



Welcome to the **August 2023 edition** of **Down the Line**. Contributions from members are always welcome. Just contact any member of the committee.

Club Website

Further development of this has occurred over winter. If you wish to know anything about the club you will find the information there. Tell potential members about it. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view.

2022/23 Committee

Executive

- President: *Gill Harrowfield*
- V President: *Michelle Forrer*
- Secretary: *Paul L'Huillier*
- Treasurer: *Claire Lucas-Gear*

Ordinary Members

- *Ivan Mock*
- *Andrew Robertson*
- *Vacant position*
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- **Editor** – Gill Harrowfield

Some Important Dates

- **Club AGM: 12th September 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Senior Citizens.**
- **Wednesday Mixed Competition: Sign-up night 4th Oct. at 7:00 pm.**
- **Coaching: Commences first week of Term 4.**
- **KTDT Association Pennant Competition: Starts Sat. 7th October.**
- **KTDTA – AGM Tuesday 11th September**

Vale Rob Cabion



Sadly, Rob Cabion passed away on the 29th May this year. Rob will be remembered as a wonderful tennis player who was passionate about promoting the game within our community and beyond.

Rob worked tirelessly for our Club, as a former president, a committee member and a player.

It was always a joy to watch Rob play. On the court, he was always supportive of his fellow players, whatever their ability level - encouraging them and offering advice when asked.

His team mates in Mt Beauty and Albury will miss him greatly. In recognition of Rob's contribution to our club, he has been awarded life membership posthumously.

Rob Cabion – Citation (to be presented posthumous at the AGM)

1. Rob served as Mount Beauty Club President from 2009/10 to 2013/14 (4 years), only resigning when moving to Melbourne for work.
2. On his return to the Mount Beauty area, Rob served as a committee member from 2022 to 2023.
3. He liaised with Tennis Victoria to develop the club website using ClubSpark and linked this to our membership and court hire system.
4. Rob instigated and installed the Igloo lock court booking system.
5. In 2022 Rob obtained a AGL Community Grant to purchase three trestle tables.
6. Rob contributed to the lighting upgrade proposal and secured support from Tennis Australia.
7. Rob drafted the 2023 Business Plan.
8. Rob had amazing tennis knowledge. He was generous with his time, helping and advising the Section 1 K&TDTA team and encouraging other groups within the club.
9. Rob supported club competitions as an organiser and participant.
10. Rob initiated the purchase of the Ball Machine in 2011. In 2021, after finding that it was not being used, returned it to working order.
11. He contributed significantly to court maintenance in 2021/22.
12. Rob played a large part in the organisation of the club's Open Day in 2022.

Nominated by: Michelle Forrer

Seconded by: Paul L'Huillier

Life Membership

To nominate a member for Life Membership, please refer to the club website to check out the criteria. **Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view.**

Annual General Meeting

This will be held at the **Senior Citizens Tawonga Cres Mt Beauty at 7:30 pm** on **Tuesday 12th September** 2023. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Please consider standing for the committee. We really need more members and fresh faces on the committee. If you would like more information on what the job involves, just contact any present committee member.

A **nomination form** can be found at the end of this newsletter and as a **Word doc** download [\[HERE\]](#).

Membership Renewal — After the AGM when membership fees are set, you will need to logon to the website to renew your membership (year is 1/10/23 to 30/9/24).

Make sure you use the **same login as last year** i.e. Facebook, Google or your own entered email address and password. **Note** – If you change your login method you will not get access.

Although we are coming out of winter when many people take a break from tennis, there has been plenty of activity around the club.

Court Maintenance

- 1. That tree & its leaves** — Autumn is a bad time for our tennis courts. Fortunately, this year, the Alpine Shire assisted us with clearing the leaves on two occasions. However, we also need to keep on top of it ourselves. We now have a green bin which should assist us in keeping the courts clear of leaves.



Alpine Shire on the job - thank you!



Andrew Robertson - part of the clean-up crew

2. Court Spraying for moss, mould & algae

Members may have noticed that moss seems to overtake the courts during the winter months which can make playing unsafe. Thanks to *Bob Flower* (pictured on the Ride-On), *Peter Doonan* and *Paul L'Huillier* for spraying all 4 courts – the moss should soon die off!



*Bob Flower spraying the courts to kill moss, mould & algae.
Peter Donnan & Paul L'Huillier also assisted.*

3. **Court renovation** — The club schedules its tennis court maintenance every two years to keep its four synthetic grass courts in good condition. **The contractor will be on our courts on Monday 25th September doing this work:**

- Clean-up of fence line, removal of debris;
- Infill, filter and grooming treatment with Turf Soft TS2 machine (removes contaminants);
- Sand top up around baseline;
- Heavy machine broom grooming for quality finish (lifting the grass pile). *Your membership fees at work.*



New Signage & Noticeboard

After months of discussion and many changes of mind, we finally have our new sign and noticeboard. A very big thankyou to the Men's Shed for their assistance.



*New welcoming sign on the clubhouse.
Installed with thanks to the Men's Shed.*



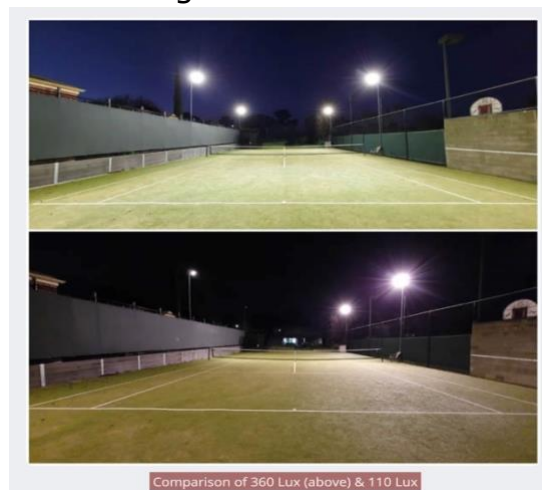
*Men's Shed member Warwick Mitchell
installing the new noticeboard*

Lighting Upgrade Project

The club is planning to replace the eight (8) old Metal Halides lights that have been operating since 1990 with eight (8) new 1000W 3 phase LED lights.

The process has involved sourcing the funds to get this done. The quoted cost is ~\$46,000.00. This has been happening over the last 18 months with an Alpine Shire Budget submission and an application to Tennis Australia through their Bushfire Community Development Fund (BCDF).

We have been successful with sourcing \$20,000.00 from the BCDF and the Shire is still considering its position.



When this project is completed *playing at night will be like playing in daylight.*

Around the Courts

1. Wednesday Night Competition

2023 Autumn Competition Results

- **1st - Team #1** — Jason Gentile, Justin Bicknell, Heike Fleckenstein, Ella Gould (58 points)
- **2nd - Team \$5** — Paul Mock, Andy Shuttleworth, Juliette Oddoux, Zelk Shuttleworth (53 points)
- **Equal 3rd - Team #3** — Claire Lucas-Gear's team AND **Team #6** — Paul Gray's Team (46 points)



*Winners —Team #1 - from left:
Jason Gentile, Justin Bicknell & Heike
Fleckenstein
(absent Ella Gould)*



*Runners-up — Team #5 - Juliette
Oddoux & Paul Mock (absent Andy
& Zelk Shuttleworth)*

Thank you to **Michelle Forrer** who has been organising this Wed. Night Comp. forever.

The 2023 Spring Wednesday Night Competition

This will start with a social sign-up night on **Wednesday 4th October** starting at **6:45 pm** with the competition starting the next **Wednesday 11th October** starting at 6:45 pm.

Anyone unable to attend the sign-up night, please email your name to **Jase Gentile** at scope_21@hotmail.com by Thursday 5th October. Organisers will seed players (1,2,3 or 4) and place them in a mixed team of four.

2. Over 50's

This social group meets every Tuesday and Friday, starting at 9:00 am. New players welcome- just turn up on the day. It's great social morning.

3. Thursday Ladies

This small group of very friendly ladies meet at 9:00 am every Thursday morning. You are welcome to join them! If interested please contact the coordinator — *Leonie Prime* email leoniemprime@gmail.com

4. Kiewa & Talgarno District Tennis Association Pennant Competition

This inter-town competition starts in October and continues throughout the Summer months. 2023/24 seasons starts on Sat 7th October. Sections 1 & 2 (Seniors) play Saturday afternoon, Sections 3 & 4 (Juniors) play on Saturday morning.

Teams need to be identified by the AGM which is on Tuesday 11th September i.e. we need to indicate what section teams we will enter. Last year we had one Section 1 and two Section 2 teams. What we enter depends on how many players are keen to participate and commit. Three men and three women make up a team each week. We would like to have at least five men and five women on a roster for each team which allows for those times when you cannot play for a particular reason. Sometimes five is not enough to call on so we need players to go on the 'fill-in' list.

If you would like to register for the senior competition as a rostered player or a fill-in, please contact *Paul L'Huillier* at paulhuillier@bigpond.com prior to the AGM on Tuesday 11th September so we know we have teams.

Junior Teams. They need to be identified as above by the AGM. Please indicate to *Claire Lucas-Gear* if your child might be interested in playing in Section 3 or 4.

Also, *Claire Lucas-Gear* has been doing a wonderful job in organising the junior teams but it is time for her to have a break. If you can help, please contact Claire at clairelg@hotmail.com.

Coaching

The club is very fortunate to have the services of **Adam Fleming** – a professional and experienced coach. Adam is offering group and private lessons, commencing in the first week of Term 4 — Friday 6th October. **Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view.**

Due to the large number of applications, registrations are now closed for Term 4 though there is a waiting list.

A **flyer** with more detailed information is attached to the end of this newsletter.

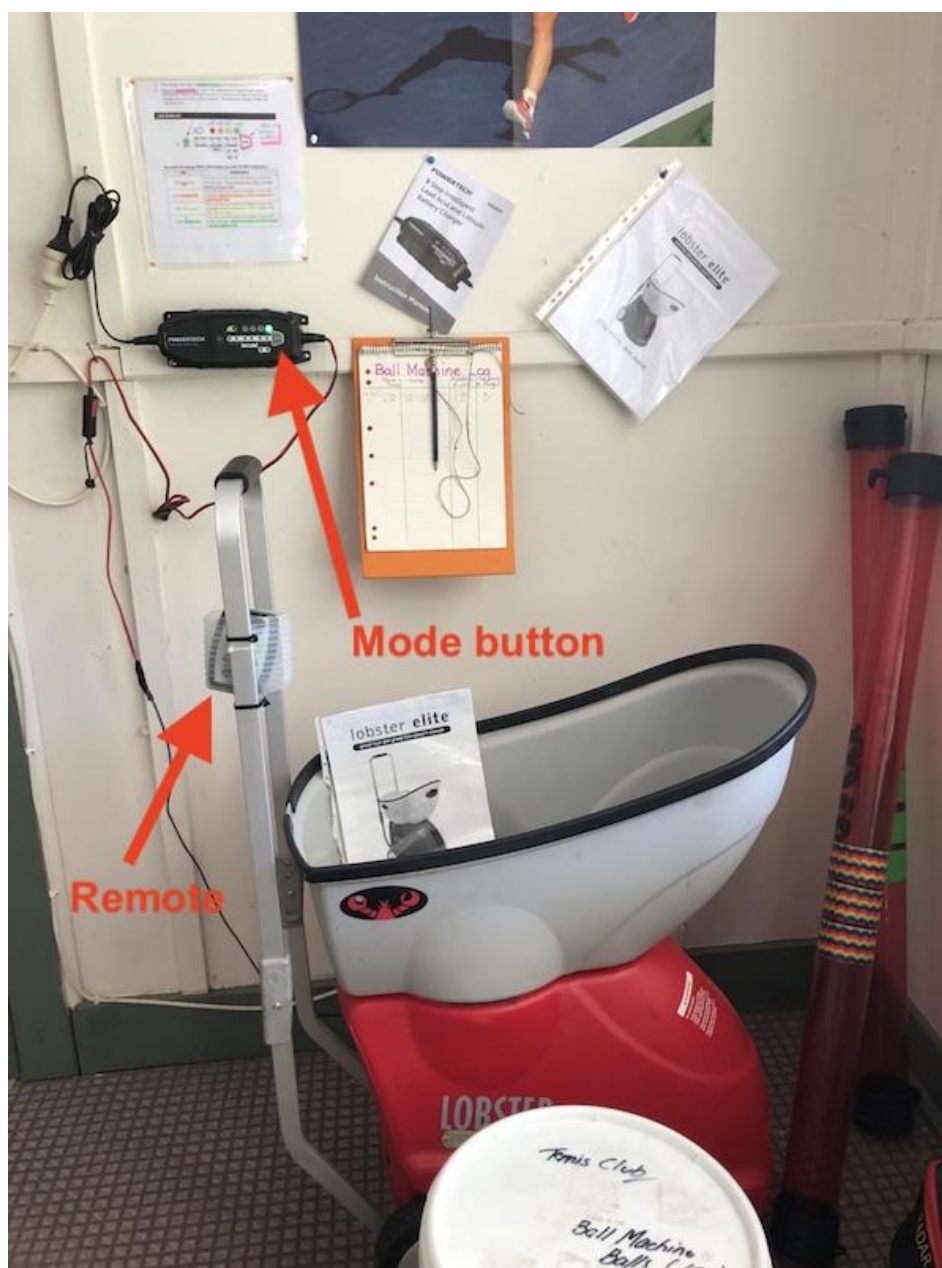
Hot Shots

This programme will be offered to children 5 – 12 years, commencing a few weeks into Term 4. We currently have two members, *Claire Lucas-Gear* and *Alison Kennet*, undergoing the training required to run this programme. It will involve 45 minutes of tennis activities, designed to improve skills and have fun.

The programme is still in the development stage so we will let you know further details at a later date.

All about Balls

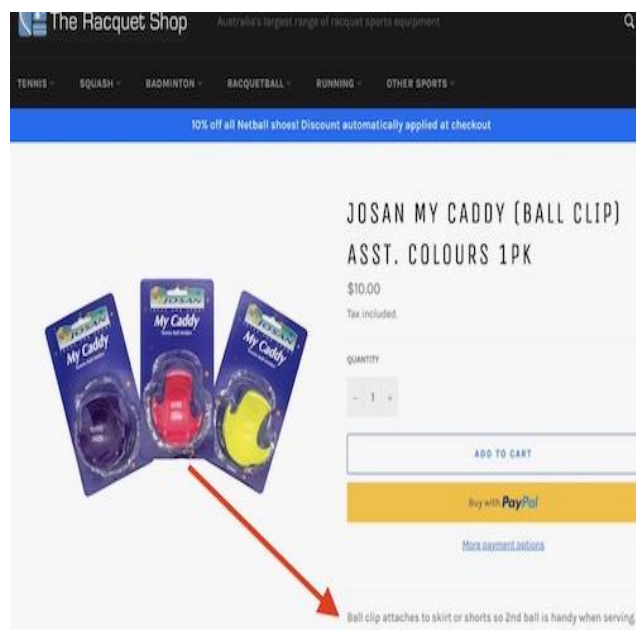
1. **Ball Machine** — This was out of operation for some time but now has a new *12v Lithium battery* and state of the art *intelligent charger* and is operating again. Please plug in the battery charger (plug is located lower left on the machine) when you have finished and press the **MODE button** on the charger. Please fill in the **LOG Sheet**. You need to use the special '*pressure-less*' balls with the machine. It also has a **REMOTE unit** which is located in a plastic holder on the handle. There are *instructions* with the machine. Please read to learn how to operate it.



2. **Donation of old balls to local schools** — What do you do with old balls? The club donated 50 balls each to Mt Beauty PS, Tawonga PS, Falls Creek PS, Dederang PS and Mt Beauty SC.



3. **Ball Clip Holder** – A useful accessory if you don't have a pocket or other location to place the second ball prior to serving. *Some juniors in particular place the ball on the ground - this is a dangerous practice as a person can stand on the ball and get injured.* A clip is the solution which attaches to the persons shorts or dress waist band at the back.



To purchase, search for Ball Clip on the Net or The Racquet Shop has them.

Door Code & Access to Venue information – A Reminder!

As previously mentioned in the last newsletter, the clubhouse can now be used by any member of the Club, whenever they are using the courts.

The code to the lock on the door of the clubhouse will be emailed to members as they join for 2023/24. Note — if you input the wrong code press **C** to clear then re-enter the correct code. For security reasons, please do not give the code to anyone else. If non-members start accessing the clubhouse, we will need to change the code.

Use of the venue is subject to the following conditions.

Access to the Venue

1. Access to the Clubhouse by members

Members have access to the door code and are permitted to use the clubhouse **amenities** (kitchen, refrigerator, hot water, tea/coffee etc), **facilities** (toilets) and **equipment** (ball machine, radar gun, old balls and spare racquets). Members are required to leave the clubroom in a tidy state.

2. Access to the tennis courts

This will only be permitted for the court, date and time specified within your booking confirmation. You will be provided with a PIN that will enable access to the court via the main gate entrance at the date and time specified within your booking confirmation. You must enter the PIN on the pin pad located at the main gate entrance. Once you enter your PIN, the pin pad will light green and the gate can then be opened. Your PIN will be active for 10 minutes prior to your booking time and expire 10 minutes after your booking time. If the main gate entrance is already open or unlocked, you must still enter your PIN prior to entering the facility.



The Clubhouse – what a great facility

A Message from Tennis Victoria

Tennis Victoria – Who are we?



Tennis Victoria is the State Sporting Organisation for Tennis in Victoria and a Member Association of Tennis Australia. It represents over 800 affiliate clubs, centres, associations, regions, and their members throughout Victoria. With 1.5M Australians playing tennis, Tennis Victoria, and its staff of 50 people, play an integral part in managing strategic relationships in Victoria across the State Government, Local Government, Education Sector, and private entities.

It is an exciting time for tennis in Victoria, and we have ambitious plans to grow the game from grassroots through to high performance. We are transforming how we deliver tennis through our 2021-2024 Strategy, and our Purpose is to "create safe, inclusive and thriving Victorian tennis communities, enabling more people to play more often."

Learn Tennis

Tennis Victoria has a great website that has information about everything tennis.



Click [\[HERE\]](#) to check out all it has to offer

Tennis Analytics

Error Placement ATP	Serve	Return	Serve+1	Return+1	Rally 5+	Average
Long	47%	37%	34%	33%	34%	37%
Wide	7%	19%	22%	23%	22%	19%
Net	46%	39%	43%	42%	42%	42%
No Placement	n/a	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%

Interesting – 42% of errors occur hitting the net.
1st serve errors- 47% hit long / 46% hit the net.

Instructional Videos (2 min each)

1. [Novak Djokovic](#) (Two handed backhand)

2. [Novak Djokovic](#) (Forehand)

Term 4 Junior Tennis Coaching
Mount Beauty Tennis Club and Bright Tennis Club
Coach: Adam Fleming - Tennis Australia Club Professional
Email: alpinevolleytennis@gmail.com

MONDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<p>Group Lesson <u>Bright TC.</u> 3:45-4:30 (6-10yrs) 30/45/60min lessons</p> <p>Proposed Junior Dev. Squad/Match Play - TBC <u>Bright TC.</u> 4:30-5:45</p>	<p>Private Lessons Bright TC. 1:00-3:30pm 30/45/60min lessons</p> <p>Group Lessons <u>Bright TC.</u> 3:45-4:30 (6-8yrs) 4:30-5:15 (8-12yrs) 5:15-6:00 (8-12yrs) 6:00-6:45 (12-18yrs)</p>	<p>Private Lessons Mount Beauty TC. 1:00-3:30pm 30/45/60min lessons</p> <p>Group Lessons <u>Mount Beauty TC.</u> 3:45-4:30 (6-8yrs) 4:30-5:15 (8-12yrs) 5:15-6:00 (8-12yrs) 6:00-6:45 (12-18yrs)</p>

Group Coaching

- Private/Semi-Private Lessons
- Junior Development Squad
- School Holiday Coaching Clinic
- End of Term Junior Tournament

If you would like more details, please contact Adam at alpinevolleytennis@gmail.com and he will add you to the email list.

Profile — Adam is a highly experienced coach and qualified health professional (B. Pharmacy), with over 25 years of tennis coaching experience across a wide range of settings. He was a Number 1 ranked Victorian junior, Top 10 nationally ranked junior player, and Victorian State Grade Pennant and Premier League player. He enjoys coaching tennis players of all abilities, from junior participation and talent development programs to emerging and high-performance level players.

Registrations are now closed for 2023

There is a waiting list



MT BEAUTY TENNIS CLUB
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM
2023-2024

Name of Nominee: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominated by: Name: _____ Signature: _____

Seconded by: Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please indicate which position(s) you are prepared to fill.

President

Vice – President

Secretary

Treasurer

General Committee

Please note: all committee members are expected to comply with the Membership Protection Policy developed by Tennis Australia and must obtain a Working with Children check.

Please return this form via email
mtbeautytennis@gmail.com or to any member of the committee prior to the AGM.

MT BEAUTY TENNIS CLUB

AGM PROXY FORM 2023

I, _____, as a member of the Mt Beauty Tennis Club, nominate the following person as my proxy at the Annual General Meeting of the Mt Beauty Tennis Club on the September 12th 2023.

a) _____

Please note: A proxy must be a member of the Mt Beauty Tennis Club

Signature of Proxy _____ OR

b) the President of the Mt Beauty Tennis Club

In doing so, I agree that he/she can vote on my behalf on all matters which are proposed at this meeting.

Signature of Member _____

This form should be submitted to any member of the Committee prior or at the AGM.