to play every week. This small but enthusiastic group also welcomes new members. Just turn up around 9:00 am on a Thursday morning and you will be made to feel at home.

Wednesday Night Mixed

Competition has recommenced after a lengthy break. There are five teams of 4 players, equating to 20 regular players and another 12 listed as fill-in players on the draw. One team has a bye each week creating another 4 fill-in players each week. After two rounds we have found the hitting very enjoyable and the matches fairly even. There is a great mix of ages and abilities.

Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association competition

All three Mount Beauty teams are playing some really good tennis with two remaining rounds of competition. All our players are fair, encouraging and supportive of others and proud to represent our club in our club shirts.

The Section 4 Team are going from strength to strength, currently sitting in 3rd position on the ladder. This team mainly consists of first year competition players who are gaining a better understanding of match play and building their confidence each week. They were compelled to forfeit a match in the holidays due to a lack of available players.

The Section 2 Team were sitting in last position on the ladder after Round 9 but have climbed up to 6th position after Round 12 with 3 consecutive wins. They have shown amazing sportsmanship; all their hard work and determination is beginning to pay off.

The Section 1 Team have moved around in the top three positions for most of the competition. There have been many tough matches with some narrow wins and some recent significant losses. They continue to grow as a team, always willing to improve and encourage each other.

Finals commence on March 19th.

We are planning to host a celebration BBQ at the clubhouse at the completion of play on March 5th as both Section 1 and 2 have a home game. All are welcome to attend.

The following information has been provided by Paul L'Huillier

There is a Mount Beauty Tennis Club Facebook Page that keeps players up to date with results, ladder, who is playing this week and other news.

As a club member, you might be interested in following the Facebook Page to see how the club is performing.

The Facebook Page is called - Mount Beauty tennis section 1&2 peeps. It's a private group so do a search and ask to join and the Administrator should say it's OK.

Thanks Paul.

Please note: if you would like to support our club, the code at the supermarket is 1031

**Mount Beauty Tennis Club Inc
2022**



**Junior and Senior
Club**



Championships

Round Robin Singles

Friday 1st April



Girls/boys- 10&u, 12&u, 15&u, 19&u (3.45-6.30pm)



Open Mens & Womens (7 – 10 pm)



Fruit, & BBQ supplied

ENTRY FEE - \$5/ player

ENTER by placing your name on the list at the clubhouse or to

Andrea Moorman: 0459780079

ENTRIES CLOSE: Tuesday 29th March.

NOTE: ALL PLAYERS MUST BE CURRENT FINANCIAL CLUB MEMBERS



Junior Tennis Coaching is back!

- **Group lessons after school**
- **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons**
- **Available for Years 1 to 8**

**For bookings call or text Geoff Hollow on
0418 269 249**