



Sidelines: Park Orchards Tennis Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter- October/November 2023

Summary of the Newsletter: Welcome to the October/November 2023 edition of the Park Orchards Community Tennis Club Newsletter. In this issue, we bring you exciting updates on our tennis court construction, a sneak peek at our new scoreboard, details about the grand opening on October 15th, insights from our recent members' survey, and an update on our upcoming Ladies Twilighters event.

1. Update on Tennis Court Construction:

The wait is almost over! We anticipate receiving Council approval for our brand-new tennis courts by the end of September.

We are thrilled to share that the refurbishment process includes a fantastic addition – a new scoreboard! Take a look at the photo below, who knew scoring could be fun.



Here are some features:

- Large and clear letters visible from both sides.
- Great for spectators!
- Adds an element of fun to scoring.
- We've found a way to repurpose used tennis balls.

2. The Grand Re Opening of the Tennis Club, Save The Date:

Mark your calendars! The official reopening of our club is scheduled for **Sunday, October 15th**. Join us between 10am and 2pm for an exciting lineup of events. There will be something for every family member, including opportunities to:

- Have a hit on the courts.
- Test your skills with the tennis ball server.
- Gauge your serve speed with speed guns.
- Enjoy fun skills sessions with prizes for all ages.
- Wristbands, stress balls, socks, cooler bags, and water bottles. and Cadbury chocolates will be part of the prize pool – a sweet treat indeed!

Our Park Orchards community has rallied behind us, with generous vouchers from local businesses like **The Corner, Blue Dog, Lorenti's, and Mitcham Eyecare**. A complimentary BBQ will be available from 12 pm supported with refreshments. Grab a ticket and go into the entry for some of these fabulous vouchers. Feel free to invite friends and neighbours who might be interested in tennis and the social and competitive opportunities our club offers.

The official opening ceremony will commence at 12 pm, and we can't wait to see all of you there!

3. "Exciting News for Ladies TwilighTERS: Your Enthusiasm Has Spoken!"

We want to let all you wonderful ladies know that we've been listening closely to your feedback. Our recent survey has unveiled a strong interest in Ladies TwilighTERS, and we're thrilled to announce that Kelly and Felicity are getting ready to launch this fabulous event on October 19th, set to take place Thursday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm. This social tennis event welcomes women of all skill levels, and the best part is, it won't cost you a thing. So, if you're eager to join in the fun, don't hesitate to get in touch with us using the email address below.

For any questions or to express your interest in Ladies TwilighTERS, please reach out via email to

[ladytwilighTERS@gmail.com]. Also, opportunities to find out more at the Grand RE Opening event, where you'll have a chance to ask any lingering questions you may have about this exciting new addition. Stay tuned for more details!"



4. Park Orchards Tennis Club 2023 Members Survey Insights: We greatly appreciate the 23% of members who responded to our survey. Here's a glimpse of the valuable insights we received:

Over 62% of members surveyed are either highly satisfied or extremely satisfied with the club.

Top 3 things members enjoy most:

1. Catching up with friends.
2. Quality facilities,
3. Court availability.

Your requests for the future:

1. More social events
2. Senior social tennis programs
3. Bench seats, and a rail for clubhouse steps

Opportunities for improvement:

1. "Better communication", introducing the Coaches Corner in Newsletter.
2. Opening the new courts
3. Affordable membership
4. Growing our membership and increase opportunities for social events.
5. New LED lights

Thank you for your continued support and stay tuned for updates on each of these fronts.

We look forward to seeing you on **October 15th for our grand reopening** celebration! Let's make it a day to remember.

Warm regards,
Park Orchards Community Tennis Club Committee