

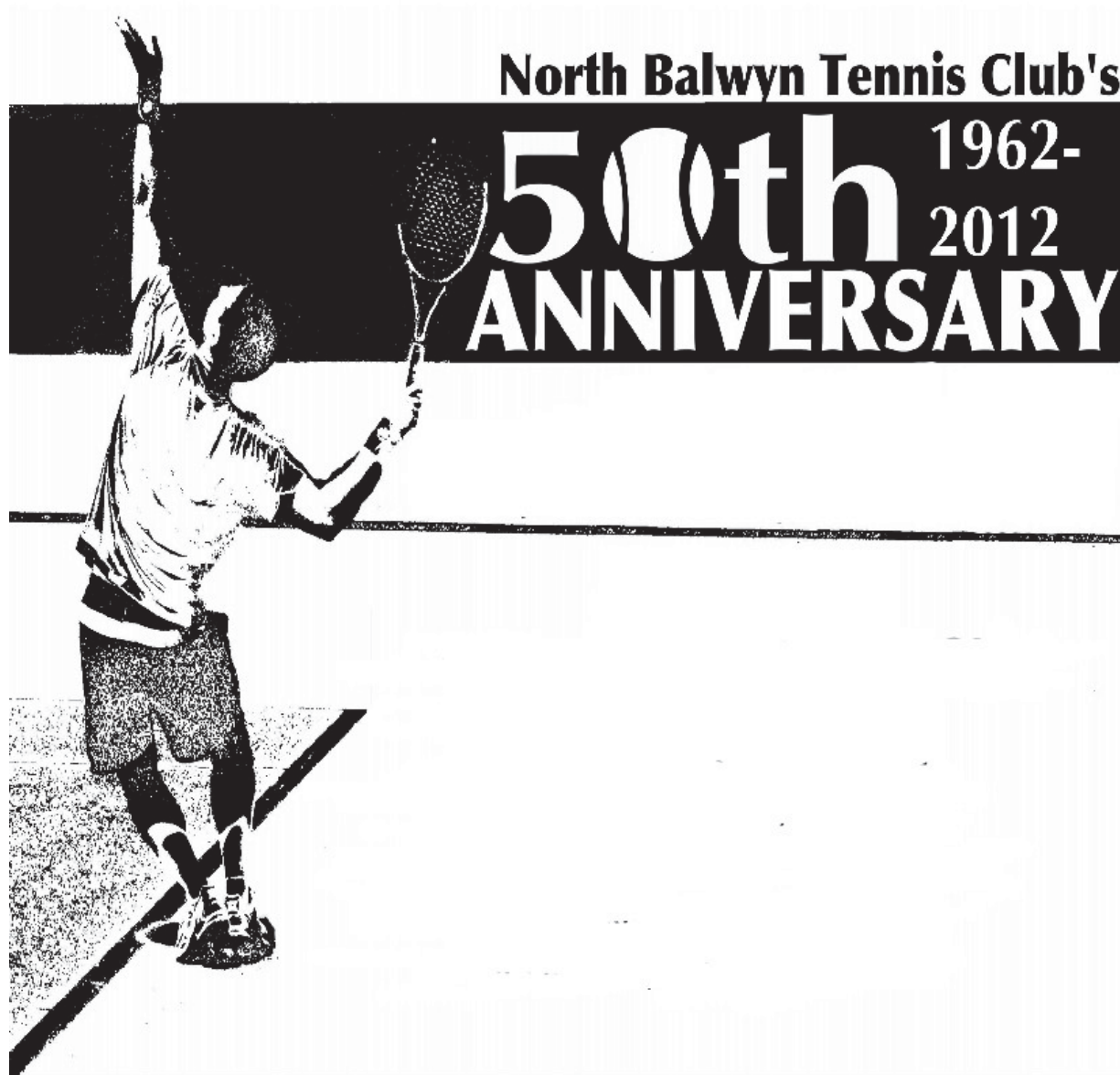


**North
Balwyn Club
Tennis**



Christmas Newsletter

December 2012



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As 2012 winds down to the holiday season, NBTC continues to thrive as a club and to provide a healthy outlet and set of activities for a few hundred of us who love tennis. At the annual general meeting held a few weeks ago, we reported the financial and other outcomes of the past year to members and are now joined on the club committee by two new members: welcome to Lucia Lattanzio and Frank Crombie!

The club is going well, in every way. Membership numbers are up 10% which is very encouraging. We have signed a long term contract with our coaches, and we have a good group of juniors coming through and playing competition and social tennis, in addition to the many student and adult members who use our facilities.

It's too early to get excited, but we have had an initial indication from Boroondara Council that we are on their radar for a significant investment in our clubhouse in 2014. That would make our club even more attractive to new and existing members. In the meantime, its great to see and participate in social and competition tennis, and the social side of being a member of our fine club, as we come to the end of our 50th year of operations.

I want to ask one favour of all of you: please sweep the PolyClay courts regularly as you use them, and please water the en-tout-cas courts thoroughly after every set, especially during the summer! They need it.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members and their families and of course, we wish you happy tennis, from your NBTC committee.

Danny Samson, President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 51st Annual General Meeting of North Balwyn Tennis Club was held on Sunday 11th November 2012 at the clubhouse at 6.00 pm. Drinks and nibbles were provided at 5.00 pm and we were delighted to see some of our Life Members there to share in the celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Two new committee members were elected, Lucia Lattanzio and Frank Crombie. Both have recently joined the club and it is great to see some new faces on the committee.



Life Members: Peter McCaw, Rhonda McCaw, Hugh Batten, Bruce Wardrop, Ivan Dyring, Val Wall and Bob Giddings

THE COMMITTEE 2012/2013

Danny Samson	President
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Senior Vice-President</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Junior Vice-President</i>
Tony Barton	Secretary and Public Officer
Rowena Sheung	Treasurer
Peter McCaw	Membership Secretary
Graham Besley	Maintenance Co-ordinator

Andrew Halford	Junior Organiser (joint)
Stuart Brown	Junior Organiser (joint)
Rhonda McCaw	Committee Member
Kaye Clarke	Committee Member
Peter Moran	Committee Member
Lucia Lattanzio	Committee Member
Frank Crombie	Committee Member
Ross Davies	Committee Member

Theo Mitsinikos Honorary Auditor

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 2013/2014

At the AGM a modest increase in subscriptions was adopted. An email containing the subscription renewal form will be sent to members in early March to inform them that subscriptions are due 1st April 2013. Those not on the email list will receive their renewal form by post. The Committee would appreciate members paying their subscriptions promptly.

Adult	\$220.00	Nomination fee	\$50.00
Student	\$140.00	Nomination fee	\$50.00
Junior	\$140.00	Nomination fee	\$50.00
Restricted	\$140.00	Nomination fee	\$50.00
Maximum Family fee	\$500.00	Nomination fee	\$50.00
Non-playing	\$25.00		

COMPETITION FEES

The annual subscription fee at NBTC includes the cost of all tennis balls for competition play and access to good used balls for organised social play. The other costs associated with competition play, Association fees and team entry fees have been increasing and the committee some years ago decided not to increase the annual subscription fee but to cover this increase by introducing a “competition fee” of \$10 per season per member of senior competition teams. This fee is collected by captains and offsets the extra costs associated with playing competition. This fee does not apply to junior competition. We ask that competition players give this fee promptly to their captains at the beginning of each season. The fee is capped at \$40 per year per member.

LOOKING AFTER OUR CLUB

It has come to the attention of the Committee that on a number of occasions recently the club has been left unlocked and the clubhouse in a deplorably untidy state. We depend on members and their guests to look after the club. The kitchen should be left clean and all items washed, dried and put away. If any of the bins are full, especially the recycle bin, then please empty them into the outside bins next to the water tanks. Extra garbage bags are stored in the kitchen in the lowest drawer. Socialising after tennis is fine but we don't want the clubhouse smelling like the local hotel. Also, the club's Liquor Licence is restricted and on week nights no alcohol is allowed to be consumed on the premise after 9.30 pm. See the article following for more details. If the last to leave the clubhouse, please ensure all lights and fans are off and the clubhouse locked. The security gate should be locked as well. It is gratifying to know that vandalism at the club has declined since this security fence was erected.

We request all members to take personal responsibility for the security and state of the clubhouse and remind others of their obligations if they notice anything amiss.

Here is a poem that seems to reflect an unfortunate attitude that we would like to change.....

Whose job is it?

There was a job to be done,
Everybody was sure somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it,
But nobody did.
Somebody got angry about that,
Because it was Everybody's job.
Everybody thought Anybody could do it,
But nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.
So Everybody blamed Somebody,
When Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AT OUR CLUB

NBTC has a restricted Liquor Licence. It is very specific about when and where alcohol can be consumed on the premises and we must comply. Alcohol may be consumed in the clubhouse and surrounds but definitely not on any of the courts. We expect members and their friends to act in a responsible way at all times. Here are the allowed times for alcohol consumption at NBTC.

Monday to Thursday	12 noon – 9.30 pm
Friday and Saturday	4.30 pm – 11.00 pm
Sunday	12 noon – 8.00 pm

CLUB CAPS FOR SALE

We still have a few club caps available at \$10 each. Please ring Rhonda on 98172940 if you wish to purchase one.



FIRST AID KIT AVAILABLE

In the case of an injury to a player or guest at the club, there is a first aid kit available for treating minor injuries. The first aid kit is kept in the gardener's shed at the rear of the clubhouse and, on the noticeboard, there is a list of club members who have a key to the shed. If a major accident happens, please call 000 for medical assistance.

NO SMOKING AREAS EXTENDED

At the December 2011 committee meeting, the committee discussed the issue of smoking on the club grounds and it was agreed that in addition to the clubhouse, the no smoking area was extended to include the porch and courts 1-8.

This year the City of Boroondara has adopted a new Local Law regarding Smoke-free Areas on Council owned land. There are new smoke-free areas across all Council owned land and property.

This means that there is NO SMOKING in the following areas:

- within ten metres of children's playground equipment, barbeques and picnic tables
- **within ten metres of organised activities taking place at sporting fields, sporting facilities and playing fields on Council-controlled land**
- within five metres of an entrance to a municipal building
- within five metres of taxi ranks and public transport stops located on Council-controlled land
- at events organised or sponsored by Council

All clubs will soon receive a Smoke-free Areas kit with posters, stickers and flyers for their clubrooms.

Signs informing residents of the ban will be erected by Council officers, near sports and playing fields, playgrounds and other designated smoke-free areas.

For more information visit: [City of Boroondara's Smoke-free Area Law](#)

As NBTC is situated on Council land this Local Law applies to our club.

DOGS AT NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB

Any person bringing a dog to the club must ensure that it is restrained on a leash at all times and does not disturb or upset any club members or visitors to the club. Dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

It has been a busy 6 months with lots of small items being addressed. Some key issues were;

- Courts continue to be in good shape. We lost a lot of en-tout -cas on courts 1 &2 in high winds but this was successfully repaired.
- Thanks to members for bagging courts 3 to 6 more frequently. I am sure this will help to maximise the court life expectancy.
- We continue to have random court light failures which is a large expense, typically costing around \$400 per light failure to repair.
- Have finally been able to fix the loose net anchor posts on courts 3 to 6.
- External shade cloth has been installed on the western windows for the summer period. It seems to make a noticeable difference.
- We have had a roof leak above the gents toilet that has resulted in rotting in the wall between the urinal and disabled toilet. The roof leak has been repaired and we shall look at doing some repairs in the new year after Council has inspected the area. We are aware that this is less than satisfactory at the moment.

We now have the issue of not wanting to invest in expensive repairs, good external blinds etc due to the limited life of the current clubhouse building.

My thanks to those members that have assisted with maintenance activities this year. Your support is always valued.

Graham Besley, Maintenance Co-ordinator

TENNIS MATTERS COACHING REPORT

This year at Tennis Matters we have expanded with more squad sessions and have seen a rise in the private coaching of juniors eager to improve as quickly as possible. This includes several, more elite tournament players competing in many tournaments in an attempt to consistently improve their ranking. Our group lesson and peeWee numbers have remained steady. We have recently received more enquiries on par with more sun! We are eagerly bracing ourselves for term 1 2013 as we expect a surge of keen players wanting to improve their skills around the buzz of the Australian Open.

Tennis Matters recently had the opportunity to align with the Australian Tennis Professional Coaches Association (ATPCA). We are now the Victorian course presenter for the ATPCA, conducting Graduate Level 1 & Advanced Level 2 coach training courses. More simply put, we were selected on our experience to train up coaches! This has been an exciting new venture which has already been positive for the club in terms of coaching discussion with some of its regular playing members.

We thank our assistants Michael Cooper, Michael Oaten, and Rachael McKendrick for their efforts in helping create an enjoyable coaching environment for all of our players.

Stuart and I look forward to catching up with everyone early next year!

TENNIS MATTERS

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COMPETITION REPORTS

Junior Tennis Competition

Association	Junior Boys/Girls/Mixed	Day	Season	Section	Pennants
ERT	Boys Singles/Doubles	Saturday	Winter	8	R/Up
		Saturday	Winter	10	S/F
		Saturday	Winter	16	Won
		Saturday	Winter	20	
		Saturday	Winter	21 Green	S/F
		Saturday	Winter	21 Blue	
	Girls Singles/Doubles	Saturday	Winter	1	
		Saturday	Winter	4	Won
		Saturday	Winter	6 Green	
		Saturday	Winter	6 Blue	
	Open Rubbers	Saturday	Winter	2	
ERT	Boys Singles/Doubles	Sunday	Winter	3	S/F
		Sunday	Winter	4	Won
		Sunday	Winter	5	
	Girls Singles/Doubles	Sunday	Winter	2	S/F

Senior Tennis Competition

Association	Jun/Sen/Vet	Day	Name	Season	Section	Position on ladder	Pennants
MEMRLTA	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Winter	A4	7	
	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Winter	A10	1	LOST S/F
EDWTA	Senior Ladies	Wednesday		Winter	5	3	LOST S/F
WDTA	Senior Ladies	Thursday		Season 2	A Reserve 1	1	WON G/F 5/1
MMTA	Vet Mens	Thursday	Lions	Spring	3	5	
			Tigers	Spring	4	1	WON G/F 4/2
BDNTA	Senior Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	Spring	3	7	
Night	Senior Ladies	Monday	Raq Paq	Spring	6	8	
	Senior Open	Monday	Serves You Right	Spring	4	4	LOST S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	Spring	9	2	LOST G/F 1/5
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Yackers	Spring	10	2	LOST S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Champion Chokers	Spring	13	1	LOST S/F
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	Spring	4	1	WON G/F 4/2
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Racketeers	Spring	6	2	WON G/F 5/1
	Senior Open	Thursday	Scorpions	Spring	1	3	LOST S/F
	Senior Open	Thursday	Immigrants	Spring	5	3	LOST S/F
Pennant TV	Men's Grade 3	Saturday		2012	3	5	
	Men's Grade 8	Saturday		2012	2	2	LOST S/F
	Men's Grade 10	Saturday		2012	3	5	
	Women's Grade 5	Sunday		2012	3	8	
ERT	Senior Open	Saturday		Winter	4	3	LOST S/F
	Senior Open	Saturday		Winter	5	3	LOST S/F
	Senior Open	Saturday		Winter	10	4	LOST S/F

Congratulations to all winning teams. What a successful season for North Balwyn Tennis Club teams, both Junior and Senior!

Below are two teams that sent in photos.



WDTA Midweek Ladies A Reserve 1 Grand Final Winners!

The team consisted of Sheryl Kerwick, Susan McLaughlin, Jane Cash and Judy Davies (in the picture) and Rhonda McCaw, Eva Bettiol and Susan Martin.

BDNTA Night tennis
competition
Wednesday Open
Section 6 Grand Final
Winners!



The Racketeers won their grand final playing Wednesday night Open Section 6. Success in their first season with North Balwyn Tennis Club is quite an achievement. This team consisted of Peter Smith (captain) Peter Karlson, Peter Karn, Peter Cargin, Mike Wells, Jeff Magrath and George Krithis.

MIDWEEK SOCIAL TENNIS REPORT

The weather has been particularly kind to us this year, with play on very few days prevented because of rain. Rowena's excellent management of the ball cupboard ensures that we always have good balls available. However, attendance at mid week social tennis has declined over the past six months or so mainly due to health issues of our participants. However, those able to attend continue to greatly enjoy the tennis and the social interaction and we are very fortunate to belong to a tennis club which provides us with this opportunity. We had our Christmas Party on December 13th and about 20 present and former players attended. We hope we can attract more players in the near future to join our Tuesday and Thursday playing sessions.

Bruce Holloway, Organised Social Tennis Co-ordinator

SOCIAL NEWS

HENRY DUTKOWSKI'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Our oldest playing member Henry Dutkowski celebrated his 90th birthday at the club on Thursday on 13th September 2012. All his tennis friends gathered for morning tea and birthday cake in the clubhouse

For the 50th Anniversary book being put together Henry has contributed this account of his life at NBTC.

“I was vetted on a social day by Lorraine, who decided that I was good enough to join the club. The membership secretary Diana Simondson accepted this recommendation and enrolled me in 1985. I was always very keen to play social tennis, usually 2 or 3 times a week. I used to keep records of my results – my diary figures for October/November 1988 show I played 50 sets with the following results: 25 wins – 150 to 71 games and 25 losses – 93 to 150 games. In 1992 our club joined EMMWTA Thursday veterans group which, over the years, expanded considerably. I took part in those competitions and collected proudly the trophies:

- 1992 – Summer Minor winner
- 1993 – Summer Section 2 R/U
- 1994 – Winter Section 2 R/U
- 1995 – Summer Section 3 R/U
- 1996 – Summer Section 3 R/U

In 1996 I became treasurer of the club, the position I kept for six years until 2002. It goes without saying that I enjoyed the company and social life of the Club. But having reached the venerable age of 90 I was obliged to give up playing tennis, something that gave me many unforgettable days of pleasure. The special celebration of my 90th birthday was particularly touching with so many of the present and former tennis partners who were present. The photos, so professionally produced by Christa Schlifelner, are a nice souvenir of this occasion.”



Group photo of Henry (second from left, front row) and his tennis friends

Below is the lovely cake, donated by the club for this occasion and purchased by Bruce Holloway, Convenor of Midweek social tennis.



TENNIS SENIORS VICTORIA AT NBTC

19th AUGUST 2012

Tennis Seniors Victoria aims to provide a safe and welcoming community environment in which to promote tennis as an enjoyable and healthy sport for all seniors aged 35+. TSV values good sportmanship; friendship; the development of tennis skills in the community and the provision of a safe sporting and social community environment. All levels of play are catered for from Social Round Robins, Australian Teams Events and International Tennis Federation Tournaments. (Information taken from their Information Pamphlet found at www.tennisseniorsvictoria.com.au.)

On 19th August this year NBTC hosted the Tennis Seniors Victoria Round Robin. This event is put on once a month with the venue changing. People came from as far away as Frankston and Moe!

The cost was \$12 for the day, \$10 if a member of NBTC.

The event was organised by Dick Bartley and Peter Moran (from NBTC), assisted by Angela Moran and Kaye Clarke (also from NBTC). It started at 1 pm with winners announced at 4.30 pm. Mens, Mixed and Ladies sections were offered. Refreshments were provided.

Thirty-five people attended and all 8 courts were used. The weather was DRY and no wind, perfect for tennis. This was the second year NBTC has hosted this event and it is expected to continue to do so in coming years.

Seniors Tennis
Victoria Round Robin



ANNUAL GOLF DAY

A social golf day at Yarrambat Golf Course for members and friends was held on Sunday 18th November. Stuart Brown organised the two person Ambrose event with a meal included at the golf club afterwards. The winners were Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown with a stroke score of 72, off a handicap of 7.5.



2013 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club Championships will be held on the two weekends between the Labour Day weekend and Easter next year.

Friday night 15th March, Saturday 16th March and Sunday 17th March
Friday night 22nd March, Saturday 23rd March and Sunday 24th March.

They will be run by our coaches Andrew and Stuart and we encourage all members to have some fun and test your abilities against your peers!

VALE FAY CRUMP (LIFE MEMBER)

The Crump family became members of the North Balwyn Tennis Club in the late 1960s. Fay was a keen competitor and played Saturday afternoon competition in the ESTA. She also enjoyed many seasons of Tuesday Ladies competition in the Heidelberg District Tennis Association competition and was known to encourage young members to do their best.

Fay's club championship achievements included being the Ladies Singles Champion in 1965, the first year NBTC held Club Championships. She also won the Ladies doubles with Gwen Cresswell in 1966 and with her husband, Laurie won the mixed doubles in 1965, 1970, 1972 and 1976.

She took on the role of looking after membership from the very early days of the club and kept a very close eye on things. When the membership grew and new name boards were added she would take it upon herself to hammer in the nails to hang the boards. She printed and placed the names on the boards and always ensured this was completed in strict alphabetical order. Every time she entered the clubhouse it was straight to the boards to check on them. Another role was the responsibility for purchasing trophies for the club championships. Fay always put thought and considerable consideration into each of them. In 1974 the position of Junior Organiser was formalised on the Committee. Fay held this position and worked tirelessly with 220 juniors, a huge task. She was helped by the appointment of Brian Lord as Supervisor of activities on Saturday mornings.

Fay was a dedicated and tireless worker for the club and for her efforts she was awarded Life Membership in 1986.

In 1998 Fay retired from tennis due to failing eyesight. The club members who knew her were very sad to hear of her death on 14th September 2012.



Fay Crump with Margaret Hall

VALE JACK MAY

17-11-1925 to 10-08-2012

Born John Bernard May on 17th November 1925 in Sydney, he married Patricia in 1957 and had four children Michelle, Jon, Martin and Rodney. He worked as Spalding's NSW state manager until 1967 when he was offered the Spalding Managing Director's position in Melbourne.

He was a talented tennis player who won over 200 tennis titles in Australia. He won the Sydney Singles Championship 13 times, the Sydney Doubles Championship 11 times and also won the Northern Singles and Doubles Championships over 10 times each. Over his tennis career he won titles beating Don Candy, Ken Rosewall, Frank Sedgman and John Newcombe. He was President of the Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation and a members of the Victorian Tennis Association.

He joined NBTC and made many long lasting friendships here. His name is displayed on the Club Championships honourboards, during the mid 1970s. He won the Mens Doubles seven times with Ian Huntington, and the Mixed Doubles once with Patsy Cooke and three times with Margaret Hall.

In 1973 Jack was responsible for getting Pancho Gonzales to come along for an exhibiton match at NBTC against an ex-Australian champion Dinny Pails.

Sadly he died in August 2012 and members of NBTC were represented at his funeral.



VALE KEVIN WALSH

In October this year we had the great misfortune to lose club member and Tuesday night player Kevin Walsh. Kevin passed away while hospitalised after an attack of pancreatitis. His unexpected death was a shock to his family and everyone who knew him.

Kevin loved his tennis as a teenager but we have to thank Joe Iacopino for introducing his brother-in-law to the club. Kevin joined with Joe and his two nephews Paul and Joseph to make the Tuesday night team the Yackers. They started in section 13 in winter 2009 and won the flag for this section summer 2009.

All who played tennis with Kevin appreciated his evenness of temper and gentle nature despite possessing a very competitive spirit. While he could “annoy” some of his team mates by wanting to play down the order, rather than be the number one player where he belonged, there was no doubting his team spirit. He was a tactician who liked to outthink his opponent, but was always gracious in defeat or victory.

He is greatly missed.

The club pays tribute to Kevin Walsh.



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GETTING THE CLUB NEWS

As we only have the Club newsletter sent out twice a year, we need other ways to keep our members informed of club events and key decisions made by the committee. There are a number of ways this is done. Firstly, the monthly committee minutes are posted on the Social noticeboard. Secondly, regular emails are sent out to those members who have registered their emails with us and thirdly, these emails are copied and displayed on the general noticeboard and the fridge in the kitchen. We encourage all members to be on the email address list. It is the most effective and quickest way for us to communicate club matters to you. If you wish to be added to the address list, send your email address along with your name, to **northbalwyntc@yahoo.com.au**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The NBTC committee would like to thank all those who contributed articles for the newsletter.

Editor: Rhonda McCaw

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our club?

Why not pass on this newsletter after you have read it, or direct them to our website:

Our website address is: www.northbalwyntc.org.au

Web site news: The Club owns the domain name northbalwyntc.org.au registered with the company Melbourne IT costing \$22 per year. We have web forwarding as part of the service so that the url <http://northbalwyntc.org.au/> takes you to the web site which is still hosted (for no charge) by Vicnet (a division of the State Library of Victoria: <http://www.vicnet.net.au/>) so our web site is still at <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nbtc/> . Tennis Victoria web page hosting is an alternative, but up to the present the Vicnet service seems to be working reliably and is easy to use. According to the Vicnet web counter the hits on our web site steadily increased to about 1,000 per month over the last couple of years, but in the last few months have declined back to about 700-900 per month. If you have any advice on our web site, organisation, content etc. please email me tonybarts@gmail.com.

Tony Barton, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

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