

NEWSLETTER

April 2025

WHAT'S NEW

Membership Renewals

Membership fees are due now. There are still a significant number that are unpaid and we ask that you attend to this asap. If you are having any difficulties, please get in touch via: enquiries@northbalwyntc.org.au

Club Hoodies

We still have some of the new Club Hoodies available to purchase. They would be great to have as the weather cools down. Contact secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au if interested.



BOROONDARA SPORTS CLUB ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

We are thrilled to announce that North Balwyn Tennis Club has successfully achieved Bronze level Accreditation in the Boroondara Sports Club Accreditation Program for 2025-2026! This recognition highlights our club's commitment to providing a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all members, players, and visitors. The Bronze Accreditation acknowledges our adherence to best practices in governance, child safety, and community engagement.

As part of this achievement, our club has received official digital collateral, including a social tile, web banner, badge, and certificate, which we will proudly display. This accreditation is valid for two years, but we have the opportunity to upgrade to Silver or Gold accreditation at the end of the year, further strengthening our club's standing in the community.



MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

As you may be aware, we are now using Hello Club for membership management. This new platform gives members the ability to easily update their own profile and contact details, making the process more transparent and user-friendly. It also makes the job of managing membership much easier.

COURT BOOKING SYSTEM CHANGES

Starting 21st April, we are switching our Court Booking system from ClubSpark to Hello Club which offers a more responsive user interface and some handy features (such as a waiting list which can notify you if your preferred time slot becomes available). As our membership grows, there are a few changes to Booking Guidelines that have been put in place to accompany this to ensure we continue to make the courts available to as many members as possible in the spirit of fair play. These are:

- Peak hours have been extended to all weekend.
- It is a requirement to list all player names (including visitors) at the time of making a casual booking (this isn't applicable to organised social). There will be a settling in period after which bookings with only one name will be cancelled - spot checks will also occur to ensure all players are listed.
- Visitor fees must be paid at the time of booking.
- The limit on bookings remains at a maximum of 2 per week in peak times (Mon-Fri: 4pm-10:30pm, Sat-Sun: all day). Playing in club competitions or organised Social play (now available most days) is not counted as part of this.

We expect the above changes will result in more booking times being available to members. There will likely be a few teething problems as we transition to this new system and we appreciate your patience —there will be a learning curve for everyone! If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to drop an email at enquiries@northbalwyntc.org.au.

You can access the system on your mobile/tablet by following instructions here:

<https://help.helloclub.com/en/articles/2913560-adding-the-hello-club-app-to-your-home-screen>

BY-LAWS & CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATES

At its meeting on 9 April, the Committee made some changes to the By-Laws. These included:

- clarifications of membership categories and Family group
- clarification of member responsibilities in relation to visitors and children
- that the By-Laws include the Code of Conduct and are applicable to all members

Some minor changes were also made to the Code of Conduct. Both updated documents can be found on our website.

SPONSORSHIP

We are very thankful to welcome Yuki Chang as our first Gold Sponsor at the club. Yuki is a club member and a local real estate agent. Please feel free to contact her for any of your real estate needs.

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We are following up on some other potential sponsors. If you know a person or business that may be interested, please ask them to contact secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

After three weeks of fun and entertaining tennis, the 2025 Club Championships finals were held on 30 March and it was a great day. Across 13 events, we had a total of 95 individual entrants and nearly 200 matches, making this a huge event.

The full list can be found on the [tournament winners page](#). Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants and spectators who joined in during these past few weeks, creating a fantastic atmosphere and supporting our club in facilitating such a wonderful event. Thanks also to the outstanding sportsmanship of all players, reflecting the values of our club and showcasing the amazing enthusiasm, determination, and skill of our members. Finally, thanks to the Subcommittee (Chris, Jane, Christine, Stuart, Kasper, Alex) for putting on such a great event.



WORKING BEE

A working bee was held on 23 Feb attended by most of the Committee and a small group of members. Thanks to everyone who braved the 30-degree heat and for your hard work trimming trees, tidying up the grass areas, and cleaning the clubhouse – it has made a huge difference. We truly appreciate your time and effort.



SOCIAL TENNIS

The Club has a number of organised social tennis sessions which include Monday and Wednesday nights, as well as midweek and weekend day sessions. We encourage all members to join our social tennis sessions and visitors may also attend! It's a fantastic opportunity to meet new people, improve your skills, and have a great time on the court.

In this Newsletter, we would like to specifically mention the Saturday morning timeslot which is held from 7am to 8.25am (or later if no Junior competition). Please feel free to join a friendly group of players where standard does not matter. The group then heads to the Village Café for breakfast or a cup of coffee to discuss all matters of things. If you would like additional information about Saturday Morning Social tennis, please contact Philip by SMS on 0466 533 116.

Details of all our Social tennis groups (including times, Convenor name and contact details) are on our website. <https://play.tennis.com.au/northbalwyntennisclub/Social> A friendly reminder for any visitors who want to join in to go online via the link above and then click on "pay the visitor fee with Stripe" to enjoy all the benefits our club has to offer.

CELEBRATING OUR PREMIERS

With the ERT 2024/25 summer season now complete, we'd like to congratulate the teams and players that brought home the Premiers flag this season:

Junior Sat Open Rubber Section 15 - Mitchell Ho, Mike Long, Shiran Zhou

Sun Open Rubber Section 3 – Luca Campagna, Lucas Ding, Eddie Lin

Sun Girls S/D Section 1 - Cleo Burlison, Amber Chang, Chloe Dussin, Ella Liu



Senior Sat S/D Section 8 – Cooper Barnard-Brown, Marianne Chang, Yi-Long Chen, David Nguyen, Andrew Louey, Daniel Tran, Anna Zeng, Bertram Zhou

We also had a number of teams that finished Runners Up.

Well done to everyone and we look forward to another great season.