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TALLY HO "TATTLER" NEWSLETTER

Hello to all our members and welcome to the April edition of our Newsletter. Further editions are planned for in July and November.

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

Social Calendar of Events

Please make a note of these upcoming events for 2010 in your diary:

Saturday 24 th April	Juniors vs Parents Doubles Competition
Sunday 16 th May	New Member Social Tennis Afternoon (open to all members)
Saturday 1 st May	WDTA Winter Comp Starts
Wednesday 21 st July 7.30pm	Annual General Meeting
Friday 6 th August	Entries close for WDTA 2010/11 Summer Comp
Saturday 9 th October	WDTA 2010/11 Summer Comp starts
Saturday 11 th December	Tally Ho Family Christmas Party

[New Members Social Afternoon of Tennis and Get Together](#)

We have many new members who have joined the Club recently and over 80 joined us at our recent Open Day!

As a way of getting our newer members involved in the Club and/or finding out what we have to offer in the way of competition and social tennis, we are having a social afternoon of tennis on **Sunday May 16th commencing at 2pm until 4pm**. Existing members are also invited to come along to this afternoon and enjoy good company and a free BBQ.

For organising and catering purposes, new members and existing members please **contact David Shields on 9886 1661**. Watch out for a separate flyer on this.

[Member Tennis Challenge Ladders Planned](#)

David Shields is planning to get some Men's and Women's Challenge Ladders started for those of you in the Club with that competitive streak. Planned start date is 1st June and we will provide an update and instructions shortly.

This is the ultimate in testing your skills against other members in the Club. Aim to get to the top of the tree! The system pretty much runs itself. David will need results of any challenges reported back to him, he will compile the results and update challenge ladders on the notice board frequently.

Stay tuned for more details on how we get started on this.

[Correct Tennis Attire Must be Worn at all Times](#)

There have recently been instances noted of incorrect tennis attire and shirts not being worn by members (ie: bare chests). The Club has a correct tennis attire policy on display at the front entrance and must be adhered to. All members are expected to co-operate and if transgressions are noticed, committee may at its discretion suspend membership.

The Club has dress standards in place so all members can enjoy the facility. Incidences noticed should be reported to a committee member.

[Update From Club Coach Danielle Jones](#)

[Recent Results](#)

Danielle is very happy to report on some recent excellent tournament results achieved by some of our juniors.

In the Waverley Labour Day tournament, Cameron Morris won B Grade singles, Josh Hocking got to the semi finals of both the 11 and under and the C Grade singles and Philip Huang won 16 and under singles.

Up north, Chris Byass won the 13 and under singles at the annual Corowa Easter tournament.

Danielle also reports that Daphne Mantizidis won the 16 and under girls doubles Club Championships at Kooyong. Congratulations to all these wonderful players on your fantastic results. You have done Tally Ho proud!

[Tennis Lessons](#)

If you are interested in tennis lessons to sharpen your game or are looking for to get your youngsters started in the game of tennis, please **contact Danielle on 0408 125 378**. **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.

Membership

If you have any queries relating to your membership, if you have friends who might like to join the Club or if you are having problems 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 new Rebound Ace cushioned courts. Very few clubs have courts the quality of ours, 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. These are also available on the notice board in the Clubhouse and downloadable from the Tally Ho website – www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc.

Junior Tennis Update

Summer Season Results and Upcoming Winter Season

The 2009/10 Summer junior tennis competition finished on Sunday 21st March and what a great season it was for Tally Ho. All 11 teams (9 Saturday and 2 Sunday) made the finals with 7 progressing to the Grand Final matches. Two teams won their Grand Final, the C3 boys (Darcy Wilmott, Josh Molino, Joshua Hocking, Chris Byass and Zac Nixon) and B Sp1 Sunday team (Wilson He and Justin Tsui). Congratulations boys.

The great result was celebrated at Sophia's Restaurant on Saturday 20th March, where over 50 people attended. It was fantastic to see a good turn out from both parents and juniors.

The Winter season is not far away, commencing Saturday 1st May. Tally Ho has 11 teams registered again (9 Saturday and 2 Sunday). It is pleasing to see a number of new faces joining the Junior competition to participate. Let's hope we have another good season for the kids.

Parents vs Juniors Social Match

Invitation to all Junior competition tennis players:-

Well the Winter season is not far away from commencing on Saturday 1st May and what better way to fine tune that swing than to take on your Mum or Dad in a game of doubles.

On Saturday 24th April we are planning Parents vs. Juniors Social Match at Tally Ho Tennis Club. A doubles match will be held between the Juniors and their respective parents. The most games won by either team will be the winner on the day and they will receive a prize.

Games will commence at 9.30am and continue until noonish.
We will have a free sausage sizzle and soft drink for everyone after the game.

At the end of the day, as well as congratulating the winning team, the comp teams, gradings and team managers will be announced.

The aim of the day is to have a bit fun between parents and the juniors and get to know each other a bit better. Anyone taking it too serious will lose valuable game points for their team!!!

In the event we have some wet weather the plan will be to continue with the BBQ lunch commencing 11am.

In order to work out numbers for catering and teams I need you to e-mail or phone me as to whether you will be attending or not and how many from your family will be coming. It is important that you do this as soon as possible so I can organise games and catering. **Don't leave it to the last minute to tell me.**

Finally make sure Mum or Dad bring their racquets and have the correct shoes for a game of tennis. Last year the Juniors won narrowly in a closely fought competition. Can they prevail again this year????

Looking forward to hearing from you and would appreciate your response before Tuesday 20th April whether you are coming or not.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding Junior tennis and competition, please contact **Neale Hamer** on **0428 142954** or e-mail nealehamer@optusnet.com.au.

Neale Hamer
Junior Convenor

Senior Tennis Update

The Summer Season 2009/2010 has just been completed with 5 out of 6 teams making the finals and 2 going on to win their section. Congratulations to these winning teams:

A RESERVE 1 MENS RUBBERS

Peter Henderson	Geoff Dance
John Owens	David Harris
Michael Dance	

A RESERVE 4 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Diming He
William Wu
Jian Zheng

Winter 2010 Senior Teams

The Winter Season is due to commence on 1st May with 6 teams entered in the WDTA Saturday afternoon competition. A total of 28 players are registered in this competition.

A RESERVE MENS RUBBERS/SETS

Peter Henderson
John Owens
Michael Dance
Geoff Dance
David Harris

A RESERVE MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Matt Morgan
Scott Wilson
Leigh Everitt
Simon Feigl

A RESERVE MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Diming He
William Wu
Jian Zheng
Phillip Huang

A RESERVE MIXED RUBBERS/SETS

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

B SPECIAL MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Kevin Cai
Kent Tsui
Richard Gao

B MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Terrence Yeung
Eric Kwong
Thang Phan
Ben He

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 Summer season is in progress and Tally Ho has two teams in this competition. New season commences in July.

MEMRLTA

Winter season commenced recently and three Tally Ho teams are in action.

Social Tennis

Social tennis is played on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am. Any ladies interested in playing either socially or competition should contact **Pauline Coughlin- H. 9561 8517 or Mob. 0417 575 809**

Night Competitions and Night Social Play

TUESDAY NIGHTS MEN'S COMP:

At the end of the Spring Competition (2009) we completed a thorough 're-ranking' of all players as some anomalies had arisen; what with new players entering the Competition and other players needing re-classifying. As a result we now have a more balanced Competition. A number of recently joined members have been 'seeded' to play as No2 and No3 Emergencies. They are providing great vigour in their play, and we have seen a pleasing 'unpredictability' of outcome to the early matches so far this year.

The Autumn Night Men's Doubles Competition for 2010 has now completed 8 weeks of competition. The last night before the Easter break included a 'Pie Night' supper which was enjoyed by all present. The competition has been very even with game scores very close week by week.

THURSDAY NIGHTS MIXED COMP:

Steve Corby is the convenor of the Thursday Night Mixed Doubles Competition with strong support from Karen Halford. Karen reports that their Autumn season has begun really well with a strong list of competitors and emergencies. There are six teams (of up to 6 players - 3 men and 3 women per team) in the competition. This Competition has been strengthened by a successful recruitment drive in 2009 and extra players becoming available from the Open Day recruits.

Anyone interested in either Competition, contact the following:

Tuesday Night Men's Doubles: **Howard Brown at home on 9803 3966**

Thursday Night Mixed Doubles: **Steve Corby on 9802 9723 OR 0438 314 231**

CASUAL PLAY UNDER LIGHTS:

For Permanent Booking of courts: contact Howard Brown on 9803 3966

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**.

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**.

Howard Brown (Night Tennis Convenor)

Other Social Happenings and Upcoming Events

Tally Ho Family Christmas Party and Santa Visit

Being our first Newsletter for the year, we must report on another very popular Tally Ho Family Christmas Party, which was held at the Club on Saturday 12th December last year. This was the last day of tennis competition for the year, so we decided to combine this with our popular Christmas Party, which kicked off at 5pm.

Children enjoyed a choice of two jumping castles – Daisy the Dragon and Cars 5 in 1 combo, as well as a visit from Santa who turned up on a Shiny Black Harley Davidson motorcycle.

With over 100 parents and children in attendance, it was a great way to celebrate. Thank you to all who attended and helped make it a special day.

Successful Official Court Opening and Annual Tally Ho Open Day

On Sunday 7th February 2010, we enjoyed a very successful combined New Court Opening and New Member 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. We were very pleased to have The Honourable Maxine Morand officiate the opening of the new court. Deputy Mayor Stefanie Perri also officiated on behalf of Monash Council and David Stobart, President of Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia board member also attended.

Thank you to all of our members who attended on the day to help make it a memorable occasion.

Our Open Day followed on from these formalities and we took it approximately 80 new members on the day.

Thursday Afternoon "Gentlemen's" Social Tennis

Any available male members who may be interested in a not so serious **social** set or two are more than welcome to get involved on a Thursday afternoon.

Play commences at 2pm and finishes 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

For the loyal supporters of the Club bar, please note the revised Price List on the fridge.

This is needed from time to time to cope with rising prices and a recent huge percentage increase in our Liquor Licence.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact Bob Batty. Members are welcome to come and enjoy the facility after their game of tennis, or after competition play is finished. A committee member is required to open the bar and attend it, so it is usually open on Saturdays, Tuesday nights and Thursday nights. Strict licensing laws apply to this facility and the Club has a duty to control and serve alcohol in a responsible manner

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.

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 last 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.

John's term as President is also well and truly up. The normal term is 3 years; however John agreed to stay on for another year to help out, so he needs to step aside at this year's AGM and someone needs to take over the running of our Club.

New people are continually required to run clubs like ours, so if you are interested or have some spare time, please do not hesitate to talk to John about getting involved.

Our New E-Mail Administrator

Fellow member David Jones-Ellis is in charge of administration of our e-mails to members. Any e-mail broadcast to members must be authorized by a committee member, so if you would like something communicated, please contact the appropriate committee person.

Some Important Housekeeping Matters

The Club's Telephone Facility

A reminder that the Club house 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, so please remember to bring your mobile phone to tennis.

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

On Sunday 18th April, Graeme Inglis (our maintenance chief) called down at the club to attend to a couple of matters.

To his surprise, the clubhouse was left open – both the front door and the side door near the kitchen were wide open and **nobody** was at the club!

If you are last at the Club and you are leaving, you have a **responsibility to lock the clubhouse!!** **Never** leave the clubhouse wide open.

THIS MEANS YOU MUST ALWAYS CARRY YOUR MEMBERSHIP SWIPE CARD WITH YOU as this is the only method of locking the clubhouse.

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 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.

Maintenance Update

The Club has decided to invest in protective padding to go around our light poles, to protect players in the event you accidentally run into one whilst playing. This padding will extend approximately 2m high.

We believe this will provide for a safer environment for our members and visitors whilst playing at Tally Ho.

A number of nets have required repair of late. Please don't stand on or lean on our nets as they can be expensive and time consuming to repair.

Graeme Inglis is in charge of General Maintenance. If you notice anything that requires fixing, let Graeme know by contacting him on 0417 316 767 or e-mail him at gin78205@bigpond.net.au.

Clubhouse and Court Care

Reminder - Drinking glasses and chairs must not be taken out of the club house and onto courts.

Plastic cups and jugs are available for taking onto the courts and should be returned when play is finished.

Please 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.

[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 cannot be removed. There have been instances of people (members??) wearing school shoes and similar street shoes. THIS IS SIMPLY NOT ON and any offenders caught will have to explain to committee.

[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).

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.

[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 by **advising your e-mail address** or if you have changed e-mail address please send details to 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 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 or speak to any member of our Committee.

Until next time, enjoy your tennis at Tally Ho!



John Diprose
President