

North Balwyn Club Tennis



Newsletter

July 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Time flies when you're having fun, it seems like yesterday we were talking about the impending construction of our new clubhouse, today, we are making plans for the handover from the council. The disruption to members has been difficult and on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you for your patience. The progress is visible and as each week passes we get a clearer picture of just how nice the new facilities will be.

As you will see from the individual reports, Club Championships was another success with members enjoying the 3 weekend long event, culminating in some familiar winners and some new faces which is great to see. They say the future belongs to the youth and if that is true Nth Balwyn Tennis Club is in good hands as we field the largest and most successful representation in many years from the Saturday morning juniors – well done to all, with a special thanks to the parents, team managers, Stuart and Andrew.

Night Tennis and mid-week competitions have also enjoyed success and we thank you all for your continued participation in making Nth Balwyn a competitive force.

A new initiative has started between 4 local tennis clubs, Nth Balwyn, Deepdene, Canterbury and Greythorn Park – Friday Fast 4. More information is available towards the end of this Newsletter, it's been a great start and those who have participated have had a lot of fun. I would encourage players of all standards to come along and join in. Our members are welcome at all clubs and you have the opportunity to bring a guest when we host the 2nd Friday of each month.

As the renewal project approaches completion, we will be in contact regarding the opening events and updates of changes to how the facilities will be operated, we would love to see you come along and share in the occasion as Nth Balwyn Tennis Club begins a new chapter in a proud history.

I hope you are enjoying Wimbledon and look forward to seeing you at the club.

Best wishes,

Frank Crombie, President

THE COMMITTEE 2014/2015

Frank Crombie	President
Graham Besley	Vice-President & 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
Ross Davies	Committee Member
Philippa Wardrop	Committee Member
Theo Eversteyn	Honorary Auditor

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Club membership is very close to this time last year, approximately 300. As usual we have lost quite a few members but picked up a similar number of new members. This is despite the fact that we didn't promote our annual membership offer as we have done in recent years. We welcome all new members and hope they have a long and enjoyable association with the Club.

Membership renewals were due on 1 April and are running at a similar rate to 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. Also note that in the near future, with the completion of the new Clubhouse, we will be moving to a card access system in place of the current key and padlock system. **On no account will access cards be issued to unfinancial members.**

Peter McCaw, Membership Secretary, 9817 2940

CLUB HOUSE RENEWAL PROJECT



As no doubt most members have observed, construction on the new clubhouse is progressing well. The expected completion date is end of August. I believe members will be impressed with the quality of the new facilities, the extent of decking and the excellent view from the clubhouse of play on the courts.

The Committee has committed money towards a few improvements that make sense to be completed as part of the building construction. Included is the installation of new court fencing on each side of the clubhouse. This fencing is being incorporated into the new decking and will include a low section of fencing in the middle area to provide an uninterrupted view of the courts. The temporary security fencing that is being used on the side of courts 2&3 is causing a higher loss rate of balls. We apologise for this inconvenience and thank you for your patience. We believe this short term inconvenience will be worth the longer term benefits.

We have had conduit laid to allow power supply for future expansion of court lighting. We are also planning to upgrade some of the furnishings and install a built in BBQ unit on the front deck.

Security of the new facility is being upgraded and access through the front gate and front door will be gained via an electronic proximity card. This will replace the old key system.

More information on how this system will operate and our process to distribute new cards to members will be provided later in July.

August will be a busy month as we prepare to move into the new premises. The Committee will be seeking assistance from members to help with moving equipment from the temporary hut and storage container. Dates of planned working bees will be advised in early August.

Graham Besley (for Building Sub -Committee)

TENNIS MATTERS COACHING REPORT

Fortunately, with all the goings on with the new clubhouse construction, there has been a reasonable level of interest from people of all ages and standard so far this year. Quite a few have come forward keen to try and learn the game in fun group lessons while others have upgraded to private lessons giving them the opportunity to improve rapidly.

A holiday program is planned for the holidays at the end of term 3. I am sure there will be plenty of interest here given the opportunity to use the new clubhouse comprising new upmarket facilities. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the end of construction. Details of this program can be found on the Tennis Matters website during term 3.

The combination of group, squad and private lesson formats are still proving to be an excellent mix for drawing a large diverse crowd. These players can take the next step in improving their game and to enjoy the challenge of playing competition. Competition provides players an excellent social outlet as they become members of the club and rub shoulders with their peers.

If interested in improving parts of your game call one of the coaches!

TENNIS MATTERS

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COMPETITION REPORTS

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

Since Tennis Matters have been head coaches/junior organisers we have never seen a season like the one just passed. So many teams finished either 1st or 2nd (9 to be exact). We had to have teams play at alternate venues for finals as the demand for courts was too high. NBTC took home 5 flags in total which is a huge achievement. We strive to not only do well in competitions but to do it as a proud club and with good sportsmanship. Our juniors continue to do us proud as do our parents. Both our juniors and their parents follow the rules and are always fair.

Tennis is not always about winning; it's about going out and having a go. Winning comes later, you need to learn how to lose before you can win. This theory is proving correct watching the progress of our juniors. As their coaches as well, we are very proud. Tennis Matters would like to thank the continued support of our club committee along with the parents. Getting up and supervising Saturday & Sunday mornings can be a little tough and we thank you for all your help & to the juniors, without your enthusiasm and participation none of this would be going on. Andy & I are proud of each and every one of you regardless if you win or lose.

Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford, Junior Organiser

Eastern Region Tennis Junior Competition Results Summer 2014/2015

Junior Boys/Girls/Open	Day	Season	Section	Position on ladder	Pennants
Open Rubbers	Saturday	Summer	2	5 th	
OR Blue	Saturday	Summer	7	1 st	Premiers
OR Green	Saturday	Summer	7	3 rd	
OR Blue	Saturday	Summer	10	3 rd	Runners Up
OR Green	Saturday	Summer	10	2 nd	
OR	Saturday	Summer	11	1 st	Premiers
OR	Saturday	Summer	13	2 nd	
Boys Singles/Doubles G	Saturday	Summer	7	5 th	
Boys Singles/Doubles B	Saturday	Summer	7	2 nd	
Boys Singles/Doubles	Saturday	Summer	9	4 th	
Girls Singles/Doubles	Saturday	Summer	1	2 nd	Runners Up
Girls Singles/Doubles	Saturday	Summer	2	2 nd	
Girls Singles/Doubles G	Saturday	Summer	4	1 st	Runners Up
Girls Singles/Doubles B	Saturday	Summer	4	4 th	
Boys Singles/Doubles	Sunday	Summer	3	6 th	
OR	Sunday	Summer	1	1 st	

SENIOR COMPETITION REPORTS

Weekend Senior ERT Competition

We finished the 2014/15 summer season with all three Open Sets teams in the finals. However our Saturday Singles/Doubles section 1 team and our Sunday Open Singles/Doubles section 3 team both finished well out of finals contention. Both the OS4 team and the OS6 team had very competitive seasons, finishing fourth on the ladder but losing their respective semi-finals. The highlight was the performance of the OS11 team who finished second on the ladder, won their semi-final but suffered a heart breaking loss in the grand-final when they were tied after the standard six sets and lost a very close match deciding tie breaker. Overall the season was much more enjoyable than recent seasons with a much better grading outcome from ERT.

For the 2015 winter season we are fielding three Open Sets teams in sections 3, 5 and 10. At the halfway mark of the season OS10 is in the four, but the other two are struggling once again with huge disparities between the best and worst teams in the grades. After one good grading season, the ERT has got it wrong again. Please note that the entry sheet for the 2015/16 summer season will be posted on the noticeboard in mid-July in time for entries to be submitted to ERT by 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

Pennant

This year we only have 1 grade competing in pennant. A men's team combined of previous juniors and current juniors in Jack Bianco and Aaron Cartledge are doing battle in grade 6. Currently, after 9 rounds they sit in a healthy 3rd position. I wish them all the best for the remainder of the season.

A difficult task is to encourage junior tennis players to not only play pennant but to transition to open aged tennis as they move into adulthood. Looking to next year, in addition to this year's team, with most members having played for many years, we should have another team with more juniors playing as many have recently expressed interest!

Andrew Halford, Pennant Secretary

Midweek Senior Competition

Night Tennis Competition (BDNTA)

The Autumn season of BDNTA is completed with a record 12 teams being entered. We had 5/12 teams in the finals. Chewy's Champs and Scorpions lost their semi-finals and Old Boys and Barracoutas lost their respective grand-finals. Still, a good effort. The Dragons were successful, winning the Tuesday Open Section 11 flag. Last season, after dominating Section 12 and ending up top of the ladder, they unfortunately lost the grand-final so it was great to see them bring home the flag this time. Sadly, two teams that have played night tennis for many years, Barracoutas and Old Boys are leaving the competition and also a team that only started in the Autumn season, Chewy's Champs is not continuing but we do have a new team, the Dudes joining the Wednesday night competition so there will be 10 teams

entered. The new season starts Monday 27th July.

The Monday Ladies Section 6 team, captained by Trish Arthur (0422 075 003) is in need of one or two players to join the team. **If any lady member would like to try night tennis please call Trish to find out more about it.**

Rhonda McCaw, Night Tennis Co-ordinator

Midweek Day Competition

MEMRLTA (Tuesday Ladies Section 4 Summer)

After winning the Winter 2014 Pennant in Section 5 in a tight final, the team was promoted to Section 4 for the Summer season and hoped to do well but we found the competition quite a lot harder and finished 8th (10 teams). For the Winter season we are back in Section 5. Melanie is the captain this season. The season is over half way through and we have not lost a match yet. Christa, our long term friend and team member is not playing this season but we do have a new recruit, Ansha Li who is fitting in well with the team.

Rhonda McCaw, Captain (Summer 2014/15)

MEMRLTA (Tuesday Ladies Section 8 Summer)

The team finished in 5th place (10 teams) in the Summer season and are currently playing section 9, currently 3rd on the ladder. We are looking for more players to join the team. Any lady interested in joining the team, please call Helen on 0407 256 552.

Helen Rayner

EDWTA (Wednesday Ladies Section 5 Summer)

Not one of our happiest or more successful seasons, our captain was Marie Purcell. In September very near the start of the season, Marie's husband Peter died relatively suddenly though he had been in care for some time. Diana Lamb took over from Marie but fielding a team was a constant problem. For the first time in many seasons we did not make the finals.

Norma Ross

WDTA (Thursday ladies A Grade 1, Season 1)

Our Thursday Girls enjoyed our best Season since joining the Waverley Association some years back. For the first time we were placed fourth at the end of the Home & Away matches and thus were in the Finals. Disappointingly, missing a home-ground advantage, we lost quite convincingly to Eildon Park in our elimination Semi-Final.

The team comprised the following wonderful ladies: Eva Bettiol, Jane Cash, Judy Davies, Susan McLaughlin, Fiona Medina and Carol Thompson and Sheryl Kerwick. Despite valued players Carol (knee injury) and Eva (numerous work/family commitments) being sidelined for much of the Season, their court-side support was very much appreciated.

Our very talented Number 1 player - Fiona Medina was selected to represent in mid-June the All-Australian team (50 years+) in France. We look forward to learning of her exploits on her return.

Sheryl Kerwick, Captain

MMTA (Thursday Midweek Men's Competition)

Section 1

Ellie Cohen, Kevin Gregory, Frank Kraps, John Mansour, Michael Byrnes.

This is the first club team to play in Sec 1 for a number of years. They started the season well knowing there would be plenty of competition. However they soon found that injuries played a key part in their season, with Michael Byrnes, John Mansour and Frank Kraps all succumbing to significant injury problems during the season and each missing a number of matches. They also had some of the usual travel absences, which on top of the injuries made presenting a competitive team each week somewhat beyond their capabilities. Thanks to assistance from the Sec 3 team, including John Zannoni, they managed to field a team each week but lost their place in the four, and were not able to make the finals.

Section 3 – Nth Balwyn Lions

John Zannoni, Garry Basinski, Roger Taylor, Donald Wilde, Preston Berryman, Albert Au.

Section 3 was a very competitive section with one outstanding team and 4 other even, strong teams, with our Lions being one of these teams. After a close competitive season the Lions finished second, with only 8 points separating second and sixth placings. Kilsyth, the outstanding team all season defeated Nth Balwyn Lions in the second semi final, but then Nth Balwyn Lions scored a good win over Donvale to face Kilsyth once again in the Grand Final. The Lions did well to win 2 sets in the final, but that was not enough for the flag, so they were runners up.

Section 4 – Nth Balwyn Tigers

Theo Eversteyn, Jim de Stephanis, Stephen Clarke, Peter Nitsos, Peter Moran, and Don Jinnette.

After a competitive season Nth Balwyn Tigers managed to finish second to St John's Crics, who were clearly the best performed team in the section, but were beaten 5 sets to 1 in the second semi-final. However the Tigers beat Bulleen 4 sets to 2 in the Prelim final to get to the Grand Final and another crack at St John's. The Tiger's team was Theo, Jim, Stephen, and Don. The Grand Final was washed out after three and a half sets with St John's having won 2, requiring a return the following week. However Don was unavailable, having departed for northern climates, and Theo, down with the flu, was not fit to play. So the remaining two team members, the two Peters, were required to complete the match. The Tigers managed to win the unfinished set and so were 2 sets all at that stage. The 2 final sets were played and the Tigers managed to win both, to take the unexpected premiership amidst much jubilation!

Peter Moran, MMTA Co-ordinator

A new member to the club is interested in playing in the next season of MMTA in a lower section than the above. If there are other men (over 55) wishing to play, please call the MMTA co-ordinator Peter Moran, on 9830 5582.

SENIOR COMPETITION RESULTS

Association	Senior/Vet	Day	Team Name	Season	Section	Position on Ladder	Pennants
MEMRLTA	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	4	8 th	
	Senior Ladies	Tuesday		Summer	8	5 th	
EDWTA	Senior Ladies	Wednesday		Summer	5	6 th	
WDTA	Senior Ladies	Thursday		Season 1	A Grade 1	4 th	
MMTA	Veteran Mens	Thursday		Autumn	1	6 th	
			Lions	Autumn	3	2 nd	Runners Up
			Tigers	Autumn	4	2 nd	Premiers
BDNTA	Senior Ladies	Monday	Ballwin.nets	Autumn	2	6 th	
Night	Senior Ladies	Monday	Raq Paq	Autumn	6	5 th	
	Senior Open	Monday	Giants	Autumn	2	6 th	
	Senior Open	Monday	Chew's Champs	Autumn	4	4 th	
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Old Boys	Autumn	6	1 st	Runners Up
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Rattlers	Autumn	8	7 th	
	Senior Open	Tuesday	Dragons	Autumn	11	1 st	Premiers
	Senior Open	Tuesday	C. Chokers	Autumn	12	6 th	
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Barracoutas	Autumn	3	2 nd	Runners Up
	Senior Open	Wednesday	Racketeers	Autumn	4	5 th	
	Senior Open	Thursday	Scorpions	Autumn	1	4 th	
Senior Open	Thursday	Immigrants	Autumn	4	8 th		
Pennant TV	Mens	Saturday		2015	6	3 rd	
ERT	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Summer	4	4 th	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Summer	6	4 th	
	Senior Open	Saturday	Open Sets	Summer	11	2 nd	Runners Up
	Senior Open	Saturday	Singles/Doubles	Summer	1	8 th	
	Senior Open	Sunday	Open S/D	Summer	3	4 th (of 5)	

ANNUAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

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

There were 13 events, with 120 entries from 91 players. Photos from the 2015 Club Championships can be seen on the NBTC web page under the side menu "Club Championship". Last year, an on-line schedule and results system was introduced and this year an on-line booking and payment system was trialled. A big thank you to the Club Championships Sub-committee: Frank Crombie, Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown, David Rehe and Peter Moran. 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 northbalwyntc@yahoo.com.au.

RESULTS 2015

Event	Champion	Runner-up
Open Mens Singles	Andrew Halford	Jack Bianco
Open Ladies Singles	Fiona Medina	Judy Davies
Open Mens Doubles	Stuart Brown David Rehe	Peter Campbell Phoenix Campbell
Open Ladies Doubles	Jane Cash Fiona Medina	Sheryl Kerwick Susan McLaughlin
Open Mixed Doubles	Martin Ip Georgia Burt	Shing Yue Sheung Rhonda McCaw
Parent/Child Doubles	Simon Ravenhill Kaylene Ravenhill	Alex Coslovich Emily Coslovich
Mens 50+ Doubles	Preston Berryman John Nemark	Albert Au Russell Downie
18 & Under Boys Singles	Phoenix Campbell	Andy Han
18 & Under Girls Singles	Philippa Rehe	Annie Rehe
18 & Under Boys Doubles	Aaron Cartledge Quang Nguyen	Calidore Cramb Julian Cramb
18 & Under Boys Consolation	Matthew Chen	Jack Stewart
18 & Under Girls Doubles	Annie Rehe Philippa Rehe	Emily Coslovich Milicia Vukadinovic
14 & Under Boys Singles	Aaron Cartledge	Matthew Chen

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. Non-members are welcome to try out before joining the club, just pay \$5 visitor fee.

Social night tennis

The present system for booking a court for social night tennis is via a booking diary, located in the second drawer of the cabinet in the temporary clubhouse. The Committee is investigating an on-line booking system and will inform members if there is to be a change and how it will work. Until then, please write your booking in the diary (including which court) in advance to secure your booking. Payment of \$10 per hour per court will continue to be on an honour system using the envelopes located in the same drawer as the booking diary.

SOCIAL NEWS



Friday 4

Twilight Tennis

Social Tennis just got *better* in Boroondara! Come and join in the *fun* of **Twilight Tennis** on every Friday Night @ 7.30!

Each of the 4 Tennis Clubs will *host one Friday each month*. All members from each of the participating Clubs are welcome to play and enjoy meeting other tennis players from the Boroondara Tennis Community. No need to sign up in advance...just bring your racquet and play!

4 NIGHTS

4 CLUBS

CANTERBURY DEEPDENE
GREYTHORN PARK NORTH BALWYN

4 ALL MEMBERS

GreythornTC	3/7	7/8	4/9	2/10
North Balwyn TC	10/7	14/8	11/9	9/10
Canterbury TC	7/7	21/8	18/9	16/10
Deeptide TC	24/7	28/8	25/9	23/10

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Balwyn: 411 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn Tel: 9836 8029

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SMOKE-FREE CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL AREAS

From 1 April 2014, 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>

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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