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*Celebrating 50 Years*  
1962–2012





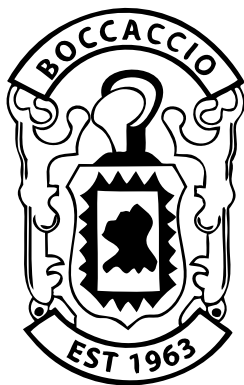
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# FOREWORD

This book provides a fabulous record of the proud fifty year history of North Balwyn Tennis Club. NBTC is an important part of the local community, providing great facilities for over 350 members and guests, and for members of other clubs who visit and play tennis in the many competitions that we enter, of both day and night tennis. We are delighted that at a time when tennis has so many other activities that compete with it for people's attention and time, that our Club continues to thrive, and that people of all ages continue to play tennis here. We have a particularly strong junior group of members, as well as many families and some people who have been active members for many decades.

As we look back over our fifty years of history, we also look forward with optimism, on our eight courts which are often fully used for social play, competition play and tennis coaching, and our contribution to the social and activity levels of the community. Having rebuilt four of our courts in recent years with a fine new surface, we are currently working on designing and building a complete new clubhouse, which will hopefully serve the Club for the next fifty years, as well as the last clubhouse did for the past fifty years. I commend this book to you. Thanks to all who organised and contributed to it.

Danny Samson, President of NBTC, 2006-2013



*NBTC Management Committee 2012/2013*

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# INTRODUCTION

The idea of writing a book on the history of North Balwyn Tennis Club developed during the 50th year of the Club, 2012. Encouraged by the wealth of information known to be stored at the Club and the visual records stored as photos taken over the years and collated into photo albums, two longstanding members of the Club, Rhonda McCaw and Kaye Clarke took on the job of gathering the information to put into this book. They were helped initially by the work of Val Wall, Life Member, who wrote the history up to 1986 when the 25th Anniversary was celebrated. The contribution by Margaret Hall has been invaluable. Her meticulous records and compilation of numerous photo albums have been a wonderful resource. The 50th Anniversary dinner, which attracted 160 present and past members, was also an indication that such a book would be of interest to those to whom the Club had grown to mean so much.

Besides following the progress of the Club over the years, the book hopes to illustrate the strength of the Club in its involvement in so many types of competition and social formats and to record the depth of the importance of membership on a social level as well.

The response to the invitation to members, past and present, to contribute their recollections of their time at North Balwyn Tennis Club has been overwhelming and the editors would like to sincerely thank those who have actively contributed to the book by providing their recollections, photos and general information.

North Balwyn Tennis Club is thriving, 50 years on, with a great future. This book acknowledges the original members for their vision, generosity and commitment to the Club. The past and present members of the Club Management Committee and members working “behind the scenes” can be very proud to have helped to develop the Club to what it is today. Membership numbers cannot compete with the heady days of the 1980s, but overall the Club has evolved with the times and can look forward to a bright future.

After over 18 months of preparation, we welcome you to “ North Balwyn Tennis Club – 50 years of Tennis History” and hope you enjoy reading and reminiscing about your great Club.

Rhonda McCaw

Chairperson, Editorial Committee

# Chapter 1

## History of NBTC 1962-2012

### Part One: 1961 - 1986

Firstly, here are the recollections on the first 25 years of NBTC. They were compiled and presented at the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Kew Golf Club in 1986 by Mrs Val Wall, a Life Member of the Club who served on the Management Committee as Secretary for ten years. Other information gathered from the Club records has been inserted where relevant.

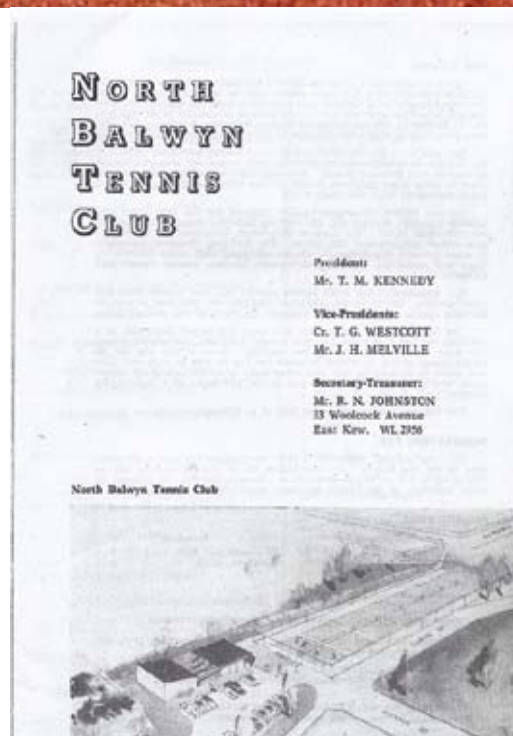
### How it all began

On 7th July 1961 a meeting was held at the home of Mr. Tom Kennedy in Greythorn Road, North Balwyn. Eleven men and ten women interested in creating a new tennis club for the local community attended, along with Mr. Webb from the Tennis Promotion Council. A general Management Committee was elected, with Tom Kennedy as President and Bob Johnston as Treasurer and Secretary.

*See Appendix 1: NBTC minutes of the first meeting of the Club*

On 31 January 1962 an application was approved for the construction of courts on our present site. During March 1962 a promotional pamphlet was produced and placed in the letterboxes of residents in the surrounding area by the growing group of supporters.

Plans developed rapidly with the support of the Camberwell Council, who granted the Club permissive occupancy of the site on which the courts and clubhouse stand today. The Camberwell Council also promised to assist by granting an interest free loan to help with the construction of the courts and clubhouse. At that time the plan was to construct 6 courts.



*Front page of promotional pamphlet*

*See Appendix 2: NBTC promotional pamphlet 1962*



*Site of NBTC before work started*

The flat area in the middle of the picture is where courts 3-6 are now. In the foreground is Morris Street, curving around to Lloyd Street. Note the sparsity of houses in the background.

# North Balwyn Starts Soon On Tennis Clubhouse

North Balwyn Tennis Club expects to commence the building of its clubhouse within a fortnight.

Vice-president, Mr. Jim Melville, a well-known architect, has designed a modern fully-equipped building to be erected on the west side of the club's porous courts.

Recently a highly successful barbecue and dance, at which more than 120 members were present, was held at the home of the President, Mr. Tom Kennedy.

The club's facilities will then be of the standard required for entry into major competition.

To finance construction a co-operative society has been formed to ensure the practical support of members for the scheme.

This technique is in line with the club's progressive attitude to club management, of which another example was the recent appointment of popular professional, Michael Lynch, as club coach. The club expects his appointment to further improve the already enthusiastic use of the four porous courts by both senior and junior members.

Business commitments have forced Mr. Jim Mitchell to resign as secretary and he will be succeeded by Mr. Robert Giddings. The new secretary's address is 38 Leaning Avenue, North Balwyn.

Even in those days certain residents appealed against the decision to permit land at Hislop Reserve to be used for tennis courts, but the then Minister for Local Government, Mr Porter, disallowed the appeal and the headlines in the local paper read "North Balwyn Tennis Courts get the green light".

**Nth. Balwyn tennis courts get green light**

The Minister for Local Government (Mr. Porter) has disallowed the appeal by certain residents against the board of works decision to permit land at Hislop Reserve, North Balwyn, to be used for tennis courts and club rooms.

The Minister's decision will allow the North Balwyn Tennis Club to get on with the job of building the courts, which are much needed in the district.

The club was formed at a public meeting about a year ago, and soon had the co-operation of Camberwell Council.

Council made the site available in Buchanan Ave., and promised an interest-free loan on a £1 for £1 basis to make an early start possible on the work of building the courts.

But the fact that there were objections to the proposal delayed the club's progress for some months.

**Attractive site**

The secretary-treasurer of North Balwyn Tennis Club, Mr. R. N. Johnston, said the site for the tennis courts was in the heart of Balwyn's attractive park-land area, near the North Balwyn swimming pool, sporting arena, and Yooralla shopping centre.

Although it was close to these other facilities, the site would be free from the traffic congestion and noise associated with the main oval.

"Six red porous all-weather courts planned for the first stage will provide excellent playing, and car-parking facilities, equal to the best suburban clubs," said Mr. Johnston.

"The club building will be equipped with most modern fittings and amenities, and will include clubroom, kitchen, change rooms and showers."

"Our community has more tennis players but fewer tennis courts than any other district. Unless we provide more facilities our children, at present learning tennis, will be forced to abandon the sport, or join distant clubs," Mr. Johnston said.

**Early start**

Plans for the courts had been prepared, and the club was already getting quotations to enable an early start to be made on the construction of the courts.

But finance was needed urgently, now that the "all clear" had been given.

This was coming from membership fees and debentures.

Nomination fee was £3 per person, or £6 for a family.

Annual membership fees were adult male £6/10/-, adult lady £6, and £3 for associates, juniors (under 18) and students.

For families, special fees of £3 each for husband and wife, and £2 for each child, had been fixed.

The minimum debenture unit was £5. All debenture holders would have the privileges of non-playing members.

Although paid now, membership subscriptions would actually date from the day the courts were playable.

Mr. Johnston said he would be pleased to answer any inquiries made to 45-2956.

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*Sask. News 23/5/62.*

Article in the local paper, May 1962

## Formation of the Co-operative Building Society Scheme

Membership was opened in September 1962 and a rush of applicants appeared to highlight the tennis hunger of North Balwyn's population. During November 1962 Neil Raven was requested to prepare details of a Co-operative Building Society Scheme. The courts, at a cost of construction of £2,500, were ready for play on 29th December 1962 although at that stage only 4 courts had been completed. Rules were laid down for the use of these courts and the first scale of fees was:

Nomination Fee: £3, Adult Males: £6/10/-, Adult Females: £3, Juniors, Student: £3

## Construction of clubhouse starts

In April 1963 it was resolved that the Club proceed with the formation of a Co-operative Building Society, and it was reported that 24 Club members had indicated their willingness to become members of the Co-operative. Neil Raven and Len Stephens were requested to proceed with the necessary formalities for the formation of such a Society.

## Opening of the clubhouse

Membership continued to grow and in October 1963 there were 129 Seniors, 92 Juniors and 42 mid-week ladies, a total of 263 members.

On 14th December 1963 the clubhouse, built at a cost of £3,500, was officially opened. Initially only social tennis was played and a very successful and fair method for selecting doubles fours was set up.

Each member had a name tag, which on arriving or finishing a set was put on the board. The person on the bottom picked three others from the 10 members above to play a set. This system is still used today, 50 years on!



*Name tags displayed*



*Social tennis board*

In Summer 1963/4 there were 2 teams playing in E.S.T.A. Saturday afternoon competition.

Section	Men	Women
B4	H. Batten	P. Brodbeck
	P. Coombs	N. Brazenor
	W. Brodbeck	D. Giddings
C2	I. Dyring	M. Aitkin
	R. Caldwell	K. Switsen
	L. Janosi	R. O'Brien

Midweek Ladies also entered a team in Tuesday HDTA competition with the following players: Irene Cheshire, Norma Humphris, Gwen Cresswell, Val Ward, Veronica Spicl, Margaret White

*See Appendix 3: The early teams the Club entered in Saturday afternoon E.S.T.A. competition.*

It was at this stage that the first troubles began

with sinkage of the courts which had been constructed over an old creek bed that had been filled with rubbish such as old cars etc and work was carried out on courts 1 and 2 (now courts 3 & 4). In July 1964 the ground was prepared for the building of courts 5 and 6 (now courts 7 & 8).

Tom Kennedy was a very active member from the inception of the Club and was elected the first Life Member in 1964. He was also the first Club President, serving for two years. He was well known in tennis circles, being at one time New South Wales Delegate to the Council and Treasurer of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia in addition to being a senior official of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria for many years.

Len Stephens became President. Club Championships were introduced in 1965 and membership continued to grow rapidly. Frank Phillips was appointed as the Club Coach. He was replaced by Norm Clarkson in 1966. The Club constitution was completed.

In 1966 ball fees were introduced, grading of the players for competition was undertaken and a Selection Committee formed. No doubt they had their selection troubles, even in those days.

Women's lib appears to have commenced as far back as 1967 because a Notice of Motion was approved and incorporated into the Club's By-laws. It read "AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE A WOMAN". This clause is considered unnecessary these days. Len Stephens was made a Life Member in 1966.

### **Severe drought of Summer 1967/1968**

From 1967-1970 Hugh Batten was President and in his Annual Report of 1968 had the following to say about the severe drought that occurred.

"The year 1967/1968 will be remembered as the year of the drought. It is one thing to take

up buckets and watering cans at home in an endeavour to preserve the garden; it is another thing to arrive at a tennis club for recreation and then spend as much time bucketing water as playing tennis. It is to the credit of club members that some mid-week and all weekend tennis was possible throughout the entire season."

It was reported also in the same Annual Report that 60 members attended a successful Mix & Muddle tennis day so club members were still able to have fun under trying conditions.

In 1967 Bob Johnston was made a Life Member after having served on the Committee since its inception and for six years was Treasurer and Secretary, retiring from the Committee in 1967. Margaret Hall compiled the first newsletter in March 1968. The Club newsletters have been a very important resource for this history and continue today, being distributed in July and December each year to club members with recent editions available for reading on the Club web site, [www.nothbalwyntc.org.au](http://www.nothbalwyntc.org.au)

Championships and Saturday evening BBQs after tennis. Junior tennis was at capacity and outside courts were hired for competition.

At the 1968 AGM it was determined that ball fees would be incorporated into the annual subscription. This removed the necessity for continually collecting the ball fees from members and this initiative was greatly appreciated by members. This arrangement is still in place, distinguishing our Club from most others where this is not done.



**1968 Club Championships – the gallery of supporting members**

*See Appendix 4: the first NBTC newsletter*

Social events included picnics at Mt Martha, Presentation Dinner Dances after the Club



**Working bees in 1969**

## Court Subsidence

The dawning of 1969 saw the beginning of all of the big troubles. Over \$4000 had been spent on repairs to the courts.

Councillors Risstrom and Gaffney (both later Mayors of Camberwell) attended a meeting of the Club and spoke sincerely of their sympathetic attitude as well as that of the Camberwell Council with regard to the sinkage problem of the Club's courts, and they advised that Council was seeking to find a satisfactory solution to the problem. It

was at this time that drilling operations were carried out.

The sinkage problem was confirmed as being due to the construction of the courts over a filled in old creek and later rubbish tip.

Under the presidency of Doug Hall, the battle continued and in view of the sinkage problem the question of court relocation was raised.

The efforts of Hugh Batten, Doug Hall, Keppel Henty-Wilson, and the honorary Solicitor, Tony Smith together with the Treasurer Bob Pound

were tremendous and they spent many long and weary hours trying to solve what must have appeared to be an unsolvable problem. Hugh Batten and his family must have had enough as they went off to Scotland and it was there that he received notification of his Life Membership (1970)

In 1971 an offer was made by Camberwell Council to relocate the Club to another part of Hislop Reserve and it was thought the Club's problems were about to be settled. But no - as in June an Appeal was lodged with the Town Planning Board by a large number of local residents opposing the permit. The Club decided to engage a Barrister to represent it at the Tribunal hearing and he was none other than John Winneke.

Doncaster East Yarra NEWS  
Tuesday March 16 1971

## Row over Hislop Park TENNIS CLUB HIT BY UNION BLACK BAN

A trade union black ban has been imposed on the building of tennis courts in Hislop Park, North Balwyn.

Secretary of the 26 rebel unions, Mr Ken Carr, said the ban would remain until the matter had been sorted out.

North Balwyn Tennis Club intends to move from its present location at the western end to a more central position in the park.

People living near the park — and unions — claim that to do this would be an alienation of parkland.

The matter first arose in November when Camberwell Council offered the tennis club the new site after it claimed the present site was subsiding and would cost too much to repair.

A petition signed by almost 400 people opposing the re-location was presented to council, but council decided in favor of the tennis club.

It was then that the black ban was imposed.

### Large play area

Mr Carr said the park was a vast open space and that it was used extensively by schools. "If the tennis club plans go ahead, the courts will cut the park in half", he said.

In more recent developments the tennis club has applied to council for a permit to build courts on the new site.

Secretary of the Alienation of Public Parkland Committee, Mrs Thelma Oliver said a meeting of over 20 people decide to strongly oppose the issue of a permit.

Mr Oliver, whose property adjoins Hislop Park, said the new courts would mean

*Newspaper article,  
March 1971*

## TENNIS DISPUTE GOES TO COURT

The North Balwyn Tennis Club has appealed to the Supreme Court against a decision by the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal preventing the club building seven courts in Hislop Park.

Hislop Park is near North Balwyn High School and the North Balwyn Bowling Club. The Camberwell Council originally offered the club an interest-free loan to build courts, a new club house, an access road and a car park.

Subsequently the tribunal over-ruled the council and directed that the area for the proposed courts remain public open space.

Principal objectors to the scheme were members of the Alienation of Public Parklands Protection League, which was formed to fight the issue.

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*Newspaper article, July 1973*



*Tribunal result, 1971*

## Relocation to Hislop Reserve thwarted

Here is the report by President Doug Hall in 1971 to members on progress with the application to relocate the courts into Hislop Reserve.

"None of us thought when we held our Annual General Meeting last September that the question of court relocation would still not be resolved by the AGM of 1971. However, this is unfortunately the case. Events of the past year are now history but you will recall the offer made by the Camberwell Council to relocate us in another part of Hislop Reserve and the Special General Meeting in September at which the offer was accepted by members. We thought then that we were well on the way to a final solution to our problem. On 22nd February our application was heard by Council and we started to advertise the application in accordance with the regulations. This was done and an important milestone reached on 17th May when the Council granted us a permit to build on the suggested site, although some objections had been lodged with the Town Planning Board by a number of local residents.

On 9th June an appeal was lodged with the Town Planning Board by a number of local residents opposing our permit, and we asked our honorary Legal Adviser, Mr. Tony Smith to engage a Barrister to represent us at the Tribunal hearing. A very sound case was prepared by our Barrister, Mr. John Winneke, and the Tribunal Hearing was set for 20th September. We thought that we would have some definite news by 30th September, and we could then discuss our next course of action. Regrettably, the Hearing was deferred until Friday, 15th October, and we should wait until then before we can make further plans. Your Special Projects Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Kep Henty-Wilson is receiving expert legal advice from Mr. Tony Smith and they deserve a special vote of thanks for the considerable time and effort they have devoted to their duties during the year.

The question of relocation had been with the Club

for 3 years with the solution still being unknown. However, in December 1971 the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal decided in favour of the local residents and the planned relocation of the courts and clubhouse was abandoned.

## Storms, floods and drought

At Christmas 1971, there were two violent storms that damaged the courts and again in March 1972 there was substantial damage to the courts due to flood. The Club appealed to the Council for assistance with repair of the works. Camberwell Council assisted financially and the cost was reduced substantially by the many long, hard hours of voluntary work put in by those members who did attend the many working bees.

Special thanks to Bob Edge and his Maintenance Sub-committee for the busiest year they have had since the Club's inception. A review of the Club's constitution and By-Laws led to amendments which were accepted at the AGM in September 1972.

### *See Appendix 5 and 6: Constitution and By-Laws*

The following year, 1973, membership had been steadily growing and NBTC had a record membership of 387. Ironically after the previous year's problems with floods, 1973 was extremely dry with a severe drought causing the cancellation of The Heidelberg and District's tennis matches for Juniors and Seniors at Christmas time. Everyone was busy with watering cans and makeshift methods to keep the courts from crumbling and cracking. From 1972-1974 Kep Henty-Wilson was President.

The Club Newsletter was re-introduced by Margaret Hall and Stephen Clarke reviewed the Club constitution at great length.



*Clubhouse relocation;  
Courts 1 & 2 under  
construction*

### **Exhibition match draws a crowd**

Due to the efforts of the Joint Men's Doubles Champion, Jack May, the Club was privileged to receive a visit from one of the great champions of tennis, Pancho Gonzales, and an ex-Australian Champion Dinny Pails, who gave a highly entertaining display for members. Pancho Gonzales was an American tennis player who was the World No. 1 Professional player for eight years in the 1950s and early 1960s. Dinny Pails represented Australia in the Davis Cup eight times and reached a singles ranking of World No. 4 in 1948.

### **Two new courts and relocation of the clubhouse**

Also in 1973 an application to Camberwell City Council was made to construct two new courts. As part of the submission to Council for relocation of the clubhouse and construction of two new en-tout-cas courts (courts 1 & 2) the Committee provided statistics on use of the courts. The membership had now grown to 400, including 200 juniors. Attendance on Wednesdays for social tennis averaged 30-40 players, Saturday morning juniors up to 70 players and Sunday afternoon social, on average 40 players. A sub-committee of Bob Edge, Hugh Batten and Kep Henty-Wilson was involved in primary negotiations and deputations to Council. A second sub-committee was formed once Council approval was obtained to construct two new courts and move the clubhouse. It consisted of: Bob Edge, Lois Northey, Bob Giddings, Ivan Dyring and Kep Henty-Wilson. Together with Kurt Elsner, the Club Architect, they created a practical construction blueprint and oversaw the actual work.

Although Camberwell Council received objections to its determination that additional courts and clubhouse relocation could proceed, no appeals were lodged with the Appeals Tribunal this time and in June Camberwell Council granted the required permit to allow the Club to remain on the same site, which made everybody more than

happy and work commenced on the relocation of the Clubhouse. The addition of 2 new courts was planned for the end of the year.

This was the first year the position of Junior Organiser was formalised on the Committee. Fay Crump held this position and worked tirelessly with 220 juniors, a huge task. She was helped by the appointment of Brian Lord as Supervisor of activities on Saturday mornings.

Subscriptions were increased in September 1974 and a levy imposed on all present and prospective members to finance construction of the new courts. Keppel Henty-Wilson was granted Life Membership. Stephen Clarke became President and served for two years.

By early 1975 the relocation project was well underway. Many members worked voluntarily on the relocation of the clubhouse and the construction of the two new courts. Here are two photos from the working bees. Gumboots a necessity!

### **Mayor opens new courts**

The new courts and clubhouse were officially opened by The Mayor of Camberwell, Councillor Gaffney, on Sunday 4th May 1975. An exhibition of tennis was arranged and enjoyed by all members and their friends who attended. Delegates from other clubs, the President and Secretary of the E.S.T.A. and several local Councillors and their wives were invited.

### **Competition expands at NBTC**

During 1973 competition team entries increased with 8 ESTA teams, 8 midweek ladies teams and 8 Junior teams entered on Saturday mornings. In 1974 the membership was still on the increase with 441 members. Fay Crump was Membership Secretary from the early days and in this year she took on responsibility for organising the Juniors as well.



Mayor opens the new courts

## Kym Ruddell

Kym Ruddell was easily the most successful tennis playing member of NBTC. She dominated the NBTC Club Championships during the 1970s and went on to turn Professional in the late 1970s, reaching a ranking of 4th in the world in Ladies Doubles. See Chapter 7 for more details.

## Mid-seventies

In 1975 Bob Edge received Life Membership. Bob had been a hard working member for many years on the maintenance side of things, and had also been of great assistance through the relocation program.

A memorable social event, hosted by Bettie MacSween was an "Amateur Night" where club members put on "Acts". Here is a photo of the ladies "Les Belles Chorus" item.

In 1976, David Dickason became President and that year again saw the courts repaired extensively. Lines were replaced and several were top-dressed. The clubhouse took on a new personality with the addition of all new chairs, tables, benches, outside blinds and bright tablecloths. The car park was completed and shrubs were to be planted behind courts 1 and



Amateur night at Bettie MacSween's

2 to stop the glare from the parked cars and to alleviate the problem of poor vision. Ivan Dyring was made a Life Member.

## Working Bees

Anne Henty-Wilson attended to the garden and selection of trees and shrubs, Keppel Henty-Wilson lovingly planted the lawns whilst on holidays and George Maciboba Snr on several occasions repaired the nets without even being asked. Working bees were really working bees with many members turning up to look after their Club. The ladies always ensured that there was ample tea and scones etc available for these willing workers. In 1976 it was a far cry from today when working bees are attended only by very few, many of whom were those who did similar work back in the early 70s.

Membership increased so rapidly that the Committee decided to close it for the time being and a waiting list was introduced. Limits were placed on most classes of memberships but openings were made for midweek men and midweek Juniors.

The financial position of the Club was very sound although the Committee wisely recognized the need to plan ahead for a total maintenance program to cover the courts and surrounds. The fees were increased as follows:

Membership Category	Nomination fee	Yearly Subscription
Adults	\$25	\$26
Juniors & Students	\$10	\$13
Mid-week ladies & men	\$10	\$20
Mid-week Juniors	\$10	\$10

In 1977 Val Wall was made the first female Life Member and Norm Clarkson resigned as Club



*Anne Hebty-Wilson; Court damage*

Coach after 12 years of service. Assistant coach Jim Reid also left after two years service and Ron Cummins was appointed as the new Coach. Our first female President, Margaret Hall was elected in 1978 and served for three years. On Christmas Day 1978 there was a severe storm which caused extensive damage to the courts.

During the late 70s the Club saw general improvements with paving around the courts and clubhouse, telephone installed, fans and heater added to clubhouse, sprinkler system installed and the clubhouse re-painted, all funded by members' subscriptions. Margaret Hall's son, Geoff Hall was appointed as Caretaker, a position he held for the next 30 years. His contribution to the smooth running of the Club and its upkeep has been critical to the Club's success over the years.

Stuart Boucher was Junior Organiser and Peter Emmerson was responsible for maintenance at the Club.

In the 1979 President's Annual Report it was stated that the Club became affiliated with VTA. Nine teams were entered in ESTA, 5 in Tuesday midweek ladies HDTA, 2 teams in Thursday midweek ladies HDTA, 8 teams in EDWTA midweek ladies and 10 Junior Saturday teams in HDJTA. Social tennis was played each midweek morning except Friday. There were 566 members and a waiting list for adult members had been applied. The Club had to hire outside courts for Junior competition and Gerard Meagher was employed as Junior Supervisor for Junior competition and social play on Saturday mornings.

In the early 1980s, after a lively discussion at the AGM, NBTC entered their first men's and ladies Pennant teams in VTA. Betty Olsson was made a Life Member. Betty served on the Committee from mid 1961 for six years as Assistant Secretary and was a loyal and devoted member of the Club, working "behind the scenes". Ron Cummins was the Club Coach, followed by Richard Wise in 1981. In the Club's 50 years, 1981 had the largest

membership, 643 members. Socially, a doubles round robin and BBQ was held in March with 46 members present.

### **Social highlight of the year the Club Championships Spit Roast**

At the end of the 1981 Club Championships, the trophy presentation and spit roast attracted 97 people. "Big Bob" catered for the Club Championships for many years, cooking the spit roast at the Club during the last afternoon.

### **School Holiday Junior Tournaments**

In 1981 Ian Huntington instigated the first May School Holidays "Junior Tournament" held at NBTC and open to the general community. With sixty-nine entries in the singles and 32 entries in the doubles, this tournament was very successful and became a regular event on the Club calendar. Ian co-ordinated this event for over ten years. This year, Bob Giddings was made a Life Member and in December, a BBQ and Mixed Doubles with Father Christmas was held.

In 1982 David McGrail was elected President. John Quay and John Menzies managed the ball supply. Gordon Harrison was employed to supervise Saturday Junior Social tennis. In June 1982, there was a Dinner at Ferguson's Winery and Christmas function at Doncaster Cottage were held. Another Christmas function was held at the Club on a Sunday afternoon with a BBQ with Father Christmas and presents for the children. In the newsletter, edited by Margaret Hall, it was noted that six members of the one family were all playing competition, Bruce and Philippa Wardrop and children, Susie, James, Richard and Mandy.

That year there was an amendment to Rules of Tennis:

*"If a ball is returned into play, and a rally allowed to develop or continue, it cannot subsequently*



*"Big Bob" 1981 Club Championships Dinner; Spit roast at the club*

*be claimed to be out. The final result of the rally shall then decide the point in the game."*

### **More frost and droughts**

1982 saw extensive frosts cause damage to the courts and then severe drought conditions resulted in water restrictions affecting play on the courts – challenging times for the Committee. Court sinkage was reported as a continuing problem, twenty years after their construction. The Club applied to Camberwell Council to construct an extra court but it was not successful.

In September 1983 plans were submitted to Camberwell Council for extension of the clubhouse. Bob Giddings served one year as President and Neil Raven became a Life Member.



*NBTC Management Committee 1983/84*

Michael Clyne was President from 1984-1986. At this time we had 9 Saturday ESTA teams with Ian Huntington as Chairperson of the Selection Committee. For midweek ladies competition there were 5 Tuesday teams, 9 Wednesday teams and 4 Thursday teams. On Saturday mornings 12 teams competed in NEJTA. Graham Besley was Senior Membership Secretary and Maida Radden was Junior Membership Secretary.

In 1984 a "Gown of the Year" fashion parade was held where lady members paraded in their best frocks.

In the 1985 Annual Report it was stated that the Ladies Committee raised \$1,100 for the Club. Maintenance was overseen by Ken Rowley and the annual May school holidays tournament was run by Ian Huntington. Socially, there had been a Trash and Treasure day, a Mix and Muddle Social day and a dinner dance at Potters Cottage. Fay and Laurie Crump managed the supply of tennis balls for the Club. To finance the clubhouse extension a levy was added to the annual subscription. Adults: \$10, Students \$7.50, Juniors \$5. The clubhouse extensions were completed and Bob Giddings was thanked for overseeing the project.



*Clubhouse extension*

### **A new Coach appointed**

Ande Hutchinson was appointed as the new Coach in 1985 and three teams were entered in VTA, two men's teams and one ladies team.

*Ande Hutchinson – new coach*





*Gown of the Year fashion parade: Marie Huntington; Liz Bird; Bettie MacSween*

New seat belt legislation required all children to wear seat belts, affecting volunteer drivers on Saturday mornings. In December 1985 there was severe rain damage to courts 3-8 and once again a team of dedicated members were called upon to repair the courts. Margaret Hall was made a Life Member.



*Severe storm damage December 1985*

Ken Rowley was in charge of Maintenance and this year the Ladies change room was upgraded.

A Junior sub-committee was formed consisting of Jan Graham (Chair), Jacqui Marsden and Maida Radden and the Club entered seven promising juniors in the McDonald's Junior Development Scheme. Di Simondson handled Membership enquiries. Prompt payment of membership fees was encouraged by imposing a penalty of 25% extra for late subscriptions. A Social sub-committee was formed for the 25th Anniversary dinner dance at Kew Golf Club: Trevor Legg (convenor), Christopher Batten, Mandy Wardrop, Margaret Hall and Val Wall.

### **NBTC becomes an Incorporated Association**

Under the Presidency of Trevor Legg from 1986-1989 the Club became an Incorporated

Association, Blackwood and Lockwood became sponsors of the Club and the kitchen was renovated. Peter McCaw took over management of the supply of tennis balls for the Club, a job he continues to do to this day! Membership numbers were steady at 431 with a slight decline in Junior numbers.

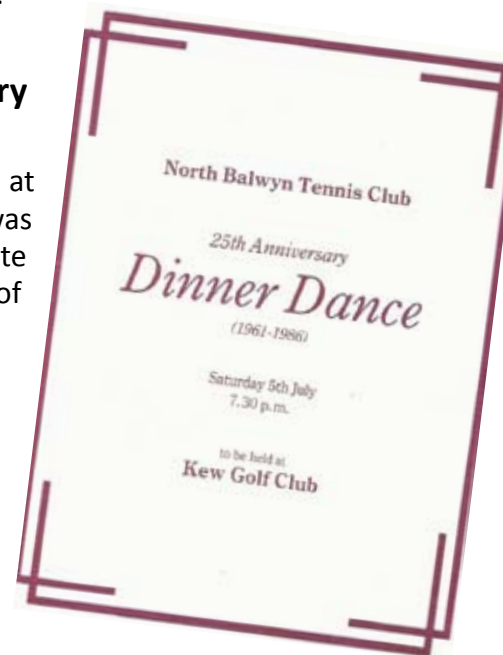
### **25th Anniversary Celebration**

A Dinner Dance at Kew Golf Club was held to celebrate its 25th year of operation.

### **Romances at the Club**

Romances had blossomed within the Club and marriages celebrated.

Among these are Kaye Dyring/Stephen Clarke, Patsy Cooke/Michael Clyne, Deborah Liley/Peter Dickason, Mandy Moore/Trevor Legg, Di Pitt/Peter Briffa and Philipa Liley/Paul McPherson. Adding to the list of romances spawned at the Club after this time were the following: Mandy Wardrop/Andrew Lane, Jacqui Marsden/Campbell Hatchard, Jane Hatcher/Stephen Pickles and Shannon Ede/Andrew Halford.





*Michael Clyne, President, addressing the members and guests at Kew Golf Club at the 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance*

## Part Two: 1987 - 2012

The years fly past and now it is 2012! The next 25 years are recorded here with information from Club records, newsletters, photo albums and input from present members.



*Working bee*

Trevor Legg was President in 1987 and Bev McArthur became secretary and served in this capacity for the next seven years. NBTC members entered a team in the night competition, Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association (BDNTA), although teams played at other clubs. During 1987/88 working bees were held to level and reline courts 5, 6 and 7 in January in preparation for use in February for competition. Also another extension was done on the front of the clubhouse in 1988. Diana Simondson, Membership Secretary for many years, was awarded Life Membership

The Junior competition was co-ordinated by Campbell Hatchard and he continued in this position for the next four years. Bruce Wardrop

became President in 1989 and served for three years.

### Sunday Club Bushwalks

In 1989 a bushwalking group was formed by Paul Grouse. Walks were conducted on Sunday afternoons and over the next ten years, 52 walks were enjoyed by NBTC members and friends!



*Paul Grouse*

*See Appendix 7 and 8: Two memorable accounts of walks to the Cathedral Ranges and Walhalla that were published in the Club Newsletters.*

That year a garden shed was erected behind the clubhouse and Camberwell Council approved the installation of lights on courts 1 & 2 and both the constitution and Club rules were revised.

### Night tennis competition begins

In 1990 lights were installed on courts 1 & 2 at a cost of \$23,160 and night tennis competition commenced at NBTC, co-ordinated by Marie Huntington. This format of competition has become very popular and in 2012 ten teams were entered in the BDNTA competition.

A very successful Club Championships had 171 entries! That year, NBTC won its first ever VTA Mens Pennant in Section 9. Yehudi Collard was the successful team's captain. The early 1990s saw smoking banned in the clubhouse, the Club chairs reupholstered, a gazebo constructed near courts 7 & 8 and Rainbeater rollers purchased. Peter McCaw was President from 1992-1995.



*The first walk at Lerderberg Gorge*

## Club newsletters

About this time, under the editorship of Liz Brown, the Club newsletter was regularly produced and distributed to members twice a year, filled with tennis results, news and gossip from the members. Liz continued in this capacity for over a decade after which Rhonda McCaw took over. These newsletters have kept members informed of Club activities and helped to foster a Club spirit. In addition they formed a valuable record of Club events and its unique history.

In 1992 Yehudi Collard, Junior Organiser for NBTC organised the 9th Junior Tournament held at NBTC and open to the wider community, with 185 entries. In 1993 Bruce Wardrop was awarded Life Membership. Bruce had previously held the position of Treasurer for three years before being President for three years. Junior competition was very strong, with 8 teams entered in Saturday NEJTA and 7 teams on Sunday ESTA. The Club entered 26 teams in adult competition which included Saturday afternoon, midweek and night tennis. Courts 3 & 4 were rebuilt. The spit roast held at the conclusion of the Club Championships was attended by 120 people and the Annual Christmas Party drew over 100.

## Coaching and Junior Organiser position created

The next year, 1994, Craig McInnes took over the coaching from Ande Hutchinson. For the first time, the role of Head Coach was to include the duties of Junior Organiser (in lieu of payment for court hire). Social events were well supported by members, the numbers were 100 for the spit roast and 60 for the Christmas Party, still very impressive figures, reflecting the vibrant social life at the Club. A Charity Day to raise money for St John's Homes for Boys and Girls was held in October.

The membership by 1995 was a very health 444. John McInnes became Head Coach and Junior

Organiser in 1996. His wife, Pat, as well as being a great support with the Juniors, was very active in fundraising during their time at the Club.

Another Charity Day was held on a Sunday with social tennis to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Association, raising \$670.

## Competition played at NBTC in 1994/1995

Association	Teams entered	Pennants won
VTA (Pennant)	5	2
ESTA	6	1
(Senior Saturday)		
HDTA	3	
(Ladies Tuesday)		
MEMRLTA	1	1
(Ladies Tuesday)		
EDWTA	7	
(Ladies Wednesday)		
HDTA	4	1
(Ladies Thursday)		
EMMVTA	3	1
(Mens Thursday)		
BDNTA	8	1
(Senior night )		
NEJTA (Sat Juniors)	8	2
ESTA (Sun Juniors)	6	

Social tennis was strong, mainly played on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. A report in the 1995 Christmas newsletter claimed an average of 20 "happy ball bashers" on Tuesday mornings! Tony Taylor became President in 1995 and served until 1998.

## Eastern Region Tennis Association formed

Due to declining interest in playing competitive tennis, three eastern suburb tennis associations, ESTA, EMERLTA and Ferntree Gully Association



*John McInnes (Head Coach  
from 1995) with wife Pat*

amalgamated to form Eastern Region Tennis, ERT. Bruce Wardrop, a previous Club President, played a significant role through his membership of the ESTA Management Committee, in the development of ERT. A drawback with this move was the greater distances travelled to away matches, some as far away as Healesville! Nevertheless, in 2012 it is one of the largest and most progressive suburban associations in Melbourne with over 70 affiliated clubs and about 4000 players participating in Senior and Junior competitions. At the first ERT Annual General Meeting, NBTC was presented with the "Eric Obst Memorial Award" for the best all round club in the association for 1996/1997 year. The award is presented for excellent performance of both Senior and Junior teams, a coveted trophy of which it can be proud.

In the latter part of the 1990s the constitution was reviewed, courts 5 & 6 were rebuilt and Junior tennis competition was at capacity both Saturdays and Sundays. Fencing around the courts was replaced in 1998. During 1998-2001 Christopher Bragg was President. In 1999 the Club had 430 members and a very successful Club Championships was organised by Ian Huntington.

### **Fundraising events at NBTC**

In 1997 a Trivia night was held at Balwyn High School to raise funds for Club development. The sub-committee consisted of Liz Brown, Marie Power, Pat McInnes and Rhonda McCaw. A silent auction of donated goods from local businesses and members was conducted, contributing to the success of the night. Over \$4000 was raised.

In December of that year, after much hard work selling tickets, a raffle organised by Stephen Enright with a prize of a \$4000 Coles/Myer voucher was drawn at the Club Christmas Party. The McCaws were the lucky winners and \$2980 profit went towards paying for lights to be installed on courts 3 & 4. This allowed more

teams to compete in the Blackburn & District Night Tennis Competition.

### **NBTC website and email address**

A NBTC website and email address was set up by James McCaw. This has made a huge impact on the ability of the Committee to communicate with members. The website, now managed by the Secretary, Tony Barton, is continually evolving and provides prospective new members with a great deal of information about the Club and is especially useful during Club Championships for match scheduling and result updates. Members receive regular news by email, keeping them in touch with everything happening at the Club.

By 2000 courts 7 & 8 needed rebuilding. The cost of the rebuilding of courts was entirely funded by club savings. Peter McCaw and Tony Taylor were awarded Life Memberships. Both Peter and Tony contributed in many ways in the smooth running of the Club over the years as well as serving three years each as President. After much discussion it was agreed to purchase a television for the clubhouse.

Winter 2000 Pennant was at its strongest ever with nine teams entered: six men's teams, two ladies teams and one men's veteran's team. James McCaw was the Pennant Secretary. During the next year, 2001, an extra shed was constructed behind the clubhouse. The Club Championships in March were well supported with 214 entries. Stuart Milligan was Chairman of the Tournament Committee.

Another fundraising event, a Wine and Good Food Auction was held at the Club in October with wine tasting, supper and an auction of donated goods. The sub-committee of Christopher Bragg (auctioneer), Rhonda McCaw, Sue Taylor, Liz Brown and Shannon Ede organised the event with Pat McInnes and John Nemaric collecting most of the donated goods from local businesses. Ninety-six people attending and \$4,700 was

*Bob Giddings receiving his award, with his wife Desi, and Rhonda McCaw, President*



raised. This money was intended to go towards renovation of the clubhouse. Christopher Bragg organised "The President's Cup" a golf day for members and friends in December.

### **Bob Giddings' service to NBTC acknowledged**

At the 2001 AGM Rhonda McCaw became President and served for four years. Bob Giddings was awarded a "Certificate of Distinguished Service" for his 40 years voluntary commitment to maintenance at the Club. He can still be seen pottering around at the Club with a paintbrush or hammer in his hand in 2012!

Our first Lady President, Margaret Hall (who passed away in May 2011) was prompted to write an article about Bob after he received the award and it is reproduced here.

"The recent recognition of Bob Giddings' contribution to the Club has caused me to ponder about the past and I thought it was time to bring to your attention the many services rendered by one of these old members, Bob Giddings. He has given freely of his time and expertise since he came to the original meeting on the 7th July 1961, when community minded residents came together to create a tennis club.

To think he is still actively involved with the running of this Club after nearly 40 years, must surely be deserving of praise. With wife, Desi's support, he is still answering the call, "The mats need replacing", "Court 4 needs some work" etc. etc. with nearly always a smile.

Before the courts were even built, he with another well known identity, Max Gillespie were on the "Interim Development Committee" and so it began – Clubhouse building committee, Honorary Secretary, Vice President, President, Junior Organiser, Selection committee, delegate to ESTA and "Grounds – later known as

Maintenance" the name synonymous with Bob Giddings".

### **Midweek Ladies Social group**

As some of the lady members who had been very active in midweek competition became unable to continue to play competition a social group formed that decided to meet once a month to continue their strong friendships. They all played midweek tennis in the good old days when the competition was much stronger than today. Strong friendships were forged and the regular turn up every month reflects the value they place on the day. Nowadays the conversation is less about tennis and more about holidays, grandchildren and the inevitable illnesses and injuries but they all have a lot of fun and are a great support to each other.

This group still meets and the photo, on the next page, is of the group that came together to celebrate the friendship they all had had with Betty Terdich who died in 2007.

In 2002 Peter Purcell was made a Life Member. Peter served on the Committee as Membership Secretary and managed the men's Thursday Veteran's Tennis competition, also being an active member of the Eastern Mid-week Vets Tennis Association (now called the Metro Masters Tennis Association). The Club Championships continued to be an important event at the Club, this year run by Stephen McInnes and Shannon Ede. Two new events, the Under/Over 18s doubles and 70+ doubles were introduced to encourage family members and all age groups to participate. Eighty people attended the spit roast dinner which followed the presentation of trophies.

At this time, John McInnes as Junior Organiser entered 12 teams in Saturday NEJTA, 8 boys teams and 4 girls teams. Sunday Junior competition, managed by Ros Duke and Bronwyn Power entered 5 teams in ERT. Midweek Ladies competition remained steady with eight teams entered over the three days. Maintenance issues around the



*Tuesday Social Group gathered in 2007 to remember Betty Terdich; Christmas 2002 – 40 years celebration*

Club had been neglected and the Committee was delighted when Erich Schlifelner came on board as Maintenance Coordinator.

### **40th Anniversary celebrations**

To celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary in 2002, Life Members were invited to attend the Christmas Party and their contribution was acknowledged and celebrated.

The above photo is of Life members and their partners who attended the night and the young Club members who participated in the Tennis Victoria "Future Leaders Program".

The Club social calendar during the 2000s consisted of a trophy presentation and dinner after the Club Championships, and Christmas parties at the end of the year and a lunch for the midweek social group which was always well attended. Individual team end of season get togethers for weekend and midweek competitions continued to be popular.

In early 2003 there was a major flood which severely damaged the courts but Club members rallied and the courts were restored quickly so tennis could continue. The car park was in a dreadful state and the Club raised a petition that was presented to City of Boroondara. It was in 2003 that the Committee decided to engage a professional court maintenance service to look after the courts. No longer could the Club rely on volunteer help to do this job. A new logo for the club was adopted after a competition which was won by Simon Burnet.



A Round Robin and Charity Day was held in September to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease Association. In December 2003 John McInnes retired as Head Coach and the position was advertised. Eighteen applications were received. In 2004 Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford under the company name of "Tennis Matters" became our dual Head Coaches and Junior Organisers.

Andrew Halford also took on responsibility for management of Pennant Competition. Later in the year they organised a Golf Day for Club members and friends, an event that has become a fixture in the social calendar of the Club.

### **Competition Fee introduced**

Due to significant increases in Association and Entry Fees for teams playing in both Junior and Senior competition, the NBTC Committee decided in 2004 to introduce a "Competition Fee" of \$10 per player per season, capped at \$40 per year. The Committee was of the view that social players should not have to bear this increased cost.

Night tennis was growing in popularity with 12 teams over four nights entered, the greatest number so far. The twice yearly newsletter, edited by Rhonda McCaw was printed professionally from 2004 -2007 free of charge by a club member, David Henry. Peter McCaw took over from Peter Purcell as Membership Secretary.

January and February 2005 saw dramatic storms, with heavy rain and strong winds severely damaging the courts and fencing. The Club applied for assistance from City of Boroondara for repair of the damage which was forthcoming.



*Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford; The golfers in 2008 enjoying a presentation of prizes and a BBQ back at the club*

## A new kitchen and sealing of the car park

The Committee had made a number of unsuccessful grant applications to City of Boroondara for renovation of the clubhouse. With savings and proceeds from previous fundraisers the committee decided in 2005 to go ahead and renovate and extend the kitchen anyway at a cost of \$30,000, with \$5000 being contributed by City of Boroondara. This year the Council finally approved funds to seal the car park at a cost of \$250,000 which was appreciated. At last the winter potholes would be a thing of the

past! Not to be put off, the Committee applied again for Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV) funding and were successful, which helped fund the rebuilding of courts 3 & 4 and a walkway around the back of the clubhouse. An article was published in the local paper, The Progress Press, which gave the Club some well earned publicity.

Rhonda McCaw resigned after four years as President with Amar Tomar being elected the next President.

In 2006 Geoff Hall, the caretaker took time off for a hip replacement and members rallied around to fill in for his duties. There was a steady drop in interest in the Club Championships but they were still run every year, this year organised by the Head Coaches.

Coaching at NBTC was growing with over 240 participants in Junior group classes, squads and private lessons. Junior competition was at capacity with 12 teams entered in Saturday NEJTA and 6 teams in Sunday ERT. Eleven teams were entered in the winter season of BDNTA. Saturday afternoon ERT and midweek ladies competition entries remained steady but well below the numbers experienced in the previous decades. Danny Samson became President in 2006 and remains in this position today, 2012. The Club reported a worrying increase in vandalism to Club property costing \$3400 in repairs.

After over 40 years at the Club, a well known member, Vi Ingram, 82 years of age and still playing tennis, left NBTC and Australia to move closer to her family in the Yukon, Canada after the loss of her husband Don, the year before. Both Don and Vi were active members of the Club and were loyal attendees of all the social functions.

## Drought proofing measures introduced

In 2007 Stage 3A water restrictions were implemented and the Committee decided to apply to City of Boroondara for a grant to install

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### Club courts players

GEORGIA BUNN

MOST mid-life crises involve a shiny red sports car or a dash of plastic surgery.

For the 40-year-old North Balwyn Tennis Club, a renovated kitchen, an upgrade of two tennis courts and a new pathway and car park are resolving its ageing woes.

The club, which paid for the \$25,000 renovations to the kitchen, received a \$6575 sport and recreation grant from Boroondara Council towards the cost of the pathway and reconstruction.

The club, in Buchanan Ave, will make up the balance.

The council has also put \$200,000 towards a car park to be used predominantly by club members.

President Rhonda McCaw said work would start on the tennis courts and pathway at the beginning of April. It would be finished by the end of May.

The car park would be finished by the end of June.

"It will bring a new bright face to the club," Ms McCaw said.

"It's 40 years old and like anything that old that has been used a lot, it needs upgrades."

Ms McCaw said the club had also asked the council for funding to renovate its change rooms.

She said the talents of two new coaches, Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown, would also promote the club's appeal.

"They've got a lot of energy and new ideas," Ms McCaw said.

"There comes a time when you have to look to the future if you want to attract new members."

Ms McCaw said a sports strategy report conducted by the council had shown that more than 6000 Boroondara residents played tennis.

"We're pushing for the council to support us more because we look after all age groups and provide competition for other clubs," she said.

"We're all so busy and it's important we do exercise as well."

"A tennis club provides more than a place to play tennis, it's a place to meet people as well."

**at a glance**

- KITCHEN:** The renovations to the club's kitchen cost \$25,000
- UPGRADES:** The council has given North Balwyn Tennis Club \$6575 towards a pathway and court reconstruction
- CAR PARK:** The council has also put \$200,000 towards a car park
- POPULAR:** More than 6000 Boroondara residents play tennis

*Progress Press article*

*Vi and Don Ingram*

*Members at the Christmas Party 2008*

water tanks. Tony Barton, as Secretary, submitted the grant application which was successful and the Club purchased three 9000 litre water tanks. Membership numbers increased to 400, the best for some years.



*2007 Committee members preparing a mailout to members*

The water tanks were installed in 2008 and plumbed to courts 3 & 4. To help protect the en-tout-cas courts from drying out, a coating of  $MgCl_2$  was applied to all the eight courts which, besides making watering of the courts more efficient, had the added benefit of reducing loss of en-tout-cas caused by the hot northerly winds on the hottest days during the drought years. With these measures the Club was able to keep the courts playable and available for social and competition play.



*Security fence*

As a response to the increase in vandalism around the Club, City of Boroondara installed a security fence which helped reduce such events.

On 13th December 2008 a crowd of sociable members celebrated the end of the year with a chicken, salad and dessert dinner and lots of good cheer. Liz Brown and her son Stuart organised the event.

In January 2009 Andrew and Stuart initiated a coaching and membership drive in the local suburban area with a leaflet drop around Australian Open time and this was supported by the Club. The response was very encouraging and has been repeated in the following years.

### **Charity Day for Wandong Tennis Club**

Over the years the Club has raised money for various charities through fun tennis days and a notable event was the "Social Tennis & Fundraiser" initiated by Graham Besley and his night tennis team, to raise money to help in the restoration of the Wandong Tennis Club clubhouse which was destroyed in the bushfires on Saturday 7th February 2009. Members of their club joined NBTC members and friends for tennis and raffles that raised \$1360 for the cause.



*Members of Wandong TC*



*NBTC Management Committee 2008:  
Andrew Halford, Tony Barton, Peter  
Moran, Peter McCaw, Rhonda McCaw,  
Danny Samson (President) & Eugene  
Chandraraj*



*Poster advertising the Fundraiser*

### **PolyClay XL courts replace the en-tout-cas courts 3-6**

The Committee, after much consideration and consultation with its members, decided to replace two of the courts with a surface that did not require water. The cost was estimated to be about \$70,000. A submission in 2009 to Sport and Recreation Victoria for financial support for the project was supported by the City of Boroondara and \$50,000 was received. With this encouragement, the Committee decided to replace four courts at a cost of \$140,000. With the Council grant, club savings and a modest loan of \$20,000 from Bendigo Bank, the project could go ahead. Bendigo Bank also supported the project with a \$10,000 sponsorship. An appeal to members for donations for the project was very generously supported with \$2500 being raised. In April 2010 courts 3-6 were replaced with four PolyClay XL courts and the water tanks replumbed

to courts 1 & 2. The PolyClay XL courts have become very popular with members. Besides not needing to be watered, they also drain well and ironically this feature has allowed tennis to be played in the recent wet weather when the en-tout-cas courts have not coped with the rain.



*PolyClay XL Courts; Cr Nick Tragas and  
NBTC members*

On Sunday 23rd May 2010 about 40 members and friends came along to celebrate the completion of the court resurfacing project and the courts were officially opened by Cr. Nick Tragas.

That year Rhonda McCaw was made a Life Member. Club membership was now approximately 350.

In 2011, the Club hosted a Tennis Seniors Social Tennis Tournament, co-ordinated by Peter Moran, attracting players (over 35 years) from all around Melbourne. Due to its success the Club decided to make it an annual event.

Bendigo Bank sponsored new signs along the Buchanan Avenue boundary.

Due to ongoing health problems of the caretaker



*New NBTC signs facing Buchanan Avenue*

Geoff Hall, an outside contractor now became responsible for the maintenance of the Club surrounds and the cleaning of the clubhouse.

## Bunnings BBQ fundraisers

Fundraising BBQs at Bunnings Box Hill and Hawthorn over the last couple of years have been very successful and shown that the Club still has members willing to give their time for the good of the Club. The events have been co-ordinated by Liz Brown and Rhonda McCaw. Total amount raised, after expenses, over the three events so far was \$3,740. To be successful, 20 volunteers are needed on the day and the Club is very grateful to those members who have contributed their time to this fundraising activity.



*Bunnings Box Hill BBQ, January 2012 Shing-Chak Sheung, Christa Schlifelman, KK Sheung, Rowena Sheung and Peter McCaw (at back)*

Social events at the Club over the last decade have been Trophy Presentations and Dinners after the annual Club Championships, the annual Christmas parties, the midweek Christmas parties and golf days held in November. The Club's AGM has been a time to get together socially too. It should also be added that many of the competition teams have end of season lunches/dinners which underscore the close friendships that exist in the Club.

Organised social tennis on three midweek mornings a week is still a feature of NBTC with many members also coming along for a hit at other times. Except for Saturday mornings (Junior competition) there are always at least two courts available for social play.

The variety of competition formats offered at the Club has changed over the years and continues to develop, providing fun and challenges for over 200 of our members.

## Competition played in 2012

Association	Teams entered	Pennants won
Pennant	4	
ERT (Senior Sat)	3	
MEMRLTA (Ladies Tuesday)	2	
EDWTA (Ladies Wednesday)	1	
WDTA (Ladies Thursday)	1	1
MMTA (Mens Thursday)	2	1
BDNTA (Senior night )	11	2
ERT (Saturday Juniors)	6 boys 4 girls	1 boys 1 girls
ERT (Sunday Juniors)	3 boys 1 girls	1 boys

## NBTC 50th Anniversary Celebrations

The most successful social event for decades was the 50th Anniversary Dinner held on 1st April 2012 at the Balwyn North Bowls Club. Over 160 present and past members and friends of the North Balwyn Tennis Club enjoyed a tasty spit roast and dessert, concluding in a chance to try out lawn bowls.

*See Appendix 9: Attendees at the 50th anniversary dinner*



*Angela Moran, speaking at the 50th Anniversary Dinner at Balwyn North Bowls Club; Cr Nick Tragas, Danny Samson, President, and David Henry, winner of the raffle, a racquet donated by Wilson*

Cr Nick Tragas and Cr. Dick Menting attended and wished the Club all the best for the next 50 years. Members were invited to speak of their involvement in the Club and people from each decade of the Club's history came forward to recollect what the NBTC meant to them.



*Rhonda McCaw, Cr Nick Tragas, Eva Emetlis and Cr Dick Menting at 50th Anniversary Dinner 1 April 2012*

The Club has lived through some difficult times where Saturday trading, competing sports, droughts and floods and the global financial crisis

have all had their effects. The rising popularity of night tennis has brought new members and the Club is grateful to our two Head Coaches, Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown for their youthful enthusiasm and professionalism. More recently, support from the City of Boroondara and Bendigo Bank have been much appreciated.

For the future, the Club has challenges ahead. Membership is strong but promotion of the Club in the community will be needed to maintain and increase its membership. The Committee has set a future plan for increasing the number of courts under lights and replacing the fencing surrounding the courts. Funds must be put aside also for rebuilding of courts as needed.

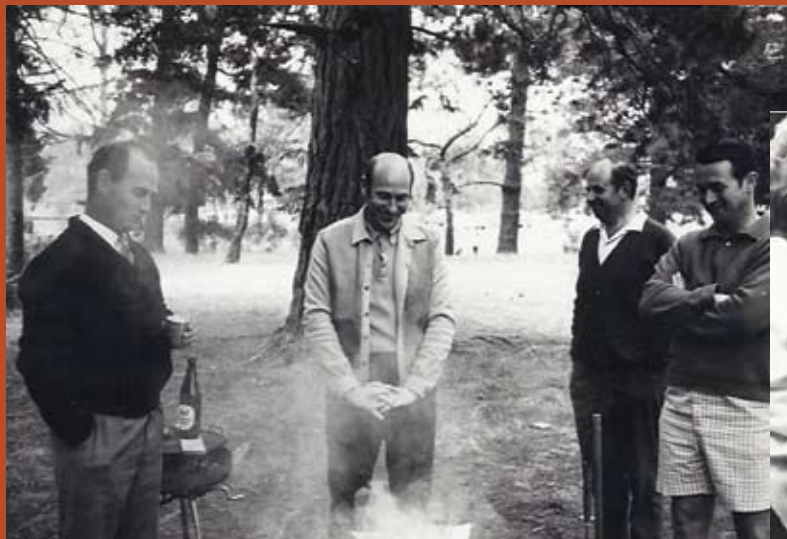
After numerous grant applications and submissions to City of Boroondara over the last ten years for financial help to renovate our clubhouse, City of Boroondara has granted funds for the design of a totally new clubhouse for North Balwyn Tennis Club. It is expected that the 2013/14 Council budget will include funds for this project with construction planned for the financial year 2014/2015.



**NBTC Clubhouse 2012**

## Chapter 2

### Photos from 1960s and 1970s



*Top row: 1966 Christmas Party at Eltham – Bob Edge, Laurie Crump, Max Gillespie & Doug Hall;  
2nd row: 1960s Midweek Ladies; 1968 Eric Olsson (Father Christmas) and Fay Crump; NBTC Club Dinner.  
3rd row: 1969 working bee; 1969 working bee; 1970 Junior Girls Team; 1970 Junior BBQ.*



*1966 Christmas Party at Eltham; 1969 junior party.*



*Top row: 1971 ESTA Premiers Section 1 Mixed – Kep Henty-Wilson, Patsy Cooke, Stephen Clarke, Margaret Hall, Laurie  
 2nd row: 1971 Ann Silk, Deidre Raven and Joan Bissett; 1971 Junior Boys Team; 1977 Crazy Hat Parade – Doug Hall,  
 1977 Club Championships – Debbie Liley.  
 3rd row: 1979 Spaghetti Dinner in the Clubhouse; 1977 Club Championships Kerry Crump; 1978 Father Christmas  
 Rowley, Alison Archer, Paul McPherson, Judy Brown, Hugh Batten. Front row: Bruce Wardrop, Patsy Clyne and*



*Crump, Violet Ingram; 1971 Club Championships; 1974 Construction of courts 1 & 2 and relocation of clubhouse. Trevor Legg, Paul Grouse, Bettie MacSween, Margaret Hall and Anne Henty-Wison; 1976 Tuesday Midweek Ladies;*

*comes to NBTC; NBTC Committee 1979/1980, Back row: Laurie Crump, Bob Giddings, Val Wall, Marie Huntington, Ken Margaret Hall (President) David McGrail (absent).*

# Chapter 3

## Tennis at NBTC

### SOCIAL TENNIS

#### JUNIOR SOCIAL TENNIS

When North Balwyn Tennis Club was established, the Club was essentially a social tennis club. Teams were entered in weekend and midweek competitions from 1963 but social tennis was given priority and there were always courts designated for social play. In the early years a Junior sub-committee looked after junior membership and supervised junior social tennis. As time went on a paid Junior social tennis supervisor was engaged. As junior competition became more and more popular, especially on Saturday mornings junior organised social tennis became less important and today, both Saturday and Sunday mornings are devoted to junior competition with two courts on Sunday mornings kept for adult social play.

#### SENIOR SOCIAL TENNIS

Senior social tennis was played most weekday mornings and Sunday afternoon organised social tennis was very popular with regular mixed social round robins being held. In the early 1980s it was not uncommon for all 8 courts to be in use for Sunday afternoon social tennis. Also, Annual Charity Days to raise money for worthy causes were held on Sunday afternoons. These are still held but less often, the most recent being in 2009 to raise money for Wandong Tennis Club, which lost its clubhouse in the February 2009 bushfires. By the mid 1990s numbers attending organised Sunday social tennis had dropped away.

Midweek social tennis however has still remained popular and continues to be offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There are also regular groups that play Monday and Thursday afternoons. Bruce Holloway, as Midweek Social Tennis Co-ordinator for the last 20 years, has cheerfully welcomed new members on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Every Christmas the regular

social players hold a Christmas Party in the clubhouse which is very well attended with everyone bringing a plate of food to share.



*Members at the Midweek Christmas Party 2011,  
Bruce Holloway, front right*

With four courts under lights, members can play social night tennis although this is limited during the BDNTA season. The Club sees night tennis as an increasingly popular form of tennis and hopes to eventually install lights on the remaining four courts.

### COMPETITION TENNIS

#### JUNIOR COMPETITION

Junior competition has always flourished at NBTC and early on, a volunteer Junior Organiser managed the competition on Saturdays and Sundays. Originally the teams were entered in Heidelberg & District competition (HDTA) but moved to North Eastern Junior Tennis Association (NEJTA) in the Summer of 1966/67, playing on Saturdays and in the late 1980s started competing in Eastern Suburbs Tennis Association (ESTA) on Sundays. In the 1960s and 1970s Margaret and Doug Hall, Fay Crump, Trevor Legg, Stuart Boucher and Paul McPherson were Junior Organisers. The NEJTA has an AK Forbes Perpetual Shield, which is presented



*John McInnes and parents  
with a successful boys team  
1990s; Boys Premiers team,  
2003*

to the Section 1 winners each season. North Balwyn Girls are listed as the Section 1 winners in Summer 1968/1969, Summer 1969/1970 and Winter 1970.

At times the Club has had to hire extra courts to accommodate the numbers of juniors wanting to play in a team. Records from the 1970s show that ten to eleven teams a season were not uncommon, with more girls teams than boys teams. In the 1980s Louise Archer, Lachlan MacSween, Jan Graham and Campbell Hatchard were Junior Organisers. Yehudi Collard and Val Love served in this capacity in the early 1990s.

In 1994 the Club Management Committee employed Craig McInnes as Head Coach and in lieu of court hire charges he accepted the role of Junior Organiser. The next year, John McInnes took over as Coach and Junior Organiser.

## **JUNIOR COMPETITION NOW**

This very successful arrangement has been retained ever since and the present Head Coaches, Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford jointly run the Coaching and Junior Organiser position, encouraging the young players being coached to move over to junior competition when they are ready. In 2012 junior competition is thriving with nineteen teams entered in Eastern Region Tennis Association- sixteen teams playing on Saturdays and three on Sundays. Although now more boys play than girls, the numbers of girls participating are increasing. Andrew Halford, one of the two Head Coaches also runs the Pennant at NBTC and encourages the young aspiring players to transition to Pennant. See Appendix 10a: NEJTA Pennants won by NBTC 2000-2008 and Appendix 10b: ERT Pennants won by NBTC 1998-2013.



*NEJTA Girls team 1990s;  
NEJTA Boys team 1990s*



*ERT Premiers Winter 2011 Girls Section 3:  
Julia De Martinis, Rebecca Ravenhill, Andrew  
Halford (Coach), Ha Jin Kim, Annie Rehe, Stuart  
Brown (Junior Organiser); ERT Premiers Winter  
2011 Girls Section 10:  
Alex Gouvas, Isabella Dellibergoli, Jessica Le, Cindy  
Yuan, Rebecca Hong*



**ERT Premiers Summer 2011/2012 Girls Section 4: Jessica Le, Penny Katopodis, Olivia Purcell; ERT Runner-up Winter 2011 Girls Section 8: Philippa Rehe, Georgia Burt, Olly Leitl; ERT Premiers Summer 2012/2013 Girls Section 4: Martina Yang, Jessica Le, Emmy Tran**



**ERT Winter Boys Saturday Section 13 2013 Premiers: Richard Yu, Cooper Sosic, Michael Hatzipavlis, Patrick Hatzipavlis, Peter Loke**

## SENIOR COMPETITION

### ESTA/ERT SATURDAY AFTERNOON SENIOR COMPETITION

NBTC entered its first two teams in Eastern Suburban Tennis Association (ESTA) in 1963. Teams were entered in the Summer and Winter competition, with the Summer competition having more teams as some players played Pennant in the winter. A Saturday afternoon Selection Committee managed the selection of teams and some of those who took on the position of Chairperson of Selectors were Val Wall, Margaret Hall, Ian Huntington, Catherine Bailey, Rod Olsen, Bruce Wardrop, Peter McCaw and Tony Taylor. In the summer of 1986 ten teams were entered in ESTA, nine mixed teams and one men's team. This was the greatest number of teams in NBTC history. That year the B4 mixed team won their grand final. In 1990 open sets format was introduced which turned out to be very popular and the mixed sets format was finally withdrawn in Winter 2011.

In 1996, due to reducing numbers of teams entered in ESTA, three different associations were amalgamated to form Eastern Region Tennis (ERT). Bruce Wardrop, a member of NBTC who was the last President of ESTA, played a significant role in the amalgamation. In the first year of ERT, North Balwyn Tennis Club won the Eric Obst Memorial Trophy for the most successful club in the Association over all competitions. Today ERT is one of the largest and most progressive Suburban Tennis Associations in Melbourne and offers a wide variety of tennis competitions for seniors and juniors. It has nearly 70 affiliated clubs spread over the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne, with competitions involving over 4,000 players.

More recent Club members who have volunteered to manage Saturday ERT competition are Rowan Ashworth, Margaret Grouse, Peter Moran and KK Sheung with Peter McCaw doing the job from 2009 to the present. In 2009 NBTC entered two teams in the newly offered Singles/Doubles format, popular with the younger players. In the last few years, up to 2012, an average of five teams in Summer have been entered, three Open sets teams and two teams in the Singles/Doubles and three to four teams in Winter. The last Pennants won were two in winter 2010, Open sets 5 and 6 and one, Open sets 6 in Summer 2012/2013. See Appendix 10c: ERT Senior Saturday Pennants won by NBTC 2001-2013

## PENNANT

Tennis Victoria (formally Victorian Tennis Association VTA) is the representative body of all affiliated clubs, centres, associations, regions and their members throughout Victoria. As the central administrative body of tennis in Victoria, it is Tennis Victoria's role to manage, co-ordinate, promote, and unify the diverse facets of the sport.

Tennis Victoria runs Pennant Competition in Victoria and offers the following:

Premiers League: Mens and Womens, Mens Pennant: Grade 1-11, Womens Pennant: Grade 1-6, Open Doubles: Mens Grade 1-4, Womens Grade 1, Mens Masters Doubles: 50+ Doubles, A grade, B Grade, C Grade and Regional Team Events: Alicia Molik Cup, Ambassadors Cup.

NBTC started entering teams in the VTA competition in the early 1980s, the first team being a Ladies D Special team composed of: Kerry Crump, Sue Taylor, Jacqui Marsden, Chris Mangan and Julie Quay. In 1984 the Club entered three teams, two men's and one ladies team. The teams were managed by the Chairperson of Selectors for ESTA Saturday afternoon competition. In 1998 the position of Pennant Secretary was created and James McCaw held this position from 1998 until 2003. In 1999 NBTC had the most number of teams entered ever: 5 men's teams, 3 women's teams and one veterans men's team. Since 2003 Andrew Halford has served as Pennant Secretary and today an average of about 4 teams are entered each year. Pennant is important to the Club in that, besides offering the highest standard of tennis competition it provides the transition for promising Juniors to more challenging tennis and also hopefully encourages them to stay on at the Club and become long term members.

## PENNANT HIGHLIGHTS

In 1990 the Mens Grade 9 team won the first Pennant for NBTC. This involved winning their section and then playing in the inter-sectional finals, beating Donvale in the grand-final.

The team was composed of: Yehudi Collard (captain), Shane Farnell, John Moran, Matthew Boysen and Alex Sturmer.

The only other team to have won their inter-section final (against Heatherdale) was 1997 Veteran Men's Grade 4 team composed of: Stephen Clarke, Daniel Yeap, Ray King, Bruce McDonald, John Hart, Ian Huntington and Tony

Smith. The team was awarded the K. Howard Perpetual Trophy for most consistent Men's Veterans Pennant team and Stephen Clarke was awarded most consistent player in Grade 4.



*From left: Daniel Yeap, Ian Huntington, Stephen Clarke, Bruce McDonald & Tony Smith*

Other notable achievements are:

1995, Mens Grade 5, runner-up in the inter-sectional grand-final

1999, Mens Grade 6, runner-up in the inter-sectional grand-final

2001, Daniel Yeap was awarded Veterans Grade 3 Player of the year

2004, NBTC entered a team in Mens Grade 1 for the first time.

2011, Mens Grade 10 runner-up in the inter-sectional grand-final



*Mens Grade 10 Pennant runners-up 2011*

*MEMRLTA Team members: Christa Schlifelner, Serena Hayes, Kaye Clarke, Rhonda McCaw, Rowena Sheung and Melanie Katopodis; Team members in 2012: Back row: Sue Charman, Catherine Lawton, Adrienne Moulder Front row: Helen Rayner, Caroline Bragg, Lorna Sargeant, Jenny Law*



## **MIDWEEK LADIES SENIOR COMPETITION**

Midweek competition tennis has been a vital part of NBTC. At one time, because of the numbers involved, a Midweek Management Committee was thought necessary to co-ordinate the activities of all groups playing midweek competitive tennis and organised social play. Midweek competition was once the domain of lady members but since the late 1980s the Veteran men's competition was introduced. Ladies matches have been played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and the Veteran men's competition is played on Thursdays.

The remaining Midweek Ladies teams playing today have been together for many years, reflecting the strong friendships and loyalty developed through their association with NBTC.

### **Ladies Tuesday Heidelberg and District Tennis Association (HDTA)**

Club records show that HDTA competition was played by members from 1968 until 2004. Anywhere from three to six teams a season were catered for with a range of standards on offer. With this competition a team comprised six players with the usual extras to cater for emergencies. Obviously there were many ladies enjoying their competitive tennis and the company of team mates on a Tuesday at North Balwyn.

### **Ladies Tuesday Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies Tennis Association (MEMRLTA)**

From 1980 onwards teams have been entered in the MEMRLTA competition. Teams comprise four players usually with five or more assigned to a team. Between one and three teams a season have been fielded since NBTC has entered this competition. Currently two teams are playing in this association. Christa Schlifelner, a NBTC member, served on the MEMRLTA Committee from 2005-2008.

## **MEMRLTA A5**

The MEMRLTA team consists of Serena Hayes, Melanie Katopodis, Christa Schlifelner, Kaye Clarke and Rowena Sheung. The original team was formed in the winter season of 2003 with Rowena and Christa. Melanie joined the following season, Serena in 2005 and Kaye in 2009. This is the 19th season, and the team has reached the semi finals 11 times and managed to get 3 premiership flags and 2 runner-up flags.

## **MEMRLTA A10**

Sue Charman & Helen Rayner joined the NBTC at the same time in 1993 and have played every season since in the same team. During this time the team played finals 11 times, were runners up 3 times and won the flag 3 times, the most recent Pennant win being Winter 2013 A10 section. The current team is, Helen Rayner, Sue Charman, Adrienne Moulder, Lorna Sargeant, Jenny Law & Catherine Lawton. Other members who have been part of the above team are: Caroline Bragg, Diane Draffin, Faye Grant, Airi Norman, Vicki Ibbott, Judy Gregory, Joan Cocks, Margaret Walker.

### **Ladies Wednesday Eastern District Women's Tennis Association (EDWTA)**

Wednesday ladies competition was also very popular. Club records indicate that from 1974 until the present day NBTC has been associated with this competition. From 1974 until the late 1990s the number of teams entered each season ranged from five to eight, with four plus players to a team. Numbers have dwindled due to a variety of reasons (advancing years of players and lack of younger women available mid-week), until today we have one team playing in this Association.

Margaret Beech, who was a member of NBTC from 1972 until 1990 was a member of the EDWTA Committee for over 20 years. She served in all the executive positions and during her



*EDWTA Team members: Marie Purcell, Dianne Sampson, Catherine Lawton (with Pennant), Norma Ross and Philippa Wardrop; WDTA Pennant winners: Left to right, Sheryl Kerwick, Rhonda McCaw, Judy Davies, Eva Bettiol, Susan McLaughlin and Jane Cash*

time as Record Secretary oversaw selection of teams in 19 sections during the 1980s when midweek ladies tennis was at its most popular. In recognition of her outstanding contribution she was awarded Life Membership of EDWTA in the 1980s.

Carole Snowsill, a member of NBTC for the past 20 years has served on the EDWTA Committee for 27 years. She was involved in selection of teams and was elected President in 1995. She also was awarded Life Membership of EDWTA. NBTC is very proud of both Margaret and Carole's significant contribution to Midweek Ladies Tennis.

### **EDWTA Section 5**

Currently capably captained by Diana Lamb, the team's regular players are Catherine Lawton, Dianne Sampson, Norma Ross and Philippa Wardrop. Marie Purcell has missed a couple of seasons due to her husband, Peter's illness, and Philippa has triumphed over a shoulder operation. Diana Baron-Toop plays in the team during the summer season. Diana Draffin, Kaye Clarke and many others have also played when needed. The team's last Pennant was runner-up in Winter 2010.

### **Ladies Thursday Heidelberg and District Tennis Association (HDTA)**

Another ladies competition in which the Club has been involved since 1978 until 2008 has been HDTA. Initially two teams were entered, then three, then four for many years.

### **Ladies Thursday Waverley and District Tennis Association (WDTA)**

Members have been playing WDTA competition since 2008, the format suiting the players more than that of Thursday HDTA. Currently the Club has one team of players entered in A Grade.

### **WDTA A Grade**

The team started in Section 1 (now A Grade) and since then has oscillated between A Grade and A Reserve 1. The team keeps winning the lower grade but struggles in A Grade. Having been promoted again to A Grade it hopes to be successful enough to stay there.

Other women who played in the team have been Lorel Wall, Sue Windle, Rong Xu and Susan Martin.

The Club is very grateful to the many women who have volunteered to manage selection and team entry for each midweek association as well as those who have captained their teams, with all the duties entailed, including rostering players and of course the management of the all important provision of lunch! Strong friendships have been made through midweek competition and at the end of each season most of the midweek ladies teams get together socially for lunch or dinner.

### **MIDWEEK MENS SENIOR COMPETITION**

The Club has had a long association of approximately 20 years with the Eastern Melbourne Midweek Veterans Tennis Association (EMMVTA), or Thursday Vets to which it was often abbreviated. It is now called Metro Masters Tennis Association.

Peter Purcell, a Life Member of our Club, served on the EMMVTA Management Committee and managed the teams playing in the competition from NBTC for many years. In the early years of this competition North Balwyn was one the strongest clubs with often 4 teams playing in the various grades. This competition continues to be very popular and the players have regular practices on Monday afternoons with impressive afternoon teas to rival the midweek ladies! Peter Moran now manages the submission of teams.

#### *Section 4 Lions Premiers 2013*

*From left: John McInnes, Preston Berryman, John Zannoni, Roger Taylor, Garry Basinski, and Steve Clarke (front); NENTG Battlers Ladies Doubles team: Pennant winners Wednesday night Section 1 2009 Back row: Rhonda McCaw, Susan Martin, Judy Davies & Rong Xu, Front row: Helen Cations, Sheryl Kerwick & Susan McLaughlin.*



Thanks to Bob Giddings records, following is a list of the teams playing in the Thursday competition in Autumn 1991.

Section 1: Vic Wood (Captain), John McInnes, Ken Nickels, Ray Latter, Tony MacCormack, and Derek Arthurs.

Section 2: Alan Chipp (Captain), Norman Marshall, Peter Purcell, Max Gillespie, Norman Chesterfield, and Bob Giddings.

Section 3: Ron Brown (Captain), Ian Polmear, Bob Lee, Brian Dawson, and Ron McIntosh.

Section 4: Bryan Barmby (Captain), Karl Abele, Karl Zubecki, George Watson, Russell Brown, and Don Pederson.

Emergencies: Paul Grouse, Peter Bahen, Kurt Sturmer, Tony Taylor, Ian Huntington, and Peter McCaw.

Other players who played included Doug Hall, Laurie Crump, Ken Rowley, Eric Better, Bill Spicl, and Bruce Wardrop amongst others.

Looking 22 years later Spring 2013, the following North Balwyn players are involved:

Section 2: Eli Cohen, Kevin Gregory, John Mansour, Stephen Clarke.

Section 3: John Zannoni, Garry Basinski, Roger Taylor, Albert Au, Preston Berryman, and John McInnes.

Section 4: Theo Eversteyn, Jim de Stephanis, Peter Nitsos, Peter Moran, and Peter Yap.

Over the years North Balwyn teams have been successful on a number of occasions.

In Section 1, NBTC has been premiers in Spring 1998, Autumn 1999, Autumn 2000, and Spring, 2000.

In Section 3, Premiers in Autumn 2007, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Autumn 2010(Runners up), and Autumn 2011,

In Section 4, Premiers in Autumn 2008, Spring 2012 (Runners up),

In Section 5, Autumn 2009 (Runners Up), and Autumn 2011 (Runners Up).

Here is a contribution by Peter Purcell for the June 2003 NBTC newsletter:

#### **USEFUL EXCUSES WHEN YOUR TEAM LOSES**

All tennis players have heard their team mates (and themselves) trot out a variety of reasons as to why they lost on a particular day. Norman Marshall, the Thursday Veterans resident writer, put together quite a few of these for one of our tennis dinners and I felt they should be published in this newsletter (with some suitable amendments of course). Please excuse the Thursday Veterans slant on some items.

1. Our No 1 could not play today.
2. We have not got a No 1.
3. We play for fun the main thing is to compete.
4. We never play well in the wind.
5. The team has been unsettled by injuries.
6. The Captain mucked up the team order of play before we started.
7. We had to bring in an emergency at No. 4.
8. Bob Giddings did not provide us with a good emergency.
9. The selection committee put the best players in the other teams.
10. Ken Nickels gave us bad advice before the match.
11. We're all a year older now.
12. Alan Chipp was lobbing short today.
13. Alan Chipp played 18 holes of golf before coming to tennis.
14. Max lost his cool.
15. I broke a string at match point.
16. Every time I went for a smash the sun got in my eyes.



*BDNTA Yackers Open Doubles team: Pennant winners Tuesday Section 13 2009 – Joe Iacopino, Joseph Iacopino, Alex Barton, Paul Iacopino & Kevin Walsh; BDNTA Serves Ya Right Open Doubles team: Pennant winners Tuesday Section 13 2011 – Lisa Smith, Matt Miller, Kylie Smith & Simon Ezard*

17. We were unlucky on the critical points.
18. They kept hitting the lines all the time.
19. The courts were slippery after the heavy rain.
20. The courts were very dry after the hot weather.
21. The other side had their best team in.
22. The sets were much closer than the scores indicated.
23. We were unlucky to lose six tiebreakers.
24. We had to play on the mod grass at Diamond Creek.
25. I couldn't understand what John Quay was saying.
26. John Quay couldn't understand what I was saying.
27. The other team should be in a higher section.
28. Peter Purcell thinks more of Pixie (his dog) than he does of his team.
29. I thought I had to bring milk.

## NIGHT TENNIS COMPETITION

Night Tennis at NBTC started in the late 1980s with members of the Club forming teams and playing at other venues. In 1988 the Club gained permission from the Council to erect lights on courts 1 & 2. Teams were entered in Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association (BDNTA) in 1990 and this competition has become very popular with the adult members of the Club. In 1999, due to demand, lights were erected on courts 3 & 4 allowing more teams to be entered. Thanks go to Marie Huntington for being the first Night Tennis Co-ordinator, followed by Alex Collard, John Hart, David McGrail, Val Love and more recently, Rhonda McCaw.

Traditionally Monday night has been Ladies doubles competition, with Mixed and Open doubles on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. In later years the Mixed competition has been dropped and a Singles/Doubles competition introduced on Thursday nights. NBTC also for a few years entered a Ladies Doubles team in North

Eastern Night Tennis Group (NENTG) competition on a Wednesday night. BDNTA is a one court competition but NBTC has always had a policy of providing two courts per night per team for home matches and subsidises the cost of night tennis competition fees for NBTC members.

BDNTA is a strong association with 43 clubs entering 369 teams over four nights. Only nine out of those 43 clubs enter more teams than NBTC. In 2012, eleven NBTC teams were entered in the BDNTA competition with five teams winning Pennants and two teams runner-up in their section over the two seasons. See Appendix 10d: Pennants won by NBTC in Night Competition 1990-2012

The NBTC Committee plans in the future to expand the number of courts under lights to cater for more competition teams, greater access for social night tennis and also to allow more use by our Head Coaches for private coaching.



*BDNTA Racketeers Open Doubles team: Pennant winners Wednesday Section 6 2012 Peter Smith, Peter Karlson, Peter Karn, Peter Cargin, Mike Wells, Jeff Magrath & George Krithis; BDNTA Scorpions Open Doubles team: Pennant winners Thursday Section 1 2012 Andrew Hayes, Shing-Yue Sheung, Mitch Anderson, Henry Nguyen, & Martin Ip (Other team members: Balazs Lovrecz & Russel Downie, not in photo)*

## Chapter 4

### Photos From 1980s and 1990s



Top row: 1980s NBTC Committee; 1980s Club Championships – Lois Northey, Bettie MacSween, Julie & Marcia Barmby; Doug Hall, Bettie MacSween & Cathy Bailey; 1982 Tuesday Midweek Ladies Section 2A Back row: Marcia Barmby, 2nd row: 1984 ESTA Semi-finalists Back row: Lachlan MacSween, Stephen Clarke & Andrew Dobell Front row: and Jacqui Marsden; 1985 Wednesday Midweek EDWTA Finalists Rhonda McCaw, Trish Pearson, Bette Ryan, 3rd row: 1986 Hairy Legs Competition; 1986 Lovely Legs Competition; Club Championships – Margaret Hall – Stephen Clarke and Trish Lowe



1981 ESTA A3 Winners – Back row: Mike Durand, Margaret Hall, Desi Giddings, Bob Giddings Front row: John Quay, Margaret Hall, Judy Brown, Adele Dickason & Lois Northey Front row: Judy Levant, Vi Ingram & Patsy Clyne Kerry Crump, Julie Quay, Sue Taylor & Jacqui Marsden; 1985 Open Mixed Doubles Champions Lachlan MacSween Jenny Hamilton & Bettie MacSween; 1985 Open Mens Doubles Champions – Andrew Dobell and Brad Cocks and Judy Levant; 1987 Club Championships – Hugh Batten and Ian Huntington; 1987 Open Mixed Doubles Champions



Top row: ESTA team 1988 R/U B1 Back row:: Peter McCaw, Geoff Hall, Bruce Wardrop & Trevor Legg Front row:Liz Grover, Marie Huntington & Trish Lowe; 1994 Junior Boys Champion James McCaw; 1995 50 & Over Ladies Open Doubles winners 2nd row: 1987 Wednesday EDWTA Grand finalists Bettie MacSween, Rhonda McCaw, Trish Lowe & Judy Levant; Huntington & Stephen Clarke; 1995 Ladies Open Singles Champion Susie King; 1995 Men's Open Doubles Champions- 3rd row: 1998 Open Men's Singles Champion Stuart Brown; 1998 Open Ladies Doubles Champions- Barbara and - Warren Judd & Jeanette Power; Marea Karlson, Robyn Judd, Jenny Hamilton, Bette Ryan & Adele Dickason



*Maryanne van Messel & Sue Grover; 1989 Christmas Party; 1990 Club Championships Open Ladies Doubles Champions Marie Huntington & Lois Northey.  
1995 Ladies Open Doubles Champions – Marj Doidge & Sheryl Kerwick; 1995 50 & Over Men's Doubles winners– Ian Yehudi Collard & Alan Edge  
Kylie Chiselett; Marcia Barmby, Marie Huntington, Judy Brown & Lois Northey; 1998 18 & Under Mixed Doubles winners*

## Chapter 5

# Life Members of North Balwyn Tennis Club

Over the 50 years of NBTC's operation Life Membership has been awarded to particular members as recognition of their exceptional service and dedication to North Balwyn Tennis Club.

### 1964 Mr Tom Kennedy

Tom Kennedy was a very active member from the inception of the Club. The first meeting on 7 July 1961, where the Club General Committee



*Rhonda McCaw, Peter McCaw, Hugh Batten, Bruce Wardrop, Ivan Dyring, Val Wall and Bob Giddings*

At the Annual General Meeting in November 2012, Life Members were invited to come and celebrate the Club's 50th Anniversary. Those who could attend gathered in front of the clubhouse.

*See Appendix 11: List of Life Members of NBTC*

Living Life Members were invited to contribute their recollections from their time at the Club and these follow. Summaries of deceased Life Members' contributions are also included.

was formed, was held at his home in Greythorn Road, North Balwyn where he was elected Club President.

He served in this capacity for the first two years of the Club and was awarded Life Membership in 1964. He was well known in tennis circles and was Treasurer of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia in addition to being a senior official of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria for many years.

*Bob Johnston*



### **1966 Mr Len Stephens**

Len Stephens was elected as President of the NBTC committee in 1964, taking over from the first President Tom Kennedy. He served for three years until 1967. In the minutes of the 1966 Annual General Meeting Mr R. Johnston moved a vote of thanks to Mr L. Stephens for the work and time he had put into the Club since its inception. The motion was seconded by Mr H. Batten and carried with acclamation. The motion to award Life Membership to Len was moved by R. Johnston and seconded by H. Batten and carried unanimously.

Len presided over a review of the Club's constitution, negotiations with Camberwell Council about financial assistance with repair of the courts due to subsidence, improvements to the court surrounds and the employment of the new coach, Mr. Frank Phillips. He also had strong views on the balance between competition and social play. In his Chairman's report to the AGM in 1967 he wrote:

The Club was originally formed as a social tennis club and all members should be cautious in allowing too much inter-club competition. Competition naturally helps to maintain a high standard of tennis but restricting the social play would be detrimental.

### **1967 Mr Robert Johnston**

Bob Johnston, one of the founding fathers of NBTC, was the Club's first Treasurer and served in this capacity from 1962 to 1968. He was instrumental in the formation of the Club, acting as Secretary/Treasurer in the early days before the Club was a formal entity. To publicise the Club, a pamphlet was designed and Bob and his wife Elaine, with daughter Helen and Kaye Clarke (Dyring) and Betty Olsson and her children, went from house to house distributing brochures in their respective areas.

Bob attended Council meetings and M.B.W.

Meetings to be granted permits for courts. They had to wait for the Council to decide where the court site was to be. Money started coming in then the big decision to go ahead. Four courts were started and they were on the way. Bob worked hard for the Club in the early days, not only as Treasurer, but also on working bees. They used the neighbour's (the Aitken's) shed to store equipment. Bob did not play a lot of tennis but was a regular at the many social activities. Elaine was a keen mid-week social player and participated in arranging the Club's social activities including dinner dances and children's Christmas parties. In 1967 Bob was made a Life Member in recognition of the many hours of tireless work he devoted to the Club.

### **1970 Mr Hugh Batten**

Here are Hugh Batten's recollections with so many wonderful memories, so many good friends made.

It was exciting to be part of the first team fielded by NBTC in the ESTA competition in the mid-1960s. The team was, I think, Priska Brodbeck, Nan Brazenor, Fay Crump, Hugh Batten, Laurie Crump and Peter Coombes.

The first trip to an Easter tournament was made in 1968, to Warrnambool. The group was Laurie and Fay Crump, Beverley and Tony Smith, Marie and Ian Huntington, and Hugh and Margaret

*Opposite page: The cup; Club Championships 1982 Mixed Doubles – Jane Henty-Wilson, Christopher Batten, Hugh Batten, Margaret Hall. 1976-78 Margaret Hall, Hugh Batten, Lois Northey, Stephen Clarke, Patsy Clyne & Kep Henty-Wilson*

Batten, plus a hoard of young children. The following year we went to Shepparton, and I think that was the year the Halls came along too. The group expanded and, after a couple more years at Shepparton, the venue changed to Deniliquin.

Many enjoyable tussles in the Club Championships. My long-standing partners were Laurie Crump in the Men's Doubles and Margaret Hall in the Mixed Doubles.

A memorable game of tennis – Kep Henty-Wilson visited us during our two years in Scotland in the early 1970s, so we had to have a game of tennis, but it was on an indoor court as it was the middle of winter.

Right through the 1980s and 1990s, a group of us met on Wednesday night after work to have a hit at the Club. It started off with Hugh, Tony, Laurie and Doug, later joined by Ian (and for a few years by Christopher Batten, when he came home to go to University before returning to England.) Lots of repartee and laughter and of course, brilliant tennis! The tennis was followed by a recovery session in the clubhouse with a glass or two of champagne and pizza. We got on well with a younger male group that started to play at the same time – the group included Alan Edge, Stuart Milligan, Andrew Dobell and Brad Cocks.

Val Wall's peerless pavlovas!

A real treat – gathering after tennis at Fay and Laurie's place in the 1970s to have a swim in the pool – they were the only people we knew who had a pool at that time.

During my time as President, the main issue was the relocation of the courts. Several courts were sinking because they had been built on an area filled with old car bodies and not properly compacted. We wanted to relocate further into Hislop Reserve, but the Camberwell Council was not prepared to fund the venture. There was also

strong objections from the residents. Eventually, the Council agreed to redevelop existing courts and provide two new courts. During this time, and on many occasions thereafter, Tony Smith gave the Club invaluable legal advice and support.

There were heated discussions in the 1970s about entering a team in VTA Pennant competition. Social tennis was a strong part of the Club then, and the social players didn't want to lose more courts to competition. As a result, Hugh, Laurie, Doug, Ian and Tony fielded a Pennant team at Deepdene, then for many years at MCC.

There's a colourful and apt phrase that has stayed with me for decades – the indomitable Trish Lowe once said to me during a match "Hugh, you have a piss-weak second serve!"

## **Margaret Batten**

Hugh was the tennis player in the family, but I did play one season of competition and I enjoyed many years of social tennis on Sundays. Friends made in those early days remained close friends through the decades. On Saturdays, I followed Hugh's team around as a supporter and loved watching the competition tennis. Hugh and I won the Mixed Doubles in the Club Championships a couple of times – we won because Hugh covered seven-eighths of the court while I covered one eighth!

Here is a photo of the Men's Singles Championship Cup that was donated by Len Stephens, to be presented to the winner of the Men's Singles, who could keep it for a year. Hugh won it in 1965, 66, 67, 68, 70 and 71 when it was decided he could keep it permanently. Hugh then donated another cup for the same purpose but I don't know what happened to it. Hugh thinks that at one stage Greg Ball won it.

The inscription reads:

*North Balwyn Tennis Club, The L.C. Stephens Trophy, Men's Singles Championship*



**Christopher Batten**, Hugh and Margaret's son, on hearing his father's recollections had these memories to contribute.

He remembers:

Pancho Gonzales visiting the Club, the clubhouse facing the other way originally, Greg Ball's serve, Brad Cocks and Andrew Dobell practising on court 3 (old court 1) for hours and hours, the old teapots, big and battered, the wooden name pegs for social games, Katrina and Justin filling the car with stones#, Laurie Crump's thumping forehand with the new metal racquet, Margaret Hall's meticulously prepared scores history for every player at selection meetings.....and lots of tennis.

# This refers to the time when the Smiths and the Battens were enjoying an afternoon of social tennis one Sunday, leaving our two preschoolers (Katrina Batten and Justin Smith) to play in the surrounds of the courts. Afterwards we found that the two littlies had spent the time filling the front of my car with gravel from the car park!

### **1974 Mr. Keppel Henty-Wilson**

Kep Henty-Wilson's wife Anne became a member shortly after the Club's foundation. Strangely, she was quite unwilling for him to become a member of the North Balwyn Tennis Club. Hugh Batten induced him to become a member of the North Balwyn Tennis Club in 1968 and, as a relative newcomer, he won the Club Singles Championship in 1969. This marked the commencement of several years of competitive tennis and really caused the termination of any private social play. Kep enjoyed the competition on Saturday afternoon play with the Eastern Suburban Tennis Association and the high point

of several years of competition was winning the A2 grade Pennant in 1972 when he was team captain. In 1974 Kep was awarded Life Membership for his contribution to the Club.

Kep and Anne made many friends as a result of joining the Club and participated in country tournaments at Easter in towns such as Shepparton and Deniliquin. Anne and Kep won a Mixed Doubles event at Shep (not the highest grade) and Kep also remembers winning a Men's A Grade Doubles event with Ian Huntington at Deniliquin.



***Deniliquin Tournament 1974 Doubles winners, Kep Henty-Wilson & Ian Huntington***

The last year they went to Deniliquin, Anne was unable to play because she had had a minor heart attack while playing at the North Balwyn Club and her specialist had warned her not to play tennis for a month.

Another pleasant social tennis activity was on many Wednesday evenings after work when a men's four got together. The regular players



*1976 Alan Northey & Anne Henty-Wilson; Bob Edge 1979*

were Hugh Batten, Laurie Crump, Tony Smith and Kep. The games were rather competitive with Hugh and Laurie pairing against Tony and Kep. Sometimes Doug Hall and Ian Huntington filled in but, in later years, Doug Hall replaced Kep.

When Tony Smith moved into a new home in Templestowe, there was a very nice mod-grass court and Anne and Kep were invited to afternoon tea and a men's four comprising the same players would follow. Unfortunately, Kep found on the last occasion (1986) he played there that he was unable to serve because of a shoulder injury. Sadly, this was the last time he ever played tennis. A visit to a specialist doctor found that he was suffering from a rotator-cuff-syndrome.

### **1975 Mr Robert Edge**

Bob Edge's son Alan composed this memoir of his father:

Father Bob and mother Estelle were two long time members of the Club and were original members. I first remember coming down to the Club as a 4 year old, 50 years ago. Bob was an original committee member, being in charge of maintenance until approximately the late 70s. In his role he worked closely with Ivan Dyring in particular, and also Mac Dyring (his brother-in-law) and Bob Giddings.

His Life Membership was prompted by him being instrumental in the construction of courts 1 & 2, formally a vacant horse paddock in 1974. In doing so, a massive amount of earth had to be moved. Also, in order to make room for the new courts 1 & 2, the clubhouse had to be physically uprooted and relocated closer to court 3. The whole task was a major one which required considerable time and knowledge. Bob's experience gained in his work as a Plumbing Contractor helped him to

do this. Prior to courts 1 & 2 being constructed, other efforts were made to try and solve the problem of the Club bursting at the seams but these were unsuccessful.

Bob was a social player who mainly played on a Sunday afternoon in the earlier days and in the later years on a Thursday morning. I have been a member of the Club for many years and my sister Helen was also a member for quite a while. When we were young kids we would play at the back of the courts with the children of the Crumps, Huntingtons and Halls whilst the parents played social tennis on Sunday afternoons. Of course, as we grew up most of us became tennis players too, following in our parents' footsteps.

### **1976 Mr Ivan Dyring**

Ivan Dyring – It does not seem 50 years since the tennis club was formed. My involvement came about in 1962 after attending a meeting called by the President Tom Kennedy at his home in Greythorn Road. Also in attendance was the Secretary and Treasurer, Bob Johnston. I think there were about eight people present. These eight people attending the meeting all became members of the first committee. I was a member of the committee for about 15 years. Over the years I played a lot of social and competition tennis. I helped in building the clubhouse, in its relocation to make way for two new courts, courts 1 & 2 and lots of work over the years repairing courts due to flood damage. Two very good Club members I would like to mention are Bob Edge and Bob Giddings. These two were tireless in their work for the tennis club and were very good organisers.



*Joan and Ivan Dyring (on right) with Bill and Veronica Spicl at the Alexandra Tennis Tournament, February 1975; Val Wall*

### **1977 Mrs Val Wall**

Val Wall first played tennis at the age of 10. She played Southern and Mountain District competition as a member of the Gembrook tennis team and was also a member of the Uniting Church competition for Canterbury.

Val joined the North Balwyn Tennis Club in 1965 and was a member of the first NBTC midweek ladies team playing Heidelberg and District competition. Team members were: Gwen Cresswell (captain), Heather Banks, Irene Cheshire, Norma Humphris, Maida Ruddell, Veronical Spicl, Val Ward and Val Wall.

Val transferred to full membership and found herself playing Saturday ESTA competition, midweek Tuesday HDTA, Wednesday EDWTA and Thursday HDTA (as emergency).

When the men's Thursday competition began, Val filled in as emergency and was honoured to be asked to play in their grand final when one of their players fell ill. North Balwyn won the grand final!

Val first joined the North Balwyn Tennis Club Committee as the Publicity Officer. Tasks included collating the Club team results and delivering them to the local newspaper for publication. From there, Val became the Club's first lady Secretary, holding the position from 1970 to 1980 and for her contribution was awarded a Life Membership, the first lady recipient. In 1986 Val compiled a history of the Club's first 25 years which was presented at the 25th Anniversary dinner at Kew Golf Club.

Due to injury Val retired from tennis in 2006, aged 79.

### **1980 Mrs Betty Olsson**

Betty Olsson spent many years on the NBTC Committee. Her name does not appear on the

Office Bearers list but she was very active behind the scenes. In the 7th Annual Report (1967/68) by the President Hugh Batten, the following tribute was made about Betty on her resignation from the Committee.

Mrs B Olsson had a record of loyal and devoted service to the Club. Betty was appointed Assistant Secretary in mid-1961, and has occupied the position since that time. Betty has continually contributed to the Club by relieving the "pressure points" – often unexciting tasks must be performed, envelopes or notices typed for all members, membership papers organised, liaison between the midweek ladies and the Committee, providing morning tea at working bees, and so on.

Betty was awarded Life Membership in 1981.



**1969 Junior BBQ: Betty Olsson on left**

*Bob Giddings; ESTA Winter A3 Team 1981, Bob on far right*



### **1981 Mr Robert Giddings**

Bob Giddings—I first became interested when Tom Kennedy held meetings in his home in Greythorn to form a tennis club in North Balwyn. City of Camberwell granted land in Lloyd Street and with Jim Melville as architect, work began to produce four courts. Unfortunately the site was over an old creek bed filled with car bodies, rubbish, garbage etc. which was never consolidated and the sinkage problem was apparent after two months and has been a problem ever since.

I held various positions on the Committee over many years but apart from organising and playing tennis, was heavily involved in maintenance, improvements etc. at the Club. Two major events were the droughts in the 1980s when the courts had to be watered with watering cans before play and when floods washed lots of the ent-out-cas from the courts onto the Balwyn North Bowling Club greens across Buchanan Avenue in the 1990s.

My wife Desi and I played in the Eastern Suburbs Saturday competition for many years. Eventually I joined the Men's over 50's Thursday competition. I am fortunate to have had the encouragement and support of my wife Desi over all these years. For over 40 years we have been involved in officiating in major and minor tennis tournaments in Australia and England. I was awarded Life Membership in 1981 and presented with a Certificate of Distinguished Service in 2002.

### **1983 Mr Neil Raven**

Neil Raven – My first recollection is attending a meeting at Tom Kennedy's home in Greythorn Road (that was advertised for people interested in forming a tennis club). The attendance was fairly good and there was definitely great interest. At a later meeting it was resolved that a club be formed and certain people were asked to make enquiries re the allocation of land to build

the courts. As I remember the hard core of the people doing the initial work were: Tom Kennedy, Jim Melville, Len Stephens, Bob Giddings, Bob Johnson, Mac & Ivan Dyring and Bob Edge. After several meetings we were granted the present site for the club.

The Committee realised that the site was in an old river bed and decided a soil sample should be made to avoid problems down the track. A person was engaged for this purpose and we were informed that there should be no problems with the site. Horwood Tennis Court Constructions was employed to install six courts, but it was not long before it was obvious that we would have problems as the land had been filled but not sufficiently compacted and would probably sink.

The courts were finished and play began but the courts started to sink in several places. Working bees were started and a long process began of attempting to fix the courts. The Committee approached Camberwell Council to see whether they would help us either with money to repair the courts or to relocate us. These approaches fell on deaf ears and we were left to try to fix the problem ourselves.

The Committee then decided that if we were to stay at the present location a clubhouse was necessary. Naturally money was a problem so Tom Kennedy asked me if I would form a Co-operative society. The purpose of this was to make it a condition of membership that each member would take up \$100.00 worth of shares in the Co-op paid to \$10.00, the balance to be called in future years as required. After approval of this plan I was then able to approach the ANZ bank to obtain a loan secured against the uncalled capital of the Co-op to pay for the clubhouse. This scheme worked well and if a member left the Club, an incoming member would be required to take over the shares and the liability attached thereto. By 1968, having served its purpose, the activities of the Cooperative society were closed.

The courts continued to be a problem and working bees were held often, with once again, the hard core of members being Bob Giddings, the Dyring brothers, Bob Edge and their wives (supplying morning teas) with many others helping.

We were always trying to raise money to help with the Club's finances and many dinner dances, BBQs, raffles etc. were held, organised by a very active social committee.

### **1985 Mrs Margaret Hall**

Margaret Hall - The Hall family, Doug, Margaret, Geoff, Steven and Penny joined NBTC in 1967, not long after moving into North Balwyn. Margaret was an excellent tennis player, playing both midweek and weekend tennis. Her midweek team contained a number of Margarets so they ended up with nicknames, hers being Lady M. Margaret won many Open Ladies Doubles Championships, with P. Brodbeck in 1968, Trish Lowe in 1970, with Patsy Cooke in 1974, 75, 77 and 78, and with Judy Levant in 1984 and 1987. Partnering Jack May, she won three Open Mixed Doubles Championships in 1978, 79 and 80.

Margaret was an active member of the North Balwyn Tennis Club from the beginning and contributed to most of the Club's activities, worked on various sub-committees, mid-week ladies, weekend ESTA, Club Championships, social events and edited the Club newsletter from 1978 for many years. Margaret was meticulous in her recording of events and statistics which has been very valuable in reviewing the Club's history. She also was a keen photographer and many of the photos in this book were taken by her. The Hall family were also regulars at the annual pilgrimage to the Deniliquin Easter Tournament (along with up to 20 others from the Club).

Margaret's involvement in administration of the Club culminated in her being elected the first female President in 1978 and she served for three years. She was awarded Life Membership

in 1985 for her contribution to the Club. Her husband, Doug served on Committee and as President for two years from 1970-72 and won the Open Mens Doubles with Tony Smith in 1977 and the Open Mixed Doubles with Patsy Cooke in 1975 and 1978. Their son Geoff was the Club's caretaker for over 25 years and he, along with their daughter Penny and her children also participated in competition at the Club. Margaret Hall died on 9th May 2011 and her husband Doug died in late September of the same year. The many Club members who attended Margaret's funeral were touched by the many references to North Balwyn Tennis Club and her love of the Club and all the friends she had made there.

As a tribute to Margaret Hall the new Club Championship Honour Board has been called the Margaret Hall Honour Board of Club Champions.



***Doug Hall, Geoff Hall and Margaret Hall, 1976;  
ESTA Premiers 1976 : Stephen Clarke, Margaret Hall  
and Kep Henty-Wilson***



*Jillian Ball, Fay Crump, Kym Ruddell, Maida Ruddell and Margaret Batten 1968*

## **1986 Mrs Fay Crump**

Fay Crump and her family became members of the North Balwyn Tennis Club in the late 1960s.

Fay was a keen competitor and played Saturday afternoon competition in the ESTA. She also enjoyed many seasons of Tuesday ladies competition in the Heidelberg District Tennis Association competition and was known to encourage young members to do their best.

Fay's Club Championship achievements included winning the 1966 Ladies doubles with Gwen Cresswell and with her husband, Laurie won the Mixed Doubles in 1965, 1972 and 1976.

Fay took on the role of looking after membership from the very early days of the Club and kept a very close eye on things. When the membership grew and new name tags were added she would take it upon herself to hammer in the nails to hang the tags. She printed and placed the names on the tags and always ensured this was completed in strict alphabetical order. Every time she entered the clubhouse it was straight to the boards to check on them. Another role was the responsibility for purchasing trophies for the Club Championships. Fay always put thought and considerable consideration into each of them.

In 1974 the position of Junior Organiser was formalised on the Committee. Fay held this position and worked tirelessly with 220 Juniors, a huge task. She was helped by the appointment of Brian Lord as Supervisor of activities on Saturday mornings. Fay was a dedicated and tireless worker for the Club and for her efforts she was awarded Life Membership in 1986.

Fay retired from tennis due to failing eyesight in 1998. The Club members who knew her were very sad to hear of her death on 14th September 2012.

## **1988 Mrs Diana Simondson**

Di Simondson - About 40 years ago I joined North

Balwyn Tennis Club. At the time my feelings were very low owing to family problems. My fortunate decision to join this Club helped me to regain my confidence surrounded by very caring and friendly people with whom I have made many lasting associations.

*Di was very active in the Club and was known for her role as Membership Secretary. Club membership was at its highest (over 600 members) in the early 1980s and there were no computer systems to assist with records and mailing. Sunday social tennis was very strong then and Di was always there at Sunday social tennis to welcome new members. For her contribution to the Club she was awarded Life Membership in 1988. Editor*



*Di Simondson with David Hatcher, Club Championships 1990*

## **1993 Mr Bruce Wardop**

Bruce Wardop – I first started playing at the Club in 1969 (two years after my wife Philippa joined) at the invitation of Keppel Henty-Wilson. However it was not until 1977 that I played regularly, initially in the Summer Competition.

I was on the Committee from 1979 for several years, Treasurer in the early 1980s and Auditor

*Bruce and Philippa Wardrop*



during the 1980s and 1990s. I was President from 1989-1992 and became a Life Member in 1993. During the above period the Club was very strong with a large membership, many Pennant, Saturday and mid-week teams. Night competition was commenced at the Club in the late 1980s and the Club held a number of well attended social activities.

I became President of the Eastern Suburbs Tennis Association (ESTA) (the Association NBTC had played in on Saturday afternoons since the 1960s) in 1993. I held the position for three years. With declining Saturday playing numbers throughout the area, it became obvious that an amalgamation with other associations was imperative. Along with presidents from two other associations we formed Eastern Region Tennis (ERT) in 1996, which operates today.

North Balwyn Tennis Club was always a respected and strong club within the ESTA and we should be proud that our Club was a strong motivating force behind today's Saturday afternoon competition, ERT.



*Club Championship 1988: Laurie Crump, Doug Hall, Bruce Wardrop*

**Philippa Wardrop:** I joined NBTC in late 1967 and played socially intermittently until 1975 when I began playing midweek competition on

Wednesdays for the first time. This was a new competition (EDWTA) established by Margaret Beech, a member of our Club, and others. There were many teams playing and using the original small clubhouse, hence a noisy group of ladies. I was involved with selection committees etc. I later played in Thursday HDTA competition and remember a young Rhonda McCaw joining. In later years I changed to Tuesday competition with a very well established group who still meet socially today even though their tennis days are over.

We encouraged our family to play tennis and it was Mandy and James who went on to play Saturday afternoon competition in the 80s and 90s. It was at the Club that Mandy met Andrew Lane and in 1988 they were married – one of many tennis club romances! It gave Bruce and I great pleasure to be able to play in teams with our daughter and son and future son-in-law. Andrew became Treasurer in the mid-1980s.

It also became clear with all courts in use, that on days of inclement weather there needed to be more protection for players playing on courts 6, 7 & 8. Hence I was among a number of members who pushed for the gazebo to be built.

NBTC has been an important part of our family's sport and I am still playing today. It has been a source of great enjoyment and friendship over many years. No doubt, with the new clubhouse being built, the Club will go from strength to strength for the next fifty years.



## **2000 Mr Peter McCaw**

I joined NBTC together with my wife Rhonda in 1981. We had been playing tennis at a small church club in Caulfield but had recently moved to Kew and were looking for a new club closer to home. Rhonda searched around Kew, Eaglemont and other clubs in the area but decided that North Balwyn was the best bet. We went down for a look one Sunday and just happened to pick the finals day of the Club Championships. We were amazed at the number of people there watching and instantly decided that a club with that level of involvement was the club for us.

I remember being somewhat in awe of the then group of people running the Club. They were so well organised and the place ran like clockwork. In those days tennis was much more popular and the Club had a waiting list. We had to be 'viewed' one Sunday to assess our tennis ability which wasn't great but good enough to pass muster. I remember playing with Max Gillespie, still a non playing member, and the late Ken Rowley. Sunday social tennis was very strong in those days before weekend shopping and more flexible working hours. I also remember being welcomed to the Club by the President at the time, the late and much loved Margaret Hall.

I was asked to stand for Committee in 1986 and I considered it quite a compliment. I was very nervous and spent a few Committee meetings saying very little and trying to figure out just how things worked. Gradually I worked my way into it and began to make a real contribution. The first job I was given was to look after the supply of tennis balls for the Club and I still do that. Under the floor of our house has been stocked with boxes of balls for almost 30 years now. I also got the task of providing milk for Saturday afternoon competition afternoon teas, a few litres of milk in those days. I did that for almost 20 years too before arrangements were changed with the fall off in Saturday afternoon teams.

Around that time I was elected to the Saturday Afternoon Selection Committee (yes, in those

days we had elections for such things!!) where I served for a few years ending up as Chairman of Selectors. This was a big job then as it included running Tennis Victoria Pennant and the Club Championships as well as the Saturday competition where we had up to 10 teams over the Summer season. I have returned to that job off and on since, including doing it since 2009 although the responsibilities are much less these days.

I graduated through the ranks of the Committee, serving as Senior Vice President under Bruce Wardrop before being elected as President in 1992 and serving in that position for 3 years. After I retired from that position I was succeeded by my good friend, Tony Taylor, and I was very pleased to be elected a Life Member, along with Tony, in 2001. This was a great honour and something I will remember with pride for the rest of my life.

More recently, in 2005, I returned to the Committee and took over the onerous task of Membership Secretary from the long serving Peter Purcell. All this has involved a lot of time and effort, but it has been made easier because Rhonda is also heavily involved in the Club, so we have had this interest in common. I have also played competitively for the Club on Saturday afternoons, almost without a break, since about 1982 and night tennis since the early 1990s, never at a high level but as a 'B grade battler'.

The North Balwyn Tennis Club has been a huge part of my life for more than 33 years and I have derived much pleasure and satisfaction from the friends I have made and the time I have spent there. If I have been able to return something to the Club then I consider this a small price to pay for what the Club has given me.

## 2000 Mr Tony Taylor

Tony Taylor joined the Club about 1982 with his wife Therese, and four children, Damien, Cathy, Sue and Louise.

Tony played Saturday afternoon competition for many years and midweek social tennis later on. His children were very good players with Damien being Boys Club Champion in 1988, and Sue winning the Club Mixed Doubles with Stephen Clarke in 1995 and 1996 and winning the Ladies Doubles in 1999 with Melissa Vujovich.

Life Membership was awarded to Tony in 2000. Tony had been a very active member of the Club, holding executive positions on the Club Committee including President from 1995 for three years. He helped co-ordinate Club Championships, was involved in Senior competition team selection and provided secretarial support to the Committee. His administrative and communicative skills were often called upon and in this capacity he helped to resolve a legal matter for the Club.

Tony and Therese were always present at the social events of the Club and Tony's cheery sense of humour was always welcoming. Tony was also a keen bushwalker and attended most of the 52 club bushwalks organised by Paul Grouse over ten years from 1989 to 1999.



**1995 Club Championships: Combined Age event winners Sue Taylor and Tony Taylor**

## 2002 Mr Peter Purcell

Peter and his wife, Marie moved into North Balwyn in 1988 and after checking out the local tennis clubs, chose North Balwyn Tennis Club because of its strong midweek social program. Over the years they have been regular attendees of Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning organised social tennis and Marie became involved in its co-ordination. Peter joined the NBTC Management Committee in 1993 and took over the role of Membership Secretary from Di Simondson. He, with the help of Mark Ames, computerised the membership list, a huge task with a membership of over 460. He continued in this capacity for eleven years resigning from the Committee in 2004.

In 1992 a mid week men's competition, Eastern Melbourne Midweek Veterans Tennis Association, (EMMVTA) was developed with a graded doubles format, mainly by the efforts of Ron Nelson who became Secretary. Maurie Baker was President and Peter, the Record Secretary on the Management Committee. Peter played an important role for many years on that committee for which he was awarded "Sports Personality of the Year" 2002 and Life Membership in 2003. Maurie Baker, past President had this to say about Peter:

Peter was without doubt "One of the Best". For the best part of 20 years his dedication was without par. Player, committee member, record secretary, he was at all of our functions, tennis or social. Peter was one who would go out of his way to make sure that you got his full support on every occasion. He was one of those chaps that are very rare, a fine chap well liked and respected by all. I am proud to call him my friend.

Peter was also the co-ordinator of the Men's Midweek competition at NBTC, recruiting players and entering teams on behalf of NBTC. He would give detailed accounts of each team's results and highlights in the biannual Club newsletters. For his contribution to the running of the Club, Peter was awarded a Life Membership in 2002.

Peter and Marie were regulars at all the social functions of the Club. Peter retired from competition in 2009 but continued to play social tennis until he had to stop playing due to ill health in 2011. Marie is still a regular at Monday and Thursday social mornings. Marie is very glad that they made the decision to join NBTC over 25 years ago and happy to see that many of the members she met then are still turning up for their regular game of tennis.



*Euroa Competition in March 2003 Peter Purcell, Marie Purcell and Tom Yamazaki*

## **2010 Ms Rhonda McCaw**

My husband, Peter and I joined NBTC in 1981. I had only recently taken up tennis and had no idea that North Balwyn Tennis Club was to be such a large part of my life. Over the last thirty years I have played midweek ladies competition, Saturday afternoon and night tennis competition and on retirement in 2008 I returned to midweek tennis. Besides winning the occasional Pennant, one memorable highlight was winning the Club Championships Open Ladies Doubles in 1986 with Trish Pearson. Both our children, James and Chris were coached at NBTC and James went on to play Junior, Senior and Pennant for the Club. He became Boys Club Champion in 1994 and won the Open Mixed Doubles with Melissa Vujovich in 1999. He also worked with John McInnes as assistant coach for a few years. I am proud to say that, like his parents, he contributed by joining

the Management Committee and served as Junior Vice-President and Pennant Secretary. I am very fortunate that my husband is also very involved with the Club both as a player and as a volunteer, being awarded a Life Membership in 2000. We have seen the Club remain very successful and vibrant during some challenging years.

Having been involved in many aspects of Club administration over the years I joined the Management Committee as Secretary in 2001. In 2003 I was elected President and served for 4 years, overseeing some major improvements to the clubhouse, car park and courts. After a break I rejoined the Committee and presently run the night tennis competition and I am editor of the biannual newsletter. Fundraising has been a special interest of mine, with some success in applying for grants from Local and State Government sources, and more recently helping to organise the Bunnings BBQ fundraisers. I feel very proud to have been awarded Life Membership in 2010.

Peter and I are regulars at all the social events of the Club and enjoy its friendly and inclusive atmosphere. Our time at NBTC has been very rewarding and many strong friendships have been made.



*Club championships 2007: Sheryl Kerwick, Lady Club Champion, Danny Samson, President and Rhonda McCaw*

## Chapter 6

### Photos from 2000 to 2012



**Top row:** 2003 Ladies Open Doubles Champions – Susan McLaughlin & Sheryl Kerwick; 2003 Open Men's Doubles Champions – Andrew Halford & Stuart Brown.

**2nd row:** 2003 Open Mixed Doubles Champions – Andrew Halford & Shannon Ede, runners-up Kevin & Barbara Chiselett; Ladies Open Singles Champion Barbara Chiselett.

**3rd row:** 2003 Combined Age Mixed Doubles winners Ashleigh & John McInnes; Over Men's Doubles winners – Stephen Clarke & Bruce McDonald.



Top row: 2003 Senior/Junior Doubles John McInnes, Shing-Yue Sheung, KK Sheung & Marcus McInnes; 2003 Veteran's runner-up Daniel Kittelty; 2003 Junior Girls Champion Bronwyn Power; 2003 Club Championships Presentation and Sheryl Kerwick; Working bee – Christa Schifelner.  
 2nd row: 2003 Court damage after the big storm; ditto; 2003 Working Bee – KK Sheung; Nan Evans; 2004 Open  
 3rd row: 2004 Open Ladies Singles Champion Barbara Chiselett & Susan McLaughlin, runner-up; 2004 Open Ladies 2004 Ian Huntington, Vi Ingram, Stephen Clarke & Margaret Hall 2004 Senior/Junior Doubles winners KK and Shing-Yue Sheung (middle) & Prabhas and Amar Tomar, runners-up.

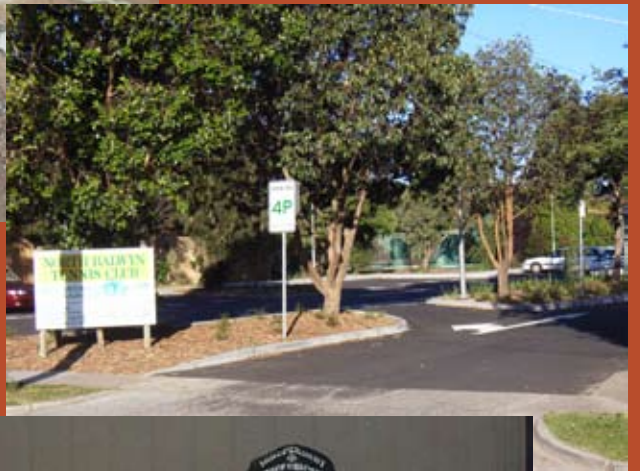


*Mixed Doubles David Henry, Helen Cations, Stephen & Kaye Clarke; 2003 Junior Boys Champion Chris Duke and Spit Roast Dinner Susan McLaughlin, Andrew Gallaway, Rhonda McCaw, Fiona Medina, Nikki Crawford, Val Love,*

*Men's Singles Champion Andrew Halford (right) & Stuart Brown, runner-up. Doubles Champions Sheryl Kerwick & Susan McLaughlin (on right) & Nikki Crawford and Fiona Medina, runners-up;*



Top row: 2004 Junior Boys Singles Champion Daniel Kittelty & Chris Duke runner-up; 2004 Damian Wills & Shing-Chak Marcus McInnes; The Club carpark in 2003 (after heavy rain); The new carpark in 2005.  
 2nd row: 2005 Open Mens Singles Champion Andrew Halford (on left) & Martin Kristin; 2005 Open Mixed Doubles (right) with Sheryl Kerwick & Susan McLaughlin, runners-up; 2005 Damian Wills & Marcus McInnes.  
 3rd row: 2005 Shing-Yue Sheung, Rowena Sheung & Prabhas Tomar; 2005 Millie Clarke, Kristina Tsalikis & Alison Stewart Open Ladies Singles Champion.



*Sheung; 2004 Junior Girls Singles Champion Bronwyn Power and Jacinta Nguyen, runner-up; 2004 Brett McInnes & Champions – Barbara & Kevin Chiselett; 2005 Open Ladies Doubles Champions Val Love & Barbara Chiselett (on Martha Clarke; 2005 Peter carving the Spit Roast; 2005 The Spit Roast Dinner after the Club Championships; 2008*



*Top row: 2008 Nia Brown with Andrew Halford & Stuart Brown Open Mens Doubles Champions; 2008 Kristina Championships Presentation; 2009 Shing-Yue Sheung, Junior Boys Champion.  
2nd row: 2009 Mens Open Doubles Champions – Andrew Halford & Stuart Brown ; 2009 Open Ladies Singles Junior Girls Champion & Stuart Brown; 2009 Yana Barton & Martha Clake, Open Ladies Doubles Champions;  
3rd row: 2009 MEMRLTA A5 Midweek Ladies Christmas Breakup; 2010 Yana Barton & John Hanson, runners-up Champion and Danny Samson, President; 2010 Members enjoying the Club Christmas Party*



*Tsalikis & Millie Clarke; 2008 Open Mixed Doubles Champions Vicki Ibbott & Andrew Halford; 2008 Club*

*Champion – Yana Barton with President, Danny Samson; 2009 Danny Samson, President, with Cassandra Avendano, 2010 Susan McLaughlin & Sheryl Kerwick, Open Ladies Doubles Champions  
Open Mixed Doubles; 2010 Rowena Sheung, Junior Club Championships Co-ordinator, Yana Barton, Junior Girls*



Top row: 2011 Open Ladies Doubles Champions, Susan McLaughlin & Sheryl Kerwick (middle) with Rhonda McCaw Shing-Yue Sheung Junior Boys Champion Boys with John Hanson, runner-up; 2011 Simon Ravenhill, Boys 12 & Ladies Open Doubles Champion with Susan McLaughlin; 2012 Andrew Halford & Judy Davies, Open Mixed Doubles Champions. 2nd row: Danny Samson, President, Stuart Brown, Andrew Halford and Liz Brown, Club Championships Committee; Champions ; 2012 Yana Barton, Ha Jin Kim & Shing-Yue Sheung. 3rd row: 2012 David and Philippa Rehe, Combined Age Doubles winners with Jordan and Frank Crombie, runners-up; Christmas Party Stuart & Nia Brown and Shannon & Andrew Halford; Early 2013 the new generation of tennis players



*& Judy Davies, runners-up; 2010 Open Mens' Singles Champion Andrew Halford with John Hanson, runner-up; 2011 Under Singles winner with Matthew Chen, Runner-up; 2012 Sheryl Kerwick, Open Ladies Singles Champion and*

*2012 Shing-Yue Sheung Junior Boys Champion; 2012 Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown Open Mens Doubles*

*2012 Jack Stewart winner of 14 & Under Boys Singles; Our Head Coaches with their wives at the NBTC 2012 for NBTC! Gemma Morgan Brown; Madeleine Clare Halford.*

# Chapter 7

## Members Recollections and Contributions To Tennis

### Graham and Robin Besley

Rob and I joined the Club in 1979 and remember having to nervously undergo a "test" to ensure we had an adequate tennis ability to join in social play. Thankfully we passed. I played Saturday afternoon competition for a few years but due to pressures of a young family, opted to join the newly formed Blackburn & Districts Night Tennis Competition. I have played in this competition for the past 28 years, for most of those years with the same team members. I have many happy memories of both the tennis and of "solving" the nations problems over a beer or two after the match.

Rob played some midweek tennis and also switched to night tennis along the way. Sunday social tennis was a major weekly activity in the 70s and 80s, all courts would be in use and it was fun to socialise with many families. Our three boys all learned to play tennis at the Club under the watchful eye of the Coaches and we have fond memories of our 'practice hits' with the boys as they grew in ability. Chris now plays with me in the night competition and this continues to be a weekly highlight.



*Graham, left, at the opening of the new PolyClay XL courts 2010*

I served a stint on the Committee in the 80s as Membership Secretary. I remember how positions on the Committee in those days

generally required a vote as there were usually more participants than positions. It's a different story today. I rejoined the Committee a few years ago after organising a fundraiser day for the Wandong Tennis Club after the bushfires destroyed their clubhouse. I currently enjoy co-ordinating maintenance activities for the Club and look forward to involvement with the Council's clubhouse renewal project. This will usher in a new chapter in the Clubs history.

### Liz Brown

Liz joined the NBTC in 1985 and played midweek competition. Her husband Gordon also played night tennis competition with "Dad's Army" in the early 90s. They were dads of the juniors playing Saturday morning competition and so decided not to be left out and form their own team. Gordon accompanied Liz to all the social functions and was always happy to help out, his forte being manning the BBQ.



*Gordon, far right at the Golf Day BBQ 2004*

Their two children, Catherine and Stuart grew up being coached at the Club and playing in junior and senior competition. Both played regularly in the Club Championships with Catherine winning the Ladies Doubles in 1993, 1994 and 2000 and winning the Open Mixed Doubles with Stuart in 1997 and 1998. Stuart was Boys Junior Champion from 1996-1998 and the Mens Champion in 2000. He went on to dominate the Club Championships



*1998 Club Championships – Carole Snowsill,  
Peter McCaw and Liz Brown*

honour boards with respect to the Mens Doubles, mainly with Andrew Halford. In 2004 Stuart and Andrew formed the coaching company "Tennis Matters" and became the Head Coaches and Junior Organisers at NBTC. They continue in this capacity today.

Liz herself enjoyed her tennis and played both midweek ladies competition and socially on a Sunday but over the years her work commitments meant that she did not play as often as she liked. However over the years Liz has played a very important role in helping to organise social events such as film nights, the annual spit roast dinner and the annual Christmas Party. Liz also organised prizes for the winners of the Club Championships events. She contributed to fundraising for the Club by selling books through Social Club Books (SCB) and more recently organising Bunnings BBQ days at Box Hill Bunnings.

For ten years, starting in the early 1990s she produced the twice yearly Club newsletter which was distributed to all members. These newsletters have been a tremendous historical resource in the writing of this NBTC 50th Anniversary book.

### **Stephen Clarke**

With the celebration of the NBTC 50 year anniversary, I thought it was time to set down a few of my early memories of the Club. Thanks to Kaye Clarke for assisting my unreliable memory where necessary. While times may be vague, all events and characters mentioned are real. No names have been changed to protect the innocent.

Sometime around 1960 a group of visionaries decided North Balwyn needed a tennis club. As it included friends of her family, Kaye Dyring (now Clarke) was involved as a young girl in putting leaflets in letterboxes drumming up support for the idea. By a process unknown to me and best described by others, in 1962 four en-tout-cas courts appeared at the end of Lloyd St, where my

family had recently moved into our new house at Number 11. Dad had bought the vacant block many years earlier for the sum of 50 pound – a good buy probably because the end of the street was a run down creek/drain, subsequently filled with household rubbish (aka a tip).

My mother told me I should join the Club, but like all 16 year olds I knew better and said I wasn't interested. But she must have prevailed, and I became a Junior member. On Saturday mornings 4 courts would be full of juniors playing social tennis, with others waiting in the wings. Bob Giddings (who at that time was a one man do everything at the Club) was in charge, and every 20 minutes he would blow a whistle and set point or not you would finish playing and Bob would organise the next groups to go on. At that stage there was no clubhouse, and if rain threatened we would shelter in the garage of the Aitken house opposite court 1 (now court 3).

In the beginning all play was social, and Saturday and Sunday afternoons were restricted to adults and selected juniors. At that stage prospective Club members had to be of a certain (fairly low) standard before being accepted as a member. I received permission to play with the adults, and used to wait in my lounge room until I saw the first person to arrive (usually Ivan Dyring at about 1pm) and then hotfoot it down and play till about 7 pm. By that time a clubhouse had been built using a co-operative scheme, and play was controlled by "The Board", an invention of or at least built by Bob Giddings. This system was unique to our Club. Most clubs used a court captain system, a person who organised the set groupings. Correctly operated "The Board" ensured a fair rotation and allowed players to choose their own sets. Courts 5&6 (now 7&8) had been built, and we often had over 70 players on an afternoon. Several changes were made to "The Rules of The Board", and there were often arguments over people manipulating the board. Midweek ladies groups also operated social play at various times. Another innovation which

*Stephen and Kaye Clarke*



persists to this day, for many years unique to our Club, was the incorporation of ball fees into the annual membership. Perhaps that is why social play was so popular – there was no marginal cost in playing.

In those days the Club was very social. Many members had young children, tennis orphans, who were carted to the courts to amuse themselves in the surrounds. We used to have regular picnics, and over 50 members would attend barbeques at Eltham Park, or outings to the beach at Mt Martha. The Eastern Suburban Tennis Association held annual dinner dances which were always well attended, and our annual spit roast would attract over 70 members. Because of court subsidence, working bees were a regular occurrence, but these were also social events, attracting 40 plus workers.

For a 17 year old, tennis was a good place to meet girls, and after taking a couple of others out I plucked up the courage to ask Kaye Dyring out. This ultimately resulted in the first of several marriages between Club members. Patsy and Michael Clyne were another couple to meet at the Club. I believe Kaye and I might be the only original members still playing regular competition at the Club.

At the first AGM I can remember, someone moved that we have a Club Championship. These became a huge event run over a few weeks, with most senior events having several rounds and attracting large crowds of spectators. I began a great career of being runner up in doubles events, usually beaten by Hugh Batten who dominated the early singles and doubles events. I think I was runner up in the mens doubles over a dozen times before I finally used the strategy of playing with the Club Coach. This is one area of the Club's history where the winners are well documented by virtue of the honour board.

At the 1963 AGM a member proposed we enter a team in the local Eastern Suburban competition.

Surprising as it now seems, this resulted in vigorous debate, with a significant number of members against the proposal. Ours was a very successful social club, and people did not want to put that at risk. They saw other competitive clubs virtually deserted outside competition times. Nevertheless the proposal got up, and the first team led by Hugh Batten won the pennant in Summer B4. Their pennant hung on the wall until a few years ago it was removed to make way for others. The Club ultimately proved very successful in this comp, at one stage winning 5 Section 1 winter pennants in 6 years, and my biggest thrill was winning summer A2 with the likes of Margaret Hall. Competition grew rapidly, with 7 or 8 teams on a Saturday afternoon. I think the small stands I made as a youth to delineate afternoon tea tables are still in a drawer. There were many junior teams on Saturday morning, and midweek ladies teams on Tuesday and Wednesday. Some ladies seemed to play every day of the week. Chairman of the Club Selection Committee was the most stressful job I ever did. Saturday team announcements were dwelt on and resulted in much discussion, heartache and sometimes resignation from teams. After many years of playing the local doubles competition, the Club entered VTA Pennant for the first time. Again this caused much debate, with many people against the proposal. With the introduction of lights many years later, Saturday competition dwindled in favour of night tennis. In the same way social play on the weekend has suffered, to be replaced by several midweek social groups. What was once exclusively women's time has been taken up by mixed and men's groups. The history of competition play is reasonably well documented by virtue of the pennants hanging around the clubhouse – especially as someone had the foresight to attach the names of team members. Perhaps those early pennants might come out of the archive box for the 50th Anniversary.

For much of the early years, the Club was



Balwyn North Tennis Club stalwarts Stephen and Kaye Clarke will help the club celebrate 50 years.

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## Netting a love match

IT was game, set and love match for Stephen Clarke when he joined Balwyn North Tennis Club.

Mr Clarke was 16 when his family moved into a house on Lloyd St, soon after four basic courts had been established nearby in 1962. The site is now home to the Balwyn North club, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary on April 1.

Mr Clarke said his mum talked him into joining the club, where he ended up meeting his future wife, Kaye.

"My mother told me I should join the club, but like all 16-year-olds I knew better and

said I wasn't interested. But she must have prevailed and I became a junior member," Mr Clarke said.

He plucked up the courage to ask Kaye Dyring out on a date.

They were soon married and are now the only original members still playing regular competition at the club.

Mr Clarke said the club provided lifelong exercise, competition and friendship.

A 50th anniversary dinner will be held from 6.30pm on April 1 at Balwyn North Bowls Club, 60 Buchanan Ave, Balwyn North. Cost: \$20/10. Details: 9817 2940.

hampered by court subsidence. The courts were built on an old creek bed, and as the fill decomposed the courts sank. There was a spot on court 1 presumably over an old car body, and as the surrounds sank this provided a small hill from which to serve. The brick walls at the back and sides of the courts had to have regular additional courses, and the northern half of the courts usually had to be resurfaced every couple of years. This placed huge financial strains on the Club, and being on the Maintenance Committee was the hardest job on the Committee. Adversity often binds people together, and I think the common enemy of court subsidence played a large part in building the strong Club spirit of those early years. At one stage a lot of work was put into a relocation proposal, with plans to move into the adjacent Hislop Reserve. However strong opposition from residents ended our plans.

Because it was on solid ground, it was decided to move the clubhouse and build two new courts where it currently stood. This was to be funded by a levy on all Club members. I became President and took over the AGM. I will always remember the very first item on the Agenda was this contentious issue of the levy. The clubhouse was packed, we had a huge thunderstorm which made it impossible to hear anyone, and then Tony Smith (no less than President of the Law Institute) got up and said the proposal was unconstitutional. Somewhat intimidating for a 27 year old new President. Nevertheless the levy passed and the work proceeded. The clubhouse was rotated to face the courts rather than the street, extended and moved closer to the old courts, and two new courts constructed. Courts

1 to 6 were renamed 3-8. The opening of the new courts and clubhouse were celebrated with an exhibition match by Frank Sedgman. Much later the clubhouse was again renovated and extended.

The last 30 years have gone in a flash, but the Club has been a large part of my life. I met my wife here, our children have played here, and over the years we have made many lifelong friends. At times we have thought of joining other clubs closer to home, but couldn't quite bring ourselves to leave our many friends. While some of them have passed away or moved on to golf or bowls, I now have a completely new set of great friends in the Veterans comp.

The North Balwyn Tennis Club provides a lifelong opportunity for exercise, competition and friendship. Hopefully it will continue to do that for another 50 years and more.

*Social tennis players celebrating Henry's 90th birthday at the Club; Henry Dutkoeski 90 years of age*



## Henry Dutkowski, oldest member of our Club

I was vetted on a social day by Lorraine, who decided that I was good enough to join the Club. The Membership Secretary Diana Simondson accepted this recommendation and enrolled me in 1985. I was always very keen to play social tennis, usually 2 or 3 times a week. I used to keep records of my results – my diary figures for October/November 1988 show I played 50 sets with the following results: 25 wins 150 to 71 games and 25 losses 93 to 150 games. In 1992 our Club joined EMMWVTA Thursday veterans group which, over the years, expanded considerably. I took part in those competitions and collected proudly the trophies:

1992 Summer Minor winner

1993 Summer Section 2 R/U

1994 Winter Section 2 R/U

1995 Summer Section 3 R/U

1996 Summer Section 3 R/U

In 1996 I became Treasurer of the Club, the position I kept for six years until 2002. It goes without saying that I enjoyed the company and social life of the Club. But having reached the venerable age of 90 I was obliged to give up playing tennis, something that gave me many unforgettable days of pleasure. The special celebration of my 90th birthday was particularly touching with so many of the present and former tennis partners who were present. The photos, so professionally produced by Christa Schlifelfner, are a nice souvenir of this occasion.

## Geoff Hall

Geoff joined the Club with his family in 1967 and played Junior and Senior competition for the Club, boasting 20 seasons of Saturday afternoon ESTA without a break. The Hall family attended all the social events of the Club and Geoff and his

parents were regulars at the Deniliquin Easter Tournament, patronised by a strong core group from NBTC. His parents, Doug and Margaret were actively involved in the running of the Club, both of whom served on Committee and in the capacity of President.

Geoff took on the position of caretaker of the Club in the late 1970s which involved many duties, the main ones involving looking after the lawns and gardens around the courts, cleaning of the clubhouse and liaising with other community groups using the courts. Over the 30 years he worked in this capacity he became a well known figure around the Club. He knew everything that was going on, and alerted the Committee to anything needing attention. In the early years, working bees were a regular event but as the years have gone by, members seem less willing to give their time so NBTC's decision to employ a caretaker has proved a wise decision. Over the years this has taken pressure off members in this regard and the Club is extremely grateful to Geoff for his dedication and diligence over the years in his capacity as caretaker.

Geoff says he treasures the friendships that have developed over the many years he has been involved in the Club, the Liley family, Jane Henty-Wilson, Sue and Liz Grover and many more. Although he has retired from his caretaker's position Geoff keeps in touch with members and is still keen to know how the Club is developing.



*Geoff Hall with his sister, Penny Clarke*



*1991/1992 Thursday  
veterans competition  
players; Bruce Holloway*



*ESTA team 1988 R/U B1  
Top: Peter McCaw, Geoff Hall, Bruce  
Wardrop, Trevor Legg  
Bottom: Liz Grover, Maryanne Van Messel,  
Sue Grover*

## Bruce Holloway

Tennis has always been an important aspect of my life. I played tennis as my major sport at school and was a member of various school teams. I met my wife Brenda at a tennis party. A back injury prevented me playing tennis from 1953 but about 1990 I thought the effects of the injury had improved enough to try the game again. Approaching my retirement I decided that social tennis should be part of my after work life, so I joined the North Balwyn Tennis Club in 1991.

At first, I played only on Sunday afternoons as I was still working. In 1993, my last year of work, I took long service leave during which time I played midweek social tennis and this convinced me I had made the right decision. At that time, each Tuesday or Thursday morning there were about 20-30 players and as some courts were taken up with competition tennis, this meant that there were gaps between games which I enjoyed because it gave me the opportunity to get to know other Club members. After I retired, Tuesday and Thursday mornings were important times in my calendar, allocated by preference to social tennis, and this pattern has continued for almost 20 years. In those early years, I was encouraged by the tolerance shown by other members as I regained my still meagre tennis skills.

Now in my mid eighties, I encounter the same tolerance as my tennis skills and mobility show a parallel decline. During the period I have been a member, the number of members playing midweek social tennis has declined and Sunday afternoon social tennis is no longer part of the Club's activities. Furthermore in 1993 most social tennis players were female, but this has now changed with male players being in the majority. It is difficult to identify all the social reasons for this but the increased frequency of the two income family could be involved. Certainly my nearly twenty five year association with the North Balwyn Tennis Club has given me immense pleasure and I am sure has contributed to my health and life span.

*Bruce has contributed significantly to the management of midweek social tennis at NBTC, being Midweek Social Tennis Coordinator for over 20 years. He is always there to meet new members and make them welcome. He also has been very helpful to the Committee, alerting them to court maintenance issues where they arise. Editor*

## Ian and Marie Huntington

We joined NBTC in 1965 and Marie played ESTA Saturday afternoon Mixed and Wednesday EDWTA for many years. Ian still had cricket commitments and only played socially until 1974. He then played summer ESTA Saturday afternoon competition and later Veterans' Pennant.

We were part of finals teams many times and enjoyed keen rivalry against South Hawthorn, Doncaster and Bulleen in particular.

Club Championships were always a feature of our tennis year. Highlights were:

Marie:

1967 and 69, Open Ladies Doubles Champion with Vi Ingram

*Marie and Ian Huntington 1995;  
Sheryl Kerwick*



1969 Open Mixed Doubles Champion with Hugh Batten

1989 Ladies Doubles Champion with Trish Lowe and various Veterans' events.

Ian:

1975, 76 and 82 Open Men's Singles Champion

1973-1980 (except 1977) Open Men's Doubles Champion with Jack May

1982 Open Mixed Doubles Champion with Marcia Barmby and various Veterans' events.

As Committee members during the 1970s and 1980s we served as Junior Vice Presidents, plus being on Membership, Maintenance and Selection sub-committees. Marie was also involved with the redrafting of the Constitution and Rules of the Club and with the installation of lights for night tennis and the organisation of teams.

Ian instigated a Junior Round Robin Tournament (open to non-members as well as members) in the May school holidays and organised it for many years until 1985. He also donned a Father Christmas suit, complete with cushion to increase his size to add to the Christmas celebrations. In later years Ian also helped organise and run the annual Club Championships.

Credit must be given to the original members who worked so hard to establish the Club and deal with the ongoing problems of court subsidence and constant requests to Council for financial support. NBTC has always been a family club and friendships formed through the Club have endured over many years.

### **Sheryl Kerwick – Open Ladies Champion 2012**

My earliest memory of NBTC goes way back to when I was a teenager. My parents played for the small and unique Club of Malosi whose members

were all close friends and used the tennis court at the rear of our house for Saturday afternoon matches. I can well remember the friendly banter between the Malosi players (that included Margie Quartermain, Harry and Betty Rowe, Tom and Le Beenie and my parents, Lorna and Ron Patterson) and the North Balwyn crew that included Margie Hall, Ian and Marie Huntington, a very young Stephen Clarke and an even younger Patsy Cooke (whose company I also enjoyed from inter-school and later Inter-varsity days). The tennis was great, the competition intense and the conversation one of warmth and good fun! It was way back then that I decided, when the opportunity presented, I would join NBTC!

And, the opportunity did present itself in the late 1980s when with a young family we moved to Mont Albert ... a stone's throw from the courts. With a child in tow, I started playing Mid-Week Ladies on a Tuesday where, with five in a team, there was always a person to oversee "the child in tow". It was at this time I gained a real insight into the truly competitive nature of mid-week ladies (besides those difficult line-calls) and quickly appreciated the value of net-play (thanks to Judy Levant) as well as penetrating drives and general court-craft (thanks to Marcia Barmby). Then, with all children off to school I was lucky enough to play a couple of days a week and felt, at the ripe old age of around 40, I was beginning to learn from those mid-week ladies, the critical importance of a consistent ball. At this time the clubrooms on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday would be packed with nattering women, a twinkle in their eyes, savouring the special friendships that had been carved out on the court. Teams were decided by a heavily lobbied "Selection Committee" that had the weighty task of trying to align flag prospects, doubles combinations and friendships ... it was a very serious business! Finally, wise counsel was gently offered on the finer points of the rules of tennis and etiquette by the likes of Lois Northey and Val Wall.



17<sup>th</sup> November 1925 ~ 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012

### Jack May

Born John Bernard May on 17th November 1925 in Sydney, he married Patricia in 1957 and had four children Michelle, Jon, Martin and Rodney. He worked as Spalding's NSW state manager until 1967 when he was offered the Spalding Managing Director's position in Melbourne.

He was a talented tennis player who won over 200 tennis titles in Australia. He won the Sydney Singles Championship 13 times, the Sydney Doubles Championship 11 times and also won the Northern Singles and Doubles Championships over 10 times each. Over his tennis career he won titles beating Don Candy, Ken Rosewall, Frank Sedgman and John Newcombe. He was President of the Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation and a member of the Victorian Tennis Association.

He joined NBTC and made many long lasting friendships here. His name is displayed on the Club Championships honour boards, during the mid 1970s. He won the Open Men's Doubles seven times with Ian Huntington, and the Open Mixed Doubles once with Patsy Cooke and three times with Margaret Hall. In 1973 Jack was responsible for getting Pancho Gonzales to come along for an exhibiton match at NBTC against an ex-Australian champion Dinny Pails. Sadly Jack died in 2012 and members of NBTC were represented at his funeral.

When a back problem hit mid-way through my 40s along with a need to return to work, I retired my racquet for just under 10 years. However, I never resigned my all-important NBTC membership and with time I was able to return to Saturday Afternoon Competition and eventually Night Tennis, with a group of ladies with whom I continue to play today! Lucky me!!!

My children - Sarah, Kate and Tom were all coached in their early years by John McInnes and enjoy a game of tennis today... thanks to NBTC. I have been fortunate to play with some very talented players like Barb Chiselett... thanks to NBTC. My long-standing tennis partner is the very special Susan McLaughlin ... thanks to NBTC. And, of greatest importance, are the wonderful tennis friendships I have been so fortunate to acquire over so many years... again, thanks to NBTC!! What a brilliant club!

*See Appendix 12: My Saturday ERT Team reports from Winter 2004 which on rereading brought back lovely memories of fun and friendship.*

*NBTC is proud of Sheryl's achievements outside the Club as well and here is an article from the NBTC July 2006 newsletter about her great win in the Australian Seniors over 55 years Singles Claycourt Championships in 2006. Editor*

Sheryl Kerwick, our current Ladies Club Champion has just won the Australian Seniors Over 55 years Women's Singles Claycourt Championships held in June at Dendy Park. This is the second year she has entered. She won the final 6-7, 7-6 and 6-3. Her opponent, Heather Barwick (nee Allan), as a young player was an entry in the main draw at Wimbledon. Now in her 60s, Heather represented Australia in Turkey last year and has been selected to go this year. Last year Heather defeated Sheryl 6-1, 6-1 using an enormous number of drop shots. This year Sheryl was able to pick up her drop shots! Well done Sheryl. We are all very proud of you.

*1970 at NBTC Junior BBQ  
From top: Kym Ruddell, Darrell Collins &  
Rhonda Roach  
Erich and his EMMWVTA team from 2006.  
At the end of the season lunch North  
Balwyn took the honour of being the best  
performing team in the EMMWVTA for  
that season.*



## Kym Ruddell

Kym Ruddell was easily the most successful player to have been a member of the Club. Kym started her tennis at Hawthorn Tennis Club and moved to NBTC in the middle 1960s.

At NBTC, Kym dominated the Club Championships in the 1970s being Junior Girls Singles Champion in four consecutive years 1970 to 1973. In 1972, 1973, 1975 and 1976 she also won the Open Ladies Singles, a fine achievement!

Kym Ruddell went on to play as a professional for 11 years from the late 70's, was ranked 4th in the World Ladies Doubles and ranked 150th in the Ladies Singles.

In his 1974 Annual Report, the President Kep Henty-Wilson gave the following tribute to Kym, as one of the most outstanding female members of NBTC.

During the year our members will have observed with great satisfaction the fine achievements by our dedicated young champion, Kym Ruddell. The Committee offered Kym the Club's congratulations earlier in the year upon her being winner of the Victorian Girl's Hardcourt Singles Championship, Australian Junior Girls Doubles Championship, member of the Pitt Club Team, Captain of the Victorian Wilson Cup Team and receiving an award for the most improved Junior girl. Her success is well deserved. As the Ruddell family are all associated with our Club, we have been able to observe on many occasions the strong support Kym has received from them in her climb to tennis success. Good fortune in your future tennis, Kym!

## Erich Schlifelner

Erich joined NBTC first in the late sixties. He remembers one summer there was a severe drought and the water restrictions were so strict that the courts had to be watered with a water can. After a period of time away from the Club

he and his wife, Christa, returned to play both social and competition tennis and are still active members today. Both Christa and Erich have spent time on the Club Committee and Erich still makes a significant contribution in forms of maintenance of equipment at the Club. His innovative solutions to problems have been much appreciated.

## Carole Snowsill



*Carole Snowsill – 1995 Club Championship*

Approximately 20 years ago, I was allowed to join the Club after being trialed in a singles match against Sandy Graham. I haven't played singles since. This was the old days when the Club had 9 teams competing on a Wednesday with EDWTA and courts were at a premium. In that time I managed to play Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and the odd match on Tuesdays. I am however, still trying to win a Pennant on a Saturday.

Many faces flash past, unfortunately some like Jane Boerkamp and Betty Terdich are now deceased, others are no longer playing for various reasons.

It was very gratifying that, after typing many letters whilst Secretary for two years for Rhonda McCaw, (President 2001-2005) to the City of Boroondara that the sealing of the car park was finally completed. My 27 years as a committee member of EDWTA was of some benefit as I could at least assist with grading and special requests.



*Bob and Desi Giddings referring in 1988; Lois Northey 1995 referee at NBTC Club Championships*

In 1995 I was elected President of EDWTA and in time was awarded Life Membership for my contribution. I still remember vividly the spit roasts after the Club Championships, good food and friendship.

## CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS TO TENNIS OUTSIDE OF NBTC

Over the years the interest in and enjoyment of playing tennis of a number of NBTC members has extended into the wider tennis world. Members who have served on other Tennis Association Management Committees include **Bruce Wardop (ESTA)**, **Margaret Beech (EDWTA)** and **Carole Snowsill (EDWTA)**.

*See Chapter 3.*

Members have also been involved with the Australian Tennis Open, acting in various positions, such as umpires, linespersons, statisticians and drivers. Some of these positions require time spent not just at the Australian Open but throughout the year at tournaments, championships and Davis Cup and Federation Cup matches.

**Bob and Desi Giddings** are two members who have devoted many years, 39 and 30 years respectively, in performing as linespersons, chair umpires, referees and supervisors. They have acted in all Australian states and also for ten years in the United Kingdom. They are still actively involved.

Another member who spent many years working in a similar capacity as Bob and Desi Giddings is **Lois Northey**. Lois, along with Bob and Desi, has generously given her time acting as referee for the Club Championships.

**Eva Bettiol** has been a long time member of NBTC and Templestowe Park TC.

*The following piece about Eva is reproduced with thanks from "A Century of Tennis in Tempy" The*

## *History of Templestowe Tennis Club 1912-2012*

Eva has been an umpiring official with Tennis Australia for over thirty years, and officiates at the Australian Open each year. Eva became involved in umpiring back in 1981 when, on becoming the "Ladies Co-ordinator of Tennis" at the Veneto Club, she decided to become an umpiring official so as to learn and understand the rules of the game properly.

Since 1981 she has officiated as a lineswoman, net-cord umpire and central umpire at many tournaments, including the Australian Open. In recent years Eva has become a National Evaluator and Trainer of umpiring officials which has involved her in travelling to tournaments in Sydney, Adelaide and Tasmania as well as throughout Victoria. Since taking up tennis as an adult in Templestowe (own home court), Eva has put an enormous amount of time into playing, umpiring and generally supporting the game she loves.

But would you really want to be an umpire? Eva recalls when acting as a net-cord umpire (in the days before net-cord sensors) she was heavily struck by a wide return, only to be told by the offending male player that if she had not been there the shot would have been a clear winner. Eva cannot recall if any apologies came later, but she indicated that it is not uncommon to be struck by tennis balls when officiating so one has to become trained in dodging the "bullets" and bearing the pain.



*Eva (fourth from left) celebrating her 70th birthday with WDTA team members*

*Michelle Clarke 1995;  
Rowena Sheung (right) with  
team mate Melanie Katopodis  
Robyn Judd with Stephen Clarke*



Other members who have operated as linespersons for Tennis Victoria and especially the Australian Open are Robyn Judd, Michelle Clarke, and Rowena Sheung (our latest recruit)

**Robyn Judd** has provided the following summary of her involvement with umpiring and training.

After our three children became involved in working at the Australian Open as ball kids and statisticians, I trained as a line umpire official. My first Australian Open was in 1998. After a few years I was encouraged to train as a Chair Umpire. This broadened opportunities and skills within tennis officiating. There is constant work available throughout the year, especially if you extend your skills to become a Court Supervisor. Each official is expected to work several days throughout the year to maintain skills. I was honoured to chair umpire some early rounds for AO juniors and several finals of AO Wheelchair Events, plus a women's final and a few semi finals as a line official.

Another part of my officiating involvement was my time spent on the Board of Tennis Officials Australia, Victoria (TOAV) from 2001 to 2012. My role was Officials Development and Training. This meant coordinating training for line, chair and supervisor officials. When tennis joined the AIS, the training role changed and is now looked after by an employee of Tennis Australia.

After seventeen years, I am still working as an official, more as a trainer and evaluator these days, but you may still catch me working any line at the Australian Open. I recommend all tennis players, young or not so young, to get involved and give a little back to the sport. A personal challenge to share the same court with the great players of the game. Have a go!

Tennis Australia relies on its drivers to ferry Australian Open competitors between their accommodation and Melbourne Park courts. NBTC members Margaret and Paul Grouse for

many years enjoyed working as drivers for the Australian Open. Alan Edge has also enjoyed this position. He is still driving for the Open and has done so for seventeen years.

In 2000 Tennis Australia approached **Stephen Clarke**, in his capacity as a statistician, to help improve the professionalism of the then scoreboard operators at the Australian Open. As a result statisticians replaced scoreboard operators and appropriate training was put in place. Stephen and his son **Rod Clarke** both acted that first year as statisticians, along with about seventy others, operating the scoreboards and collecting data which is transmitted worldwide via the internet. Rod was rookie statistician of the year and in the ensuing years "statted" many of the men's final series. He still works the Australian Open each year, jointly training and supervising approximately fifty statisticians.



***Rod Clarke***

# Chapter 8

## Activities at NBTC

### COACHING AT NBTC

Coaching was an important part of North Balwyn Tennis Club from the beginning with the first coach being Michael Lynch. He was replaced by Norm Clarkson in 1965 who held the position for the next 12 years. Other coaches were Frank Phillips, Jim Reid, Ron Cummins (1977), Richard Wise, Ande Hutchinson (1985-1993), Craig McInnes (1993-1996), John McInnes (1996-2003) and from then until the present, Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford with their tennis coaching company "Tennis Matters".

Many young members of the Club were employed as assistant coaches and some went on to become qualified coaches themselves. According to Alan Edge (a member of 50 years) junior members of NBTC who went on to qualify as TCAV Level 11 coaches/advanced coaches were, in chronological order: Kym Ruddell, Sue Martin, Joanne O'Donoghue, Paul Gaff, Alan Edge, Mark Ames, Stuart Brown, Anthony Norman and Daniel Kittelty.

### ANDE HUTCHINSON – Club Coach 1985-1994

#### Leading up to my appointment

Tennis was my life. Although I had to make a choice at the age of 11 – cricket or tennis, I think I chose wisely. I attended coaching lessons from the age of 10 through to 16 where I made many friends, some lifelong, two of whom currently play midweek tennis at the Club, one of them becoming the most important person in my life.

My game continued to develop, where I started playing Special B (now Grade 1) in the early seventies and then A Pennant (now State Grade) in the early eighties. I had some success playing money tournaments at that time (which were the equivalent of the satellite/futures circuit now) whilst working full time for the National Bank. In 1984, upon realisation that my aspirations to

become a full time professional tennis player didn't match my ability, I decided that, having done some part time coaching previously, that I wanted to coach. Hence I resigned from the bank and began coaching at two indoor centres.


I enrolled in the TCAV national accreditation course, attending that course during 1985. I noticed the position of Head Coach at the NBTC being advertised, so I applied for the position, not expecting to have any chance, but it was close to home and ideally located. We all went through the interview process, the Club appointing me on the proviso that I completed the TCAV course and of course passed. History shows that I did achieve that result.

### Starting at the Club

When I first arrived at the Club in 1985 I met Jacqui Marsden, one of the best players in the Club, who became a good friend and worked as my assistant for many years.



*1987 Club Championships - Jacqui Marsden and Sue Taylor*



During that time my coaching business grew quickly, numbers at NBTC growing from 15-20 to the maximum I could fit in which was about 80, Jacqui playing an important role in that growth.

### **Midweek Ladies**

I also started a midweek ladies clinic on a Friday morning which became popular having 10-12 ladies attending regularly. We worked on strokes, strategies and on court tactics which proved very beneficial, as "my girls" had some success in competition over the years. Many of the ladies attended most weeks, but the one who never missed from day 1 was a very special lady, her name, Bettie MacSween.

### **Juniors**

The strategy for the juniors was to teach one particular stroke each week to all groups, having a short sharp competition at the end of each lesson called "player of the week". The groups weekly winners were recorded and a prize awarded to the boy and girl who won the most "player of the weeks" during the year. The individual who won the most became the "player of the year". We also introduced a certificate system which gave the kids a tangible development pathway. One could see the improvement in each of them as they passed each level, the emphasis being on technique (I always believed sound technique was important when looking for consistent performance). Player of the week/year awards and certificates were presented at our Christmas breakup each year, to which the kids' families were invited. This was generally held in conjunction with the Club's Christmas event, so the kids and their families would feel more a part of the Club.

I also ran several "psych nights" which were very well attended, some lively and interesting discussions being held. I hope all present went home thinking differently to when they arrived.

I had also become an ITF International official, working on the pro circuit and at the Australian Open when time permitted. Having had many wonderful experiences during these events, it was great to be able to relate some of those stories to the kids and the ladies, generating much discussion.

### **Conclusion**

My time at the Club over nearly 10 years was very special. I met many fantastic people, some of whom are still very active members now, and I feel very satisfied in the knowledge that one of my students, Stuart Brown, now runs his coaching business at the NBTC. There are many people I would like to thank, but too many to mention, however there are some that played significant roles- Jacqui Marsden and Bettie MacSween, Bev Macarthur when she joined the Club, Robyn Judd and her three kids, Liz Brown and her two, and Peter and Rhonda McCaw who were a great help to me towards the end of my tenure. At this point, to put things in perspective, I would like to relate a short story of a significant experience I had early in my time at the Club which will stay with me always.

I had a young lass join my coaching class on a Sunday morning, no older than seven. She wasn't the most gifted child, but I have never seen such determination in someone so young. We toiled for five weeks working on her ground strokes, trying many different strategies but achieving little success. Aside from one or two mis-hits, not one ball crossed the net, and yet not once did she show any disappointment, just a desire to make it happen, always greeting me with a smile. She arrived for her week six lesson, still trying her hardest, when suddenly a ball hit the middle of her racquet, went sailing over the net and landed in. The look of joy and delight on her face was something I will never forget and brought a tear to my eye. It was this moment that defined what coaching was all about. Developing champions, earning lots of



*Craig McInnes with cap on, and Marie Power, far left (Club member and Volunteer Organiser for Juniors).*

money and so on pales into insignificance when compared to the sheer delight and joy a young girl experienced when hitting her first forehand into court. I believe this young lady went on to be quite a good player.



The North Balwyn Tennis Club played a very important role in my development as a coach and a person and I certainly would not be the person or the tennis official I am today had I not had this experience. Good luck to all members, and the Club, may you all be successful and bring home plenty of trophies!

*Ande at the club 1987*

## **CRAIG McINNES – Club Coach 1994-1995**

In 1994 Craig McInnes took over the coaching from Ande Hutchinson. For the first time, the role of Head Coach was to include the duties of Junior Organiser (in lieu of payment for court hire).

## **JOHN McINNES – Club Coach 1995-2003**

The ten years we spent with the coaching school at NBTC were very happy. John took over from Craig our son (who was injured) with Tony Taylor, the President's approval. To see the Club grow and our pupils improving in all sections was very satisfying. Friendships formed during those years are still with us today. Marie Power and Sally Rotar were a great help as were Committee members. John now enjoys playing competition at NBTC with his tennis mates as well as a social hit on Mondays.



*Pat and John McInnes with some juniors at the Club*

*John and Pat always supported the Club social functions and Pat was especially known for her amazing ability to raise donations from the local traders for the Club fundraising events. Editor.*

*The following article was published in the local Paper, the Progress Press in 2003*

## **North Balwyn Tennis Club's recipe for success**

**T**ennis is thriving at North Balwyn Tennis Club thanks to the close relationship between the Supermac Tennis Coaching School (run by John and Craig McInnes) and the club.

For the past three generations, the McInnes family have been proactive members at the club. John McInnes, an Australian Veterans Champion for the past 15 years, is currently Junior Convenor at the club while his wife, Pat,

plays an active social role and helps with fundraising.

"The personal contact is very important," says Pat who understands all too well the role of Public Relations. "We are very keen to encourage juniors who come for coaching lessons to play at the club. It's a good meeting place and many new Australians have taken up lessons so they can become more involved."

Eligible club members were among the first group of VCE students on the

Future Leaders program and now help out with their junior tournaments.

However, the club's strength is not just measurable by its 400 members but also by the calibre of its players, such as 14 year-old Chris Duke and 12 year-old Damian Wills, who both performed well in the Club Championships. Barbara Chislett, a Vic Vet Champion, won the open ladies' singles while Andrew Halford won the men's singles.



*2003 Men's Doubles Club  
Champions at NBTC*

## **TENNIS MATTERS STUART BROWN and ANDREW HALFORD – Joint Club Coaches 2004-present**

Before Tennis Matters was formed, both Andrew and I had the privilege of coaching for the McInnes family for a number of years. I started at 17 and Andrew at 27. We have a combined membership at NBTC of 38 years.

After we had accumulated enough experience coaching in different parts of Melbourne and overseas it was time for us, as long time friends and doubles team to form Tennis Matters and apply for the Head Coach/Junior Organiser position at North Balwyn. Our application was successful and we have never looked back.

It is necessary for us to have as much involvement in the Club as possible. Both of us are active Committee members, amongst other duties such as; Pennant Secretary, Social Co-ordinator, Junior Organisers and Head Coaches.

Tennis Matters offers junior and adult group coaching, junior squad training and private lessons. More recently, the Wilson peeWee program for the younger children has been added to the types of lessons offered.



*Wilson peeWee Program for 4-7 year olds*

As role models and the face of the Club we pride ourselves on maintaining a high level

of playing standard coupled with a focus on staying in peak physical condition. This has led us to two Grade 1 Pennant finals, numerous Club Championship titles and our most successful playing achievement of a semi-final place in the Victorian Clay Court Doubles Championships. Andrew also made it to the quarter final of the singles section in the Victorian Clay Court tournament. Ten years later, 2013, Stuart Brown was part of a Grade 1 Pennant side, playing at Dingley Tennis Club which won the Pennant. His wife Nia and baby, Gemma were there to share in his success.



*Stuart Brown with Nia and Gemma*

Andrew and I, as Tennis Matters have a great relationship with the Club and its members and look forward to continuing this for many years.

[www.tennismatters.com.au](http://www.tennismatters.com.au)

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **History**

The first Club Championships were held in 1965, only three years after construction of the courts.

The first champions were:

Open Mens Singles: Hugh Batten

Open Ladies Singles: Fay Crump

Open Mens Doubles: Laurie Crump and Hugh Batten

### *Club Championships Honourboard*



Year	Men's Singles	Men's Doubles	Women's Singles	Women's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
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2012	...	...	...	...	...

Open Ladies Doubles: M Crowe and Desi Giddings

Open Mixed Doubles: Fay and Laurie Crump

Junior Boys Champion: Not played

Junior Girls Champion: R O'Brien

The Club Championships have been run every year since, which is a great achievement. Statistics of the entries for events show the extraordinary popularity and participation by Club members during the 1970s and 1980s. In 1980, there were 258 entries, the largest number of entries in the Club's history. This coincides with the peak of membership in 1983 with the Club having 619 members. In 1979 the Anne Henty-Wison Trophy for Ladies Doubles was introduced in memory of Anne who worked tirelessly for the Club. In 1982 the Over 50s Veterans men's singles and doubles and the "mature" Ladies singles and doubles were introduced to cater for the older members who still wished to participate.

It was common for the major final events to have a strong crowd of members watching and supporting the best of the Club, battling it out for the Club honours. Traditionally on the last day of the Club Championships there would be a presentation of trophies and a social night, the most popular being a spit roast. From the beginning, besides the main board events, other events were offered to encourage a broader group of members to participate. In 1986 the 70 plus, combined aged mixed doubles was offered for the first time and became very popular, especially for family members and a record 44 entrants for the men's singles was achieved.

The Club Championships could not be a success without the many volunteers who organised, promoted and conducted them. During the 1970s and 1980s Margaret Hall co-ordinated the Club Championships. Other Club members who helped co-ordinate the Club Championships over the years were Bob Giddings, Ian Huntington, Margaret Grouse, Bruce Wardrop, Peter McCaw, Stuart Milligan, Shannon Ede, Peter Moran,

Rowena Sheung and more recently, our Head Coaches, Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford. Also the time given by the Club Referees, Bob Giddings, Desi Giddings, Max Gillespie, Lois Northey, Michael Clyne and Eva Bettiol is to be acknowledged.

Mostly, over the years, the Chairperson of the Saturday afternoon ESTA Selection Committee ran the Club Championships and it is important to recognise Margaret Hall, who did this job for many years and kept meticulous records. She also took most of the photos during the early decades which now 50 years on have become a marvelous window into our Club's past. In recognition of Margaret's contribution the most recent Club Championships honour board has been named in her honour.

### **Club Championships Today**

In the last two decades of the Club there have been many changes and with that, challenges. In 2001 we had 214 entries but the number of entries declined over the next decade. We are proud that the Club Championships have been held every year and that by doing so, it has encouraged the young members to strive to achieve their best and to provide the opportunity for members of all ages to compete against their fellow members in a friendly but competitive environment. In recent times our Head Coaches, Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford have taken on the task of building up the Club Championships and the entry numbers have been increasing again to well over 100 entries in 2012. With the members' support they are determined that this event stays an important part of the Club's calendar.

*See Appendix 13: List of Club Singles Champions 1965-2012 and Appendix 14: List of Boys and Girls Champions 1965 -2012*

*Shepparton 1973, Margaret Hall and Anne Henty-Wilson; Shepparton 1973*



## PARTICIPATION OF CLUB MEMBERS IN OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS

### ALBERT PARK

Members of NBTC competed in various tournaments outside NBTC. Here is a photo from 1969 of a group from NBTC at the ESTA Annual Tournament at Albert Park.



*Violet Ingram, Margaret Hall, Patsy Cooke, Tony Smith, Laurie Crump. 1969*



*Alexandra 1975*



### SHEPPARTON

Members of North Balwyn Tennis Club used to go away as a group to country tournaments, usually over the Easter period. One of the first times was to Shepparton in 1973.



*Alexandra 1975, Kep and Anne Henty-Wilson*

Another tournament early on was at Alexandra organised by the Eastern Suburban Tennis Association (ESTA) in February 1975.

*Alexandra 1976, Bill Spicl, Anne Henty-Wilson, Glyn Ruddell, Fay Crump, Lionel Davison & Desi Giddings.*

### DENILQUIN

A committed core group of friends from NBTC became regulars at the Deniliquin Easter Tournament, staying at the local motel and the tradition lasted over 25 years!

Some of those who were regulars were: Ian and Marie Huntington who rarely missed a year, Bettie MacSween, Alison Tulloch, Lois Northey, Doug and Margaret Hall, Kep and Anne Henty-Wilson, Laurie and Fay Crump, Judy Levant and Bill and Veronica Spicl. Often the children came as well, entering the Junior events. The contingent from NBTC regularly exceeded 20 people!



*Deniliquin 1976*



*Deniliquin 1985, Doug and Margaret Hall*



*Deniliquin 1976, Adele Dickason and Anne Henty-Wilson*



*Deniliquin 1976, Anne Huntington and Jane Henty-Wilson*

## **BACCHUS MARSH**

For a few years in the early 2000s, a group from NBTC, organised by the McCaws enjoyed a day's tennis on the grass courts in Maddingly Park, Bacchus Marsh.



*Bacchus Marsh 2003, Tom Yamazaki, Elizabeth Grover, Susan Grover and Rohan Ashworth*



*Maddingly Park, Bacchus Marsh*

## COMMUNITY USE OF NBTC COURTS

### School Clinics

North Balwyn Tennis Club has developed long term partnerships with Balwyn High School and North Balwyn Primary School, both being within walking distance of the Club. Both schools run clinics at the Club as part of their Physical Education courses, exposing the students to the game of tennis. A proportion of the students go on to receive coaching from our Head Coaches, join the Club and play Junior competition.



*Balwyn High School Students*

### Charity Days

NBTC has a tradition of supporting various charities by having a fun social tennis day with raffles and prizes to raise money for worthy causes. Generally the events are advertised in the local community with an invitation to attend and support the occasion.

Our most recent charity day was held to raise money for Wandong Tennis Club which had its clubhouse burnt down in the February 2009 bushfires.

### Junior School Holiday Tournaments

NBTC has organised Junior School Holiday Tournaments for decades, involving the local community as well as Junior Club members. Although not as popular now, they are still

offered at least once a year, providing an activity for exercise and fun for local children during the school holidays.

### Linespersons training at NBTC

Robyn Judd, a member of our Club joined the Board of Tennis Officials Australia, Victoria (TOAV) in 2001. Her role was Officials Development and Training. This meant co-ordinating training for line, chair and supervisor officials and NBTC has hosted these training sessions on a regular basis until recently when tennis joined the AIS, the training role changed and is now looked after by an employee of Tennis Australia.

### Tennis Seniors Victoria Round Robins

For the last few years NBTC has hosted a Tennis Seniors Victoria event, a Sunday Round Robin for over 35s which is held at different Victorian tennis clubs every month. It is widely advertised and draws a crowd for fun and exercise and a great social day out.

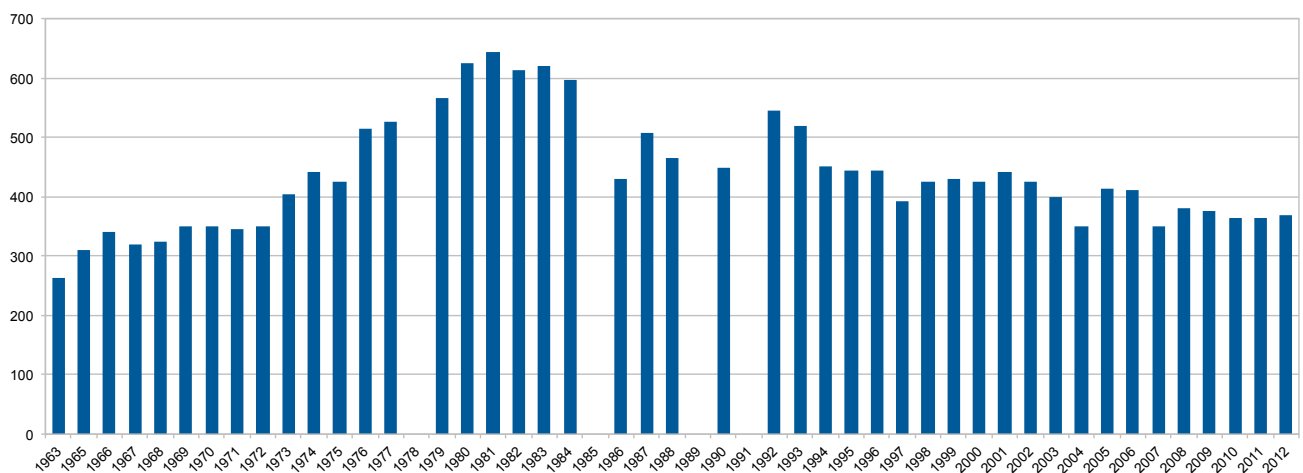
## Chapter 9

# Future Directions

The North Balwyn Tennis Club Committee acknowledges the tremendous contribution of members who have come and gone from the Club. Those who have served in the capacity of President, Treasurer and Secretary, some for many continuous years are listed on the Office bearers Honour Board displayed at the Club . Here is a list of these generous people who have helped make North Balwyn Tennis Club the successful club it is today. See Appendix 15: Office bearers of NBTC

Membership is steady at around 350 and has remained strong, despite some significant challenges.

**NBTC Membership 1963-2012**



In 2014 the Club expects to receive funding approved by City of Boroondara for a new clubhouse, which is very exciting.

Other plans for the future include

- 1) installing lights on courts 5 and 6
- 2) landscaping and installation of a new children's playground area
- 3) developing Corporate sponsorships
- 4) developing new initiatives to increase membership

We hope you have enjoyed reading about the first 50 years of North Balwyn Tennis Club. The editors have endeavoured to include reference to all those who have contributed to the Club's success over the years but acknowledge that this must be an incomplete list and apologise to anyone who has been missed.

The Editorial Committee again thanks all those who contributed to the production of the NBTC 50th Anniversary Book and are extremely grateful to the extraordinary response from members to contribute their recollections. We believe that this has made this 50th anniversary record of tennis at NBTC not only an historical record but a testament to the strength of Club spirit and friendships developed by so many of its members.

# APPENDIX 1

## Minutes of the first meeting to form a tennis club

### NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB.

Minutes of Meeting held at the residence of Mr.T.M.Kennedy, 125 Greythorn Road, North Balwyn, on Friday, 7th July, 1961, at 8.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: Mr.T.M.Kennedy occupied the chair.

PRESENT: Mesdames Brazenor, Christiansen, Gillespie, Hosking, Jamieson, Mansfield, Olsson, Porter, Ralston and Trott; Messrs. Agnew, Birkett, Giddings, Huggard, Jessett, Johnston, Kennon, McKellar, Melville, Raven and Stephens. Representing the Tennis Promotion Council, Mr.Webb.

CONSTITUTION: A suggested constitution published in the Official Handbook of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria was considered clause by clause and, with suitable amendments and insertions, adopted by the meeting as the club's constitution.

The constitution as adopted is attached, hereto as Appendix "A".

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Nominations were called for the various offices provided in the constitution, and the following persons were elected:-

President: Mr.T.M.Kennedy  
Vice Presidents; Cr.T.G.Westcott  
Mr.J.H.Melville  
Hon.Secretary: Mr.R.N.Johnston.  
Hon.Treasurer: Mr.R.N.Johnston  
Hon.Asst.Secretary: Mrs.B.E.Olsson  
General Management Committee: Mrs. U.Hosking.  
Messrs.T.P.Beenie, C.Calderwood, R.C.Giddings, K.D.Jesse+  
P.McKellar, L.C.Stephens.

INTERIM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Utilising its powers under the constitution the General Management Committee co-opted the following persons to assist it during the club's formation period:-

Mesdames Brazenor, Christiansen, Gillespie, Jamieson, Mansfield, Melville, Porter, Ralston and Trott.  
Messrs. Agnew, Birkett, Huggard, Kennon, Raven.

BUILDING, FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP: It was agreed that the General Management Committee shall meet as soon as possible to consider:

- (a) Plans for commencement of construction of courts and buildings.
- (b) Methods of obtaining the requisite finance
- (c) Means of obtaining members
- (d) Conditions of membership.

The meeting recommended to the General Management Committee that

1. Fees be as set out hereunder:

Nomination	£ 3. 0. 0.
Adult Males	6.10. 0. per annum
" Ladies	6. 0. 0. " "
Associates (Mid-Week)	3. 0. 0. " "
Juniors	3. 0. 0. " "
Students	3. 0. 0. " "

#### Family Membership.

Husband and wife	£ 5. 0. 0. per annum
Each child	2. 0. 0. " "

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2. Issue of Debentures be considered as a means of raising finance.
3. A prospectus be drawn-up and printed for distribution through Balwyn and adjacent areas.

A meeting of the General Management Committee was fixed for 8.00 p.m. Friday, 14th July, 1961, at Mr. Kennedy's home.

DONATION:

Mr. T.M. Kennedy tendered a donation of £10.10.0. to the club's funds.

SITE OF CLUB:

Mr. Kennedy advised that Camberwell Cotncil has asked the club to consider a site alternative to that in Gordon Barnard Reserve. The second site is in Buchanan Avenue, Balwyn. The matter was referred to the General Management Committee to examine the suitability of each site.

THANKS:

Mr. Stephens proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Kennedy for allowing the use of his home for the meeting and the vote was carried by acclamation.

THE MEETING THEN CLOSED

Confirmed.

Chairman.

## APPENDIX 2

### Promotional pamphlet for distribution – 1962

# NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB

**President:**

Mr. T. M. KENNEDY

**Vice-Presidents:**

Cr. T. G. WESTCOTT

Mr. J. H. MELVILLE

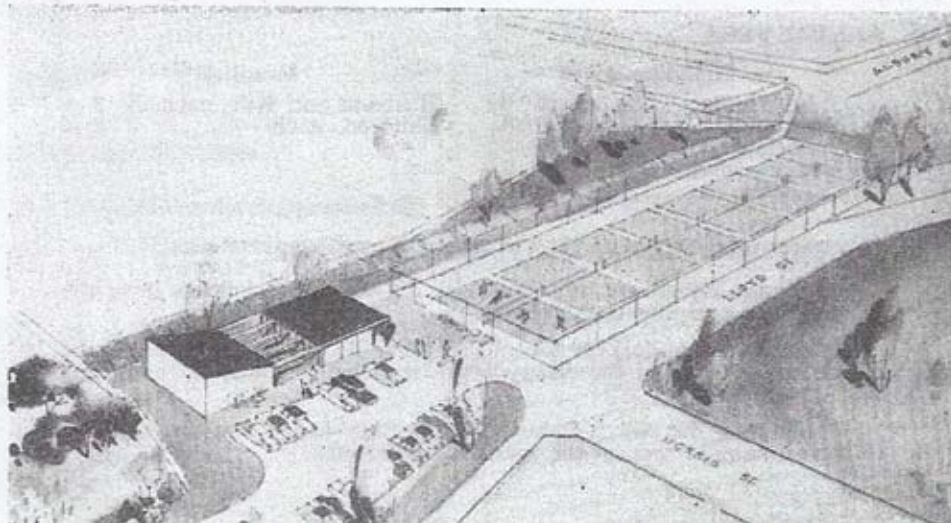
**Secretary-Treasurer:**

Mr. R. N. JOHNSTON

33 Woolcock Avenue

East Kew. WL 2956

North Balwyn Tennis Club



Dear Resident:

Three months ago a group of Balwyn residents gave their support to the establishment of a first-class tennis club for our community. Plans developed rapidly with support and assistance from the Camberwell City Council, who have granted the club permissive occupancy of an excellent site in Buchanan Avenue adjoining Hislop Reserve. A subsidy has also been promised to assist construction of the tennis courts and club-house.

The site is in the heart of Balwyn's attractive parkland area near the Gordon Barnard swimming pool, sporting areas, and shopping centre at Balwyn and Belmore Roads. Although the site for the new courts is close to these other facilities, it will be free from traffic congestion and noise associated with the main ovals.

Six red porous all-weather courts planned for the first stage will provide excellent playing and car parking facilities equal to the best of our suburban clubs. The modern club-house illustrated on cover will give added comfort and distinction. The building, designed especially to meet our site requirements, will be equipped with most modern fittings and amenities, including club-room, kitchen, change rooms and showers.

Our community has more tennis players but less courts than any other district. Unless we provide more facilities our children, at present learning tennis, will be forced to abandon the sport or join distant clubs.

The North Balwyn Tennis Club will meet this urgent need and, as a resident, we feel it is right that you should have first preference among the many who will be seeking membership. Even if you are not an active tennis player, provision is made for you to join in club activities and assist in developing this fine community asset by taking up debentures which, in addition, entitle you to the privileges of a non-playing member.

The full scale of membership fees is as follows:

#### NOMINATION FEE

£3/- per person. However, a £6/- nomination fee covers all members of the one family. No nomination fee is payable by any person taking up a £10 or higher debenture. Nomination fees in respect of other members of the family, however, must still be paid.

#### ANNUAL FEES

Individuals			Families		
Adult, Male	....	£6 10 0	Husband and Wife, each	£5 0 0	
Adult, Lady	....	6 0 0	Children, each	....	2 0 0
Associate (mid-week)		3 0 0			
Juniors (under 18)	..	3 0 0			
Students	....	3 0 0			

#### DEBENTURES AND NON-PLAYING MEMBERSHIP

Minimum debenture unit is £5/-/. All debenture holders have the privileges of non-playing members.

Make your application for membership and/or debentures on the forms below to avoid the disappointment of being placed on a waiting list for admission.

By joining the North Balwyn Tennis Club to-day you are securing an investment in tennis—the game of a lifetime.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To the Secretary,  
North Balwyn Tennis Club.

WE/I, the undersigned, HEREBY APPLY to be admitted as a member of the above Club, and WE/I HEREBY AGREE, if admitted by the General Committee, to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Club, and also by any by-laws which the General Committee is authorised to make under the said Rules.

Full Name(s) (Mr., Mrs., Miss).....  
(Block Letters)

\*Class of Membership.....  
\*Here insert "Adult," "Mid-week," "Junior," "Student," etc.

Age and School (Juniors and Students).....

Individual Annual Fee £.....

Family Relationship (if applicable).....

INDIVIDUAL ANNUAL FEE	....	....	....	....	£	£
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Address..... Phone No.....

WE/I HEREBY DECLARE that the personal particulars given above are true and correct in every particular.

Applicant(s) Signature(s).....

### **DEBENTURE APPLICATION**

I desire to assist the development of the NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB by taking up debentures, at £5 each, to the value of £..... and that amount is forwarded herewith.

Full Name.....  
(Block Letters)

Address.....

Phone..... Signature.....

# APPENDIX 3

## Early NBTC teams entered in the Eastern Region Tennis Association (ESTA)

### Summer 1963/64

#### B4 (Premiers)

Hugh Batten, Peter Coombes, Werner Brodbeck, Priska Brodbeck, Nan Brazenor, Desie Giddings

#### C2

I.Dyring, R. Caldwell, L. Janosi, M.Aitkin, K. Switsen, R. O'Brien

### Winter 1964

#### Section 2 (Lost the final)

Hugh Batten, Frank Bartacek, Bob Giddings, Nan Brazenor, Fay Crump, Desie Giddings

### Summer 1964/65

#### A3 (Finalist)

Hugh Batten, Bob Giddings, Laurie Crump, Priska Brodbeck, Desie Giddings, Nan Brazenor

### Winter 1965

#### Section 1 (Finished 5th)

Hugh Batten, Laurie Crump, Stephen Clarke, Nan Brazenor, Fay Crump, Kaye Switson

### Winter 1965/66

#### A3 (Finished 6th)

Hugh Batten, Laurie Crump, Stephen Clarke, Nan Brazenor, Fay Crump, Kaye Switson

#### B4 (Finished 6th)

Mac Dyring, Ken Rowley, Werner Brodbeck, M. Batten, Gwen Cresswell

### Winter 1966

#### Section 1 (Runners-up)

Hugh Batten, Laurie Crump, Peter Coombes, Nan Brazenor, Fay Crump, Marie Huntington



#### **Section 4 (Finished 3rd)**

W. Brazenor, Kevin Bland, Bill Gould, Kaye Dyring, Helen Johnston, Jenny Clarke

#### **Summer 1966/67**

#### **A3 (Lost semi-final)**

Hugh Batten, Laurie Crump, Tony Smith, Nan Brazenor, Fay Crump, Marie Huntington

#### **C2 (Lost the semi-final)**

Ivan Dyring, Robert Caldwell, Les Janosi, Margaret Aitken, Kaye Switson, Rosemary O'Brien

#### **Section 6 (Premiers)**

Ivan Dyring, Bill Spicl, Stephen Clarke, Rosemary O'Brien, Kaye Switson, Kaye Dyring

#### **B4 (Premiers)**

Peter Coombs, Werner Brodbeck, Stephen Clarke, Fay Crump, Gwen Creswell, Rosemary O'Brien

#### **Section 3 (Premiers)**

Ivan Dyring, Bill Spicl, Peter Coombs, Desie Giddings, Marie Huntington, Kaye Dyring

#### **A4 (Finished 8th)**

Peter Coombs, Bob Giddings, Ivan Dyring, Desie Giddings, Marie Huntington, Kaye Dyring

#### **C1 (Finished 5th)**

B. Brazenor, Bill Gould, Peter Holland, Barbara Lowe, Patsy Cooke, Jenny Clarke

#### **Section 2 (Lost semi-final)**

Bob Giddings, Peter Holland, Ivan Dyring, Desie Giddings, Vi Ingram, Barbara Lowe

#### **B1 (Premiers)**

Stephen Clarke, Ivan Dyring, Peter Holland, Vi Ingram, Barbara Lowe, Patsy Cooke

And for those who wonder who Kaye Dyring is, who figured in several teams, the lady is now better known as Kaye Clarke.

# APPENDIX 4

## The first NBTC newsletter

**NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER March 1968 Editor: Margaret Hall**

Your committee hopes you will derive some pleasure and find items of interest on receipt of this newsletter. It is a new innovation to acquaint you with happenings in the club.

It is certainly not easy playing tennis these waterless days, but members are all doing their best to keep our courts playable. Many players are actually developing a better swing with a watering can than they are with their forehands!

The further water restrictions have forced the committee to close the courts on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Watering cans may still be used on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. We have been able to arrange salvage water to be used on the courts Saturday afternoon to enable the club championships to be run to schedule.

### **SOCIAL:**

Now that the great heat has passed, more and more members are coming to the courts for a social hit on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. That plaintive cry echoing across the courts of "put the kettle on" comes from Bob Edge if you were wondering.

The Dinner Dance usually held in April for the presentation of trophies following the club championships has been set down for Friday 26th April at Cantwell Court, 27 Shierlaw Avenue, Canterbury. We commend this social evening to all members. The social committee would be only too pleased to organise your seating arrangements. You never know, you could end up sitting next to Hugh Batten!!! For enquiries and table bookings ring Mrs Elaine Johnston 89 9379 or Mrs Beryl Dyring 85 6940. It is not the social committee's intention to continually ask you to attend social functions, but when we say "come and join us", we really hope to see you.


Over the Labour holiday weekend members were invited to a picnic at Mt Martha, where all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Even the "girls" went into the briny; it was a case of go willingly or Stephen Clarke put you in. If you notice the club house picketed by the female members with slogans of "Down with Stephen" you'll know why.

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The club championships are under way, guided by tournament referee Laurie Crump; the first semi-final was played off in the ladies doubles, Barbara Lowe and Patsy Cooke defeating Fay Crump and Nan Brazenor in three sets 6-5, 5-6, 6-2, a most enjoyable match to watch.

It was pleasing to see so many Juniors taking part, Rhonda Roach and Darryl Collins making their first appearance in our club championships. In the Under 18 Ladies Doubles, Sheryl Hames and Nettie Lowe were semi-finalists along with Tricia Lowe and Lorel Smith. Kim Ruddel displayed fine stroke play in her singles match against Tricia Lowe but Tricia kept hitting that ball back didn't she Kim, and was the eventual winner.

Ivan Dyring and Bill Spicl, Stephen Clarke and Phillip Holland provided exciting tennis in their first round match, Stephen and Phillip coming out the winners 9-7. Tom White and Bill Gould kept winning too. We look forward to more weekends of club championships. The most nervous member on that



first day , sat in a little ball, and despite the heat, refused to remove her cardigan. Could it have been Avis Cox?

### **COMPETITION:**

Entries close for the Saturday Mixed winter competition on Sunday, 17th March, still plenty of room for players. The recent completed Summer Saturday competition resulted in all four teams reaching the semi-finals, the A3 and B2 teams winning the final and taking off a pennant for the club. Congratulations and well done. The B5 team lost their semi-final by only two games, and the A4 team lost their final also by two games. I'm sure if anyone has an hour or two to spare, any member of these teams will tell you about their loss, with tears. Many thanks to all those who served afternoon tea, watered and swept the courts, and soothed the nervous ones, when all these finals were played, it was indeed an entire club effort.

The midweek ladies No. 1 team are immersed in finals at the moment, we say Good Luck to Judy Brown and her stalwart team. The No. 2 team, captained by Betty Olsson were less fortunate, better luck next time. These ladies held an evening meeting recently, chaired by our President, Hugh Batten, and it was decided to enter three midweek teams instead of the existing two. If anyone is interested to play in this winter competition, or to act as an emergency, would you ring Mrs. Betty Olsson on 857 7332

The Junior Teams Saturday morning were less fortunate in reaching finals; neither the boys team or the girls team were successful, but the experience gained I'm sure they will use to advantage next time. Thank you to the parents who helped transport the boys and girls to matches.

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

We extend a welcome to new club members Anne and Kep. Henty-Wilson and Michael Falls.

### **BITS AND PIECES:**

Pleasant to see Stan Cresswell on the courts again after an absence of some twelve months.

We have come to the conclusion that Bob Johnston's sore ankle is purely and simply to get sympathy from the ladies.

Only four weeks to Kaye Dyring becoming Mrs. S. Clarke

A new event in the club championships, the Mens Veteran Singles – very interesting.

Last heard that Tricia Salt had gone to hospital, so Tricia and Don should have their new addition to the family by now. Don's mother has come all the way from New Zealand to care for the family.

*Our club is your Sport and Recreation, where we meet socially and competitively for a happy game of tennis.*

# APPENDIX 5

## Constitution 1972

### NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB.

#### RULES OF THE CONSTITUTION - as amended to 31st August, 1972.

1. NAME:  
The name of the club shall be the "North Balwyn Tennis Club."
2. CLUB COLOURS:  
The club colours shall be GREEN and GOLD.
3. OBJECTS: (Amended 8/71)
  - (a) With the sanction of the Trustees and Camberwell City Council, to construct, maintain and control tennis courts on Hislop Reserve, North Balwyn.
  - (b) To promote and foster tennis.
4. AFFILIATION: (Amended 9/67).  
The club will be affiliated with such associations as may be considered necessary, or desirable, by the committee from time to time.
5. MEMBERSHIP:  
The club shall consist of the following classes of membership -
  - (a) Adult Men.
  - (b) Adult Ladies.
  - (c) Juniors - under the age of 18 years.
  - (d) Students - adults over 18 years of age doing full time studies.
  - (e) Midweek Adults.
  - (f) Midweek Juniors.
  - (g) Non-playing members.
  - (h) Honorary Life Members.
6. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP: (Amended 8/71)
  - (a) Adult Men, Adult Ladies, Students and Honorary Members are permitted -
    - (i) Admission to club premises and to courts at all times.
    - (ii) Use of the courts in accordance with the by-laws laid down by the club.
    - (iii) To attend, speak and vote at all General Meetings of the club.
  - (b) Juniors are permitted -
    - (i) Admission to club premises and to courts on week days, Saturday and Sunday mornings (except in the afternoon of Public Holidays).
    - (ii) Use of the courts in accordance with the by-laws laid down by the club.
    - (iii) To attend General Meetings, but may only speak with the special permission of the Chairman. They may not vote on any matter, or hold office.
  - (c) Midweek Adults are permitted -
    - (i) Admission to club premises and to courts during the week except on Public Holidays.
    - (ii) Use of the courts in accordance with the by-laws laid down by the club.
    - (iii) To attend and speak at General Meetings. They may not vote on any matter, or hold office.
  - (d) Midweek Juniors are permitted - (Amended 8/71).
    - (i) The same rights as full juniors except they may not play on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
  - (e) Non-playing Adult Members are permitted -
    - (i) Admission to club premises at all times.

7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Applications shall be made on the approved form and shall be endorsed by two members of the club as proposer and seconder respectively, and forwarded to the Secretary, who will present these applications at the next committee meeting.

8. RESIGNATION:

A member may resign his or her membership at any time by notification in writing to the Secretary. No refund of subscription will be made.

9. COMPLAINTS:

Any complaint must be made in writing to the Secretary.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- (a) The amount of annual subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All annual subscriptions should be paid on or before 31st December of each year.
- (c) Any member whose subscription is overdue and who fails to pay within fourteen days after a reminder has been given in writing by the Secretary may be removed from membership.
- (d) Any new member admitted before 30th June shall pay full membership rates.
- (e) (Amended 8/71).  
Any new member admitted after 30th June shall pay pro-rata annual subscription and full nomination fee.

11. OFFICE BEARERS:

- (a) The office bearers of the club must be members and shall consist of President, Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary, Honorary Treasurer. These office bearers and seven (7) members of the club shall form a committee of management, thereafter called the committee. At least two members of the committee shall be ladies.
- (b) All members of the committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club, and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, or until such time as any member of the committee ceases to be a member of the club by reason of his or her resignation, suspension, expulsion or for any other reason.
- (c) Each candidate for office must be proposed by two financial members either at the Annual General Meeting, or in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting. Any candidate for office not present at the meeting must previously have signified in writing his or her willingness to accept office if elected.

12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

The committee shall have power to -

- (a) Make by-laws and regulations and alter, rescind or amend them, as the occasion may require. Such by-laws and regulations shall have the same force as the rules, but shall not be inconsistent with them.
- (b) Authorize expenditure, receive all monies and subscriptions, appoint sub-committees from members of the club, and perform all acts and deeds as shall appear necessary or essential for the management of the club.
- (c) Arrange tournaments, inter-club matches and entertainments.
- (d) Reprimand, suspend, accept the resignation of, or expel any member who shall infringe any rules or whose conduct shall in their opinion render such members unfit for membership.

being summoned before an authorized meeting of the committee to explain his or her conduct, and a majority of the committee members present shall vote for his or her expulsion.

- (e) In the event of a vacancy occurring on the committee, the committee shall have the power to appoint any member of the club who is eligible for the position to fill such vacancy.
- (f) Appoint a coach who is required to be a member (5a or 5b).
- (g) Invite or request a member to attend a regular meeting.

13. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:

- (a) The committee shall meet regularly each month when possible.
- (b) At all meetings of the committee six shall form a quorum, and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote as a member of the committee.
- (c) Should any member of the committee be absent from three consecutive meetings without consent of the committee, his or her position may be declared vacant.
- (d) The Honorary Secretary may at any time for any special purpose, and shall within seven days after receipt by him from the President or any other three members of the committee of a requisition in writing requesting him to do so, convene a special meeting of the Committee.

14. TRUSTEES:

- (a) Three people will be appointed to act as Trustees of the club by a General Meeting.
- (b) Upon death, resignation or removal of any Trustee, or Trustees, the vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the election of a new Trustee, or Trustees, at a General Meeting duly called by a notice specifying an intention so to do.
- (c) Trustees appointed by the club shall be indemnified by the Club and the members thereof for all losses or expenses incurred by them in or above the discharge of their respective duties, except such as happen through their own wilful act, negligence or default.
- (d) No Trustee or other officer of the club shall be liable for any other Trustee or officer, or for joining in any receipt or other act for the sake of conformity, or for any loss or expense happening to the club, unless the same should happen through his own wilful act, negligence or default.

15. ANNUAL & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held in the month of September, or as soon as possible thereafter. The purpose of this meeting will be -
  - (i) To receive and adopt the Annual Report.
  - (ii) To receive and adopt the Financial Statements.
  - (iii) To elect Office Bearers.
  - (iv) To appoint an Auditor.
  - (v) To fix Annual Subscriptions.
  - (vi) To decide upon any notices of motion.
  - (vii) To consider general business.
- (b) Seven days at least before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting, a notice in writing of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be sent to every member, and at any Special General Meeting no business other than that of which notice has been given shall be brought forward.
- (c) At any General Meeting, twenty adult members present shall form a quorum.

- (d) At all meetings, the President and in his absence the Vice-President, or member selected by the meeting, shall take the Chair. Every member present and entitled to vote shall have one vote upon every motion, and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- (e) Any member desirous of moving a resolution at the Annual General Meeting, for the addition to, repeal or amendment to these rules, shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least thirty days prior to such meeting.
- (f) The Secretary shall at any time by direction of the President, or upon receiving a requisition in writing signed by not less than 20 adult members, stating the purpose for which the meeting is required, forthwith call a special General Meeting.
- (g) These rules shall not be added to, repealed or amended, except by resolution duly carried by a majority of the votes of members present and entitled to vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting.

16. FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS:

The funds of the club shall be under the absolute control of the committee and all accounts shall be passed for payment by the committee.

17. AUDIT:

The accounts of the club shall be audited at the end of each financial year by an auditor, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting and who shall not be a member of the committee.

18. FINANCIAL YEAR:

The financial year of the club shall begin on the 1st. September and end on the 31st August in each year.

19. GENERAL:

- (a) Only financial members and their guests are permitted to participate in the club's activities.
- (b) Payment of fees by a member shall be deemed acceptance of the rules of the club.
- (c) All tennis played on Sunday afternoons will be restricted to social games only except with the permission of the committee.
- (d) The committee shall have power to deal with all matters not mentioned in the foregoing rules.
- (e) All players shall appear on the courts in approved tennis attire.
- (f) Minutes shall be taken of all proceedings at meetings.
- (g) Bank accounts shall be opened as required and shall not be operated upon except jointly by any two of the following office bearers:-

President,  
Vice-Presidents,  
Secretary, and  
Treasurer.

# APPENDIX 6

## By-Laws 1972

(As amended to 31st August, 1972)

### 1. MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) (i) An applicant accepted by the committee must take up membership within 30 days of notification of acceptance or the application is void, unless the delay is accounted for to the satisfaction of the committee.
- (ii) (Amended 3/5/67).  
All intending new full members are to be put on 2 months probation period. No joining fee will be paid at this stage, but a fee of \$4 will be paid on commencement of their probationary period. If approved, this fee will be used as part payment of their normal joining and annual fee. If rejected, this fee is forfeited.
- (iii) (Amended 2/11/67).  
Midweek members or junior members who wish to become full members are to be put on probation in the same way as adult members.
- (b) (Amended by Annual General Meeting 18/9/68).  
Adult members of the club who are members of the N.B.T.C. Co-operative Society are not eligible to apply for repayment of their Co-operative shareholding whilst they remain members of the club.
- (c) Every member who changes his or her address should notify the Secretary in writing of the new address. All notices and letters delivered by hand or put to such address shall be considered duly delivered.

### 2. SOCIAL PLAY:

- (a) Ladies playing on Wednesday or Thursday mornings have the prior right to the choice of up to four(4) courts. Play is to be organized by using the board. The rules for the operation of the board as displayed, must be adhered to.
- (b) (Amended.)  
Junior players wishing to play on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday afternoons will make written application to the committee for approval. Approved names will be listed on the notice board.
- (c) Deleted.

### 3. VISITORS: (Amended.)

- (a) Members of the club may introduce visitors to the club only after prior permission has been obtained from an office bearer of the club.
- (b) No one visitor shall be introduced more than three times in the one year without special permission of the committee.
- (c) A visitor's fee of 50 cents for seniors and 30 cents for juniors shall be charged per occasion.

BALL FEES: (NOTE - previous by-law 4 concerning ball fees payable by social and competitive players was made redundant by resolution at the Annual General Meeting of 18/9/69 which resolved that the annual subscription would include ball fees.)

### 4. COMPETITION:

- (a) Selection Committee - (amended 2/10/69).
  - (i) For Saturday afternoon competition the selection committee shall consist of five (5) members elected annually by the committee before selection of teams for the Summer Season. At least one of the Selection Committee shall be a member of the Committee. The Committee will appoint

a Chairman of Selectors. Team Captains may be consulted by the Selection Committee.

- (ii) The committee meetings of the Selection Committee will be held as convened by the Chairman, a quorum consisting of three (3) selectors.

(iii) Powers and Duties of the Selection Committee -

- (a) To select teams to be entered by the club in all adult Saturday competition matches.
- (b) To enter teams and apply for gradings for adult Saturday competition matches conducted by those Associations with which the Club is affiliated.
- (c) If members of any competing teams fail to elect a captain either before the first match of the season or upon a new captain being required during the season to appoint a captain.
- (d) To conduct tournaments run by the club for full members with the exception of those arranged by the Social Committee, and to prepare draws for events being staged.
- (e) To act as liason between the Committee and the selectors of ladies mid-week competition matches.
- (f) To appoint one of their members as Teams Secretary who shall communicate with those Associations concerned with Saturday competition matches and inform selected local newspapers of match results.
- (g) To carry out any other duties as assigned by the committee.

- (b) Ladies playing in mid-week competition are to select their captain, vice-captain and selectors.

- (c) No members of a competition team will be eligible to play social tennis until the team has completed the match.

5. THE COACH: (Previously by-law 6).

Conditions of appointment -

(a) The Coach -

- (a) shall be a full adult member of the Club
- (b) shall pay \$6 at the commencement of each school term to the club
- (c) shall abide by the Rules and By-laws of the Club
- (d) shall have the use of one court every Saturday morning and after 4 p.m. on weekdays (Public Holidays excepted) for the coaching of members and non-members.

- (b) (a) No players other than club members may use the remaining courts prior to or after their lesson
- (b) Non-members being coached during the week must leave the club's premises before the Coach
- (c) Three months' notice of termination of contract is required by either party.

6. GENERAL: (Previously By-law 7).

These by-laws may only be amended, added to, or repealed after notice of motion has been given at a previous committee meeting with the exception of Clause 1 (b), which may only be altered by a general meeting.

Old by-laws 7(c), (c), (d) and (e) were deleted 11/9/69.

# APPENDIX 7

## NBTC Walking group – Cathedral Mountain, Sunday 21st May 1995

On Sunday 21st May 1995, a group of "mad" bushwalkers (the adjective will become clear later) gathered at the carpark nearest the top of what is known as "Sugarloaf", one end of the Cathedral Range, between Marysville and Buxton. Personally, it had been a walk I had been looking forward to for some time.

Cathedral Mountain dominates the landscape of mainly gently rolling hills, and the "North Balwyn Movers" were looking forward to the challenge. We had been a group of nine, but Tony Taylor had to pull out due to an injured leg – good decision Tony! Bob Kneeshaw valiantly got out of his sickbed to make an agreed meeting at the tennis club at 7.00 am to arrange transport for Glenys, one of our regulars. In retrospect, maybe Glenys would have preferred Bob had not bothered.

I am compelled to share the experience of that day as it turned out to be memorable in many respects. The plan was to walk to the top of Sugarloaf and then make our way across the "razorback", a narrow rocky ridge (no place even for a mountain goat) to Cathedral Mountain and then walk down to Ned's Gully where some of our cars had been left earlier.

The walk notes supplied by Paul Grouse suggested a total distance of around 8 km, with some rock climbing, including an 8 metre difficult piece of challenging climbing. Estimated time of arrival at Ned's Gully was 4.30 pm.

What followed was a gruelling rock climbing expedition with spectacular views of two valleys, with blankets of clouds hugging the valleys up until lunch time. Adventures experienced by the walkers included one saving lunge by a husband to stop his wife tumbling down a steep grade, one painful knee injury incurred by said wife when a foot got jammed in a rock crevice, a very exhausted lady who only finished the walk with the help of two others and great determination, one woman who found knee muscles she never knew she had, and eight people who learnt to find their way through the dusky bush with only the light reflected by white windcheaters and hats.

What were we doing walking through the bush at night you might well ask? Well, when we had finally reached our destination, the trig point on the top of Cathedral Mountain, it was 4 pm, not 2 pm, as in our carefully planned schedule.



*NBTC walking group at the Trig Point, top of Cathedral Mountain*

When we reached the sign posted fork in the downward path it was amazing to see that we had taken twice as long as the estimated time. Therefore the 45 minutes to Ned's Gully seemed more like one and a half hours. We now had only half an hour to sunset and not a torch or matches amongst us.



By the time we came to the BBQ picnic clearing at the end of the path at Ned's Gully it was so dark that the way out was impossible to see. Eight tired and anxious people huddled together in the clearing, listening for the river which would lead us to the bridge over which we hoped would be our cars.

Blindly we shuffled towards the sound of water, and yes, over the bridge which magically appeared and onto the dirt road. Peter and Paul ventured ahead up the road whilst the rest of the group stood in silence waiting. Out of the silence came the sound of a car alarm – music to our ears. We were delivered.

We had walked from 9.30 am to 6.30 pm, seen wonderful views, and extended ourselves to our physical limits. We limped home.

Those on the walk were: Paul Grouse, Peter and Rhonda McCaw, Roger and Pip Thornton, Margaret and Alex Sabbadini and Glenys Archer.

*Rhonda McCaw*

## APPENDIX 8

# NBTC Walking group – Walhalla November 1996

Fifteen walkers left Melbourne full of quiet excitement on a lovely Sunday in November, unaware of what lay waiting in the lush countryside high above Walhalla.

Paul Grouse was the leader so we were confident and without a care in the world. It was an early start, 7 o'clock for the two hour drive with a brief stop at McDonald's at Moe for a coffee and a regroup. We were laughing and in a hurry as we piled into the cars. It was now the last stretch and closer to the lush ferns and glittering streams where they, silent, primordial, blind are waiting.

In Walhalla – first stop was a look at the cemetery, high on the hillside overlooking the town, where some 4000 population of the once booming goldmining town area stayed on. All was quiet in the shade of the large old trees where the head stones were crumbling and sagging and their inscriptions fading. We thought if one must die then this is not a bad place to finish up. Back down in the main street (there is only one) we discovered that the famous old cricket ground was only a little ahead so we pushed on. The way in was up a flight of steps that soared up and up and the sun was hot. I made the only decision possible. I suggested that backpacks should stay here in the valley, and I would keep watch. Unselfish to the end- me. Margaret Grouse, having done the cricket ground on an earlier occasion, stayed on to keep me company. The others took off up those steps in a very brave manner. I was looking at them admiringly when happily, we were invited by a local resident to have a wander around the gardens of her 100 year old "Spetts Cottage".

The township of Walhalla stretches along a narrow valley with steep hills rising on either side. Some pursuits must then, of necessity, take a shaky hold on the hillsides. It is here that the Alpine Walking Track also begins, and if you keep going, ends in Canberra.

We climbed up from the valley floor and started on one of the loveliest walks. It follows the Thomson River and crosses many small streams under a canopy of lofty old gum trees. The way was soft underfoot with fallen leaves, so very pleasant walking conditions. They were not so far away now. We first heard of them while we ate lunch at the mouth of one of the abandoned mines. One of the locals told us in hushed tones that two tourists had been attacked down near Poverty Point, which we had to pass through. But there was no stopping us now. We set off at a fast clip, following the track and having a great time. Little did we suspect the horror waiting. Margaret Grouse had the first inkling, but we were not sure. Just a splotch of red on her white sock. She kept saying, Do you think this is them? And it was. One by one we were grimly set upon. At every stop we examined each other for signs. The ones with shorts were the luckiest. We in long trousers could only hope. Eventually it was all over. Wearily we came to the end of the 12 km walk. We had so much fun the enemy only brought us closer. We had fought them and won. Leeches would never terrorise us again!

In retrospect, perhaps the cruelest aspect was in the numbers we each had to pry off. A preference was given for young blood it seemed. James McCaw had achieved thirty or so. I had only seven.

*Kay Aarons*

# APPENDIX 9

## List of Attendees at NBTC 50th Anniversary Dinner – 1 April 2012

Surname	First Name	Surname	First Name	Surname	First Name
1 Ames	Mark	56 Grover	Elizabeth	111 Nguyen	Quang
2 Amorosi	Sandra	57 Grover	Susan	112 Nitzos	Maria
3 Ampavilla	Saviula	58 Halford	Andrew	113 Nitzos	Peter
4 Archer	Brett	59 Hamilton	Charles	114 Northey	Lois
5 Arora	Nipun	60 Hamilton	Jenny	115 Patterson	Carlyne
6 Barmby	Bryan	61 Hayes	Matthew	116 Ponsford	Anne
7 Barmby	Marcia	62 Hayes	Serena	117 Purcell	Marie
8 Barton	Soula	63 Hayes	Emma	118 Purcell	Peter
9 Barton	Tony	64 He	Ben	119 Quay	John
10 Basinski	Garry	65 He	Brendon	120 Raven	Aileen
11 Batten	Hugh	66 Henry	David	121 Raven	Neil
12 Batten	Margaret	67 Henry	Lyn	122 Ravenhill	Kaylene
13 Berryman	Karin	68 Henty (Akathiotis)	Phil	123 Ravenhill	Rebecca
14 Berryman	Preston	69 Henty-Wilson	Jane	124 Ravenhill	Shane
15 Bettiol	Eva	70 Huntington	Ian	125 Ravenhill	Simon
16 Bird	Elizabeth	71 Huntington	Marie	126 Rehe	Annie
17 Bissett	Joan	72 Ibbott	Vicki	127 Rehe	David
18 Brown	Gordon	73 Judd	David	128 Rehe	Louise
19 Brown	Liz	74 Judd	Robyn	129 Rehe	Phillippa
20 Brown	Nia	75 Katopodis	Melanie	130 Ryan	John
21 Brown	Russell	76 Laidlaw	Russell	131 Ryan	Travis
22 Brown	Stuart	77 Lamb	Diana	132 Ryan	Aggie
23 Brown	Judy	78 Lane	Andrew	133 Samson	Danny
24 Cations	Helen	79 Lane	Mandy	134 Schlifelner	Christa
25 Cations	Milton	80 Levant	Judy	135 Schlifelner	Erich
26 Chen	James	81 Longo	Beverley	136 Sedgman	Joy
27 Chen	Kathryn	82 Longo	Nick	137 Shah	Devan
28 Chen	Liz	83 Love	Val	138 Sheldon	Terry
29 Chen	Matthew	84 Lynch	Sally	139 Sheung	KK
30 Chen	Rebekah	85 Martin	Susan	140 Sheung	Rowena
31 Cherukuri	Bhardawaja	86 McCaw	Chris	141 Sheung	Shing Yue
32 Clyne	Michael	87 McCaw	James	142 Simondson	Dianna
33 Collard	Yehudi	88 McCaw	Owen	143 Snowsill	Carole
34 Comby	Jordan	89 McCaw	Peter	144 Snowsill	Kevin
35 Cromby	Frank	90 McCaw	Thomas	145 Sorina	Lou
36 Cromby	Sandra	91 McCaw	Vic	146 Sorina	Peg
37 Davies	Judy	92 McCaw	Rhonda	147 Summons	Sheryl
38 Davies	Ross	93 McCormack	Carol	148 Summons	Tim
39 Dickason	Adele	94 McCormack	Tony	149 Taylor	Tony
40 Dickason	David	95 McDonald	Anne	150 Tragas	Nicholas
41 Dyring	Chris	96 McDonald	Lachlan	151 Tragas (Emetlis)	Eva
42 Dyring	David	97 McFee	Betty	152 Tregear	Andrew
43 Dyring	Ivan	98 McFee	Bill	153 Tulloch	Alison
44 Ede	Shannon	99 McGee	Helen	154 Wall	Lorel
45 Edge	Alan	100 McGrail	David	155 Wall	Val
46 Evans	Nan	101 McInnes	John	156 Wardrop	Bruce
47 Giddings	Bob	102 McInnes	Pat	157 Wardrop	Phillippa
48 Giddings	Desi	103 McKernan	John	158 Wildsmith	John
49 Gillespie	Anne	104 McKernan	Lorraine	159 Wildsmith	Pam
50 Gillespie	Max	105 McLaughlin	Susan	160 Xu	Rong
51 Gray	Neville	106 Menting	Dick	161 Xu	Selwyn
52 Gregory	Judy	107 Milligan	Stuart	162 Yamazaki	Tom
53 Gregory	Stevan	108 Moran	Angela	163 Yeap	Daniel
54 Grouse	Margaret	109 Moran	Petet	164 Zannoni	Irene
55 Grouse	Paul	110 Nguyen	Loc	165 Zannoni	John

# APPENDIX 10a

## North Eastern Junior Tennis Association, Pennants won by North Balwyn Tennis Club 2000-2008

Season	Comp Type	Section
Autumn 2000	Girls	10
	Boys	6
	Boys	13
	Boys	19
Spring 2001	Girls	2
	Boys	4
	Boys	14
Autumn 2002	Boys	20
	Boys	26
Spring 2002	Girls	2
Autumn 2003	Boys	11
	Boys	13
	Boys	21
Spring 2003	Boys	5
	Boys	18
Autumn 2004	Boys	18
Spring 2004	Boys	11
Autumn 2005	Girls	13 Red
	Boys	8 Blue
Spring 2005	Girls	11
	Girls	2
	Boys	21
Autumn 2006	Boys	5 Red
	Boys	17
Spring 2006	Girls	7 Red
Autumn 2007	Girls	5
	Girls	17
Autumn 2008	Girls	11
Spring 2008	Girls	8
	Boys	18

# APPENDIX 10b

## Eastern Region Tennis Grandfinalists for North Balwyn Tennis Club, Junior Weekend Teams 1998-2013

Season	Section	Finish	Season	Section	Finish
Summer 98/99	Sun Mixed 1 Blue	R/U	Winter 2007	Sun Boys 3	R/U
Summer 98/99	Sun Mixed 2 Green	R/U	Winter 2008	Sun Boys 3	Pennant
Summer 98/99	Sun Mixed 7	R/U	Winter 2009	Sun Boys 1	Pennant
Summer 98/99	Sun Mixed 9	Pennant	Winter 2009	Sun Boys 2	Pennant
Winter 1999	Sun Mixed 2 Green	Pennant	Winter 2009	Sat Boys 26 Green	R/U
Summer 99/00	Sun Boys 4	Pennant	Winter 2009	Sat Girls 2	R/U
Summer 99/00	Sun Mixed 2	Pennant	Summer 09/10	Sun Boys 3	Pennant
Summer 99/00	Sun Mixed 3 Green	Pennant	Summer 09/10	Sat Boys 5	Pennant
Summer 99/00	Sun Mixed 4	R/U	Winter 2010	Sat Boys 2	Pennant
Summer 99/00	Sun Mixed 8	Pennant	Winter 2010	Sat Girls 4	Pennant
Summer 00/01	Sun Boys 5	R/U	Winter 2010	Sat Girls 10	R/U
Winter 2001	Sun Mixed 2	R/U	Summer 10/11	Sat Boys 16	R/U
Winter 2001	Sun Mixed 3 Green	R/U	Summer 10/11	Sun Girls 4	R/U
Winter 2001	Sun Mixed 3 Blue	Pennant	Winter 2011	Sat Girls 3	Pennant
Winter 2001	Sun Mixed 5	Pennant	Winter 2011	Sat Girls 8	R/U
Winter 2001	Sun Boys 2	R/U	Winter 2011	Sat Girls 10	Pennant
Winter 2001	Sun Boys 3	R/U	Winter 2011	Sat Boys 12	R/U
Summer 01/02	Sun Mixed 1	Pennant	Winter 2011	Sat Mixed 2	Pennant
Summer 01/02	Sun Mixed 2	R/U	Winter 2011	Sun Boys 7	Pennant
Summer 01/02	Sun Mixed 5	R/U	Summer 11/12	Sat Girls 4	R/U
Winter 2002	Sun Mixed 1 Green	Pennant	Summer 11/12	Sat Boys 11	Pennant
Winter 2002	Sun Mixed 1 Blue	R/U	Summer 11/12	Sat Boys 12	Pennant
Winter 2002	Sun Mixed 3	R/U	Summer 11/12	Sun Girls 4	Pennant
Winter 2002	Sun Boys 1	R/U	Summer 11/12	Sun Boys 1	Pennant
Winter 2003	Sun Boys 3	Pennant	Summer 11/12	Sun Boys 6	Pennant
Winter 2003	Sun Boys 4	R/U	Summer 11/12	Sun Boys 9	R/U
Summer 03/04	Sun Mixed 5	Pennant	Winter 2012	Sat Girls 4	Pennant
Summer 03/04	Sun Boys 2	Pennant	Winter 2012	Sat Boys 8	R/U
Summer 04/05	Sun Boys 4	Pennant	Winter 2012	Sat Boys 16	Pennant
Winter 2005	Sun Boys 7	Pennant	Winter 2012	Sun Boys 4	Pennant
Winter 2006	Sun Boys 1 Green	R/U	Summer 12/13	Sat Girls 2 Blue	R/U
Winter 2006	Sun Boys 6 Blue	R/U	Summer 12/13	Sat Girls 4	Pennant
Summer 06/07	Sun Boys 6	R/U	Summer 12/13	Sat Boys 9	R/U
Summer 06/07	Sun Boys 7	Pennant	Winter 2013	Sat Boys 13	Pennant
Summer 06/07	Sun Girls 2 Green	Pennant	Winter 2013	Sat Rubbers 6 Green	R/U
Summer 06/07	Sun Girls 2 Blue	R/U			

# APPENDIX 10c

## Eastern Region Tennis Grandfinalists for North Balwyn Tennis Club, Senior Saturday Afternoon Teams 2001-2013

### ERT Senior Saturday Competition

<b>Season</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Summer 00/01	Mixed Rubbers 3 Green	Pennant
Summer 00/01	Mixed Sets 12	R/U
Summer 01/02	Open Sets 3	Pennant
Summer 01/02	Mixed Rubbers 1	Pennant
Summer 01/02	Mixed Rubbers 2 Blue	Pennant
Summer 01/02	Mens Sets 7	R/U
Winter 2003	Open Sets 2	R/U
Summer 03/04	Mixed Rubbers 1	Pennant
Winter 2004	Mixed Sets 1	Pennant
Summer 04/05	Mixed Rubbers 1	R/U
Winter 2005	Mixed Sets 5	R/U
Winter 2005	Open Sets 6	R/U
Winter 2006	Open Sets 5	R/U
Winter 2008	Mixed Sets 4	R/U
Summer 08/09	Open Sets 4	R/U
Summer 08/09	Open Sets 6	Pennant
Summer 09/10	Singles/Dbls 1	R/U
Winter 2010	Open Sets 5	Pennant
Winter 2010	Open Sets 6	Pennant
Summer 11/12	Open Sets 6	R/U
Summer 11/12	Open Sets 5	R/U
Summer 12/13	Open Sets 6	Pennant

# APPENDIX 10d:

## Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association Grandfinalists for North Balwyn Tennis Club, 1990-2002

Year	Season	Section	Night	Team Name	Finish
1990	Winter	A Mixed 2	Thursday	Baubles & Belles	Pennant
1991	Winter	C 2 Ladies	Monday	Ladybirds	R/U
	Summer	D3 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	Pennant
	Summer	C 1 Ladies	Monday	Ladybirds	Pennant
1992	Winter	C3 Ladies	Monday	Young Ones	Pennant
1993	Winter	C 4 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	Pennant
	Summer	C3 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	R/U
	Summer	C3 Open	Tuesday	Dad's Army	Pennant
	Summer	C Special Open	Thursday	Fabulous Four	R/U
1994	Winter	A Mixed	Thursday	C Pluses	R/U
	Summer	C Mixed	Thursday	Night Owls	Pennant
1995	Winter	D1 Ladies	Monday	String Quartets	Pennant
	Summer	C 1 Open	Tuesday	Dad's Army	R/U
	Summer	C 1 Open	Thursday	Never Was	R/U
1996	Winter	C 1 Open	Tuesday	Dad's Army	R/U
	Summer	C 4 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	Pennant
	Summer	B Mixed	Thursday	C Pluses	Pennant
1997	Winter	C3 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	R/U
	Summer	B Mixed	Thursday	C Pluses	R/U
	Summer	C Special Open	Thursday	Never Was	Pennant
1998	Winter	D1 open	Tuesday	Some R Boys	Pennant
	Summer	C 4 Open	Tuesday	Renegades	Pennant
	Summer	D Special 2 Open	Tuesday	Night Owls	R/U
	Summer	B Mixed	Thursday	C Pluses	Pennant
1999	Winter	B Mixed	Thursday	New Couches	Pennant
	Summer	A Res 2 Open	Tuesday	Aces	Pennant
	Summer	D Special 2 Open	Tuesday	Night Owls	Pennant
	Summer	B Special 2 Mixed	Thursday	Used Couches	Pennant
2000	Winter	A Res 2 Open	Tuesday	Aces	Pennant
	Summer	C 2 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	R/U
	Summer	C Special 2 Open	Tuesday	Renegades	Pennant
	Summer	C 1 Open	Thursday	Ace Grinders	Pennant
2001	Summer	D Special 1 Open	Tuesday	Cocomunjaros	R/U
2002	Winter	C Special 1 Ladies	Monday	Dolphins	Pennant
	Summer	B Special Ladies	Monday	Dolphins	R/U
	Summer	C 1 Ladies	Monday	Fearsome Four	R/U
	Summer	D Special 1 Open	Tuesday	Night Owls	R/U

# APPENDIX 10d:

## Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association Grandfinalists for North Balwyn Tennis Club, 2003-2012

Year	Season	Section	Night	Team Name	Finish
2003	Winter	B Special Ladies	Monday	Dolphins	Pennant
	Summer	B Special Ladies	Monday	Dolphins	Pennant
	Summer	B Special 1 Open	Tuesday	Brass Razoos	R/J
	Summer	C 3 Open	Wednesday	Night Riders	R/J
2004	Winter	A Res Ladies	Monday	Dolphins	R/J
	Winter	A Res 3 Open	Tuesday	Brass Razoos	Pennant
	Summer	C Special 1 Ladies	Monday		Pennant
2005	Winter	A Res 3 Open	Tuesday	Hunters	R/J
	Summer	A Reserve Ladies	Monday	Battlers	Pennant
2006	Winter	A Reserve Ladies	Monday	Battlers	Pennant
	Winter	D1 Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	R/J
	Summer	A Reserve Ladies	Monday	Battlers	Pennant
	Summer	B Special Ladies	Monday	Nightowls	R/J
	Summer	C Special 1 Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	R/J
	Summer	D Special 1 Open	Tuesday	Champion Chokers	R/J
	Summer	C 3 Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	R/J
	Summer	C Special 1 Open	Thursday	Never Was	R/J
2007	Winter	Section 6 Ladies	Monday	Jemels	Pennant
2008	Winter	Section 3 Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	R/J
	Winter	Section 5 Open	Wednesday	Ringins	Pennant
	Winter	Section 3 Open	Thursday	Never Was	R/J
2009	Winter	Section 1 Ladies (NENTG)	Wednesday	Battlers	Pennant
	Winter	Section 14 Open	Tuesday	Champion Chokers	R/J
	Summer	Section 9 Open	Thursday	Never Was	R/J
	Summer	Section 13 Open	Tuesday	Yackers	Pennant
2010	Winter	Section 13 Open	Tuesday	Champion Chokers	Pennant
	Summer	Section 9 Open	Wednesday	Rangers	Pennant
2011	Winter	Section 10 Open	Tuesday	Yackers	R/J
	Winter	Section 12 Open	Tuesday	Champion Chokers	R/J
	Winter	Section 13 Open	Tuesday	Smashing	R/J
2011	Summer	Section 13 Open	Tuesday	Serves Ya Right	Pennant
	Summer	Section 8 Open	Thursday	D Champs	R/J
2012	Autumn	Section 7 Ladies	Monday	Raqt Paq	Pennant
		Section 4 Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	R/J
		Section 1 Open	Thursday	Scorpions	Pennant
		Section 7 Open	Thursday	Immigrants	Pennant
	Spring	Section 9 Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	R/J
		Section 4 Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	Pennant
		Section 6 Open	Wednesday	Racketeers	Pennant

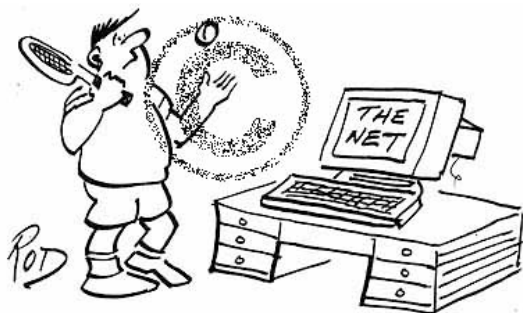
## **APPENDIX 11**

### **List of NBTC Life Members**

DATE	LIFE MEMBERS
1964-65	MR. T. KENNEDY
1966-67	MR. L. STEPHENS
1967-68	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1970-71	MR. H. BATTEN
1974-75	MR. K. HENTY-WILSON
1975-76	MR. R. EDGE
1976-77	MR. I. DYRING
1977-78	MRS. V. WALL
1980-81	MRS. B. OLSSON
1981-82	MR. R. GIDDINGS
1983-84	MR. N. RAVEN
1985-86	MRS. M. HALL
1986-87	MRS. F. CRUMP
1988-89	MRS. D. SIMONDSO
1993-94	MR. B. WARDROP
2000-01	MR. P. MCCA
2002-03	MR. P. PURCELL
2010-11	MS. R. MCCA

# APPENDIX 12: ERT Senior Saturday Competition Reports – Winter Season 2004 by Sheryl Kerwick

## *The Team Report – for the Second Round of the Season*



*'Man Playing Tennis over the net' ... or should it read 'Woman Playing Tennis over the net'?*

Dear Team Member,

Some great tennis was played by all team members to register an impressive first WIN for the season. Despite inclement weather that threatened match cancellation, under the enthusiastic guidance of Ms Susan courts were mopped, strategies were mapped and the game gained some momentum.

There were some impressive net exchanges that were appreciated by the huge spectator turnout. Also appreciated were the special sandwiches created by the only non-playing player present – what a present!

## *The Team Report – for the Third Round of the Season*

Dear Team Member.



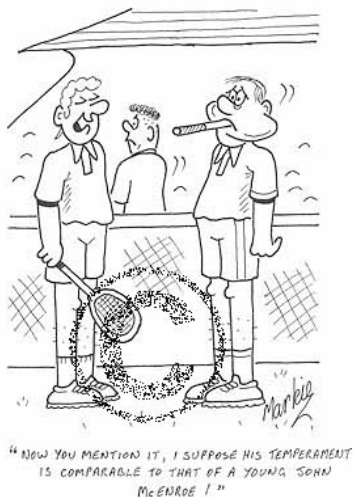
"How do you plead?"

Great tennis was again played by all team members despite the registration of a loss by a mere three games. The sets see-sawed somewhat with again some classy volleying being a highlight. Andrew G's enthusiastic support from the spectators pavilion was greatly appreciated, although his coaching tips will probably result in a "please explain" call from the Tennis Tribunal or the AFL equivalent!!

Sheryl was initially rather pleased with her three set win, but at afternoon tea found she was playing against a (mere!\*!) Year 7 student and this certainly provided a "reality check"!

Rest well in preparation for our next exciting match.

### ***The Team Report – for the Fourth Round of the Season***



Dear Team Member,

Great tennis was again played by all team members, despite the rather unpleasant antics of the Opposition. A convincing win (5 sets to 1!) was registered on this beautiful Autumn afternoon amid pitched racquets and tedious (\*#!!!) expressions emanating from the lips of Manchester young and old, male and female performers! However, our young emergency player didn't appear at all distracted or perturbed by such tactics and played terrific tennis throughout his matches. Val missed the less important on-court action and arrived just in time for her usual – a cup of hot water!!!

### ***The Team Report – for the Fifth Round of the Season***

Dear Team Member,

Great tennis was again played by all team members, despite the absence on court of their inspirational Captain. The play went from strength to strength and resulted in a convincing win to North Balwyn that should consolidate the Team's Number 2 position on the prestigious League Ladder.

Due to a technological problem, in the thinking sector of the Captain's brain, results for Saturday 15th were incorrectly reported. To amend this catastrophe, and to possible avoid litigation, they have been included below!

### ***The Team Report – for the Sixth Round of the Season***



Obviously this wasn't the case at all, precision, in terms of performing in the right sets, was clearly at a peak on Saturday afternoon!

Dear Team Member,

Well an exciting afternoon's tennis was had at Canterbury with the result determined in the last set on court played by Andrew.G and Susan. Firstly the guys won 8-3, the ladies after being up lost 8-6. AAagghhh, we were quite disappointed at losing this one against Chris and Chris. Andrew. H and Susan had a disastrous result losing 8-1. Susan played like a dog!! However, Val and Andrew G held the fort turning the tables with an 8-1 victory. Onto the last 2 sets. Val and Andrew.H tried hard but went down 8-1 meaning Andrew. G and Susan needed an 8-3 victory to clench the match. With fantastic encouragement and support from Andrew.G. Susan lifted her game and they won 8-2!!!

Whew!! Meaning a 5-3 points victory to the good guys.

Man of the match going to Mr Andrew.G. Well done!!

### ***The Team Report for the Seventh Round of the Season – A BYE***

Dear Team Member,

Hopefully you all managed to hit the cover off the ball in a rigorous workout over the long weekend. I conversely enjoyed scrawling pen across paper or more accurately finger- tip across keyboard in an attempt to complete the Report Writing process.

After enormous deliberation the following team was selected for the First Match of the Second Round. This decision was based entirely on match statistics, who is available and when over the forthcoming weeks.

In preparation for this all important second round, please manage to eat, drink (not too many Loyal and Royal toasts please!) and sleep well as we are premiersip contenders and sacrifice for the cause is everything!

### ***The Team Report for the Eighth Round of the Season – against KILSYTH***



Dear Team Member,

Despite the incredibly overcast skies, hurricane winds and freezing rain the match was played and completed. Riding on the enthusiasm of Susan who once again showed her fortitude and

determination in leading the efforts to soak up the courts play commenced at approximately 2.30 pm on Courts 7 & 8 and continued without interruption until the last ball was played in near darkness at 5.30 pm.

The standard of tennis was not glorious however, it was a gutsy performance that resulted in a convincing win over a competitive Kilsyth.

The possible outstanding achievement for the afternoon was the burnt party pies although a dastardly black, they did not darken the spirits!

### ***The Team Report for the Ninth Round of the Season – against EAST CAMBERWELL***



"Tennis Elbow I've seen before, tennis nose is a new one."

Dear Team Member,

Despite a drastic weather report and a delayed start due to some confusion arising with the Opposition men players – again, a most enjoyable afternoon's tennis was played in lovely fine conditions.

Unfortunately Val once again was a late withdrawal due to an altercation with a dog food tin. This did not result in a "tennis elbow", but rather a "tennis hand". However, Val has assured team members she is keen to play and has promised to wrap her self in cotton wool for the remainder of the season.

Once again, North Balwyn registered a convincing win that should assure its top position on the ladder that is secured by a strong percentage margin.

### ***The Team Report – for the Tenth Round of the Season – against MANCHESTER BLUE***

Could this be Susan on Friday night?

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"We met over the net."

Dear Team Member,

Despite the incredibly windy day and a relatively slow start by North Balwyn players, our team came home with a convincing win. Against the reputed 2nd top team on the ladder, only one set was dropped on the day. However, game tallies were close with only six games marking the difference.

The Team Report for the Elimination Final of the Season against Manchester!!!

Congratulations team members!

A convincing win was notched up against fourth on the ladder!!

Results were achieved on a beautiful but slightly windy afternoon!!!

AND One more win please!!!!

*Highlights:*

Andrew G. otherwise known as Mr Gadget, played all over the court making brilliant drives (from both sides of the court) along with beautiful net shots;

Stephen C as tenacious as ever, charging the net and defying all odds;

Susan M showing both finesse at the net and a wonderful bit of g & d to make the important points and secure a strong psychological win;

Val providing the subtle enthusiasm from behind the base line, a constant source of charm and integrity.

Fortunately we had no Middle Managers during the season so. We haven't had these kinds of problems .



Middle managers play tennis

# APPENDIX 13

## List of Club Singles Champions 1965-2012

YEAR	OPEN MENS SINGLES	OPEN LADIES SINGLES
1965	H. BATTEN	F. CRUMP
1966	H. BATTEN	B. LOWE
1967	H. BATTEN	B. LOWE
1968	H. BATTEN	P. COOKE
1969	K. HENTY-WILSON	B. LOWE
1970	H. BATTEN	B. LOWE
1971	H. BATTEN	P. COOKE
1972	G. BALL	K. RUDDELL
1973	G. BALL	K. RUDDELL
1974	G. BALL	P. COOKE
1975	I. HUNTINGTON	K. RUDDELL
1976	I. HUNTINGTON	K. RUDDELL
1977	R. WILLIAMS	P. COOKE
1978	P. GAFF	P. COOKE
1979	P. GAFF	S. MARTIN
1980	P. SHANNON	J. O'DONOGHUE
1981	B. COCKS	J. O'DONOGHUE
1982	I. HUNTINGTON	T. LOWE
1983	B. COCKS	T. LOWE
1984	P. SHANNON	J. MARSDEN
1985	B. COCKS	J. MARSDEN
1986	A. HUTCHINSON	J. MARSDEN
1987	A. HUTCHINSON	J. MARSDEN
1988	A. HUTCHINSON	J. MARSDEN
1989	P. SHANNON	J. MARSDEN
1990	A. HUTCHINSON	J. MARSDEN
1991	M. PETTY	J. HATCHARD
1992	M. AMES	J. HATCHARD
1993	M. PETTY	S. MOYLE
1994	Y. COLLARD	S. MOYLE
1995	Y. COLLARD	S. KING
1996	Y. COLLARD	S. KING
1997	S. MILLIGAN	M. VUJOVICH
1998	S. BROWN	M. VUJOVICH
1999	A. HALFORD	J. DOWNS
2000	S. BROWN	J. DOWNS
2001	A. HALFORD	B. CHISELETT
2002	A. HALFORD	B. CHISELETT
2003	A. HALFORD	B. CHISELETT
2004	A. HALFORD	B. CHISELETT
2005	A. HALFORD	B. CHISELETT
2006	S. GIAMMARCO	S. KERWICK
2007	A. HALFORD	S. KERWICK
2008	A. HALFORD	A. STEWART
2009	A. HALFORD	Y. BARTON
2010		S. KERWICK
2011	A. HALFORD	J. DAVIES
2012	A. HALFORD	S. KERWICK

# APPENDIX 14

## List of Boys and Girls Champions 1965-2012

YEAR	BOYS	GIRLS
1965		R. O'BRIEN
1966	P. HOLLAND	B. LOWE
1967	P. HOLLAND	B. LOWE
1968	G. BALL	L. SMITH
1969	G. BALL	P. LOWE
1970	G. BALL	K. RUDDELL
1971	G. BALL	K. RUDDELL
1972	G. BALL	K. RUDDELL
1973	B. LILEY	K. RUDDELL
1974	G. RUDDELL	L. LILEY
1975	G. RUDDELL	S. MARTIN
1976	P. GAFF	L. LILEY
1977	P. GAFF	L. LILEY
1978	P. GAFF	J. BARMBY
1979	N. MUNRO	J. GROUSE
1980	A. DOBRELL	J. O'DONGHUE
1981	A. DOBELL	J. O'DONGHUE
1982	A. RITTER	J. MARSDEN
1983	S. MILLIGAN	J. MARSDEN
1984	S. MILLIGAN	J. MARSDEN
1985	P. MCLURE	S. JONES
1986	M. AMES	S. JONES
1987	J. MORAN	J. PENNICOTT
1988	D. TAYLOR	D. CAMERON
1989	M. BOYSEN	D. CAMERON
1990	S. GRAHAM	M. DRIVER
1991	S. GRAHAM	S. MOYLE
1992	R. SAFFAR	S. MOYLE
1993	A. SIM	S. MOYLE
1994	J. MCCA W	B. BUYUKGONENC
1995	S. BROWN	S. KING
1996	S. BROWN	M. VUJOVICH
1997	S. BROWN	M. VUJOVICH
1998	S. BROWN	M. VUJOVICH
1999	A. WALLIN	M. VUJOVICH
2000	A. NANIA	J. POWER
2001	J. YAP	A. JUDD
2002	D. KITTELTY	F. BOTH
2003	C. DUKE	B. POWER
2004	D. KITTELTY	B. POWER
2005	C. DUKE	J. NGUYEN
2006	M. MCINNES	J. NGUYEN
2007	M. COOPER	M. CLARKE
2008	S. Y. SHEUNG	M. CLARKE
2009	S. Y. SHEUNG	C. AVENDANO
2010	S. Y. SHEUNG	Y. BARTON
2011	S. Y. SHEUNG	Y. BARTON
2012	S. Y. SHEUNG	Y. BARTON

# APPENDIX 15

## List of NBTC Officebearers 1962 – 2012

DATE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1962-63	MR. T. KENNEDY	MR. J. MITCHELL	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1963-64	MR. T. KENNEDY	MR. R. GIDDINGS	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1964-65	MR. L. STEPHENS	MR. R. GIDDINGS	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1965-66	MR. L. STEPHENS	MR. R. GIDDINGS	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1966-67	MR. L. STEPHENS	MR. R. GIDDINGS	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1967-68	MR. H. BATTEN	MR. B. COX	MR. R. JOHNSTON
1968-69	MR. H. BATTEN	MR. B. COX	MR. K. HENTY-WILSON
1969-70	MR. H. BATTEN	MR. K. HENTY-WILSON	MR. R. POUND
1970-71	MR. D. HALL	MRS. V. WALL	MR. R. POUND
1971-72	MR. D. HALL	MRS. V. WALL	MR. R. POUND
1972-73	MR. K. HENTY-WILSON	MRS. V. WALL	MR. R. POUND
1973-74	MR. K. HENTY-WILSON	MRS. V. WALL	MR. R. POUND
1974-75	MR. S. CLARKE	MRS. V. WALL	MR. W. BOERKAMP
1975-76	MR. S. CLARKE	MRS. V. WALL	MR. W. BOERKAMP
1976-77	MR. D. DICKASON	MRS. V. WALL	MR. W. SPICL
1977-78	MR. D. DICKASON	MRS. V. WALL	MR. W. SPICL
1978-79	MRS. M. HALL	MRS. V. WALL	MR. B. WARDROP
1979-80	MRS. M. HALL	MRS. V. WALL	MR. B. WARDROP
1980-81	MRS. M. HALL	MR. M. CLYNE	MR. B. WARDROP
1981-82	MR. D. MCGRAIL	MISS C. BAILEY	MR. N. RAVEN
1982-83	MR. D. MCGRAIL	MISS C. BAILEY	MR. N. RAVEN
1983-84	MR. R. GIDDINGS	MR. R. R. OLSEN	MR. I. ROBERTS
1984-85	MR. M. CLYNE	MR. R. R. OLSEN	MR. I. ROBERTS
1985-86	MR. M. CLYNE	MISS S. GROVER	MR. A. LANE
1986-87	MR. T. LEGG	MISS S. GROVER	MR. A. LANE
1987-88	MR. T. LEGG	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. A. LANE
1988-89	MR. T. LEGG	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. A. LANE
1989-90	MR. B. WARDROP	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. P. GROUSE
1990-91	MR. B. WARDROP	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. P. GROUSE
1991-92	MR. B. WARDROP	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. P. GROUSE
1992-93	MR. P. MCCA W	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. P. GROUSE
1993-94	MR. P. MCCA W	MRS. B. MCARTHUR	MR. J. HART
1994-95	MR. P. MCCA W	MR. R. WYATT	MR. J. HART
1995-96	MR. T. TAYLOR	MR. R. WYATT	MR. J. HART
1996-97	MR. T. TAYLOR	MISS S. GROVER	MR. H. DUTKOWSKI
1997-98	MR. T. TAYLOR	MISS S. GROVER	MR. H. DUTKOWSKI
1998-99	MR. C. BRAGG	MISS S. TAYLOR	MR. H. DUTKOWSKI
1999-00	MR. C. BRAGG	MS. R. MCCA W	MR. H. DUTKOWSKI
2000-01	MR. C. BRAGG	MS. R. MCCA W	MR. H. DUTKOWSKI
2001-02	MS. R. MCCA W	MRS. C. SNOWSILL	MR. H. DUTKOWSKI
2002-03	MS. R. MCCA W	MRS. C. SNOWSILL	MR. K. K. SHEUNG
2003-04	MS. R. MCCA W	MRS. J. EDWARDS	MR. K. K. SHEUNG
2004-05	MS. R. MCCA W	MR. P. YAP	MR. K. K. SHEUNG
2005-06	MR. A. TOMAR	MR. T. BARTON	MR. P. MORAN
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2007-08	MR. D. SAMSON	MR. T. BARTON	MR. P. MORAN
2008-09	MR. D. SAMSON	MR. T. BARTON	MR. P. MORAN
2009-10	MR. D. SAMSON	MR. T. BARTON	MRS. R. SHEUNG
2010-11	MR. D. SAMSON	MR. T. BARTON	MRS. R. SHEUNG
2011-12	MR. D. SAMSON	MR. T. BARTON	MRS. R. SHEUNG
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