Mt Beauty Tennis Club November 2022 Newsletter

We hope you enjoy the November edition of the Mt Beauty Tennis Club newsletter.

To keep up with all that is happening in our club, you can also access the NEWS section of our website by following the link <u>Mount Beauty Tennis Club News</u>.

We are always looking for people to join our committee. We are a small but enthusiastic group who welcome people with a love of tennis and fresh ideas. We are also seeking a member to represent our Club at the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association. This association organises a district competition for both juniors and seniors from October through to March.

The duties of this position are to:

- Liaise with the association committee and provide feedback to and from the Mt Beauty Tennis Club,
- Provide feedback on the rosters drawn up each year for the competition,
- Attend the pre-AGM and AGM meetings, once per year, around September October
- Attend the special association meetings with the Tennis Club and provide feedback from those meeting from the tennis club to the association,
- Be involved with the selection committee meetings for the tennis club, normally around 3-4 meeting per year in Sept / Oct.

The busiest time is around September to October; the remainder of the year is fairly quiet. Anyone prepared to take on this role will receive assistance from other members of the club.

This position has become vacant on the resignation of Andrea Moorman. Andrea has been our representative for many years and has done a wonderful job, including assuming the role of secretary of the association for several years. Thankyou Andrea for your dedication to the KTDTA and our Club – we really appreciate your many hours of hard work.

It has been a very busy few months for our Club. On October 2nd the Club held a fun day for primary school students and their families. Approximately 80 people attended the afternoon. The day was packed with fun activities and great prizes. Thanks to the Australian Tennis Foundation (ATF) for sponsoring the event, to our coach Geoff and his assistants Hannah and Callum who did an amazing job in running the activities and to all the committee and other helpers who worked hard to ensure the day was a great success. To read more and see some photos, please check out our website by following this link <u>School Family Fun Day</u>.

On the 20th November we held an Open Day at the Club - another very well-attended event. The weather was not as kind to us on this day but, amazingly, we got through the day with adults and kids alike enjoying both the activities and the BBQ. The event was once again sponsored by the ATF which provided us with free ground passes to the 2023 Australian Open and some Rebel Sports and local shopping vouchers. Thanks again to Geoff and his helper Emily for organizing the activities. Thanks also to all the committee, Paul L'Huillier, Nola and Hugh Skey, Ian Harrowfield and, in particular, Rob Cabion who was the prime mover in getting this day off the ground. Visit our website for more information and photos of the day. <u>Open Day</u>

The Club is organising a Christmas break-up on Sunday the 19th December. We are still in the planning stage and will send out the details in a separate email later this week.

Exciting Coaching News

In 2023 Geoff will be doubling his coaching time at our club by coaching Monday to Thursday each week. There will be more coaching & training opportunities for both juniors and seniors.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Private lessons & shared private lessons during the day.
- Junior's group coaching afternoon/evenings

Wednesdays

- Ladies Fun & Fitness Coaching Group daytime (time to be announced Feb 2023)
- Private lessons & shared private lessons during the day.
- Junior Players Training Squad after school.
- Teenagers Fun & Fitness Coaching Group after school.

2023 Coaching Bookings OPEN NOW

Inquiries & Bookings

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Around the Courts

Over 50's

This group meets every Tuesday and Friday morning, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am. New players are most welcome. Just turn up at the appropriate time. A reminder to players in this group that ball fees are now due.



Thursday Ladies

This small but enthusiastic group plays at 9:00 am every Thursday morning. This very friendly group is always looking for new members – you are guaranteed to be made very welcome.



Note our latest prospective member!

Wednesday Evening Mixed Competition

The Wednesday night Spring competition currently has 6 teams of four players with 12 players listed as fillin players. The weather has not been favourable for Wednesday evenings with 4 out of 6 matches being cancelled due to wet courts. We have welcomed a few new players (Tom, Pip and Heika) and have a few returning after a break (Bron, Paul and Mary-Anne). The matches played so far have been quite even and very enjoyable. The last round will occur on December 14th and will conclude with an end of competition party.

Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association

This season, the Mt Beauty tennis Club has entered one team in Section 1, two in Section 2 and one Junior Section 4 team. This year the Mt beauty tennis club will be hosting the competition finals on the 4th March 2023. Juniors start at 10:00 am, seniors at 1:00 pm followed by a BBQ and drinks. Please come along and support our Club.

Section 1

The team consists of 7 players: Rob Cabion, Jason Gentile, Andrea Moorman, Georgia Moorman, Wayne Williams, Cambell Moorman, Claire Lucas-Gear, Lisa Bowring and Mish Forrer. The format for Section 1 sees each player playing 3 sets of first to 8 games, 3 ladies doubles and 3 men's doubles and 3 mixed doubles, so 9 sets all up.

So far, the Section 1 team has had 7 rounds, with 4 wins, 2 draws due to wet weather and a bye. The team is currently sitting at the top of the 7-team ladder, mostly due to some great hitting and a little due to some luck going our way. The team has two away games (Allan's Flat and Granya) and one home match (Talgarno) and another bye before the Christmas holiday break.

Section 2

Mountains Team

Who says you can't play tennis in the rain?

Three of our matches this season have been played in 'challenging' conditions, making for some very interesting tennis. After 4 away games in a row, it was great to play at home last weekend, with 2 more to follow. How we have missed playing at home!

I'm certain that our future is bright, watch out for the Mount Beauty Mountains!

Valleys Team

The Valleys team has had a mixed start to the season with some wins, some losses, a washout, and a bye. We currently sit about midway on the ladder. Our team has experienced a shortage (in numbers, not height) of the females allocated to our team, due to health and other commitments, but have been fortunate to enlist some very handy fill-in players. It's great to see a mix of established and new members enjoying competitive tennis in a very social setting.

Just some of our Section 1 & 2 players in their Mt Beauty Tennis Club uniforms.



Our Section 2 players from the Mountains and Valleys team.



Juniors

Mount Beauty Tennis Club has entered one team in Section 4 team in the KTDTA competition again this year.

The team consists of 4 players, with a total of 6 sets being played for the match. Each person plays a set with each of their team mates (3 sets each). Play starts at 9am and generally finishes around 11am each Saturday. There are both home and away matches with morning tea afterwards.

It is great to see the improvement of our juniors' skills, team work and understanding of the rules of the game whilst having **<u>FUN</u>** playing tennis.

We have five very enthusiastic and dedicated regular rostered players in the team namely Emily, Grace, Jamie, Luke & Riley, with both Hamish and Zelk being excellent reserve players and keen to play more games when they can.

The team is off to a great start this year, having won all of their matches played so far, with only 1 washout round. They are in second position on the ladder with 61 points, closely chasing Yack Royal Blue who are in first position on 64 points. Allan's Flat is in third position with a total of 37 points.

If your child is interested in filling in for our Section 4 team this year or you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Claire Lucas-Gear on 0414 882 376 or email the club at <u>mtbeautytennis@gmail.com</u>.

A Few Reminders

- As members are aware, our courts are now locked and can be booked via our website. Members can still play for free whenever a court is available. Instructions for using the Igloo lock are on the access gate or can be found on the website. <u>Igloo Lock</u>
- Anyone playing in an organized tennis activity must be a member of the Club. If not, they will be ineligible for finals. Membership provides insurance cover. Membership can be renewed on-line by following the link <u>Membership</u>
- Need a restring? The Club offers this service, check out the website <u>Restringing Service</u>
- Court etiquette is important. By following simple guidelines and showing respect to all players, time on the court is enjoyable and a good time can be had by all. Please familiarise yourself with the Club's expectations by referring to our website <u>Court Etiquette</u>
- Net Adjustment. These guidelines and photos shown below are designed to prevent net wear and tear and net post breakage.

From time to time, the net posts have broken at their weld joints. This can be caused by over tensioning the nets or leaning on the nets. This is problematic with the amount of tennis the club plays and requires immediate action for repair.

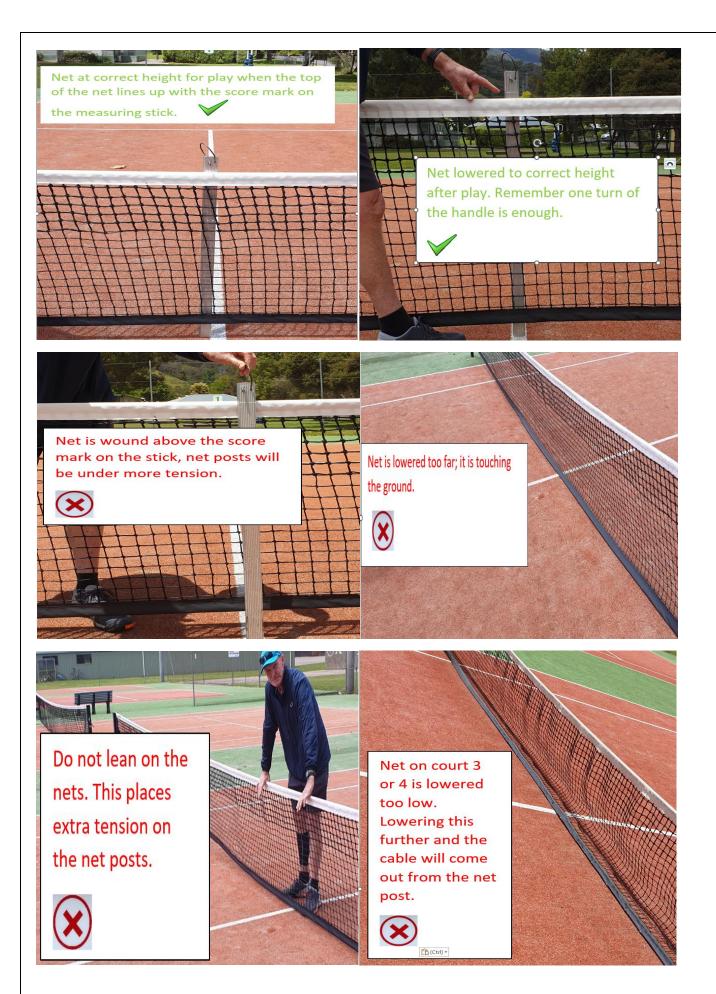
When play is completed, the nets must be lowered to relieve the tension on the net posts. This is easily achieved by winding the net winder handle by one turn to lower the net.

If the nets are lowered to where they touch the court the bottom of the nets will wear due to movement with the wind. Nets cost \$260.00 each to replace, not cheap.

With courts 3 and 4 if you lower the nets too far, that is the nets are laying on the ground, the net wire will completely come out from the post and will require someone from the club to reinstall.

We all want to enjoy the use of the courts. If you could please follow these few simple guidelines, we can minimise the damage to our equipment.

Refer to our website <u>Net Adjustment</u>



Merry Christmas to all!