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## TALLY HO "TATTLER" NEWSLETTER

Hello to all members and welcome to the November edition of our Newsletter. This will be the last Newsletter for the year, so the Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and enjoy your tennis over the summer months.

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***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR TENNIS CLUB, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS***

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### 2009 Junior and Senior Club Championships

#### Junior Club Championship

On Saturday 3rd October, Tally Ho Juniors held their Club Championship event. A total of 19 Juniors competed to become the Boys, Girls and Junior Boys Club Champion. After a round robin event a series of elimination finals were conducted. The winners and runners up for each section are as follows:

<b>Boys Champion:</b>	<b>Philip Huang</b>
Boys Runner Up:	Lachlan Rudd
<b>Girls Champion:</b>	<b>Daphne Mantzanidis</b>
Girls Runner Up:	Lulu Huang
<b>Junior Boys Champion (Under 13)</b>	<b>Ryan Jones</b>
Junior Boys Runner Up:	Harvey Pockett

Some great tennis was played on the day and all games were played in good spirit. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone else who competed. Numbers were a little down compared to previous years so we would like to encourage more Juniors to participate next year. It is a good opportunity to play people in different grades in order to develop your skills.

Finally, thanks to all those parents who attended on the day to support the kids and help in the running of the day.

### Senior Club Championship

The Senior Men's and Ladies singles championships were held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009 on a rather warm day, which made the event a little more challenging.

All matches were best of 3 sets, which meant that those who made it through the draw had to play a number of sets on the day. We will review the format and next year might change it to pro sets in the preliminary games, so that time and energy is saved.

The Club Champions this year are a repeat of last year's winners! The champions and runners up for each section were as follows:

<b>Mens Champion:</b>	<b>Tim Chrisfield</b>
Runner Up:	Brett Williams
<b>Ladies Champion:</b>	<b>Nicole Mora</b>
Runner Up:	Pam Downing

Going for a "3peat" next year Tim and Nicole?? Or will somebody else step up next year and knock them off? The challenge has been set!!! Come on all you potential club champions.

Thank you to all those who participated this year and congratulations to the winners. The Club honour boards will be updated shortly with these results.

## Junior News

### Summer Season

Summer Season started on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October with 9 teams playing Saturday and 2 on Sunday. We have 38 boys playing and only 6 girls, so the number of girls competing is of concern. Neale Hamer and Danielle Jones will be addressing this problem with a view to getting more girls competing.

We are still using the Baily Street outside court for Saturday matches as we have 9 teams on Saturday mornings. Our new court is helping to alleviate some pressures in this regard and when it is surfaced it will prove invaluable.

### Congratulations!

On Melbourne Cup day, **Waverley Tennis** ran a Junior tournament for various age groups at the Doveton Tennis Club. A number of Tally Ho juniors entered the competition with some great results. Well done boys!

<b>Joshua Hocking</b>	-	<b>Winner</b> boys 10/u singles and doubles
<b>Cameron Morris</b>	-	<b>Runner up</b> boys 14/u singles
<b>Philip Huang</b>	-	<b>Winner</b> boys 16/u singles

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding Junior tennis and competition, please contact **Neale Hamer on 0428 142954**.

## Senior News

The current Summer Season has just begun with 6 teams competing. A total of 27 players are registered in this current competition. For your information, current Summer Senior Teams and Gradings are as follows.

### **A Reserve 1 Mens Rubbers/Sets**

Peter Henderson  
John Owens  
Michael Dance  
Geoff Dance  
David Harris

### **A Reserve 2 Mixed Rubbers/Sets**

Russell Wallace	Jodie Blewett
Napil Abdel	Jane Barry
Mark Ditchfield	Liz Byass
Tony Barry	Jackie Turner

### **A Reserve 2 Mens Singles/Doubles**

Matt Morgan  
Scott Wilson  
Leigh Everitt  
Simon Feigl

### **A Reserve 4 Singles/Doubles**

Diming He  
William Wu  
Jian Zheng

### **B Special 1 Mens Singles/Doubles**

Kevin Cai  
Kent Tsui  
Richard Gao

### **B4 Mens Singles Doubles**

Terrence Yeung  
Eric Kwong  
Thang Phan  
Jackie Lee

Anyone interested in playing in the upcoming Winter Competition which starts in April 2010, please put your name on the list which will be on the notice board in early January.

If you are interested in playing or have any questions regarding senior Saturday competition, please contact **Geoff Dance on 0412369758 or e-mail the club.**

## Mid-Week Ladies Report

### **WDTA**

The home and away games for this season are completed. Finals commence next Thursday. Once again our Section 5 team is in the finals --- Good Luck !!  
Next season commences in February 2010 --- Tally Ho will have two teams participating.

### **MEMRLTA**

We have three teams playing this Summer season And all are performing well. Finals are scheduled for March 2010.

### **Social Tennis**

Wednesdays are set aside for Social tennis.  
Ladies wishing to have a social game or interested in playing in the Tuesday or Thursday comp teams should contact Pauline Coughlin -- Ph. 9561 8517

## Tuesday Night Men's' Social Competition

**Tuesday Night Men's' Doubles** competition is closing in on the Grand Final night in December. As is tradition for the Tuesday nighters, a fully catered for Christmas dinner is put on to reward all of the players who participated during the year.

Anyone wishing to get involved in Men's Tuesday night tennis as either a regular player or emergency should **contact Howard Brown on 9803 3966** or come down to the Club on a Tuesday night and speak to Howard directly.

## Thursday Night Men's and Ladies Mixed Social Competition

**Thursday Night Mixed Tennis** is a co-ordinated mixed social competition and is always looking for new players.

Finals are approaching for this competition as well as a Christmas break up which is enjoyed in good spirit.

If you are a new member to the Club, this is a good place to start playing competitively as you will enjoy a friendly atmosphere and meet other members.

Anyone interested in playing next year (the next season commences late January or early February) is asked to **contact Steve Corby on 0438 314 231 or pop down on a Thursday night to express your interest..**

## Social Happenings and Upcoming Events

### Tally Ho Family Christmas Party and Santa Visit

**\*2009 Tally Ho Christmas Function -- Saturday 12th December\*  
4.30pm onwards at the Club Friends of Members are Welcome!!**

Back by popular demand, Tally Ho is holding an informal drinks/nibbles/BBQ Christmas function for members and their friends on Saturday 12th December, commencing at 4.30pm. The jumping castles will be back - Daisy the Dragon and Cars 5 in 1 combo will be set up for kids 12 and under.

There will also be a surprise visit by Santa on his special sleigh! **RSVP by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, either via email to the Club or sign up on the list in the Clubhouse.

Drinks will be available from the bar at normal prices. A small charge for Members of \$5 for Adults and \$2 for Children and Non Members of \$7 for Adults and \$3 for Children will apply to help defray some costs. We are looking forward to a great turn out on what should be another fun night, so why not come along. Some courts will be available for tennis and court lights will be turned on if it gets dark!!

### Proposed Official Court Opening and Annual Tally Ho Open Day

The State Government and Local Council granted significant money to Tally Ho to help build our new court and resurface our existing courts, so we are proposing an Official Court Opening Day, which we will combine with our Annual Open Day on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2010 commencing at 11am.**

It is proposed that The Honourable Maxine Morand, our local member of State Parliament and current Minister in the Victorian Government will officially open the New Court and celebrate the general upgrade of our other courts. A number of other VIP's will be invited.

We are also planning for one or two "retired" Aussie tennis stars to come out of retirement and share the day, maybe by helping christen the new court.

Members and any potential new members are welcome to come along on the day. Members should encourage any friends or neighbours who are interested in joining Tally Ho to come along on the day and join a great club.

### Adidas Promotional Night

By the time you receive this Newsletter, another Adidas Promotional Night will have been held. It is on Tuesday night November 24<sup>th</sup> from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at their Mulgrave factory outlet. Most Members have previously been advised of this night by e-mail. It is a great opportunity to grab some quality clothing and footwear at heavily discounted prices.

These nights are put on for the benefit of our members and are organised by our member Andrew Green. For the nights to go ahead, a certain number of RSVP's are required, so it is important you register your interest with Adidas when you get the invitation. We hope to have one or two of these nights next year and members will be informed.

## Are you a Social Event Organiser??

Would you like to be an active member of the club without joining the committee?

The club is always looking for volunteers to take on small roles, assist with the coordination of functions/events and the like.

The committee works tirelessly to keep the club functioning and any support members can give in terms of coordinating a social day or event of any kind would be a fantastic contribution. It could be something like a Family day, a Restaurant Night or even a Trivia Night. It may only require a small commitment in time but the benefits to the club are immense.

If you are interested in helping in any way and have some ideas please email the committee ([tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com)) and the appropriate committee member will be in touch.

## Thursday Afternoon "Gentlemen's" Social Tennis

Any fellow members interested in a **social** set or two would be more than welcome.

Commencing at 2pm and finishing about 4pm. Join in a leisurely drink and chat afterwards

More details from either **Brian Kirk phone 9807 8870** or **Bob Batty phone 9802 1193**.

## The Tally Ho Bar

The Bar has proven very popular with tennis players after competition on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It is also put to good use on our special social days which usually incorporate a barbecue.

Recently added to the fridge following a request is the sports drink 'Gatorade' and any other request put forward will be considered.

Prices are very reasonable, in fact considerably cheaper than other clubs according to our visitors.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please talk to any committee member or come and enjoy the facility after the competitions. A committee member is required to open the bar and attend it, so it is usually open on Saturdays, Tuesday nights and Thursday nights.

## Weekend Court Use

The best time on the weekend for a social hit is Sunday afternoons. Also, when competition is not being played (school holidays), the courts are available all weekend. Why not start your own regular social group and get some social tennis going on a Sunday afternoon followed by a tea/coffee or if the bar is open, something more refreshing? If there are people waiting for a court, please be considerate of this and limit your game time or join up and play doubles. Weekends are the busiest time for our courts.

## Want to play at night? – Why not play under lights!

Did you know that as a member of Tally Ho, you are allowed to play casual tennis under lights? This is possible any Monday, Wednesday or Friday night or on the weekend up until 11pm. You will need 5 x \$2 coins to get you started. This will give you an hour's play. Each \$2 top-up gives you another 12 minutes but you must top up before the lights go out. A red warning light comes on at the back of the court telling you there is 10 minutes left.

The lights are coin operated in the Clubhouse. Instructions are next to the coin slots. If you have any problems, please **contact Howard Brown on 9803 3966**.

## There is still a vacancy on Committee

Regretfully, we have been unable to fill the position of Vice President since the Annual General Meeting that was held in July this year. The Club needs all of its Committee positions occupied in order to function properly.

If you believe you can contribute something towards the running of the Club or are particularly interested in the position of Vice President (essentially assists the President in the running of the Club), please contact John Diprose to discuss further.

## [Our New E-Mail Administrator](#)

Fellow member David Jones-Ellis has kindly taken over the administration of our e-mails to members. So when you get an e-mail from Tally Ho, you know David has organised it! Thank you David, for taking on this important role in the Club.

Thank you to David Allen for getting this means of communication started and for managing it for the last 2 years.

## [Our Club Coach - Danielle Jones](#)

Danielle wishes to advise that she is currently running a **Ladies Tennis Cardio Workout** on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 11.00am.

If you are interested in this program or general tennis lessons to sharpen your game or that of your children, please contact Danielle on **0408 125 378**. **A reminder that Danielle caters for private and group bookings at very reasonable rates.**

Danielle is also involved in the selection process for our Junior teams. You can ask her if you have any questions about Waverley District Junior competition and Junior Talent Identification Programs.

## [Clubhouse and Tennis Court Matters](#)

### [Update on Our New Court](#)

Construction of our new court was finally finished in late June and we have been using it as an asphalt court since then, pending final surfacing.

Danielle has advised that the kids find it a bit of a novelty to play on the rough surface and it certainly takes the cover off tennis balls quickly!! Bear in mind that this type of surface is all that many clubs have.

Well the days of playing on asphalt on Show Court are numbered. Surfacing of the court is scheduled to commence as this Newsletter goes to print. This work will take 1 – 2 weeks, so the court will be out of action for a little while.

The new court has been built to current Tennis Australia standards, which means it will have more room at the baseline and on the sides than our existing courts. The difference will be quite noticeable. It will be a great court to play Club Championship finals and other important matches.

We are very pleased with the way the new court has fitted into our facility. We have also moved the main gate more northwards which has created some additional space for us between the new court and Court 1. We have also gained some land at the rear of the clubhouse which will be handy for the future. The bike racks have also been relocated to the rear of the clubhouse, so we ask Members to please use these. Some landscaping and shrub planting is still to be done by Council to finish off the new area. New seating is planned soon.

Once the new court is finished, our Club will boast facilities that are of a very high standard. Members should be extremely proud to be a part of Tally Ho.

### [The Club's Telephone Facility](#)

A reminder that the Clubhouse phone is primarily for the use of receiving incoming calls. It is enabled to call "000" in emergency situations but cannot be used for general outside calls.

## **Club Security – Lock the Clubhouse if you are last to leave!**

**A reminder to everyone** that **every** member is responsible for ensuring the club is left in a secure state during the day and at the end of the day. This means that if you are **last to leave the premises**, you must ensure that **everything in the Clubhouse is turned off, the Clubhouse front door is locked and the main gate closes behind you.**

**The last member to leave the Club should make sure the Clubhouse is securely locked no matter what time of the day. Adults members should particularly take responsibility for this.**

### **THIS MEANS YOU MUST ALWAYS CARRY YOUR MEMBERSHIP SWIPE CARD WITH YOU.**

If you are a new member to the Club, instructions covering opening and closing the clubhouse can be found in your welcome kit. Please familiarise yourselves with these instructions.

If you happen to accidentally set off the alarm (eg: by locking the door when the door was already unlocked and then walking into the clubhouse), you will hear a loud audible siren. This can be quickly cancelled by swiping your card again at the external card swipe dock next to the main door. The security system is monitored 24 hours and we are contacted immediately if there is an apparent problem. Please help us by keeping false alarms to a minimum.

## **Maintenance Matters**

We had to repair a broken window in the Clubhouse recently which was very costly. It was apparent it had been broken from the inside and an object had been thrown at the window closest to the drinks machine.

### **NOBODY REPORTED THIS TO ANYONE UNTIL ONE OF OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOTICED IT.**

**A reminder that ball games and throwing of any objects whatsoever are not permitted in the Clubhouse. Everyone is asked to take more care and treat the Clubhouse like you would treat your own home.**

Graeme Inglis is in charge of General Maintenance. If you notice anything that requires fixing, let Graeme know by contacting him by phone or e-mail him on [gin78205@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gin78205@bigpond.net.au).

If you believe vandalism has occurred, please contact the President and/or Police immediately to report the matter.

## **Clubhouse and Court Care**

We ask all members to keep the clubhouse **neat and tidy which means clean up after yourselves**, particularly in the kitchen. If you use dishes, mugs, spoons etc, please wash them and put them away.

The following are a few matters that are happening or have been noticed recently:

- Players sitting on or pushing down on the nets
- Chewing gum being spat out onto courts and sticking to surface (**very** hard to remove)
- Ball games other than tennis being played on the courts and in Clubhouse
- Incorrect footwear (in some cases black dress shoes!!) and clothing being worn
- Racquet abuse/throwing or similar incident that causes marks on the courts
- Rollers and water pushers not being returned to racks

Please take note of all these matters and help the club to keep our courts in as good condition as possible.

## **A Reminder that “Marking” Black Soled Shoes are not allowed at Tally Ho**

Marking black soled shoes are not allowed at Tally Ho Tennis Club as they mark up the courts. Please do not wear such shoes on our newly resurfaced courts as the marks left take a long time to go away. There have been instances of people (members??) wearing school shoes and similar street shoes. **SIMPLY NOT ON!!**



## Reminder on Visitors Fees

Visitors Fees are payable for visiting social players (guests of Members) who want to play tennis at Tally Ho. Fees are **\$5 for adults and \$2 for children/students** (except children Under 8, for whom there is no charge but they must be accompanied by a member adult).

Please ensure that you adhere to the following rules:

- Visitor's fees **must** be paid prior to commencing the playing of tennis.
- Only one visitor is generally allowed per member.
- Family of Tally Ho members who are not members themselves must pay a visitors fee.
- Visitor Fee payment envelopes have been provided by the club and are located inside the clubhouse near the bar. Please complete and place envelope in the payment slot near the bar.
- Random membership and visitors' fee spot checks are conducted from time to time by committee, so please ensure you have paid the appropriate visitors fee for your guest.

## Other Things Membership

A number of members are still playing at Tally Ho and they have not paid their membership. If you are one of these people, please send your fee to the Club without delay.

We have recently introduced a new category of membership for our younger players Aged 8 and under. Membership will be at no cost until your child turns 9 provided either parent is already a playing member. This may be suitable for some families where only one parent plays and Family membership is not a viable option.

If you have any queries relating to this new category of membership, have friends who would like to join the Club or have problems with access cards, please phone **Mark Ditchfield on 9886 3727** or e-mail **Mark at [tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com)**

Mark is able to e-mail or mail you a membership application form on request. These are also available on the notice board in the Clubhouse and downloadable from the Tally Ho website – [www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc](http://www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc).

## Please Notify Us of Your Current E-mail Address

We try to e-mail this Newsletter to as many members as possible, however there are many members who have not advised their e-mail address to us, so the Newsletter is posted. Please help to save postage costs and **advise your e-mail address** or if you have changed e-mail address please send details to [tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com).

If you have received this newsletter in "hard copy", it means **we do not have your current e-mail address**.

## Any Ideas or Suggestions?

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make our Club an even better one for you, please let us know. You may have a funny story or a contribution you would like to make to the Newsletter, please e-mail the Newsletter editor at [tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com) for inclusion in the next edition.

If you have any queries at all about any of the above or any other matter relating to your Club, please e-mail [tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com) or speak to any member of our Committee.

Until next time, enjoy your tennis at Tally Ho!



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President