

# North Balwyn Tennis Club



**Newsletter**

**June 2017**



## **President's Report - Graham Besley**

A warm hello to all members. I hope you are enjoying your tennis even though the temperatures are falling and we are tempted to stay indoors and watch the grand slams on TV.

Your committee have been actively managing a number of issues over the past six months. One important activity is the requirement to address the way we manage child safety at the Club. Following from the various Government inquiries into Child abuse allegations, new legislation was enacted that requires all Victorian organisations that provide services to children (i.e. young people under the age of 18) to meet seven compulsory standards. The aim of these standards is to embed a culture of child safety within the organisation.

These standards include establishing a policy that commits the Club to child safety, development of codes of conduct for all members and visitors, appropriate screening and training of key personnel, processes to encourage and handle complaints of suspected child abuse and strategies to reduce risks and promote empowerment of children. A draft policy has been established and this has been placed onto the Club website.

I encourage members (including Junior members) to read this document and provide feedback to the committee (details are on the website). Forms of harm or abuse includes physical, sexual, emotional, verbal and neglect.

At this stage our two Junior Co-ordinators (Coaches) are the focal point for raising any concerns re child abuse, however we are also seeking for one or two other members (preferably female for gender balance purposes) to volunteer to also be a "child safe go to" person re any future concerns or complaints.

As other details of our code of conduct and other processes are

developed, more information will be provided on a noticeboard in the Clubhouse and on the Club's website.

The Committee believes the club facilities are in excellent shape, however we continue to make improvements. An automatic sprinkler system has been installed on courts 7&8 which will provide an adjunct to hand watering in the hotter months. Adequate watering is the key to achieving the longevity of the en tout cas surface. Work on a new sprinkler system for courts 1&2 will also be completed before next summer.

Demand for night tennis has increased in recent years and we are applying to council for a planning permit to install new lights on courts 5&6. This application has taken some time due to complexities with the land titles covering the site. We plan to use LED technology which will significantly reduce power consumption and eliminate maintenance costs. This will be a significant project and we have been seeking grant opportunities to assist finances.

Friday night twilight social tennis is a standard fixture that is shared between 4 clubs in the area. I encourage members who are looking for more play and wishing to meet other players to take part. The format of play is "fast 4" which means short sets and you get to play with more people on the night. Refer to the website for more details.

We had a successful Club Championships in March and I congratulate the winners and all who participated and had some fun. I also thank those members who organised the event and made it possible.

On behalf of the Committee, I thank our members for their ongoing support and commitment to the Club and care of our facilities.

Graham Besley, President

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Club membership is a little less than this time last year with a greater number of members not renewing to date. For those members who have renewed, thank you very much.

For those who haven't but who wish to continue using the Club, I have to report that, unless you have made specific payment commitments with me, any access card you hold has been de-activated. Your card will, of course, be re-activated once a subscription payment is received. However, until such time, you have no right of access to or usage of the Club facilities. If you have chosen not to renew membership, I would appreciate it if you could confirm this by email, and by simply dropping your card into the Club letterbox.

For new members this year, we welcome you and trust that you have a long and enjoyable association with the Club.

With respect to the electronic access card system, please remember that the front gate should be kept locked, except for specific times when an influx of non members is anticipated such as when opposition teams are arriving. The practice of propping or tying the gate open at other times is prohibited.

If you have any queries please contact me.

Peter McCaw, Membership Secretary 9817 2940

### **Kaye Clarke 55 years membership**

Kaye Clarke has ended her membership of the Club after 55 years beginning in 1962 when she was a founding member who leafletted local streets for the establishment of the tennis club. Over the years Kaye has been a participant in many of the

competitions including more recently Monday night BDNTA and mid-week MEMRLTA. Kaye has been a Committee member and an active social committee helper. She authored with Rhonda McCaw the “Celebrating 50 Years” anniversary book. In the early days of NBTC Kaye was involved in most aspects of the club - social, competitive both weekend and weekday and junior competition when her three children were participating. Kaye says it is the members who “make a club” and over the years she has met many wonderful people, many she counts as friends to this day. We wish Kaye well in her “retirement” from tennis.



*Kaye Clarke in the old clubhouse*

## COMPETITION REPORTS

### JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The 2016/17 ERT Junior Summer season had 17 teams entered (14 on Saturday, 3 on Sunday). Ten of the 17 made it into the finals. Seven of these lost at the semi-final, one at the Grand Final, with two, Sat Rubbers 19 Green and Sunday Girls 4, winning the Grand Final. All players are to be congratulated on their participation and sportsmanship in the season completed.

For this Winter season we have 11 teams on Saturday, 3 on Sunday.



*Summer Season premiers for Sunday Section 4 Girls : left to right  
Serena, Marissa, Annie, Vivian & Tallulah*

## **SENIOR COMPETITON REPORTS**

### **ERT Seniors Saturday Afternoon**

We finished the 2016/17 summer season with two of six teams in the finals and the other four teams all finishing fifth. Our Singles/Doubles 2 team finished fourth and were comfortably beaten in the semi final while our Open Sets 5 team finished comfortably on top of the ladder and went on to win the semi final and grand final by convincing margins. Members of the flag winning team were Garry Basinski, Arthur Cox, Frank Crombie, Nick Longo and Jeff Magrath.

For the 2017 winter season we are fielding three Open Sets teams in sections 3, 4 and 7 as well as a Singles/Doubles team in section 3. Close to the halfway mark of the season the Open Sets 3 team is well on top of the ladder and hopes are high for another flag. Open Sets 7 and Singles/Doubles 3 are on the edge of the four but Open Sets 4 are struggling. Hopefully these three teams will improve their ladder position over the remainder of the season.

Please note that the entry sheet for the 2017/18 summer season will be posted on the noticeboard in mid July in time for entries to be submitted to ERT by early September. We are always looking for new players. If you might be interested and would like more information, please feel free to ring me on 9817 2940.

Peter McCaw, ERT senior coordinator

### **PENNANT**

Pennant Grade 6 - Section 4 in 2016 finished 4th and lost in semi-final to Parkwood. This year they are again Grade 6 - Section 4 and at Round 8 of 14 they sit 4th on the ladder.

## MIDWEEK COMPETITIONS

### MEMRLTA (Tuesday Ladies)

Two teams were entered last season in Section 3 and 9 and continue this season in Sections 3 and 10. Section 9 made the finals in 3<sup>rd</sup> place but lost the semi-final. The team will play Section 10 this season

### Tuesday Ladies Section 3

Our team this season consists of Yana Barton, Mel Katopodis,



*Rhonda McCaw, Rowena Sheung, Mel Katopodis and Yana Barton*

Penny Graham, Sarah Shan, Rhonda McCaw and Rowena Sheung (captain). Trish Arthur played for us last season but due to travel plans, she is taking a break this season.

We have had a good track record in A3. Last season, we finished second on the ladder and made it to the Grand Final. Although



we made a great effort, the top team were too strong for us and we were Runner's-Up for A3.

This season has been a bit more challenging for us. We're still playing in A3, however there are new teams that have joined our section – some originally from A2 – which has lifted the quality of tennis significantly. Halfway through the season we have only managed to get three wins, but we're enjoying the challenge and we're determined to improve our record in the second half of the season.

We would especially like to thank Ansha Li, our previous teammate who helped play for us on May 30. We would also like to give a special thanks to Christine Turnbull who helped play for us on June 6 & 13.

### **MMTA (Thursday Veterans)**

Thursday Veterans (Metro Masters or MMTA) had 5 teams in the Autumn 2017 season, but no flags were won this time. The Spring Season starts Thursday 3th August with team entries closing 30th June.

### **Night Tennis Competition (BDNTA)**

Autumn 2017 season: 7 of 11 teams made the finals, 5 got to the GF, 1 won the GF (Wednesday OS6):

Monday: Ladies Section 4 finished 6th, OS3 5th

Tuesday: OS3 finished 2nd defeated in GF, OS8 finished 2nd defeated in GF, OS13 top but defeated in GF

Wednesday: OS1 finished 2nd, lost GF by 2 games, OS4 finished 2nd lost SF by one game, OS6 finished top and won GF comfortably

Thursday: SD3 one team 4th, lost SF, other team 5th. OS5 finished 6th.

For the Spring season 2017 starting the week of 24th July we have entered 13 teams.

## SENIOR COMPETITION RESULTS SUMMARY

Association	Senior/Vet	Day	Team Name	Season	Section	Position on Ladder	Pennant
MEMRLTA	Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	3	2nd	Runner up
	Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	9	3rd	lost SF
EDWTA	Ladies	Wed		Season 1	5	5th	
WDTA	Ladies	Thursday		Season 1	A Grade 1	8th	
MMTA	Veterans	Thursday		Autumn	1	6th	
		Thursday	Veneto	Autumn	2	4th	no semi
		Thursday	Lions	Autumn	2	10th	
		Thursday	Tigers	Autumn	3	6th	
		Thursday	Jaguars	Autumn	4	8th	
BDNTA	Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	Autumn	4	6th	
	Open	Monday	Pumpkin Eaters	Autumn	3	5th	
	Open	Tuesday	Scorpions	Autumn	3	2nd	Runner up
	Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	Autumn	8	2nd	Runner up
	Open	Tuesday	Chokers	Autumn	13	1st	Runner up
	Open	Wed	SorryPham	Autumn	1	2nd	Runner up
	Open	Wed	Racketeers	Autumn	4	2nd	lost SF
	Open	Wed	Kirin	Autumn	6	1st	Premiers
	S/D	Thursday	ABTA	Autumn	3	4th	lost SF
	S/D	Thursday	Flotsam	Autumn	3	5th	
	Open	Thursday	Ad Ins	Autumn	5	6th	
ERT	Senior Open Sets	Saturday		Summer	OS5	1st	Premiers
	Senior Open Sets	Saturday		Summer	OS7	5th	
	Senior Open Sets	Saturday		Summer	OS9	5th	
	Senior S/D	Saturday		Summer	SD 2	4th	Lost S/F
	Senior S/D	Saturday		Summer	SD 3	5th	
	Senior S/D	Saturday		Summer	SD 8	5th	

## JUNIOR COMPETITION RESULTS SUMMARY

Association	Season	Day	Section	Team	Position on Ladder	Pennants
ERT	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 1		8th	
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 2		7th	
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 8		2nd	Lost S/F
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 9		2nd	Lost S/F
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 11		5th	
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 14	Blue	3rd	Lost S/F
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 14	Green	4th	Lost S/F
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 15	Blue	4th	Lost S/F
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 15	Green	8th	
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 19	Green	1st	Premiers
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Rubbers 19	Blue	5th	
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Boys 9		2nd	Lost Final
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Boys 11		4th	Lost S/F
	Summer	Saturday	Sat Girls 1		5th	
	Summer	Sunday	Sun Boys 2		5th	
	Summer	Sunday	Sun Girls 3		3rd	Lost S/F
	Summer	Sunday	Sun Girls 4		1st	Premiers

## ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NBTC Club Championships were held in March with the final day on Sunday 26th March. There were 114 event entries from a total of 86 players which is pretty amazing considering that many clubs have given up running club championships. David Rehe, Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown and Don Jinnette are congratulated on running a very successful championships.

## 2017 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Boy's 14 & Under Singles	Roy Chalmers
Boy's 18 & Under Singles	Aaron Cartledge
Men's Open Singles	Andrew Halford
Women's Open Singles	Fiona Medina
Boy's 18 & Under Doubles	Jack Bianco & Andy Han
Men's Open Doubles	Sam Ip & Shing Yue Sheung
Boys 14 & Under Doubles	Adryan Lim & Ocean Xie
Girl's 18 & Under Singles	Philippa Rehe
Girls 14 & Under Singles	Tallulah Campbell
Open Mixed Doubles	Marty Ip & Georgia Burt
Women's Open Doubles	Susan Mclaughlin & Sheryl Summons
Girls 14 & Under Doubles	Julia Mclean & Gemma Watson



There were entries also for  
Girl's 18 & Under Doubles  
Men's 50+ Doubles and  
Parent/Child Doubles

## **Eighty Plus and Going Strong**



*L-R : Kurt Sturmer, Prof Bruce Holloway, Rudi Vuk*

I am sure you have heard of the saying: “Tennis is a sport for life”. It’s amazing how people can start tennis as early as three years old and can be played competitively right up to your eighties and beyond. Four of our active members have proved this statement. Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, as early as 8:15am, you will find Kurt Sturmer, Terry Shelden, Bruce Holloway, and

Rudi Vuk at the club playing a match of competitive social tennis. Let’s take a closer look at these players and what makes them formidable on the tennis court. First up we have Kurt Sturmer - an all-round player with an effective top spin forehand and a beautiful one-handed backhand. Next is Terry Shelden – a player who understands the tactics of winning matches through his specialist shot: the lob. And now there is Prof Bruce Holloway (turning 90 next year!) – watch out for his forehand, as Bruce hits it



*Terry Shelden*

with superb accuracy, with the ability to aim the ball deep into the court and at an effective crosscourt angle. As for Rudi Vuk – word on the street is his drop shot skills were acquired through his experience as a table tennis player, and you would rather him be your doubles partner than your opposition.

Tennis is not just a workout for these four champs: it is also social activity! While at the tennis club, they would frequently have a coffee

and a chat in between, before and after a match. Next time when you have a day off or sitting at home hoping for a game of tennis, come down to the club. Social tennis is on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am. You may be able to learn a skill of two from our legends.

### **MIDWEEK SOCIAL TENNIS**

Organised social tennis is on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from about 9am. All ages and genders are welcome. Tennis balls are provided. Just show up or call Albert on 0432 320 534. Non members are welcome to try out before joining the club, just pay \$5 visitor fee.

## **Tennis Officials from North Balwyn Tennis Club**

Have you ever wanted to take your love for tennis to the next level? Well, there is a way that you can have a greater part of



*L-R : Rowena Sheung, Calidore Cramb, Robyn Judd*

on-court action: become a Tennis Official. There are numerous opportunities to be an Official at tennis tournaments all across Australia. In fact, four of our present and past members: Amar Tomar, Robyn Judd, Calidore Cramb and Rowena Sheung were Tennis Officials at Australian Open 2017.

Check out the Tennis Australia Official website for more details.

## TENNIS MATTERS COACHING REPORT

Coaching at the club is going well. At this time of year we always have a small number of players take a break due to the colder months. However it's pleasing to have a healthy number of new enrolments despite the weather. Tennis Matters has a balanced player interest in group, private, and squad training. A new initiative underway is the development of a junior member Practice Partner sheet to be magnetised on the board in the clubhouse with name, age, and contact information. New junior members, as I'm sure is the case with new adult members, that don't know any or many members, will have this resource to find practice partners. This idea will hopefully help facilitate new members. It will be interesting to see how it goes.

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## THE COMMITTEE 2017/2018

Graham Besley	President
Ross Davies	Vice-President
Tony Barton	Secretary and Public Officer
Rowena Sheung	Treasurer
Peter McCaw	Membership Secretary
Andrew Halford	Junior Organiser (joint)
Stuart Brown	Junior Organiser (joint)
Rhonda McCaw	Committee Member
Peter Moran	Committee Member
Melanie Katopodis	Committee Member
Don Jinnette	Committee Member
Theo Eversteyn	Honorary Auditor

