



Sidelines: Park Orchards Tennis Club Bi-Monthly Newsletter- April/May 2024

Welcome Back, Tennis Enthusiasts!

Ah, what a summer of tennis it was! We laughed, we rallied, and we celebrated like we've just won The Australian Open (well, almost). As we bid adieu to the summer heat and welcome the cooler breeze of autumn, let's reminisce on the fantastic moments that made our summer truly ace-some.

The Junior Season for Summer 2023 – 2024

reached a crescendo on the 23rd March when 3 out of the 9 Park Orchards teams took their place in their sections Grand Final.

The Open Rubbers 20 team of Chenglong, Navid and Ian came from 4th place halfway through the season to triumph in a see-sawing Grand Final at Blackburn. They won 2 rubbers to 1.

JOSD 7 took all before them all season and comfortably won their Final 6 sets to 2. Well done Peiyi, Vivien, Jim and Nicholas. (see photo)



And our most Junior of Junior teams, the JDC5 girls, hung on by their fingertips to qualify for their Grand Final, but the girls of Montrose were too strong on the day. Stalwarts Nina and Abbey were helped along the way by Matilda, Abi, Isabella, and Mathilde.



We all go around again from April 27th when we have 6 teams in the Winter Season.

Our Ladies Twilight Tales: A Season of Laughter and Victory!

The courts of our local tennis club have seen another thrilling chapter drawn to a close as the first Lady Twilights Summer Season reached its climax. Cheers and applause echoed through the club as Team 6 emerged victorious, seizing the coveted title and clinching **the vintage Evonne Goolagong tennis racquet**. This prestigious trophy, steeped in history and tradition, will now find its home with the winning team, acting as a guardian of their triumph for the year ahead.

Throughout the season, comradery flourished, and laughter filled the air as players battled it out on the court with the banter continuing into the club rooms! And what better way to celebrate these moments than with an unforgettable dinner **provided by The Corner 3114**. With delectable dishes and a special tennis-themed cocktail to raise a toast to friendship and sports-womanship!

As we bid adieu to our inaugural season, we wish to thank all the local women who have supported the night and we cherish the friendships strengthened. Here's to many more seasons filled with laughter, triumphs, and the joy of tennis!

Lady Twilighters will continue throughout 2024 with social tennis every Thursday 7.00pm during school terms.

The Men's Summer Season of Twilight Tennis

With 80 active players and 10 fresh faces bringing youthful vigor to the courts, our Men's Twilighters truly served up a storm! Congratulations to the Mod Grassholes for clinching the title, despite the Hard Courtiers putting up a valiant fight. And let's not forget Stuart Holland, the "Quiet Achiever" who quietly aced his way to the Golden Racquet award. Here's to more BBQ calamari, smoked trout, and epic tennis battles under the stars!



Let's give a standing ovation to the unsung heroes of our club! From Murray Hamilton, whose dedication to our juniors is as steadfast as a ball machine on full power, to Kelly and Felicity, the dynamic duo who initiated Lady Twilighters with more energy than a hyperactive Jack Russell on caffeine.



And let's not forget Tony Gibson, whose fingerprints have been all over the Men's Twilighters competition since Pat Cash was just a boy dreaming of winning Wimbledon. Tony, we salute you for your tireless efforts, your strategic prowess, and for reminding us all that tennis isn't just a sport, it's a way of life (and sometimes a way to avoid doing chores at home).

To each and every member and parent who contributes their time, energy, and occasional backhand slice to our club, we thank you from the bottom of our tennis-loving hearts. You make our club more than just a place to swing racquets; you make it a vibrant community filled with laughter, friendship, and maybe the occasional racquet-smashing frustration (hey, we're all human!).



See you on the Courts.

**Warm regards,
Park Orchards Community Tennis Club Committee**