

WHAT'S NEW

USED BALLS

The club normally is able to recycle old tennis balls but collection has temporarily ceased. Consequently we have plenty of surplus used balls that for the moment can be obtained for pets etc – please contact

secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au
if interested.

COUNCIL SURVEY

The Boroondara Council is conducting a survey on community facilities – Members (or anyone) may complete this survey. It only takes 5 minutes and is be an opportunity to inform Council re increased support for our club.

<https://yoursay.boroondara.vic.gov.au/community-plan-2025>



RECENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The major issues addressed by the Committee in its April and June meetings included:

- Court and Facilities upgrades – explained in more detail below.
- Organised Social Play – we have added mid week sessions on Monday and Wednesday nights – details are on the website.
- Induction for new members – this will be run for all new members and is being led by Paul Bisiani and Jane Liu.
- Visitor fees – There have been a number of reports of visitors playing regularly at the club and not paying the Visitor fee. Visitors are welcome to play at our club up to 6 times before needing to join if they want to continue to play. A visitor fee is payable as shown on the court booking system and should be done in advance. From 1/9/24 this will be increased to \$15 for a 90 minute casual booking and members will be able to be pay on the website. For club organised social sessions, a \$5 total fee applies at the time and is payable to the Convenor.

Lastly you may see members of the Committee randomly checking if players are members, and/or if they have paid the visitors fee in advance . Please be cooperative and provide the information requested in a friendly manner.

The next Committee meeting is on 14th August.

COURT and FACILITY UPGRADES

Courts 7-8

Late last year the club was successful in receiving a grant of \$75,000 from the North East Link Community Fund as a contribution to the conversion of Courts 7 and 8 from en-tout-cas to a synthetic surface. Over the last few months, we have been gathering quotes and at the April meeting of the Committee, it was agreed we will be proceeding with 14mm Euroclay as the new surface which is very similar to the Policlay surface we currently have on courts 3-6 and is in use at a number of other clubs. The works will commence in late August (weeks 7-10 of Term 2) and should be completed by the first week of October which is the start of Term 4. This also includes new fences. There will likely need to be some rearranging of times allocated for organised social play, casual bookings and coaching for the last 4 weeks of Term 3. We will be aiming to minimise changes where we can but some short-term disruption is inevitable for this period.

Courts 3-6

These courts are nearing the end of their useful life and we will be also replacing them with Euroclay, as well as replacing the retaining walls at the north end of these courts. We are currently planning for the retaining walls to be replaced during the September school holidays and the court works to commence around 10 December and extend to the end of January in time for the commencement of the new school year and the resumption of competition. Again, its inevitable that there will be some disruptions but we will be aiming to keep this to a minimum.

Light poles

18 months ago, council conducted an audit of our light poles – checking that they were in sound condition. It looks like we will need to replace a few poles which we will be aiming to do in the September school holidays at the same time as the retaining walls are being replaced.

Solar Panels

Council have recently advised us that our Club has been selected as a site for solar installation and they will be installing a 6.6 kW system on the roof of the clubhouse at no cost to us !! Great news. Likely installation will be early August.

As you can see there is a lot happening. The courts, lights an Courts 7 & 8, new fences and retaining walls are major projects that in total will use accumulated club funds of around \$280,000 when complete (plus the \$75,000 grant from North East Link Community Fund). We have been able to fund our part from the reserves the Club has built up over the years and now will need to start over to build our reserves again for the next round of re-surfacing in 10-15 years time.

CLUBHOUSE CLEANLINESS

Too often we are finding that the clubhouse is being left in a messy state. Clubhouse cleanliness is the responsibility of everyone and the expectation of all users is that the following occurs:

- Dishes are washed, dried, and put away
- Carpet is vacuumed if needed
- Tables and benchtops are wiped clean.

If you arrive at the club and find it is messy, please take a photo and contact Feng Fang via enquiries@northbalwyntc.org.au who is the Convenor of the Clubhouse SC. Otherwise the expectation is it will be left clean and tidy for other users.

PARKING

The club met with Council representatives in March to see what could be done to improve signage and to look at options for additional parking. We have been following up since and earlier this month Council advised the following:

- Parking is an issue across many Boroondara sports clubs as the population continues to grow, and balancing the parking needs of everyone is a contentious issue.
- They are not able to offer permits or reserved spaces for the club as some other Councils do, given the pressure for parking across the municipality.
- They will not convert the grass area behind the existing parking at the south end of Court 2 into additional parking in order to retain open space.
- New 'No Stopping' signs will be installed in the carpark and driveway to make the restrictions clearer and allow Local Laws (Parking) Officers to enforce restrictions.
- They have confirmed that Local Laws (Parking) Officers do and will continue to patrol this area is part of their regular schedule.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Earlier in the year, NBTC hosted our annual club championship tournament. We had a wonderful turnout with over 65 individual members registering to take part. Over 6 weeks, the club held round-robin stages for each event, leading into quarter and semifinals. In the end, we had 26 grand finalists, across 12 events. We want to thank all of the members who participated in the play, as well as give special thanks to the members who assisted with the running of the events.

To see who our champions are, please use the following link:
<https://play.tennis.com.au/northbalwyntenniscub/News/7d3a08af-e71d-4dbf-9745-ba77a92f7a2e>

We look forward to next year's championships and invite all members to join up and have a go. Never know, you might find yourself in the grand finals, winning!



COURT BOOKINGS

A few months ago, the Committee introduced a limit of 2 bookings per week with the aim of ensuring courts were available to as many members as possible especially with the recent growth in members.

The booking system we use (supplied by Tennis Australia and in use at most clubs) does not have a setting for us to enter a maximum number of bookings per week. So, over the last 8 weeks we have been manually monitoring the bookings and in that time 25 members have booked more than twice in a week, and a further 6 have booked more than 3 times in a week. Each time, members have been advised by email of the maximum 2 bookings per week, and any additional bookings have been cancelled. Those that have booked more than 3 times have received a final email advising not to exceed the limit again or their booking privileges will be suspended. The Committee has determined the suspension from the booking system will be for a period of 4 weeks. Those members can still use the clubhouse and courts to play with others, but won't have access to the booking system to make a booking for themselves - they will need to be included in bookings made by other members. This is something we would all like avoided so please monitor your usage.

2 other things:

- If a booking is made by a member, it is expected that they are one of the players on the court – bookings should not be made in someone's name unless they are playing.
- Please also be aware that your booking has fixed start and finish times. At the end of your booking please release the court when the next group arrives without unnecessary fuss.

COACHES CORNER

Our extensive tennis coaching programme consists of junior and adult groups, squad training, private lessons and holiday programmes. This term an adult squad has started on Friday mornings and runs for 1.hrs with a mix if technical work and matchplay. Our coaches pride themselves on delivering quality coaching to suit the need of each player. Our coaching team consisting of:

Andrew Halford & Stuart Brown (Head coaches)

Stuart McNeice & Kasper Fitzgerald (Senior coaches)

Alexander Thorp, Josh Allen, Jason Wirth, Neil Behl (coaches)

We still have various lesson options available this term so if you are interested in getting help with your game please reach out to one of the coaches at the club, or call or email Andrew to discuss your needs:

tennismatters2us@hotmail.com 0412 021 911

COMPETITION REPORTS

JUNIORS

We are halfway through the 2024 Winter season. On Saturday mornings, we have 4 out of 15 teams currently positioned in the top half of the ladder. For Sunday mornings, we have 10 out of 16 teams in the top half of the ladder.

With this substantial number of teams, it's exciting to witness many juniors actively participating and socializing at our club. The Junior Subcommittee extends its gratitude to all the parents and coaches who helped during the morning competitions.

MID WEEK LADIES

MEMRLTA - 2 teams in sec 2 & 3 respectively. It's approaching the end of the season. New season will commence on 20/8.

EDWTA- 1 team in sec 2. New season will commence on 24/7

WDTA- 2 teams in sec 1 & 2 respectively. New season just started 18/7

NIGHT TENNIS

For the Autumn 2024 Season, we had the following highlights:

MONDAY - All 4 teams made the semifinals but only 1, Sec 10 Kicking Aces was through to the finals but lost.

TUESDAY - 2 of the 5 teams made the semifinals and finals. Congrats to Sec 7 Rattlers and sec 13 Dumpling Lovers who are Premiers.

WEDNESDAY - 2 of the 4 teams made the semifinals. Sec 2 Nest and Nectar lost in the Finals

THURSDAY - 3 of the 7 teams made the semifinals. Singles Doubles Sec 3 - Whiskey Sour, and Open Sec 5 - Double Shot were Premiers.



For the Spring 2024 Season, there are 25 NBTC teams entered, an increase of 5 compared to last season. The number of Ladies teams have increased from 3 to 5 which is great news. The season commences on 29 July.

Monday and Thursday nights are near capacity and there will be a requirement to share courts. We are also looking at an alternative location to play some matches on a Monday while court surfaces are being updated. Further updates will be provided to captains of teams impacted.

TENNIS VIC - Upcoming Women & Girls Programs:

There are a few great opportunities in the Women & Girls space that are currently open for registration.

The Women Leaders in Tennis (18+) program commences in November 2024, but registrations can be made now – click [here](#) for full details and to register your interest. This is a blended-learning program designed by women for women, fully subsidised and targeted at club volunteers and committee members.

Also available are the [Women's Trainee Coaching Course](#) (August 24 & 25) and the [#nolimits Girls Squad](#) (8-10 yrs). Details of both programs are available via those links.

SUBCOMMITTEE LIST

Below is a list of all subcommittees.

Member Protection SC	Chris Georgiou	Convener
Coaching SC	David Rehe	Convener
Disciplinary SC	Ross Davies	Convener
Maintenance and Capital Projects SC	Ross Davies	Convener
Member Engagement & Fundraising SC	Yana Barton	Convener
Club Championships SC	Chris Georgiou	Convener
Finance SC	Brett Turnley	Convener
Clubhouse SC	Feng Fang	Convenor
Junior SC	Jerry Chang	Convenor

Any maintenance issues can be emailed to maintenance@northbalwyntc.org.au

If you want to contact any other Subcommittees , please contact the convenor or email to enquiries@northbalwyntc.org.au