

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Respecting Others and Enjoying Tennis

The Committee would like to remind all members to exercise courtesy and respect towards others at the Club and think about how their conduct may be contrary not only to club rules but perhaps not reflect how they would behave in front of their own family. This is particularly so when children can potentially witness poor behaviour.

Please remember that you joined the Club to enjoy the game of tennis, so let's put more energy into that.

#### Autumn Competitions

Members received an email on 14 Feb advising that entries for Pennant and other senior competitions were being called for. If you missed the deadline, there may be an opportunity to register still depending on the numbers already received, so please contact Chris Georgiou with any questions. [seniorcomp@northbalwyntc.org.au](mailto:seniorcomp@northbalwyntc.org.au)



#### AGM and 2025 COMMITTEE

The AGM was held on 17 November with 61 attendees and ~180 proxies registered. Elections were held for all positions and the following were successful:

David Rehe	President
Ross Davies	Vice President
Jerry Chang	Secretary
Brett Turnley	Treasurer
Jane Cash	
Daejeong Choi	
Chris Georgiou	
Jane Liu	
Christine Wong	
Gong Zhang	

Annual fees for the year 2024/25 were set at:

Adult \$270

Student \$165

Junior \$165

Maximum Family fee \$565

It was suggested that a survey of members would be conducted in mid 2025 inviting input on different payment options and membership categories.

Life membership was also awarded to Stephen Clarke, who first joined the club in 1962 and served in various roles over many years including as President and Committee member.

A discussion was held on Proxies and the way they were used, particularly at this AGM. The new committee was tasked with exploring options for the future use of proxies and then to draft changes to the Constitution for presentation at a Special General Meeting before the next AGM. This was widely supported by the members at the meeting.

Peter McCaw was thanked by the Club for his many years of service as Membership Officer.

## **COURT UPGRADES**

The resurfacing of Courts 3-6 was finally completed about 1 week later than planned mainly due to a late start and then weather (either too hot or too wet). However, all is now back to normal and the courts appear to be playing well by all accounts, noting they will take a while to settle in. A reminder that the courts need to be bagged to the fence so please ensure this happen every 1.5 hours.

## **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The annual club championships will be run again in March and registrations for the tournament will open this week. Full event details and dates are noted on the tournament page but below is a short summary:

U14 and U/18	Friday evening 14,21,28 March
Open Mixed	Saturday evening 22 March
Open Singles	Sunday afternoon 16 March
Open Doubles	Sunday afternoon 23 March
All finals	Sunday 30 March

Please visit [this event link](#) on Tennis Australia Tournament website for further details.

This year, there will be a \$5 entry fee per player per event to offset costs of balls, prizes, and food, the cost of balls, prizes and lights. This is payable when you register. Closing date for entries is 9<sup>th</sup> of March. Before registering, please ensure you are available for the relevant dates and for the finals.

If you cant play in any of the round robin events due to scheduling conflicts, please do join us on the day of the finals for lots of great tennis and an amazing atmosphere. For any questions including registration, please contact [clubchamps@northbalwyntc.org.au](mailto:clubchamps@northbalwyntc.org.au).

## **NEW CLUB HOODIE**

We still have some of the new Club Hoodie available to purchase. They come in navy and grey with the current club emblem on the front and "Made for Tennis" on the back.

Contact [secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au](mailto:secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au) if interested.



## **TRIVIA NIGHT**

The Club held its 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivia night on 2 November. It was a huge success and raised almost \$500 for the Club. Special thanks to the organisers led by Stuart Brown.



## **SOCIAL TENNIS** from David Gung

The Club has a number of social tennis sessions which include Monday and Wednesday nights, as well as mid week and weekend day sessions (details are on our [website](#)). 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. We have welcomed tennis enthusiasts from the surrounding precincts to join our social events and they have enjoyed the social hits such that they soon join up as members, with several having gone on to represent NBTC teams in competitions at various levels in the past year. Just a friendly reminder to ensure visitors who want to join in social tennis should go online to the NBTC website, click on SOCIAL and then "pay the visitor fee with Stripe" to enjoy all the benefits our club has to offer.

The recent upgrade of our courts provides NBTC members with a facility we should be proud to be a part of. Let's keep our courts and clubhouse looking pristine and welcoming for everyone. After each game, please take a moment to tidy up the surroundings by picking up any stray balls, empty bottles, and other items. It's a small effort that goes a long way in maintaining a clean and pleasant environment for all players. Plus, don't forget to wash up any dishes used in the clubhouse after gatherings. This extra bit of care shows respect for our shared space and community.

Let's work together to make our tennis club the best it can be.

## **TWILIGHT TENNIS** from Matthew Lin

For those who may not be aware, there is Twilight social tennis held between several participating local tennis clubs every Friday night from 7:30pm. (First and Fifth Friday of the month; East Camberwell, 2nd Friday; Balwyn North, 3rd Friday; Canterbury and 4th Friday; to be determined). Club members and friends are all welcome to play in a fast 4 format. (quicker sets filled with entertainment). This social is often well attended and caters for all standards of play from low intermediate to advanced. We encourage our members to attend one of these socials. Cost is just \$2 for both members and non-members which goes towards light snacks, drinks and balls. This is a great way to meet heaps of friendly faces whilst enjoying your tennis. What better way to spend your Friday night. Come try it out!!!!

Please contact Chris Thomson on 0425-759-399 to be added to a mailing list for updates and last minute details, or Matthew Lin on 0411-806-898 who will host for our club.

## **CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME**

Tennis Vic have partnered with Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme to reduce waste, promote recycling, and support grassroots tennis communities across the state to raise funds. Each Club has a unique code that can be entered when depositing your recyclables, and any refunds will automatically be sent to our Club's bank account.

We will be putting in special bins at the Club to collect bottles and cans but members can also use the unique code when depositing any recyclables from home to raise funds for the Club. The code to use for our Club is C2000042499.

## **SPONSORSHIP**

We are just starting to look at different packages that we can offer to potential sponsors. These include Gold (\$2,500pa), Silver (\$1,000pa) and potentially Bronze (cost TBD). The number of sponsorships will be limited.

If you know a person or business that may be interested, please ask them to contact [secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au](mailto:secretary@northbalwyntc.org.au).

## **CELEBRATING OUR PREMIERS**

The 2024 Spring season has been a great one for NBTC, with our players showing dedication and teamwork across the BDNTA and WDTA competitions.



### BDNTA Highlights:

- Several teams secured Premiers titles, including Kicking Aces, Rally Rebels, Double Daiqu, AMCTA, and CU in Court.
- Slammers finished as runners-up in Tuesday Open Sec 4.



### WDTA Success:

- Our Section 2 Midweek Ladies Team won their section and received the Lorraine Clarke Perpetual Memorial Trophy for earning the highest overall points.

Well done to all teams for their efforts. Looking forward to another enjoyable year of tennis in 2025! 🎾

