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TALLY HO "TATTLER" NEWSLETTER

Hello to all our members and welcome to the November 2010 edition of our Newsletter.

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Calendar of Events

Please make a note of the remaining 2010 events:

Sunday 21st November
Sunday 28th November
Saturday 11th December

Junior Club Championships (see page 4)
Senior Club Championships (see page 5)
Tally Ho Family and Children's Christmas Party

Also:

March/April 2011 – Trivia Night planned!!

Welcome to our New President – David Jones-Ellis!

At our Annual General Meeting held in July 2010, David Jones-Ellis kindly offered to take on the duties of Club President, following the retirement of John Diprose from that position.

David's wife Kaye and children Liam and Dylan are all members. The boys are currently involved in junior competition and David himself is currently playing in the Thursday night mixed competition.

The Club would like to thank David for taking on this important role and the Committee looks forward to working with our new President to keep Tally Ho as one of the best tennis clubs in Melbourne.

Some Words of Wisdom from the Prez!

Although the summer season has commenced with a disappointing string of wash-outs, it has been the start of a steep, but satisfying, learning curve for me. I am happy to report that, as your new club president, I have enjoyed the support of a highly polished and proactive committee and, with much help and guidance from them, have started to come to grips with my new duties.

I have even managed to make the transition from junior team manager (i.e. spectator) to active player - although my Thursday night team members may see me more as an "inactive" player at this early stage. Even so, it has greatly broadened my contact with members, and a regular thrashing on Thursdays ensures that being club president doesn't go to my head.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you and helping to craft the club to meet your needs, as best we can. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or comments on 0417 014 847 - the more I hear from you, the better I am able to do my job.

All the best for the rest of the season and thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to be a member of the club committee.

Regards
David Jones-Ellis.

2010 Tally Ho Christmas Function -- Saturday 11th December, 2010

From 4.30pm onwards at the Clubhouse! It's back again by popular demand,

We are holding an informal drinks/nibbles/BBQ Christmas function for members and their friends on Saturday 11th December, commencing at 4.30pm. The jumping castles will be back again and positioned on Courts 5 and 6 for kids 12 and under. There will also be a surprise visit by Santa on his special sleigh!

RSVP by Monday 6th December, either via email to the Club or sign up on the list in the Clubhouse is essential. Drinks will be available from the bar at normal prices. A small charge of \$5 for Adult members and \$2 for Juniors will apply to help defray some costs. Tally Ho families are welcome to invite any friends to this event. Please note that the charge for non-members is \$7 Adults and \$3 Children.

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!!

Any queries can be directed to **Jodie Blewett on 0400 528 784.**

Club Logo Shirts

We are considering reintroducing club polo shirts, similar to what we had available for juniors a few years ago.

The Club is currently looking at the possibilities, options and ranges available. We will keep members informed if the committee decides to go ahead with a range for members to purchase. They especially look great for junior and senior teams to wear when representing Tally Ho.

Member Tennis Challenge Ladders

Last Newsletter, we indicated that Challenge Ladders would commence sometime this year.

Please note that we have not forgotten about this – it's still a work in progress. This is the ultimate in testing your skills against other members in the Club. Aim to get to the top of the tree!

Hopefully we will have this up and running in early 2011, so stay tuned!!

News from Coach- Danielle Jones

Danielle would like to advise everyone concerned of the following upcoming events:

- **Monday 6 December** from 4.00pm to 5.30pm there will be a Christmas Party for Danielle's coaching pupils.
- Danielle is also going to run an **Australian Open clinic**, which will of course be held around the time of the Aussie Open early next year. The date is to be confirmed but if you are interested, please contact her on 0408 125 378. Also look out for notices in the Clubhouse.

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.

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.**

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.

Junior Tennis Update **by Phil Byass**

Summer Comp

Tally Ho Tennis Club has currently entered twelve junior teams in the 2010/2011 summer season with ten playing on Saturday mornings while the remaining two on Sunday mornings.

Not too much to report so far for the current season. October started off well with Collingwood winning the AFL Grand Final and the first week of tennis being played in glorious sunshine.

Unfortunately nothing has happened since with two washouts and a week off for the Melbourne Cup weekend. Fingers crossed there will be no more washouts for the remainder of the season

Finally I would like to acknowledge the support of the team managers who have established player and driving rosters as well as the collection of ball money for the various teams. This is often a task that goes unnoticed but one that is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding Junior tennis and competition, please **contact Phil Byass on 0425 716 901.**

Junior Club Championships

When: Sunday 21st November
Where: Tally Ho Tennis Club
Time: 10 am sharp

How to enter: Put your name on the entry form located on the junior notice board.

Entries close Wednesday 17th November.

In order to qualify you must be a member of the Tally Ho tennis club.

Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runners up boy's and girl's year 7 and above competitions. Medallions will be presented to boy's and girl's year 6 and below winner and runners up.

A sausage sizzle will be provided by the club.

Senior Tennis Update
by Geoff Dance

The Winter Season 2010 has just been completed. We had 3 out of our 6 teams making the grand finals
 These teams were:

- A Reserve 1 Men's Rubbers/Sets
- A Reserve 2 Mixed Rubbers/Sets
- B Grade 4 Singles/Doubles

Congratulations to **B Grade 4** for winning their section and another flag for Tally Ho!

The summer Season has commenced with 6 teams entered in the WDTA Saturday afternoon competition.
 A total of 27 players are registered in this competition.

SUMMER 2010/2011 SENIOR TEAMS

A RESERVE 1 MENS RUBBERS/SETS

Peter Henderson Geoff Dance
 John Owens David Harris
 Michael Dance

A RESERVE 1 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Matt Morgan Leigh Everitt
 Scott Wilson Simon Feigl

A RESERVE 2 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Diming He
 William Wu
 Jian Zheng

A RESERVE 1 MIXED RUBBERS/SETS

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

B SPECIAL 1 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Kevin Cai
 Kent Tsui
 Richard Gao

B 4 MENS SINGLES/DOUBLES

Terrence Yeung Thang Phan
 Eric Kwong Ben He

If you are interested in playing competitive senior tennis or have any questions regarding senior Saturday competition, please contact **Geoff Dance on 0412369758**.

Senior Club Championships

**When: Sunday 28th^t November
Where: Tally Ho Tennis Club
Time: 11 am onwards**

Men's and Women's Singles Divisions to be played

All entry information to be posted in the clubhouse on the Senior noticeboard shortly

Any current club member is eligible to play (includes juniors as well).

Any enquiries can be directed to David Shields at dbshields@gmail.com or mobile 0412 810 612

Entries will close Wednesday 24th November

Mid-Week Ladies Report by Pauline Coughlin

WDTA Thursday competition

Season is coming to an end. Both Tally Ho teams are doing well. Entries for 2011 teams need to be completed by mid-November. Any ladies interested in playing would be most welcome.

MEMRLTA Tuesday competition

Summer season has started well with about one month to go before the Christmas break. We have three teams in this competition.

Social tennis

On Wednesday and Friday mornings, there is social play from approx 8.30 am to 11.30. All lady members welcome.

Any queries regarding the above program **please contact Pauline Coughlin on 9561 8517.**

Night Competitions and Night Social Play

Our Club runs excellent night competitions on Tuesday nights (for men) and on Thursday nights (for men and women – mixed teams).

It's all doubles play – no serious singles to worry about. These competitions are a great opportunity to get to know other members through team competition and some socialising after the game.

At the moment, both competitions are nearing their respective finals, which are held in December.

Here are updates from each competition:

TUESDAY NIGHT:

The long Spring Night Men's Doubles Social Season is going well. We have, however, been beset with quite challenging conditions – very cold nights, and on five occasions so far either partial or total washouts. Competition is strong. The seven teams of four have thrown themselves into the contests and the ladder is quite tight. The solid list of Emergencies has, so far given us flexibility to cover absences and we have welcomed 'new' players from the Thursday night competition as emergencies.

We are looking forward to the last three weeks of regular competition before the last two weeks of finals. Grand final night will again be celebrated with a 'Christmas spit roast' following the completion of the Finals. It is always a 'good night'!

THURSDAY NIGHT:

Co-ordinator Steve Corby reports that the Thursday Night Mixed Competition for Spring is also going well, however they have had at least four nights of competition disrupted by rain. The six mixed teams have provided a strong competition and all bodes well for the future. They too are looking forward to the last weeks of competition before the finals, and will mark the last night with an evening of festivities.

For both competitions the player '**sign-up**' lists will appear on the notice-board towards the end of November (before the finals begin), and will be taken down on the night of the grand final in each case. If you wish to play then ensure that you put your name and phone number down!

New seasons for both competitions start up again in February 2011, so if you are interested in participating in either competition, please contact the following co-ordinators for more information:

Tuesday Night Men's Doubles: **Howard Brown 9803 3966**
Thursday Night Mixed Doubles: **Steve Corby 9802 9723 or 0438 314 231**

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**.

Maintenance Update

The Club recently invested in protective padding to go around the light poles, to protect players in the event you accidentally run into one whilst playing. We have been very happy with these and wish to thank Graeme Inglis for arranging these and installing them.

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

Some of our net hems continue to require repair. Please don't stand on or lean on our nets as they can be expensive and time consuming to repair.

The torn windbreak alongside Court 6 will be replaced soon and we may look at installing a windbreak for the new court.

Thursday Afternoon "Gentlemen's" Social Tennis

Any retired 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 **Bob Batty phone 9802 1193**.

The Tally Ho Bar

For the loyal supporters of the Club bar, please note the updated 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

New Display Case for Our Inaugural Flags

You will soon notice a display cabinet above the bar which will show off some of our earliest flags won by the Club. We felt this was a nice way of honouring some of our early trailblazers and provides a bit of history. Thanks go to Rob Philipp and Bob Batty for organising this.

THE USUAL REMINDERS AND CLUB RULES:-

Weekend Court Use

With the warmer months coming up, tennis gets more popular and our courts need to be shared around on busy days.

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.

Note: Committee members regularly monitor activity particularly on weekends and carry out membership/visitor fee checks from time to time.

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

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 (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.

Although we don't have the best lounge suite in the world, it is used by members, so please refrain your children from jumping on it.

Glass drinking glasses and chairs are not to 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 etc.

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

Correct Tennis Attire Must be Worn at all Times

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.

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**.

Do you have any Ideas or Suggestions?

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can make our Club even better, or if you would like to organize a social event, please let us know.

You may have a funny story or a contribution you would like to make to the Newsletter. E-mail any contributions to the Newsletter editor at 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 or speak to any member of our Committee.

Until next time, enjoy your tennis at Tally Ho!