

North Balwyn Club Tennis



Newsletter

June 2014

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A warm thanks to our wonderful members at North Balwyn Tennis Club. The first half of the year has seen some exciting developments in the renewal project of our pavilion. Hopefully most of you will have had an opportunity to review the plans that are on display in the clubhouse and have seen for yourselves the wonderful new facility to come. A special thanks to those who attended the briefing session held by Sam Taylor from the City of Boroondara and the comments and input provided. We can now advise that the funding for the project has now been approved in the Council's 2014/2015 works budget which means that after some final enhancements are made to the design, planning will begin for works in the latter part of this year. As we get closer to the construction phase details of temporary facilities and access will be made available to all members. There will no doubt be some inconvenience caused, however, the finished project will be a fantastic new pavilion for all to enjoy. To coincide with the renewal project we are planning some improvement works of our own, which will make the facilities more usable and will benefit all members.

This year's Club Championships were another huge success, in whole, due to the participation and enthusiasm shown by members. The number of participants grew on last year and this continues to be a marquee event on the NBTC calendar. There was a great balance between junior and senior players and as always the Junior/Senior event was a standout on the final Sunday. Our thanks to all those who made themselves available to make 2014 another fantastic event. Our congratulations to the deserving winners and runners up, let's go one better in 2015. Our thanks to Prelli Tennis for donating some vouchers to recognise stand out participants.

Sunday Social made a return, although the weather did not cooperate. Our first open social tennis day was held in June, and unfortunately many of those who wanted to come and participate were disappointed. A small number of die hard tennis fanatics did turn up and made the most of the day with some laughter and good spirits. The next one is on Sunday 6th July, starting at 1.00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help stage this event on a monthly basis, if you think you would like to help the club coordinate the Sunday Social event, please contact Peter McCaw to express your interest.

In closing, membership has steadily increased and our participation in Association tennis has been consistently up. Night Tennis, Saturday morning juniors, Seniors, mid week and Pennant are all well supported. If you haven't participated in organised tennis we encourage you to give it a go. Its a good way to improve your game, meet new people and generally have a great time. I look forward to seeing you all around the club in the 2nd half of this year.
Warmest regards,

Frank Crombie, President

THE COMMITTEE 2013/2014

Frank Crombie	President
<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
Peter Moran	Committee Member
Ross Davies	Committee Member
Shing-Yue Sheung	Committee Member
Philippa Wardrop	Committee Member
Theo Mitsinikos	Honorary Auditor

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Club membership remains quite strong. As usual we lose quite a few members each year but pick up a similar number of new members. The annual membership promotion between Christmas and the start of the membership year on 1 April proved very successful once again and we attracted a significant number of members. This appears to be a very worthwhile strategy. We welcome new members who joined under this scheme and all new members who have arrived since.

Membership renewals were due on 1 April and are running slightly behind last year. To date around 60% of our members have renewed and I thank those who have been prompt in this matter.

For those who haven't renewed, 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 June. If you wish to continue with tennis at the Club, please deal with this as a matter of urgency. Note that if you do not renew your membership promptly you will be unable to use the Club facilities for competition, organised social or casual tennis. If you have any queries please contact me. If you do not intend to renew, please return the subscription renewal form with the 'not rejoining' box ticked (don't forget to write your name on the form), or let me know by email or telephone. This will avoid further annoying and unnecessary follow up.

Peter McCaw, Membership Secretary, 9817 2940

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Maintenance at the Club has progressed smoothly over the past 6 months. Court 8 had a major repair to remove a low spot. This work required a lengthy time to fully compact, not helped by the weather, but has now settled well. We also had a water leak at the base of court 7 which was fixed but indicates that the original galvanised piping system is approaching the end of its life. Annual grooming of the synthetic courts is keeping the surface in good condition. Please continue to routinely bag the courts as this also assists in protecting the courts from uneven wear. A new roof was installed on the gazebo, a new net placed on court 3 and a number of the rain beater rollers have been repaired.

CLUB HOUSE RENEWAL PROJECT

The design of the replacement clubhouse has been progressed over the past 6 months with a number of discussions held between our Club Sub-Committee (Ross Davies, Mel Katopodis, Graham Besley) and the Council project team and their architect. The Sub Committee has ensured that the design achieves the functional requirements that were developed last year after input from many club members.

Both the layout and building concept design have been essentially finalised and feed back from the members is currently being sought. A review was held at the clubhouse on Wed 11th June and a number of members were in attendance. Layout and elevation drawings have been placed on a noticeboard at the clubhouse. This information can also be viewed at the following Council website www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/north-balwyn-tennis-pavilion.

Following this current consultation phase, including Council briefing of local residents, the detailed design will continue on many internal specifics such as kitchen facilities, colour scheme, storage facilities, communications system, location of notice boards, etc. Timing for builder selection, construction phase length and clubhouse "transition" arrangements during construction will be advised when more details become available. We will continue to provide status information on the "renewal project" notice board in the clubhouse and on the website page.

Graham Besley, Maintenance Co-ordinator

TENNIS MATTERS COACHING REPORT

Despite the colder and wetter months this term we have had many new junior and adult enrollments. Interested players can choose from private lessons for those that wish to accelerate their technical skills, fun social group lessons based on designed tennis games technique and tactical play, and squad training for the more aspiring player where intense point play involving tactics and technique over a longer duration improves match skills.

Our Wilson peeWee tennis program is still in operation for 4-7 year olds and utilizes small nets and rackets as well as larger, two toned coloured balls. Each player receives a racket and a peeWee hat for free as part of the program to make it easier for youngsters. The program allows younger children to start the game in an easier, more exciting environment.

If interested in giving your game a boost, contact one of us!

TENNIS MATTERS

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COMPETITION REPORTS

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

Once again NBTC had a huge number of teams participating, making us one of the biggest clubs in Eastern Region Tennis. We also had a father son team play on Sunday afternoon as well as 2 father son combos in the one Saturday afternoon senior team.

We managed to add 2 more premierships to the club coming from OR5 consisting of Jack Bianco, Eddie, Feng, Chris Kalomalos & Loc Nguyen & GSD6 consisting of Millie Noffs, Isabella Dellie Bergoli, Felicity Zheng & Cindy Yuan. I must make note of Cindy, she was a great team player but suffered a dislocated shoulder which forced her out of the finals.

The winter season is well underway and teams are looking solid. We pride our teams and players on having a positive attitude on and off court & to give it their all. If they do that and still don't win you can't be disappointed. Hopefully we can walk away with a few more flags this season.

Stuart Brown

Eastern Region Tennis Junior Competition Results Summer 2013/2014

Junior Boys/Girls/Open	Day	Season	Section	Position on ladder	Pennants
Open Rubbers	Saturday	Summer	5		Premiers
OR Blue	Saturday	Summer	7	4 th	
OR Green	Saturday	Summer	7	5 th	
OR Blue	Saturday	Summer	10	5 th	
OR Green	Saturday	Summer	10	6 th	
OR Green	Saturday	Summer	11	4 th	
OR Blue	Saturday	Summer	11	8 th	
OR Blue	Saturday	Summer	12	5 th	
OR Green	Saturday	Summer	12	6 th	
Boys Singles/Doubles Blue	Saturday	Summer	11	4 th	
Boys S/D Green	Saturday	Summer	11	6 th	
Boys S/D	Saturday	Summer	13	7 th	
Girls S/D	Saturday	Summer	4	6 th	
Girls S/D Green	Saturday	Summer	7		Premiers
Girls S/D Blue	Saturday	Summer	7	3 rd	
Open Rubbers	Sunday	Summer	1	5 th	
Boys Singles/Doubles	Sunday	Summer	5	1 st	

SENIOR COMPETITON REPORTS

Weekend Senior Competition

We finished the 2013/14 summer season with one team in the finals and four missing out. Singles/Doubles 5 lost their semi final after being top or second for most of the season. Our three open sets teams were definitely overgraded and we are very disappointed with the ERT grading process.

For the 2014 winter season we are fielding three Open Sets teams in sections 3, 4 and 10. At the halfway mark of the season OS3 is in the four, but the other two are struggling once again with huge disparities between the best and worst teams in the grades. Once again, the ERT has got it wrong.

Please note that the entry sheet for the 2014/15 summer season will be posted on the noticeboard in mid July in time for entries to be submitted to ERT by the end of August. 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

Midweek Senior Competition

Night Tennis Competition (BDNTA)

The Autumn season of BDNTA has just finished and of our 10 teams, six made the finals, Raqt Paq, Monday Ladies, Champion Chokers and Dragons, Tuesday Open, Barracoutas, Wednesday Open and Scorpions and Immigrants, Thursday Open.

Dragons and Raqt Paq won their grandfinals. Congratulations!

We have again entered ten teams in the Spring Season starting Monday 28th July.

Rhonda McCaw, Night Tennis Co-ordinator

Midweek Competition

MEMRLTA (Tuesday Ladies A5)

Our summer season finished in February and we managed to be sixth on the ladder. Our team comprised Serena, Melanie, Rowena Rhonda, Christa, Carole and Justine. Due to injury, Serena stopped playing in October. Our winter season finds us still in Section A5. We started competition play in March and we are doing really well. At the moment we are in second place on the ladder. The team includes Melanie, Rhonda, Rowena, Carole, Christa and a new member, Sarah Shan. Serena is still out with an injury. With many of us going on holidays it is great that we have so many to call on to play each week.

We are looking forward to the rest of the winter season and are enjoying our tennis.

Christa Schlifelner, Captain

MEMRLTA (Tuesday Ladies A8)

The team is in 8th place (10 teams) and we are looking for more players to join the team. Any lady interested in joining the team, please call Helen on 0400 505 153.

Helen Rayner, Captain

Midweek Mens Competition (Thursday MMTA)

Section 2 - Kevin Gregory, Ellie Cohen, Frank Krapp, John Mansour.

The team finished in 1st position and won the semifinal. In the grandfinal Kevin Gregory, Ellie Cohen, Frank Krapp and Michael Byrne (reserves John Mansour and Stephen Clarke) defeated Veneto, 3 sets all, by 10 games to be Premiers

Section 3 Nth Balwyn Lions - Preston Berryman, John Zannoni, John McInnes, Albert Au, Roger Taylor, Garry Basinski. The team finished in 3rd position and won the semifinal. They were defeated 5 sets to 1 in the preliminary final by Glen Waverley, who went on to win the grandfinal against Norris Bank.

Section 3 Nth Balwyn Tigers - Peter Nitsos, Jim de Stephanis, Theo Eversteyn, Don Jinette, Peter Moran and Miron Bleiberg. The team finished last in the section due to poor form, injuries and travel. The team may be relegated to a lower section next season.

MIDWEEK SOCIAL TENNIS REPORT

Organised social tennis is on every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 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.

ORGANISED SOCIAL BOARD RULES

1. Place your name tag on the board when you arrive.
2. Visitors must sign the Visitor's Book before playing, and pay the appropriate fee – \$5.00
3. Always ensure that name tags are placed against the correct court numbers.
4. The person, whose name tag is on the bottom, picks a set from the bottom thirteen (13) waiting players only. A visitor, whose name tag is on the bottom, should request help from a member.
5. When more than 12 players are waiting, the next sets must be picked in advance and placed appropriately on the board.
6. If the bottom player does not wish to select a set, his/her name tag goes to the top of the waiting players.
7. Name tags are to be removed from the board and returned to the alphabetical listing when players are finished playing for the session or day, or when they leave the court surrounds for more than half an hour.
8. Players may play a singles set if there are vacant courts and either player is not selected to play doubles.
9. When play is completed for a court for the session or the day, the balls should be returned to the ball cupboard.

SENIOR COMPETITION RESULTS

Association	Senior/Vet	Day	Team Name	Season	Section	Ladder	Pennants
MEMRLTA	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	A5	6 th	
	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	A8	5 th	
EDWTA	Senior Ladies	Wednesday		Summer	5	6 th	
WDTA	Senior Ladies	Thursday		Season 1	A Grade 1	6 th	
MMTA	Veteran Mens	Thursday		Autumn	2	1 st	Won G/F
			Lions	Autumn	3	3 rd	Lost Prel/F
			Tigers	Autumn	3	8 th	
BDNTA	Senior Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	Autumn	2	6 th	
Night	Senior Ladies	Monday	Raq Paq	Autumn	7	1 st	Won G/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Old Boys	Autumn	5	6 th	
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	Autumn	7	6 th	
	Senior Open	Tuesday	C. Chokers	Autumn	12	3 rd	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Dragons	Autumn	13	1 st	Won G/F
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	Autumn	4	4 th	Lost S/F
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Racketeers	Autumn	5		
	Senior Open	Thursday	Scorpions	Autumn	1	4 th	Lost S/F
Senior Open	Thursday	Immigrants	Autumn	6	2 nd	Lost S/F	
Pennant TV	Mens	Saturday		2014	4	4 th	
	Mens	Saturday		2014	6	8 th	
	Mens	Saturday		2014	8	6 th	
ERT	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Summer	4	5 th	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Summer	5	7 th	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Summer	12	7 th	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Singles/Doubles	Summer	1	6 th	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Singles/Doubles	Summer	5	2 nd	Lost S/F

ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NBTC Club Championships were held in March this year over two weekends.

There were 13 events, with 119 entries from 92 players. Photos from the 2014 Club Championships will be posted on the NBTC web page under the side menu "Club Championship"

The Committee is looking for anyone who is willing to help out running the events next year. If you can, please contact the president, Frank Crombie at northbalwynntc@yahoo.com.au.

RESULTS

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Open Mens Singles	Andrew Halford	Graeme Campbell
Open Ladies Singles	Fiona Medina	Sheryl Kerwick
Open Mens Doubles	Graeme Campbell Frank Crombie	David Rehe Grant Stewart
Open Ladies Doubles	Sheryl Kerwick Susan McLaughlin	Judy Davies Carol Thompson
Open Mixed Doubles	David Rehe Louise Rehe	Martin Ip Georgia Burt
Senior/ Junior Doubles	Frank Crombie Jordan Crombie	Grant Stewart Jack Stewart
Mens 50+ Doubles	Albert Au Russell Downie	John McInnes Steven McInnes
18 & Under Boys Singles	Jack Bianco	Jordan Crombie
18 & Under Girls Singles	Annie Rehe	Philippa Rehe
18 & Under Boys Doubles	Jack Bianco Loc Nguyen	Aaron Cartledge
18 & Under Girls Doubles	Annie Rehe Philippa Rehe	Georgia Burt Milicia Vukadinovic
14 & Under Boys Singles	Jack Bianco	Aaron Cartledge
14 & Under Boys Doubles	Quang Nguyen Neo De Los Reyes	Matthew Chen Stone Chen

NBTC BOOK LAUNCH Sunday 6th July at 3.00 pm

All members of NBTC are invited to the Book Launch of "North Balwyn Tennis Club, celebrating 50 years 1962-2012" co-written by Rhonda McCaw and Kaye Clarke, on Sunday 6th July at 3.00 pm. Afternoon tea will be served. Proceeds from the last Bunnings BBQ fundraiser and a donation from Bendigo Bank were used to defray the cost of publication of the book. The books are available for purchase at \$25.00.

Special thanks go to the late Margaret Hall, Val Wall, Bob Giddings, Ian and Marie Huntington for their meticulous recording of events and collating of photographs over the years. Also thanks to all those who wrote articles for the book and to Stephen Clarke and Peter McCaw who helped in the proofreading of the book.



Blaise van Hecke, Busybird Publishing with Rhonda McCaw from NBTC

SOCIAL NEWS

Sunday social tennis – Sunday 6th July at 1.00 pm

NBTC held a Sunday social tennis day on Sunday 1st June. The weather was inclement so only a few members turned up. The next arranged Sunday social day is Sunday 6th July, the day of the NBTC Book Launch. From 1.00 pm doubles games will be organised and tennis balls provided. Visitors are welcome also, for a fee of \$5.00.

A 60th BIRTHDAY PARTY

Peter Yap celebrated his 60th birthday with a party at his home on Saturday 8th March. Members of his night tennis team and others from NBTC, joined with his family and friends to have a great night.



Peter is third from the right (the one with the mohawk!)

JUDY BROWN RESIGNS AFTER 50 YEARS MEMBERSHIP OF NBTC

Judy Brown has submitted her resignation, having been a member of the Club for 50 years. She sent the following letter to the Club.

It is hard to resign after over 50 years of activity at NBTC. The North Balwyn Tennis Club has been a very important part of my life. I have played Tuesday competition for 37 years and Thursday comp for 14 years and have made lasting friendships and still keep in touch with the "girls". I have been on Committee and attended their meetings and helped with functions. I wish the Club success in the future. With many thanks.

Judy Brown



*Judy Brown with Lois Northey,
1980 Club Championships
Winners of Ladies over 50s doubles*



*Back row: Marcia Barmby, Margaret Hall,
Judy Brown, Adele Dickason, Lois Northey
Front row: Judy Levant, Vi Ingram &
Patsy Clyne*



*Margaret Hall's birthday party at Judy Brown's home
Marcia Barmby, Judy Brown, Margaret Hall, Pam Wildsmith & Margaret White.*

VALE BOB MAINON

Robert Mainon



Bob Mainon, a long time member of NBTC, died on 23rd March 2014, aged 89 years. He and his wife, Beryl were regulars at social tennis mornings at NBTC but they also played on Saturdays at St Aiden's Uniting Church Tennis Club, North Balwyn too. Between them they had 153 years of tennis experience! On 14th January 2014 they were featured in the Progress Leader.

30th September 1924 ~ 23rd March 2014



Love-all match

Life has served up its share of challenges for Beryl and Bob Mainon, but the tennis-loving couple from Balwyn North have rallied to keep alive their love of tennis for a combined 150-plus years. **REPORT PAGE 13**
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VALE BRENDA CASS



Brenda, a member of NBTC for several years died earlier this year. She played regularly on Thursday mornings socially and also filled in for Wednesday morning competition.

Judy Brown

A young Brenda Cass, with husband, Noel.

VALE VIOLET INGRAM

Vi Ingram, born 1925, who was a member of our club for over 30 years, died earlier this year. Vi was an important member of our club who played mainly Tuesday morning competition, but also played on Wednesdays and sometimes on Saturdays.

She was very focused and concentrated hard and never stopped trying to improve. She even had lessons on her serve at the age of 70. She and her husband Don were regulars at all the club social functions. A few years ago, after Don's death she moved to Canada to be closer to her daughter, Carol.

Judy Brown



Don and Vi Ingram

VALE JOHN ASHWORTH

John Ashworth, my father, died suddenly on the 29th May 2014. He was a member of the North Balwyn Tennis Club from 1977 to 1990. I also have been a member since that time. My Father loved tennis, being a school boy champion in the Preston District. He played competition tennis at North Balwyn for many years, playing with many members past and present on Saturday Afternoons. He enjoyed the friendships that he made at the club over many years and his greatest sorrow was when he no longer could play tennis. He kept up his interest in tennis and the club through me, asking about how I went each Saturday Night after tennis and about the club. Tennis was a big part of his life from early childhood through till the end. He said of tennis that it was to be enjoyed by all, no matter where you come from. I have tried to follow in his footsteps and he will be missed greatly by me.

Rowan Ashworth

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>

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 50th 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.

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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

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

**MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES
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9817 2940**