



## TALLY HO TENNIS CLUB INC.

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### April 2011 Edition

## TALLY HO "TATTLER" NEWSLETTER

*Hello to all our Members and welcome to the April 2011 edition of our Newsletter. Please take the time to read this edition and find out what's happening at your club.*

### 2010/11 Committee Members

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

### Special Welcome to Our New Members

A warm welcome to Tally Ho is extended to any new club members. We hope you enjoy being part of a family oriented club with great facilities.

At our very successful Open Day held in February earlier this year, the Club attracted many new members of all categories, including a number of family memberships.

We wish you all an enjoyable experience at Tally Ho and encourage you to use the facilities as much as possible. Tennis is a really great way to keep fit- it is up to you how you choose to play your tennis, be it socially or in an organised team environment. More information can be found later in the Newsletter about social and competitive tennis opportunities at Tally Ho, as well as coaching and social functions planned.

### Committee Membership 2011/2012

Are you interested in getting involved in the running of the club?

Many members on the committee are very long serving and it would be great to see some new faces nominate for the committee in 2011/2012. Being on committee is not an onerous task and as with anything, many hands do make light work!

With such a strong (and active) Asian membership contingent, we would like to see some representation on committee to help communicate with our Asian members and perhaps organise some social activities.

The Club is already aware that we will be looking for a new Secretary in 2011/12.

If anyone is interested or would just like more information, please contact Jodie Blewett on 0400 528 784.

The brief of the Secretary role is essentially to:

- prepare meeting agenda and minutes (via email)
- collect mail from post box at Post Office
- correspondence as required (minimal)

## [Australia vs Ukraine Federation Cup Tie](#)

### **A Message from the CEO of Tennis Victoria – Matthew Kennedy**

Glen Iris Valley Recreation Club in Mount Waverley is hosting the Fed Cup tie between Australia and Ukraine this weekend, 16 and 17 April. The winner of this do-or-die play-off will secure a position in the elite eight-team World Group in 2012.

It is obviously great to have such an important international tennis event in suburban Melbourne and a very exciting occasion for the Glen Iris club and the local tennis community. It would really be fantastic for Victorian tennis if the state's fans of the sport could fill the stands. This could be an excellent opportunity for a day out for your committee and/or groups of family and friends of your club.

Please assist us to promote awareness and attendance of this weekend's event, however possible and appropriate throughout your club network, it would be greatly appreciated. Here's to hopefully seeing many of you and your members enjoying watching Australia's team, led by Jarmila Groth, in action.

## [News from the Coach- Danielle Jones](#)

Our resident coach, Danielle Jones, has been kept busy with school now back in full swing and many young children learning the game under her control. Danielle is also coaching a number of new members who have recently joined the Club who are looking to improve their game.

### **School Holiday Clinic**

Reminder that Danielle has a school holiday clinic being held on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>. It's from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Any queries should be directed to Danielle on 0408 125 378.

### **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 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.

## [How about a Trivia Night?](#)

We're planning a fun filled Trivia Night for Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> -7:00pm for a 7:30pm "heads down" start to approximately 11:00 finish. More information is to come shortly and a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Clubhouse. Cost will be kept to a minimum.

These nights are always a laugh and if our last one was anything to go by, it will be a full house, so get in early and start organising some teams (probably about 10 per team)

Martin (the compere) is a very experienced and will ensure you have an entertaining night. You'll have a ball!!

Watch out for more details.

## Membership

If you have any queries relating to your membership, or if you have friends 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](mailto: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 also 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 website – [www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc](http://www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc).

## Maintenance Matters

As many members will know, for quite some time there have been a number of issues with the front gate not closing properly. The troublesome hinges have been replaced and the gate lifted above the path so it no longer drags.

Members still need to be vigilant and **ensure that the gate actually closes properly** when they leave. The magnetic block on the gate **MUST** be in proper contact with the lock mechanism on the gatepost, especially if you are the very last person to leave the courts.

Please help with the overall security of the club by taking a moment to make sure the gate closes properly. Your care and concern is greatly appreciated by the Committee.

## Council Planting around our New Court

When our new court was completed a few years ago, the Council carried out a planting of shrubs around the outside of our court. Unfortunately some of these plants did not take too well (mainly eastern side along walking path) and we have been advised by Council that they will soon be attending to new plantings with an alternative species.

We look forward to the completion of this as it will beautify our club and surrounds.

## Thursday Afternoon Social Gents Tennis

A very social hit of 2 or 3 sets commencing about 2.00pm on Thursdays may be of interest to some of our members. You don't have to be available every week - if you are free just turn up! Emphasis is on Social – this is not for those who are looking for a grinding hit out!

You are welcome to enjoy a drink and chat afterwards to try and solve some of the world's problems! If you would like to know more, please come along to the courts on any Thursday or contact Bob Batty on 9802 1193

## 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.

The current Price List is displayed on the fridge. Bar prices had to be increased a little bit last year to reflect some price rises, but you will find that our drink costs are very reasonable.

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

## Second hand Tennis Nets

The Club may have a couple of second hand nets to give away shortly to anyone interested. If you would like to express interest in obtaining one of these, please contact our Maintenance Officer - Graeme Inglis.

## Report on 2010 Christmas Function – Held Saturday 11th December, 2010

This seems like a long time ago now but just to quickly report that a great night was had by all who attended, The weather was great and we had more than 100 people come along to enjoy an enjoyable afternoon/evening.

The jumping castles were popular with the children and Santa turned up on a shiny black Harley Davidson to hand out presents to the youngsters!

Thanks go to Jodie Blewett and David Allen for organising another successful event.

## Federation of Chinese Tennis Association - Open Day

The Club recently assisted the Federation of Chinese Tennis Association Australia with its inaugural Open Day. The Club is proud of its recent association with the FCTAA and looks forward to many of its members becoming long term members of Tally Ho Tennis Club

### Open Day Report

It was a sunny Sunday on the 27th March and it was a great opportunity for everyone to participate in the opening day for Federation of Chinese Tennis Association.

The massive tennis crowds were accompanied by special guests CR. Robert Chong OAM (Councillor of Elgar Ward former Mayor of Box Hill), Ms Gladys Liu (special advisor to the Premier of Victoria the Hon Ted Baillieu MLA) and Mr Chen Di (Consul of the Peoples Republic of China) to support and promote health through the sport of tennis.

Thanks to the special guests and sponsors such as Nang Yang supermarket and radio station 3CW, the opening event attracted a crowd of roughly 200 people ranging from 83 year old grandpas and 4 year old toddlers.

Activities throughout the day included BBQ, tennis coaching, social tennis and all the members who signed up on the spot all received a gift bag from the sponsors.

In thanking Tally Ho Tennis Club for assisting in this successful open day event – a donation has been made by FCTA as we look forward to our future events ahead.

## **HERE'S THE USUAL BORING BUT ESSENTIAL REMINDERS!!**

### **Weekend Court Use and People Waiting to Play**

The most popular 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. Busy times mean people are waiting for a court, so please be considerate and limit your game time or join up with others to play doubles.

**Committee members regularly monitor activity particularly on weekends and carry out membership/visitor fee checks from time to time, so don't do the wrong thing and jeopardise your membership.**

### **Security – Please Lock the Clubhouse and ensure the gate closes if you are last to leave!**

**THIS MEANS 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.

## **Clubhouse and Court Care**

Please 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.

Shower facilities are provided **for member use only after playing tennis**. Do not use them outside of this purpose.

## **Please Wear Correct Tennis Attire**

A reminder to members that the 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. Incidences noticed should be reported to a committee member.

## **Bringing along a Visitor? A fee is payable.....**

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 money in an envelope in the payment slot near the bar.

## **Junior Tennis Report**

An extremely successful summer season was had by all teams. The only real problem encountered was the weather with a number of washouts. Out of the 12 teams we had entered in Saturday / Sunday competition 9 teams competed in finals matches. Although only 2 teams were successful in winning premierships, one team lost the Grand Final by a game while another lost by 3 games. Both of these matches could have easily gone the other way.

Congratulations go to the Girls B Special 1 Rubbers team made up of Suzie Inglis, Samantha Byass and Mandy Lee and the Boys C Special 1 singles doubles team made up of Darcy Wilmott, Zac Nixon, Josh Molino, Josh Hocking and Christopher Byass for their premiership success.

A big thank you goes out to all team managers who helped out throughout the year and all parents that assisted with transport requirements to away games. Without their help, junior tennis would not be possible.

The winter season will soon be upon us. Competition commences on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April and teams and draws will be posted on the junior notice board once we receive confirmation from the association.

**Any juniors interested in playing competition should contact Phil Byass or Danielle Jones.**

## **Mid- Week Ladies Tennis Report**

### **MEMERLTA**

We have just finished the 2010/2011 Summer season. Of the three teams competing, the A7 side made the Grand Final-- unfortunately the team was unsuccessful.

The length of next season has been reduced to 14 weeks due to the Anzac Day holiday falling on a Tuesday. We have two teams competing in the season which commence on May 3.

### **WDTA**

For the first season of the year we have two teams competing and are now into the second round of matches.

## **SOCIAL TENNIS**

Social tennis is being played on Wednesday and Friday mornings.  
All ladies welcome.

**Any queries regarding Mid-Week Ladies Tennis to be directed to Pauline Coughlin 9561 8517**

## **Senior Tennis Report**

The Summer Season 2011 has just been completed. We had 5 out of our 6 teams making the finals. Of these we only had 1 team that made it to the Grand Final

This team was A Reserve 1 Men's Rubbers:

Michael Dance                      John Owens  
Peter Henderson                  David Harris

Unfortunately they were unsuccessful on this occasion but congratulations on making it to the grand final for the fourth time in five seasons

The Winter Season commences in late April with 6 teams entered in the WDTA Saturday afternoon competition.

A total of 27 players are registered in this competition.

## **WINTER 2011 SENIOR TEAMS**

### **A RESERVE 1 MENS RUBBERS/SETS**

Michael Dance  
John Owens  
Peter Henderson  
Geoff Dance  
David Harris

### **A GRADE 1 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES**

Matt Morgan  
Scott Wilson  
Leigh Everitt  
Simon Feigl

### **A RESERVE 1 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES**

Diming He  
William Wu  
Jian Zheng

### **A RESERVE 1 MIXED RUBBERS/SETS**

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

### **B SPECIAL 2 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES**

Kevin Cai  
Kent Tsui  
Richard Gao

### **B 2 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES**

Terrence Yeung  
Eric Kwong  
Ben He

**Anybody interested in playing Senior competition should contact Geoff Dance**

## **Night Tennis Report**

### **TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S DOUBLES:**

The long Autumn Night Men's Doubles Social Season (16 weeks) has now passed its half-way point. Competition continues to be strong for the 35 players involved. At this stage six of the seven teams are still well in the running for the final four. Sadly our newest Number 1 player (Brett Williams) continues a slow recovery from an ankle injury. We appreciate Rick Peschke stepping up to help out as his regular replacement. Another couple of players have also succumbed to injury involving several weeks on the sideline. The list of Emergencies is not long, but so far has given us flexibility to cover these absences. We have been able to add two 'new' players - Tiziano Barberi and David Timms from the Open day as emergencies. Tiziano has had his first 'gig' and enjoyed the experience.

Any member interested in playing Tuesday Night Men's, please contact Rob Philipp (0411 343 181) or Howard Brown (9803 3966) to be added to the Emergency list. The 'sign-up' sheet for the Spring Season starting in August will be on the board in early June. We will play a 'social/turn up and play' weekly informal competition over the Winter Season of late June and July.

## **THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES:**

Organiser Steve Corby reports that the Thursday Night Mixed Competition for Autumn is moving towards the end of the season with the LARGEST NUMBER of players to date. They are fielding six mixed teams, each of six players, and are planning to expand to eight teams for next season!

If you are interested in this competition, contact Steve Corby (0438 314 231) to be initially added to their Emergency list. The 'sign up' sheet for the next Season's Competition will soon be on the Clubhouse pin-board – be ready to add your name!

## **CASUAL PLAY UNDER LIGHTS**

**For Permanent Night booking of courts (Social Play) 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**.

## **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 contact Phil Byass. Cost range approximately \$25 - \$30.

## **New Display Case for Our Inaugural Flags**

The new display cases above the bar housing our inaugural competition flags look terrific. We felt this was a nice way of honouring some of our early trailblazers and provides a bit of history for all to take in.

Thanks go to Bob Batty and Rob Philipp for their time spent organising this.

## **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](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com).

## **Do you have any Ideas, Suggestions or Interesting Stories?**

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make our Club even better, please let us know.

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 the Newsletter. E-mail any contributions to 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 anything club related, 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!