

Mt Beauty Tennis Club Newsletter Po Box 335, Mt Beauty 3699 March 2021

Welcome to the March edition of The Mt Beauty Tennis Club. Contributions from our members and the Community are most welcome. Please contact Gill Harrowfield email: <u>jharrowf@bigpond.com</u> if you have an article for inclusion in future newsletters.

After a very disruptive 2020, the Mt Beauty Tennis Club is now fully operational and looking forward to a wonderful 2021. However, please remember to continue to follow covid-safe practices by using hand sanitiser and by recording contact details whenever entering the venue. This can be done by using the book provided or the QR code placed outside the entrance to the clubhouse.

We now have over 80 members of the club but we would love to have more. Please encourage family and friends to join our club. Membership fees are very reasonable, the courts are always open, there are plenty of opportunities for social play and coaching is available for those interested. Our membership officer is Linda Carter. She can be contacted at <a href="https://www.lcgeelong@bigpond.com">lcgeelong@bigpond.com</a>.

The courts are in good condition but, as Autumn is now upon us, we will need to ensure they are kept free of debris and leaves from the beautiful but very large tree which grows within the venue. It is likely that we will need to have working bees over the next few months, so please stay tuned for further information.

The competition of the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association has just finished, with the Mt Beauty Tennis Club completing a very successful season. Congratulations to all players. A big thank you to Andrea Moorman, who has been the club's representative on the association and is responsible for Mt Beauty's participation in this competition. Thanks also to Michelle Forrer who has assisted Andrea in organising the teams. You can read Michelle's report on the next page.

The Alpine Shire has sent us the following information.

Alpine Shire Council is currently developing a 10-year Sport and Active Recreation Strategy to help guide Council's investment in facilities, programs, services and club / organisational support. Communityvibe has been contracted to work in partnership with the Shire to develop this strategy. We want to hear from you about your club / organisation – who your members are, what you do, what your plans for the future are and some of the challenges that you may be facing. This will help us to best focus our resources. There are several ways you can be involved in the strategy:

 Complete a community survey and tell us about the physical activities that you currently do and what you would like to do by 31 March: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpinesportandrec

• Visit our **online engagement** site: <u>https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/council/major-projects/current-projects/alpine-active-sport-and-recreation-plan</u> by 31 March where they can:

- Place an idea on our **ideas wall**
- Show us on a **map of** areas that you think need to be improved, and show us where you currently walk and cycle
- Register for a **community workshop** or learn about listening posts that will be held in the Shire on 22 and 23 March.

The Club will also submit a response.

The Tennis Club has also been contacted by Adecco who are responsible for conducting the Australian Census. They are looking to recruit people to distribute and collect Census papers. This is a short-term job opportunity, starting in May 2021. If interested contact Adecco on censusjobs.adecco.com.au

## Coaching

Coaching is available from our professional coach, Geoff Hollow. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details. Geoff continues to collect old tennis balls which he sends to the Northern Territory. Thanks Geoff.

### From Around the Courts

### Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association

The Mount Beauty Tennis Club fielded three teams in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association competition over the summer period. The Section 2 and 3 Teams finished on top of their respective ladders with both teams winning their way through to their grand finals. The Section 4 Junior Team, which consisted of mainly first-time competition players, narrowly missed out on finals.

The grand finals were held on a beautiful, sunny day at the Tallangatta courts on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> of February. The Section 3 Juniors played in the morning against Yackandandah Blue with their match coming down to the last set. Mount Beauty eventually won: 4 sets 39 games to 4 sets 36 games. The team consisted of: Cambell Moorman, Tristan Eriksson, Nick George, Sebi Cosgriff, Henry Low and Jimmy Derrick. They are now back-to-back premiers having also won the flag last year.

The Section 2 Team played Tallandoon and, after a hard-fought match, Mt Beauty prevailed 7 sets 53 games to 2 sets 34 games. The team consisted of Claire Lucas-Gear, Jase Gentile, Haylie Lutter-Wood, Mish Forrer, Tony Keeble, Natalie Flay, Cambell Moorman, Emily Barnes and Aaron Lutter-Wood. There were a few tense moments during the match with Andrea hurting her foot in her first set, requiring Haylie to fill in and having to borrow shoes, clothes and a racquet. A member of the opposition had a sneaker fall apart and a replacement was eventually found! Of special note; 15 year-old Cambell played in both the Section 2 and 3 finals. A big day out for him!





#### **Mc Kimmie Junior Tournament**

Mount Beauty hosted the running of the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association Junior Round Robin tennis tournament on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February (held at the courts at Tangambalanga). Andrea headed the team of volunteers who were really busy with over 50 juniors participating, the biggest turn out for this competition for many years. Thank you to Andrea and her amazing team (Bron Gray, Heather Tottenham, Louise George, Kylie Eriksson and Aaron Lutter-wood) for making this such a fabulous day for juniors in our district.

#### Wednesday night Mixed

This competition recommenced mid-February with an 8-week competition planned for Term 1. Previously, in Term 4, we were meeting for a social hit. There are 12 players on the draw and another 12 listed as emergency players. The format consists of two doubles matches and one singles match.

#### **Over 50s Group**

This group continues to play every Tuesday and Friday morning with approximately 12 players per session. New players are most welcome. Just turn up at 8:30 am.

Earlier in the year we farewelled a long-time member of our group, Nick Brown. Nick has returned to his home state of South Australia to be nearer to family. Nick is an enthusiastic player and a willing worker who made a positive contribution to our group and our tennis club. We wish him well.

A few weeks ago, belatedly, the group presented their awards for 2020. Winners were from left:

The Kyrgios Award for Inauspicious play: Rob Moreland;

The June Hoffman Trophy for service to the group : Ian Howley;

The David Vigo Spoon for being a nice person on the court (and off): Gael Little



#### **Thursday Morning Group**

This small but enthusiastic group of ladies plays every Thursday morning at 9:00 am. New players are most welcome.



# **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

# TENNIS RACQUET RESTRINGING

# **\$20 PER RACQUET** supply own strings. Otherwise \$30 per racquet

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Over grips \$5 per racquet.