

# North Balwyn Club Tennis

Midyear Newsletter

June 2016



## **REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT, GRAHAM BESLEY**

It is now nine months since the new Clubhouse was opened. I understand from talking to many members that you are all really enjoying our new facilities. Many visiting teams have also commented on the high standard of comfort and services inside and the wonderful view of the courts.

We have had a number of minor defects that needed to be resolved by the Builder. This process has taken some time to be addressed, however I can report that during the past month, many defects have now been fixed.

Club Championships were held in late February with a reasonable level of participation. Thanks to Andrew Halford and David Rehe for organising the event. We hope to encourage many more participants next year and make it a more social event.

I understand our teams of weekly competition at both Junior and Senior levels have good participation by members. Results, as usual, are mixed, but lets not forget that the main reason for playing is to have fun. I encourage any newer members to look at joining a team as a way to play more actively and meet new friends.

Night tennis continues to be very popular. Your Committee is scoping a project to put 2 more courts ( 5 and 6) under lights to meet increasing demand for both competition and social play. This will however take into next year to implement as we have to go through a lengthy 'planning permit' process with Council.

Our courts are generally in good condition and I thank members for doing their bit towards looking after them. The four en tout cas courts are, however, often under stress during the very hot part of summer. The Committee is establishing what is needed to reinstate the sprinkler system so that some regular watering can occur at night.

As previously reported, there is an ongoing social night of tennis held each Friday night. The "Fast 4" format is played so that you can play more sets. Play rotates between North Balywn, Canterbury, Greythorn and Deepdeen Clubs on alternative weeks. Play is at North Balwyn on the second Friday of each month. This is an opportunity to meet players from our own and other local clubs. You are welcome to invite a friend. I personally invite and encourage new members to join in on the 8th July and August 12th and I look forward to meeting you there.

*Graham Besley, President*

## THE COMMITTEE 2015/2016

Graham Besley	President
Ross Davies	Vice-President and Maintenance Co-ordinator
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
Philippa Wardrop	Committee Member
Melanie Katopodis	Committee Member
Peter Nitsos	Committee Member
Don Jinnette	Committee Member
Theo Eversteyn	Honorary Auditor

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Club membership is significantly ahead of this time last year. This would seem to be in the most part due to a more prompt response by rejoining members when paying subscriptions. For this we thank our membership. We have not had quite the influx of new members at the start of the year as in recent years, but we welcome those who have joined and hope they have a long and enjoyable association with the Club.

However, we still have a number of members who have not yet rejoined, some of whom are known to be active users of the Club. For these people, I must remind you that you received either an email or a posted subscription form at the end of March and a reminder in early May. Furthermore, those members holding electronic access cards received a further posted reminder in late May. I can now report that these electronic access cards have been disabled. They will be re-activated after payment is received. Members who have not renewed but who wish to continue with the use of Club facilities, whether or not they hold an electronic access card, should pay their subscription as a matter of urgency.

With respect to the electronic access card system, it seems to be working very well and no doubt provides an incentive for members to pay promptly as well as providing the Club with a very useful tool for controlling unauthorised access to the Club premises and to the Clubhouse in particular. The one thing I would like to remind members of is 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. Also remember, if you are a financial member but have not yet collected a card, you may arrange for one by getting in touch with me.

If you have any queries please contact me.

*Peter McCaw, Membership Secretary 9817 2940*

## **TENNIS MATTERS COACHING REPORT**

Coaching at the club is great at the moment. We have plenty of juniors wanting to continually learn the game in after school group, squad and private training. This age group and diverse lesson type provides an excellent base to source junior competition players of all standards. The club is at maximum capacity with competition on a Saturday morning and Sunday morning is the only option at this stage for new teams. Five of our juniors have become involved in men's pennant on a Saturday afternoon which is terrific!

We have had more interest of late with adult coaching enquiries wanted to improve their skills or simply see what the fuss is about!

For any further interest out there please contact Andrew on 0412021911 or visit [www.tennismatters2us.com](http://www.tennismatters2us.com).

### **TENNIS MATTERS**

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## **COMPETITION REPORTS**

### **JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT – ERT SUMMER 2015/2016**

We've had a washout and a long weekend so not a lot of play has been going on. This weekend brings up the halfway mark of the season. Overall our teams are doing well, we'll see if and how much gradings are raised at the ERT meeting next week.

*Stuart Brown, Junior Convenor (with Andrew Halford)*

## SENIOR COMPETITION REPORTS

### Weekend Senior Competition

#### ERT Saturday afternoon

We finished the 2015/16 summer season with only one of five teams in the finals. Our Open Sets section 7 team finished comfortably on top of the ladder but were surprisingly beaten in their semi-final. The other four teams, Open Sets sections 4 and 9 and Singles/Doubles sections 1 and 7 all finished well down the ladder.

For the 2016 winter season we are fielding three Open Sets teams in sections 4, 6 and 8 as well as a Singles/Doubles team in section 4. Close to the halfway mark of the season all four teams are struggling with none currently looking like making the finals. We are finding ERT grading to be far from fair to our club with a disproportionate number of low ladder position finishes. We will try to do something about this in future seasons.

Please note that the entry sheet for the 2016/17 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 co-ordinator*

#### Pennant

Currently we have a grade 6 and a grade 7 mens team. We are exactly half way through the season.

Our grade 6 team are in 4 th position at the moment with our grade 7 team equal 3 rd on points. Our grade 6 team have been playing for several years and were juniors at North Balwyn. Our grade 7 team consists of my brother and 5 to 6 current juniors. This team is starting to rise up the ladder and although Michael Halford has plenty of pennant experience, the juniors are generally new to pennant.

Full best of three matches are played and are a full test of a player's ability. Good luck to both teams for the second half of the season.

*Andrew Halford*

Pennant Secretary

## Midweek Senior Competition

### Night Tennis Competition (BDNTA)

North Balwyn Tennis Club has been competing in the BDNTA Night Tennis Competition since 1990 with four of our eight courts under lights. This season we had a record 13 teams entered. The format is Ladies, Open and Singles/Doubles. Other users of the courts under lights are our two coaches and members wishing to have a casual hit. There is a charge of \$10 per court per hour to help cover costs, payable on an honour system, and we are moving to an on-line booking system which we hope members find more convenient.

Six of the 13 teams entered made the finals. The Giants, Monday Open Section 3 lost their semi-final in a very close match to East Camberwell, 3 sets all, 29 games to 30 games. The Scorpions Tuesday night Open easily won their semi-finals but lost in the Grand Final to Nunawading Lunchcutters. Dragons finished top of the ladder by a wide margin and won the semi-final, but lost the Grad Final 2-4. Wednesday night Open, The Racketeers finished 4th, lost to Canterbury Chokers in the semi-final by 2 games (3 sets each) and The Dudes finished 2nd, and lost to Kew Pussycats 5 sets to 1. The Thursday Open Section Add-Ins had a very successful first season, ending up on top of the ladder and won the final on Thursday 9th June (picture below).

For the Spring season we have had two teams fold due to lack of players but two other teams benefited from some players moving across. Also we have a new Thursday singles/doubles team entered so 12 teams are entered. The Committee plans to put lights on courts 5 & 6 and is in the process of getting Council approval.

*Rhonda McCaw, Night Tennis Co-ordinator*



*Thursday Open Section 8 North Balwyn Ad Ins*

## Midweek Ladies Competition

For quite a few years now we have had four teams competing, two on Tuesdays, one on Wednesdays and one on Thursdays. Thanks must go to the convenors who enter the teams each season and the captains who volunteer to manage the teams.

### Tuesday Ladies MEMRLTA – Section 3

After a very successful last season in Section 4, two of our players Sarah Shan and Ansha Li had to pull out due to other commitments. We wish them all the best and look forward to them filling in for us as emergencies. We were very lucky and happy to have Jill Smith join the team this season which also includes Rhonda McCaw, Rowena Sheung and myself, Melanie. Having moved up to Section 3, we are doing well, currently in 3rd place. With holiday travels, injuries etc. we are grateful to be able to access the MEMRLTA emergency pool which we have used 3 times already this season.

#### *Melanie Katopodis*

We were top of the ladder last season (Section 4 Summer 2015/16) but lost to Canterbury in a tight final. As a result, we got promoted to Section 3. The season is about half way through and we are 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder. There are several changes in our team. Most noticeably Sarah has started her Interior Design Course and Anshi decided to put more time in her business so they no longer play with us. However, luckily we have a new recruit, Jill Smith who we love to play with and is fitting in well in the team.

#### *Rowena Sheung, Captain (Summer 2015/16)*



*Tuesday Ladies MEMRLTA – Section 3*

## Tuesday Ladies MEMRLTA – Section 9

Currently our team of Lorna Sargeant, Helen Rayner, Catherine Lawton, Carol Snowsill, Shirley Wick and Margaret Enriquez are enjoying a good start to the season. We have only lost one match by one game so are looking forward to a good end result. Most of our team have or will be enjoying overseas trips during this season but fortunately not all at the same time, so we should be able to field a team each week. We are always looking out for anyone that is interested in joining our team to cover injuries or overseas travel !!! Please let the club know if you are interested.

*Helen Rayner*

## Wednesday Ladies EDWTA – Section 5

The team consists of Norma Ross, Philippa Wardrop, Dianne Sampson, Marie Purcell, Diana Lamb and Diane Barron-Toop. EDWTA is moving to two seasons in the calendar year and the team will re-enter the competition in July.

*Dianne Sampson*

## Thursday Ladies WDTA – A Grade 1

The WDTA A Grade Section 1 team (Fiona Medina, Sheryl Kerwick, Judy Davies, Susan McLaughlin, Jane Cash and Yvonne Pettigrew) has had a very good season, finishing 3rd on the ladder, therefore in the finals. Our semi-final was washed out and has been rescheduled for Thursday 2nd June at North Balwyn. We will play Croydon, a team we have beaten but have also lost to in the home and away matches, so I'm sure it will be a hard fought match.

*Judy Davies*

## **Metro Masters Tennis Association (MMTA)**

As has been recent practice there were three North Balwyn teams in the just finalised Autumn Metro Masters Pennant, held on Thursdays.

Our Section 1 team consisted of Kevin Gregory, Ellie Cohen, John Mansour, Frank Kraps, and Michael Byrne. They were upgraded to Section 1 this season after the section was expanded from 6 teams to 8. They finished 7<sup>th</sup> in a very strong section, after they had won 2 matches in the first 5 rounds but were not able to continue that form in the second half of the season.

The Section 2 team, the Lions, consisted of Donald Wilde, Stephen Clarke, Albert Au, Garry Basinski, Roger Taylor, John Zannoni, and Don Jinnette. As with our Section 1 team, they were upgraded from Section 3 to Section 2 and suffered a similar fate, in only managing to win one match in the season and unfortunately ended on the bottom of the ladder. A key factor in this result was the absence of Donald Wilde, our No 1 player, through injury and travel until the 12<sup>th</sup> game of the 14 game season.



The Section 4 team, the Tigers, consisted of Theo Eversteyn, Jim de Stephanis, Peter Nitsos, Peter Moran, Preston Berryman, Tony Gallichio, and John Coulson, with 4 other players who each played one match. After a bad defeat by Bulleen in the second match, the team rebounded well to complete the season without another loss, and only had one match where the opposition managed to win three sets, thus ending the season in top spot. In the Semifinal against Bulleen, they won the first two sets comfortably, but then lost the second 2 in close contests. They won one of the last two sets to be 5 games ahead at the end of the day. In the Final against Kilsyth Battlers, they had a bad start losing both the first two sets, but picked up to win the next two, and finally just managed to get home by one game, to be Premiers. They are looking forward to more severe competition in Section 3 next season.

The Spring Season of Metro Masters commences on the first Thursday in August, the 4<sup>th</sup>, and we are currently hopeful of entering an extra team in this competition.

*Peter Moran, MMTA Co-ordinator*

## SENIOR COMPETITION RESULTS 2015

Association	Senior/Vet	Day	Team Name	Season	Section	Ladder	Pennants
MEMRLTA	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Runners Up
	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	9	5 <sup>th</sup>	
EDWTA	Senior Ladies	Wednesday		Summer	5	7 <sup>th</sup>	
WDTA	Senior Ladies	Thursday		Season 1	A Grade 1	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lost prelim final
MMTA	Veteran Mens	Thursday		Autumn	1	7 <sup>th</sup>	
			Lions	Autumn	2	8 <sup>th</sup>	
			Tigers	Autumn	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Won Final
BDNTA	Senior Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.net s	Autumn	4	6 <sup>th</sup>	
Night	Senior Ladies	Monday	Raq Paq	Autumn	7	6 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Monday	Giants	Autumn	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Scorpions	Autumn	4	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	Autumn	9	5 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Dragons	Autumn	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lost Final
	Senior Open	Tuesday	C. Chokers	Autumn	13	7 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Racketeers	Autumn	4	4 <sup>th</sup>	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Dudes	Autumn	6	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Girls	Autumn	9	7 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior S/D	Thursday	ABTA	Autumn	2	7 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Thursday	Immigrants	Autumn	5	7 <sup>th</sup>	
	Senior Open	Thursday	Add-Ins	Autumn	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	Won Final
Pennant TV				2016	Mens G6S4	5th after round 7	
					Mens G7S3	3rd after round 7	
ERT				Summer	OS4	7th	
				Summer	OS7	1st	Lost S/F
				Summer	OS9	5th	
				Summer	SD1	8th	
				Summer	SD7	6th	

## MIDWEEK SOCIAL TENNIS REPORT

Organised social tennis is on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9am for a couple of hours and all ages and genders are welcome. Tennis balls are provided so just show up and you will be made very welcome. At least two to three courts are used each of the mornings and the social tennis board (for court allocation) is back in use. Non members are welcome to try out before joining the club, just pay \$5 visitor fee.

*Bruce Holloway*

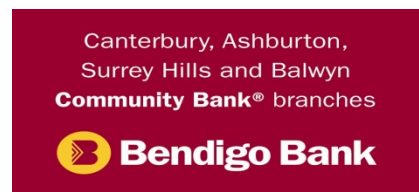
## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

Sixty-nine players participated in the 2016 Club Championships, with the 13 events having 98 entries in total. This was down from last year, mostly in the Juniors. Multiple weeks were scheduled due to ERT regular season matches and finals, as well as having to account for Labour Day and the school holidays. This was not optimum but could not be avoided. The finals on Sunday were of a great standard, particularly the 18 and Under Girls final, and the Ladies Singles final. Congratulations to all winners and to all players for participating, and thanks to Prelli Tennis for their continued support.

*David Rehe*

### Local Heroes!

Supporting our local communities is what the Canterbury, Ashburton, Balwyn and Surrey Hills branches of the Bendigo Bank do best.



The Community Bank's sponsorship of **\$10,000** has provided much needed help towards financing the resurfacing of courts 3-6 with the water-saving court surface, PolyClay XL. More recently, we have received funding for two new promotion boards facing Buchanan Avenue and \$970 to offset the costs of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. For the last seven years, these Community Bank branches have given back more than \$920,000.00 to over 120 local groups, aged care facilities, schools, festival s and events.

## **NOW, North Balwyn Tennis Club can receive even more funding!**

North Balwyn Tennis Club members who do their banking with either Canterbury, Ashburton, Balwyn or Surrey Hills Community Bank branches can earn more funds for our organisation.

\$250 for every approved Bendigo home loan

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**Balwyn:** 411 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn Tel: 9836 8029

If you already bank with any of these four branches, please call your branch and let them know that you are a member of North Balwyn Tennis Club and the Club will receive a donation – too easy!

[www.supportingourcommunity.com.au](http://www.supportingourcommunity.com.au)

## **SMOKE-FREE CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL AREAS**

From 1 April, under the *Tobacco Act 1987* smoking is prohibited within 10 metres of outdoor public children's playground equipment, skate parks and sporting venues during organised underage sporting events

Where does the ban apply? Smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event. This includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised underage sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms/smoke-free-children-rec-areas/underage-sporting-events.htm>

## COURT BOOKING SYSTEM

Up to now we have had a night tennis court booking notebook kept at the clubhouse. We have decided to abandon this and move to an interim solution using Google Calendar. If you look on our web page <http://northbalwyntc.org.au/> on the left you will see a **Court use** button. Or go straight to <http://northbalwyntc.org.au/nbtcfles/courtusage.htm>. On our Court use page at top you will see

### [COURT BOOKING CALENDAR](#) .

The direct url is <http://northbalwyntc.org.au/nbtcfles/courtcalendar.html>

This is a public calendar that anyone can see. However, to add items to the calendar you need to have your email address registered with Google Calendar. I can send you instructions on how to set up Google Calendar if you want to be a registered user. However, since this is an interim system and there does not seem to be much demand for a booking system, you can email

[northbalwyntc@gmail.com](mailto:northbalwyntc@gmail.com) with your booking request and I will add your booking to the calendar. Please allow 24 hours for bookings to appear (this delay is just to allow me time to read the email. The bookings seem to be added to the public calendar in less than a minute).

Future Court Booking: Sometime after September we hope to hear from Tennis Victoria about the **Book A Court** system which is software that goes with the **Opening up Tennis** program

<http://www.tennis.com.au/vic/clubs/places-to-play/opening-up-tennis>

I am informed that the software can be used without the gate system that is a public access system. This software will be a court booking system that will have all eight courts on it and once you are registered on Tennis Victoria you will be able to book courts. My guess is that it will still need an administrator (anyone interested?).

Tony Barton ([northbalwyntc@gmail.com](mailto:northbalwyntc@gmail.com))

## 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**.

<http://northbalwyntc.org.au/nbtcfles/News.htm>

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

**Editor: Peter Nitsos' daughter.**

***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](http://www.northbalwyntc.org.au)***

## MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES

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