



## TALLY HO TENNIS CLUB INC.

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### September 2011 Edition

## TALLY HO "TATTLER" NEWSLETTER

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

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

### Words of Wisdom From the President

One of the nice things about Tally Ho Tennis Club is the variety of activities available. I have a son in a junior team involved in the Saturday competition, and I get to pitch my meagre talents against some lively players during the Thursday night social competition. Of course, there is also the Senior Tennis, the Midweek Ladies Tennis, the Sunday Junior Tennis, and occasional social functions to whet the appetite.

That's not the end of it. There are also opportunities to get experience in the management side of the activities. If you want to sharpen your skills in that area, there is everything from the very low impact (on your spare time) junior team manager, through to the more challenging roles, like Junior Coordinator. With a membership of around 600, there is much potential for arranging a once off, non-tennis, social activity that takes your fancy – create an opportunity to bring a group together with a common interest. If something comes to mind, feel free to contact any committee member, or email the club via [tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com).

My own experience as a junior team manager has been rewarding both from seeing the young players in my charge develop their skills, as well as meeting parents and friends at Tally Ho and many other competing clubs within Waverley District Tennis Association.

Welcome to all recently joined members. I hope you will find time to participate in our activities in some way, and reap the rewards.

David Jones-Ellis

## Hot Off the Press – Sam Stosur Wins US Open!

Congratulations to Aussie Samantha Stosur on winning the Women's singles title this year. Samantha is the first Australian woman to win a grand slam singles title since Evonne Goolagong-Cawley won Wimbledon in 1980. Samantha is only the second Australian woman to win the US Open singles title, Margaret Court won the title 5 times, with her latest victory in 1973.

Sam dreamt of winning a grand slam when she was just 13. Did you know that she took the day off school in 1998 to watch Pat Rafter win the US Open?

Does Tally Ho have any future Grand Slam winners in the making?

## Important Dates to Remember

- **WDTA Summer Competition – Juniors and Seniors - Commence 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011**
- **Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 26th October, 2011 – 8pm In The Clubrooms**

Please put this date on your calendars now! Lucky door prizes will be on offer again this year.

With a membership base of over 500, it would be great to see new faces at this year's AGM and for all members to show their support to the Club. We **must** have a particular number of members present at our AGM in order for the meeting to proceed

Meeting agenda and committee nomination forms will be emailed and sent to all Club members very soon..

Vacant committee positions will be advised at the AGM. If any members are interested in getting involved in the running of the club, they are strongly encouraged to discuss this with any of the current committee members who would be pleased to offer advice.

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 many hands make light work!

**The Club is aware that we will at least be looking for a new Secretary and a new Night Tennis Convenor.**

If anyone is interested in taking on the role of **Secretary**, or would just like more information, please contact Jodie Blewett on 0402 406 786. The brief of the Secretary role is essentially to:

*Prepare meeting agenda and minutes (via email) - Collect mail from Club's P.O. Box at Syndal Post Office*

*Correspondence as required (minimal) - No membership work required – all done by our Membership Secretary*

If anyone is interested in taking on the role of **Night Tennis Convenor**, please call Howard Brown on 9803 3966 to have a chat. Main duties with this role are:

*Oversee Tuesday Night and Thursday Night club run competitions - Bank Night Tennis takings (use of lights)*

*Arrange service call to attend to any problems with Lights etc.*

- **Tally Ho Tennis Club Members Christmas Party!!**

This will be held either Saturday 10th or Saturday 17th December - more details regarding date, time and cost will follow in due course by separate e-mail and advertising down at the clubhouse. For those with young families, please make a point of coming along to this. It's a great afternoon/evening with two jumping castles and Santa visiting the children. The Club will provide a BBQ and salad with a nominal amount charged to cover some of the cost. The party is for both members and non-members, so feel free to invite your friends along!!

## News from our Coach Danielle Jones

Danielle advises there were some great results involving two of the Club's juniors at the WDTA Queens Birthday Weekend tournament at Doveton.- and they are coached by Danielle!!

- Cameron Morris was the winner of 14 & Under Boys singles
- Josh Hocking was the winner of 12 & Under Boys singles

Well done boys!! Come on Girls!!

## 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 Jones on 0408 125 378. Danielle caters for private and group bookings at very reasonable rates.**

## Reports from our Playing Sections

- **Junior Tennis Report**

The home and away season came to an end on the 13<sup>th</sup> August with Tally Ho Tennis Club once again having a successful winter season with seven out of 11 teams representing the club in finals. Finals commenced on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August and were run over three weeks. Three teams made it to the Grand Final, with the B Special 1 boys rubbers and C Special 1 boys singles doubles teams being successful and the C 3 boys single doubles missing out in a tightly contested match.

A special thank you goes out to all those that have performed the role of team manager for the season. Without their help in performing such functions as establishing player and driving rosters and collection of ball money junior tennis would not be possible.

The summer season will soon be upon us, commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October and once the teams and draws have been finalised they will be displayed on the notice board. Please place this date in your diaries as it is the last Saturday of school holidays.

Another chapter ends at the conclusion of the winter season, as I will be stepping down as junior convener. Richard Morris has agreed to assume this responsibility and I am sure that all members will join me in firstly thanking him for taking on the responsibility and also wishing him all the best.

Philip Byass

**Any juniors interested in playing competition for Tally Ho should contact Philip or Danielle Jones.**

- **Mid- Week Ladies Tennis Report**

### **MEMRLTA [Tuesday]**

Winter season has recently just finished.

New season commences 6 September -- two teams have been entered.

### **WDTA [Thursday ]**

Midway on season 2 -- two teams entered.

### **Ladies Social play**

Wednesday and Friday mornings -- players are welcome to come to the Tally Ho courts at 9 am for a social hit, with lots of chat and a cuppa / morning tea for good measure!

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

- **Senior Tennis Report**

The Winter Season 2011 is nearing completion. We had 4 out of our 6 teams making the finals

These teams are A Grade 1 Men's Singles /Doubles, A Reserve 1 Men's Rubbers /Sets, B Special 1 Men's Singles /Doubles and B Grade 2 Men's Singles/ Doubles.

The Summer Season commences on the 8<sup>th</sup> October with 6 teams entered in the WDTA Saturday afternoon competition. A total of 26 players are registered in this competition.

## **CURRENT WINTER 2011 SENIOR TEAMS**

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

Michael Dance  
John Owens  
Peter Henderson  
Geoff Dance  
David Harris  
Ray Lester

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

Matt Morgan  
Scott Wilson  
Leigh Everitt  
Simon Feigl

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

Diming He  
William Wu  
Jian Zheng

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

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

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

Kevin Cai  
Kent Tsui  
Richard Gao

## **B SPECIAL 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 Season was completed at the end of June. The evening was rounded off with a most successful BBQ.

We completed a 5 week Winter 'social play' gathering which kept a small number of players 'match fit'. The week before the new competition began attracted a good crowd and all 4 courts were in use.

The Spring DRAW was again complicated to complete. We are again running with a 7 team, 5 players per team format. The first week was a WASHOUT, and enabled us to re-jig the competition and re-rank one new player. The new competition is very strong and off to a VERY competitive start. We welcome three new players: Blake Brunne (at No1) and both David Timms and Tiziano Barberi (No 5s). All have acquitted themselves most competitively.

Any club member who might be interested in playing on Tuesday Night,, please contact Rob Philipp (0411 343 181) or Howard Brown (9803 3966). We will be delighted to add you to the Emergency list. We will arrange a time for you to come down for a hit to determine your standard for selection purposes.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES:**

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 current Season's Competition.

A minor problem with the Night Lights timing mechanism on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August was rectified by Matt Pollard from Pulse Lighting. All systems are now back on track.

### **WHY NOT PLAY UNDER LIGHTS! – THE NIGHTS ARE GETTING WARMER**

**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 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 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

## Membership

### Is your Membership Renewal Fee Outstanding?

If you have not paid your membership fees you should recently have received a reminder renewal in your mail.

If you are not renewing your membership please send an email to our membership secretary, Mark Ditchfield at [tallyhotennis@hotmail.com](mailto:tallyhotennis@hotmail.com) advising him of your resignation if you have not already advised him.

If you are renewing your membership please pay the outstanding fees as soon as possible. There is a considerable amount of work involved with membership renewals and Mark would like to finalise this urgently.

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 downloadable from Tally Ho website [www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc](http://www.tennis.com.au/tallyhotc).

## Maintenance Matters

### Court Water Sweepers

Recently all the serviceable water sweepers for the courts have had the rubber inserts adjusted. However the problems with them have only been caused by people pressing down on the handles far too hard. Simply walk the sweepers along. There is no need to push down and most of the water will be swept along.

### Rollers

All the available rollers have also been repaired, and it's a similar situation to the sweepers. There is no need to press down too hard as they are moved across a court. Gentle pressure near the courtside drains will squeeze out some of the water leaving it absorbent enough for the next pass. The way the roller inserts are now made, excessive pressure will crack and break the ends of the internal plastic tube and they cannot be repaired once that happens. The rollers should really only be used to mop up after the water sweepers, and not for trying to remove large amounts of water from the courts. Please take care with this equipment and it will do what it's designed to do!!!

### Front gate

Ball-bearing pulleys have been installed this week which should make a big difference in helping the gate to close properly. But members still need to be vigilant and make sure the gate does actually close properly whenever you leave.

This section is titled 'Maintenance Matters'. Maintenance does matter!! **BUT** it helps to know if a problem arises. If you see something that needs attention, please ring me on 9887 9367 where you can leave a message if I am out, or email me at: [gin78205@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gin78205@bigpond.net.au) and I will try to attend to the problem as soon as I can. If I'm unaware of things that go wrong I can't fix them, so please don't hesitate to let me know.

Graeme Inglis

## Thursday Afternoon Social Gents' Tennis

We have a regular small group who enjoy a social hit of 2 or 3 sets commencing about 2pm each Thursday.

An extra few players would be made very welcome to help with the rotation and, if necessary, some rest time.

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

## Second hand Tennis Nets

The Club still has a few second hand nets to give away to a needy cause. If you would like to express interest in obtaining one or more of these, please contact our Maintenance Officer - Graeme Inglis.

## Social Events

Your committee is always thinking of ways to get members together for a social cause. A recent trivia night was a success and may lead to future similar evenings.

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

## 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 will be in attendance to operate the bar at all times.

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. Soft drinks can be obtained from the bar, or when it is not open, the Coca Cola drinks machine is always available.

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.

## Weekend Court Use and People Waiting to Play

The most popular time for a hit of tennis continues to be Sunday afternoons. Busy times mean people are sometimes waiting for a court, so please be considerate and limit your game time or join up with others to play doubles. Warmer months are coming and tennis popularity will skyrocket, especially with the Australian Open coming up.

**Committee members regularly monitor activity particularly on weekends and carry out membership/visitor fee checks from time to time, so make sure your membership is paid up and visitors fees paid for before play.**

## Security

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

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**. Do not use them outside of this purpose.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 by either e-mail, write to committee or call any of our committee..

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.

Until next time, enjoy your tennis at Tally Ho!