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TALLY HO "TATTLER" NEWSLETTER

Hello to all Members and welcome to our latest Newsletter.

There is much covered in this Edition. We ask that Members read everything included as there are items that we really want to bring to your attention. We hope you are finding time to enjoy tennis at Tally Ho.

2011/12 Committee Members and Contact Numbers

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Club Coach:	Danielle Jones	0408 125 378

Please feel free to contact any of our Committee Members or our Club Coach should you have any questions.

We DESPERATELY need a Club Secretary!

A **desperate plea** to all our Members – we need to find a Secretary. Following the retirement of Jodie Blewett last year, the Club has been looking for a new Secretary. Jodie did a wonderful job for the Club and we thank Jodie for her time and effort.

Despite a few good leads, we have not been able to find somebody willing to take on this role. Trying to operate without a Secretary is very difficult and this position **MUST** be filled. We are a very big Club (we're no. 3 for membership in the State) and should be able to find a suitable person amongst our large membership.

This job is not difficult. A summary of the main duties for this role are as follows:

- Take minutes at monthly committee meetings and prepare Agenda for future meetings
- Collect mail from P.O. Box at Syndal Post Office in Blackburn Road (once a week) and distribute to committee members for action as required
- Be a point of contact for Waverley Tennis and Monash Council
- Compiling the newsletter (usually a couple of issues a year)
- Correspondence as required (minimal)

If you believe you have the skills and can offer some of your time to help run our club, we would really like to talk to you. Please contact David Jones-Ellis or John Diprose if you think you fit the bill.

Some Very Sad News

We have just learnt of the passing of popular and longstanding past member - Brian Kirk. Brian passed away on Sunday 29th April (which was actually his 75th birthday) and after a very long illness.

Brian was a member of Tally Ho for about 30 years and was a regular Tuesday night player and Thursday social player until he became unwell. Brian was a real character who always had a joke to tell and was a very talented player. He could always be relied upon to bring a carton of milk to tennis on Tuesday nights for cups of tea/coffee.

Tally Ho Tennis Club will miss Brian. We send our sympathy and condolences to Brian's family at this sad time.

Application recently made to Council for Grant Monies

Members will be pleased to learn that we have recently made a submission to Council for grant monies to assist with lighting of Courts 1, 2 and the Show Court. We are keeping our fingers crossed that our submission will be successful. If so, this will pave the way for lighting of these courts, which will add a fantastic new dimension to the Club and put these courts in line with the already lit Courts 3 to 6. We will keep members informed of developments.

Free Defibrillators On Offer

St John Ambulance Victoria is giving away a limited number of first-aid defibrillators and Tally Ho has applied for one. We are hoping our application will be successful, however if we are not, it is likely the Club will invest in one as they are such an important first-aid/emergency item. We should find out soon if we are successful.

Another Successful Open Day held in February!

Our annual Open Day held in early February this year was another great success with the weather being kind to us. This is our big day to attract new members to Tally Ho and we can report that we signed up close to 100 new members! We usually hold this big day soon after the Australian Open tennis tournament to capitalise on interest in the sport. The Open Day is very important to the club to replace the 100 or so members who resign their Tally Ho membership each year.

It is also a huge day for our coach Danielle as she runs a free kids clinic on the day combining tennis with fun and games. Lots of great giveaways donated by Tennis Victoria were handed out to participants. Danielle also reported that she signed up many new students on the day for tennis lessons.

Special thanks to Carolyn Barton from Barry Plant Real Estate, for providing us with 2 sponsor boards that we erected near the car park and the clubhouse. These really help us advertise the event.

Thanks to those committee members who helped out in the week prior by distributing flyers to local residents and thanks to all who helped out on the day. It is a big job for us to run the day successfully and very rewarding when we get the great results.

Thursday Afternoon Social Gents' Tennis

We have a regular but small group of retired guys who enjoy a social hit of 2 or 3 sets commencing about 2pm each Thursday, followed by a chat over a drink or two. A couple of new players would really help to keep this group going strongly.

If any members are interested, please come along on any Thursday and speak to Bob Batty or for more details please ring Bob on 9802 1193.

Grumpy Stuff and Gentle Reminders!!

You need to bear with us for a page or two.....

Visitors Policy

We have had a number of disappointing instances recently involving Members and their Visitors:

- Members have been caught playing with friends or family who are not members and the visitor fee has not been paid before going on court (ie: no intention of paying)
- Non-members have been trying to get in the locked gate to play without a member being with them.
- Members have lent their membership cards to non-members – a real no-no!
- Situations where members have invited large groups of friends in to play, taking over 2 or 3 courts and worse still, no fees paid!!

Our rules for visitors to our club are pretty clear and are highlighted on the board as you walk into the club, namely:

- Visitors fees **must** be paid before any play commences
- Members should only invite one (1) visitor at a time
- A visitor should play no more than 6 times a year at our club
- **Visitors must be accompanied by a member** at all times and should wear proper tennis attire

It is regrettable that we have to highlight these rules but there have been many instances of members not doing the right thing.

The Committee often does membership and visitor checks at the Club. Don't get caught!

Visitor fees are only \$5 for adults and \$2 for Students and Children. Fee envelopes are near the bar and the completed envelopes should be put into the slot near the bar.

IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE THAT WANTS TO PLAY REGULARLY WITH YOU AT TALLY HO, BEST THING IS FOR THEM TO JOIN THE CLUB.

Maintenance Report and Care of Equipment

(from Graeme Inglis – a not very happy Maintenance Boss at the moment!!)

Once again I appeal to ALL members to **please take care of CLUB equipment.**

As CLUB members, all the water sweepers, court rollers, table-tennis table and bats, etc as common property belong to YOU as members. Some equipment gets normal wear and tear – especially the water sweepers and rollers, but even these are being needlessly damaged by misuse. The cost of replacing rubber water-sweeper inserts is now \$38 each, and replacement rollers are \$88 each.

The correct procedure is to sweep the bulk of the water off the courts to the side or end drains with the water sweepers. Pressing down too hard on the sweepers will not make them work any better. **Gentle pressure** is all that is needed. Any wet spots which are left can then be mopped up with the rollers – again using only **gentle pressure**. The rollers need to absorb the moisture. Pressing down too hard simply squeezes water back out onto the court again, as well as leading to breakage of the internal plastic roller tube. Once this tube cracks or breaks **it cannot be repaired**. As of Sunday, 15th April, three damaged rollers have been repaired (again!) and there are now 7 in serviceable condition, along with 8 water-sweepers. Please use them wisely and return them to the racks after use.

Another concern is the lack of care of the Table-Tennis equipment.

Four brand-new bats were provided, together with a new bat-rack and ball dispenser, on 6th February this year. Less than 3 weeks later, one of the bats had a large piece of rubber torn out of the centre on one side. Since then, three bats have been further vandalised by having the rubber sections completely torn off. Bob Batty kindly re-glued these rubber pieces back on. As of Sunday 15th April, two new bats are now missing and yet again the rubber has been ripped off one of the remaining bats.

If such **vandalism** continues – (remember they are CLUB property – **YOUR property**) – the Committee will have no option but to remove the table-tennis facility completely. Personally, I have spent hours of voluntary time and effort repairing the table-tennis table and making the bat-rack.

I am simply NOT prepared to keep on fixing up equipment **which is being DELIBERATELY DAMAGED**. So whoever is responsible, you have been warned. Respect Club equipment – especially the Table-tennis gear – or you WILL lose it.

If members do notice anything that needs attention, please ring me (Graeme Inglis) on: 9887-9367. If I am not available, please leave a message. Or, my email address is: gin78205@bigpond.net.au

Committee members are not always up at the courts. If something is broken or needs attention, please let me know and I will attend to it as soon as I can. If I don't know about it I cannot fix it.

Clubhouse and Court Care

A reminder to **keep the clubhouse neat and tidy which means clean up**, particularly in the kitchen. If you use dishes, mugs, spoons etc., please wash them and put them away.

Glasses and chairs must not be taken out onto the courts. The Club provides plastic cups and jugs which can be used on the courts, but please wash and return them when finished. Please remove any rubbish from the courts when you are finished e.g.: empty ball cans, ball can lids, discarded grip tape, soft drink cans, etc.

Correct tennis attire and **non-marking tennis shoes** must be worn at all times. The Club has dress standards in place so all members can enjoy the facility.

Shower facilities are provided **for member use only after playing tennis**. Please do not use them outside of this purpose. It is not to be used as a substitute for your home bathroom!!!

Security

Last person out of the Club grounds is responsible for locking the Clubhouse and gate when leaving

YOU MUST ALWAYS CARRY YOUR MEMBERSHIP SWIPE CARD WITH YOU as this is the only method of locking the clubhouse. Never leave the clubhouse open if you are last to leave. If you are a new member to the Club, instructions covering opening and closing the clubhouse can be found in your welcome kit.

If you happen to accidentally set off the alarm (e.g.: by locking the door when the door was already unlocked and then walking into the clubhouse), you will hear a loud audible siren. This must 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.

Private Parties and Functions in the Clubhouse

We have noticed a few instances of groups (presumably members) that have indulged in party like activities at the club house. The clubhouse has been left in a real mess on occasions and it has been left to committee members to come down and clean up. Please note that the holding of parties or functions without Committee approval is not allowed under any circumstances. The Club's policy is that we do not normally hire out the Clubhouse or allow parties.

Now Back to Nicer Stuff!

The Tally Ho Bar (also known as Bobby's Bar!)

Tally Ho Tennis Club conducts a small but extensive bar for member only use (conducted under strict liquor licencing arrangements), which operates on most match days and also during competitive night tennis. A committee member is in attendance to operate the bar whenever it is open.

The current Price List is displayed on the fridge. Bar prices had to be increased a little bit last year to reflect some cost increases, but you will find that our drink costs are very reasonable. Soft drinks can be obtained from the bar, or when it is not open, the Coca Cola drinks machine is usually functioning.

If you have any queries or suggestions about the Bar, please contact Bob Batty. The strict licensing laws that apply to this facility means the Club has a duty to control and serve alcohol in a responsible manner.

Coach's Corner - Danielle Jones

I am so pleased that we have had some great results with our juniors.

In Summer Competition we had 3 junior teams in the finals. Winners were B Grade1 Boys & D Special 2 Triples. Runners up were A Res1 Rubbers boys.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Cameron Morris - Winner 16 & under singles at Rosebud & Finalist in the C Grade Men's singles.

Chloe Barberi - Winner Grand Slam Leveller Series. Winner Warrnambool 10 & under girls singles. Chloe is representing her school in Regional tennis.

Josh Hocking- Represented WDTA team in Pat Pearce event – Runner up
Labour Day Boroondara Finalist

Sammy B and Bec B Runners Up 17 & under at Corowa Easter Tournament
Chris B and Ben B Runners up 15 & under at Corowa Easter Tournament

Well done to Tally Ho players who represented Mt Waverley North Primary School in District school tennis-
Gemma L, Emily H, Jamie B, Josh O & Jake T.

Well done to Jamie B, Carly T, Josh O, Nathan H in participating in their first tournaments.

Tennis Lessons?

If you are interested in tennis lessons to sharpen your game or are looking to get your youngsters started in the game of tennis, please **contact me on 0408 125 378**. I cater for private and group bookings at very reasonable rates and all standards.

Danielle Jones (Coach)

Reports from our Playing Sections

- Junior Tennis Report

Summer Season 2011/12

We had three teams that made it through to their respective grand finals.

Congratulations to the Boys B1 Boys Singles/Doubles Sets & D Special 2 Triples teams who were successful on the day & brought home the pennant.

Both teams went in as underdogs and were able to prevail.

Commiserations to the Boys A Res 2 Rubbers team who went down in a very closely fought final.

Thankyou those parents who performed the role of team managers. Your assistance was truly appreciated.

Due to being able to sign up a large number of new junior members at the Open Day, we have been able to enter 13 teams for the winter season which commenced last Saturday.

This is an increase of three from the previous summer season & is the highest number of teams for some time.

I would like to specially welcome those new juniors, who are playing competition for the first time.

I hope you enjoy your tennis at Tally Ho.

Thank you also to the parents who were willing to be team managers.

Due to many of the teams changing from the summer season, I have had to ask a number of parents to take on the role for the first time.

Thank you for your willingness to help out.

As we have a large numbers of teams, each team will be playing a home match at Baily St at some time during the season.

Also despite using the courts at Baily St. on some weeks there will be six teams playing at home.

Therefore it is essential, given that play has to cease at 12.15pm (Waverley Tennis rule), that all players are at Tally Ho by 8.00am so play can commence on time at 8.15am.

By arriving late, you are not only letting your own team members down, but also inconveniencing all those other juniors who are playing at home.

Also for away matches, where teams are leaving from Tally Ho, players must ensure they are at the club ready to leave by 7.45am at the latest.

If you are playing against opposition that is located a fair distance from Tally Ho, e.g. Upwey Tecoma you will have to leave even earlier.

Over the next few weeks, parents will be receiving via their team manager a document titled Guidelines for Parents.

Please make the time to sit down with your child and read through this very informative document, which has been designed to help parents understand the involvement of their child & themselves in competition tennis.

I hope that everyone has a very enjoyable season.

If you have any queries about junior tennis at Tally Ho, please contact me, either by phone, (h) 9802 9953 or (m) 0409 02 9954 or via email - randsmorris@optusnet.com.au.

Richard Morris (Junior Convenor)

- **Senior Tennis Report**

The Winter Season 2012 commenced this Saturday 21st April. A total of 25 Tally Ho members are registered in this competition.

WINTER 2012 SENIOR TEAMS

A RESERVE 1 MENS RUBBERS/SETS

Peter Henderson
John Owens
Ray Lester
Rick Peschke
Blake Brunne

A RESERVE 1 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Matt Morgan
Scott Wilson
Leigh Everitt
Simon Feigl

A RESERVE MENS 4 SINGLES/DOUBLES

Diming He
William Wu
Jian Zheng

A RESERVE 2 MIXED RUBBERS/SETS

Russell Wallace Jodie Blewett
Napil Abdel Jane Barry
Darren Smith Liz Byass
Jackie Turner

A RESERVE MENS 5 SINGLES/DOUBLES

Kevin Cai
Kent Tsui
Richard Gao

B GRADE 1 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Terrence Yeung
Eric Kwong
Ben He

Members interested in playing Senior competitive (team) tennis or would like to form a team should contact Geoff Dance

Geoff Dance (Senior Convenor)

- [Mid- Week Ladies Tennis Report](#)

EMRLTA (Tuesdays)

Tally Ho has one team playing in the Tuesday EMRLTA competition with the season just underway.

WDTA (Thursdays)

We have two teams in the Thursday WDTA competition with the season concluding in June.

Ladies Social play

Social tennis is played on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am. New starters are most welcome.

Anyone interested in playing in the mid-week competition or just socially as outlined above should contact Pauline Coughlin on 9561 8517.

- [Night Tennis Report](#)

Tuesday Night Men's Doubles and Thursday Night Mixed Doubles competitions are both going along very well with good numbers supporting both events.

The weather is starting to get a bit chillier at night now, so this will test the mettle of players involved. It's surprising though how warm you get playing tennis and it doesn't take long to loosen up.

If any members are keen to join a team on either Tuesday or Thursday nights, please contact the following coordinators:

Tuesday Nights	Andrew Green	Mobile 0414 467 674
Thursday Nights	Steve Corby	Mobile 0438 314 231

[Want to play at night but not in a team environment?](#)

Did you know that as a member of Tally Ho, you are allowed to use the court lighting to play at night? 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 Andrew Green on 0414 467 674**. An updated list of the **current permanent booking of courts under lights**, including ALL the bookings set aside for our coach Danielle Jones is beside the **Lights Money Slots**.

[Membership](#)

Membership fees for 2012/13 are due on 30 June 2012. Members will shortly receive their invoices for the following year.

When you receive your account, **please** pay your fees on time to assist us with reconciliation and avoid unnecessary follow up.

If you have any queries relating to your membership, or if you have friends or family who might like to join the Club or if you are having issues with your access card, please phone **Mark Ditchfield on 9886 3727** or e-mail **Mark at tallyhotennis@hotmail.com**.

Tell your friends about our fantastic cushioned courts and facilities. Very few clubs have courts the quality of ours and at such low membership fees, so if you have someone interested in joining Tally Ho, Mark is able to e-mail or mail you a membership application form on request. There is usually a supply of new membership forms available in the holder on the notice board in the Clubhouse. Forms are also downloadable from the Tally Ho TC website www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc.

Social Events

Your committee is always thinking of new ways to get members together for a social cause. Trivia Nights Have been a great success for example and the annual Children's Christmas Party is well attended..

If you have any ideas for social events, whether they involve tennis or not, please contact our Events and Social coordinator - David Shields. David is happy for members to run with certain social events and get groups of members together for special functions/nights out etc.

Club Logo Shirts and Hoodies

The Club currently has a limited supply of smart polo shirts and hoodies, all with Tally Ho Tennis Club embroidered thereon. Should you be interested in acquiring one, please let Richard Morris know and we will organize to show you. Cost range approximately \$30.

Please Notify Us of Your Current E-mail Address

This Newsletter and other communication is e-mailed to as many members as possible, however there are many members who have not advised their e-mail address to us or have changed their e-mail address and not informed us. For those that have not advised an e-mail address, the Newsletter is posted. Please help to save postage costs by **advising your current e-mail address** or if you have changed e-mail address please send details to tallyhotennis@hotmail.com.

Ideas or Suggestions for your Club or Stories you want to tell?

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make our Club even better, please let us know by e-mail, write to us or contact a committee member.

If you would like to try and organise a social event for club members, please contact David Shields.

Maybe you can relate a funny story or have a contribution you would like to make to our Newsletter. E-mail any contributions to the Newsletter editor at tallyhotennis@hotmail.com for inclusion in the next edition.

Until next time, enjoy your tennis at Tally Ho TC!