

Palmwoods Tennis Club (PTC) Newsletter – September 2023

2023-24 Annual General Meeting

The 2023-23 PTC Committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting on 13 May 2023.

Maurice Mahady was elected President, Craig Catterall as Secretary, Keith Richards as Vice-President, Geoffrey Combes continues as Treasurer and John Long continues as a Committee member.

PTC life memberships were awarded to John Long and Tiebby King.

Courts Resurfacing

The efforts of the Management Committee, and particularly past President Robyn Combes, to secure funding for the resurfacing of courts 1, 2 and 3 have finally been rewarded.

Funding of \$81,814 has been received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, \$30,000 from the Sunshine Coast Council and \$8,000 from the Heritage Community Bank, Palmwoods branch, a total of \$119,814.

PTC has appointed Tennis Queensland as project manager of this major capital project, relying on their extensive industry experience, knowledge and relationships to ensure a successful outcome to benefit PTC members.

A Request for Tender is currently being prepared, and it is hoped the project will be completed before the end of 2023. The Committee will keep members updated as the project progresses.

Free Saturday afternoon Social Tennis

The Committee has decided to offer members free social tennis on the first Saturday of the month at the Saturday afternoon social tennis, commencing around 3pm. This is in addition to the existing free court hire for members between 11am and 2pm daily.

Club Jumpers

PTC t-shirts and polos are available in a variety of kids, ladies and men's sizes to help build club spirit. Prices for t-shirts are \$29.10, or \$24.10 for Palmwoods team members. Prices for polos are \$32.40, or \$27.40 for Palmwoods team members.

Email palmwoodstennis@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a club t-shirt or polo and be prepared to transfer funds to the club bank account:

Heritage Bank, Palmwoods Branch
Account name: Palmwoods Tennis Club Inc
BSB: 638 070
Account no. 7887086

Could you please include your surname as a reference so we can match payments to the Club bank account to orders.

A sizing chart is below. If you would like to try on a t-shirt or polo for size please contact Keith Richards, Club Vice-President, on 0432 315 575.



P700MS MENS MODERN FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL			
GARMENT ½ CHEST (CM)	52.5	55.5	58.5	62.5	66.5	70.5	78.5			
P700LS LADIES MODERN FIT	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
GARMENT ½ CHEST (CM)	44	46.5	49	51.5	54	56.5	59	62	65	68
P700KS KIDS MODERN FIT	4	6	8	10	12	14	16			
GARMENT ½ CHEST (CM)	36	38	40	42	44	46	49			

Square Reader

The club has purchased a square reader and will be moving to cashless payments. Players will need to bring a credit or debit card if they have not booked a court on-line. Members will be advised when cashless payments commence.

Sunshine Coast Tennis League (SCTL) Monday Night Championships

On Monday 28 August 2023 Palmwoods hosted the finals of the 2023 SCTL winter competition. Palmwoods was represented in Division 1, but was defeated by Mooloolaba. In the other divisions Maroochydore defeated Woombye in Division 2 while Nambour defeated Mooloolaba in Division 3.



Championship Plaques

The Committee has decided to acknowledge Palmwoods teams that win competitions by printing commemorative plaques. The first two plaques have been printed and will be on display shortly in the ground floor of the clubhouse.



Coaching Update

Coaching and Social Tennis:

Coaching for both adults and children are running smoothly.

Skilled Tennis are enhancing their coaching staff, offering varying degrees of assistance to provide the best learning experience.

Transitioning from coaching to social play for adults has been challenging. Saturday afternoon social, Wednesday night social and Thursday invite sessions have been quiet lately, attracting around 8-10 players each. Tuesday and Thursday afternoon social are only attracting 4-6 players.

Junior Competition:

Encouraging junior participation in tennis is also challenging, mainly due to competing commitments like basketball. PTC had 8 teams in the season just concluded, and most performed admirably. A special mention to Flynn and Ollie who made their Grand Final but weren't quite able to get the win.

Adult Competition:

Unfortunately, injuries, illness and absences affected one of our Monday night sides and our division 3 Veterans team. Despite these challenges, our teams performed remarkably well, with the division 1 side making the Monday night final.

The SCTL has decided to change the Monday night format from a mixed competition to gender-neutral. PTC will field 3 teams in the gender-neutral format this season.

Sponsors

The Committee would like to acknowledge the club sponsors and encourages members to support our sponsors where possible: Shanahan Family Law; Heritage Community Bank, Palmwoods Branch; McGrath Estate Agents; Sunshine Coast Council and Craig Jordan.

Tennis Etiquette

Tennis Etiquette tips that will ensure members have an enjoyable time at the courts.

Wait Your Turn

Don't go on the court until your allocated booking time. When your turn comes, let the players before you finish the game they're playing before taking over the court. If your court booking time has expired, please leave the court promptly.

Decisions, Decisions

To decide who serves first, toss a coin or spin a racquet. The person who wins the toss may choose to serve, receive, pick which end of the court they would like or even make their opponents choose.

Serve The Right Way

Before you serve, make sure your opponent has moved into position and is ready to receive. You don't want to win a point serving at your opponent's back or while they are still moving into position. If a ball from another court comes on your court while you are serving retrieve the ball and start with a first serve again.

No Return Necessary

If your opponent serves a first serve fault, don't hit a return back unless the call was so close that you had no option but to hit the ball.

Walk With Care

Don't walk on someone else's court while they're in the middle of a game, or interrupt a point on another court to retrieve a ball.

On The Line

Make line calls clearly and promptly and give your opponent the benefit of the doubt if you're unsure. While it's rude to question your opponent's line calls, if you really think you're being diddled ask once, firmly "are you sure?" then move on.

Scoring Made Easy

If you are serving, call the score out clearly after each point. It will help minimise disagreements.

Got Two

Make sure the server always has two balls at their end of the court. When you are feeding balls up the court, hit or roll them gently within reach of the server. Don't delay play by spraying them around.

A Time And A Place

Be respectful of your opponent. While it's fine to celebrate your successes it's not polite to pump your fists, hiss "yes" or high-five playing partners when your opponent makes an error.

Do The Right Thing

Apologise if you win a lucky point or accidentally hit your opponent with a ball.

Focus On Your Match

Keep your attention on the court. Don't chat to spectators, interrupt a game to answer your phone, file your nails at the change of ends or do anything else that might distract your opponent or delay play.

Leave The Tantrums To The Little Kids

Don't have a tantrum if things aren't going your way.

Congratulations

Touch racquets lightly and congratulate your opponent at the end of a match.

