

# North Balwyn Club Tennis



Mid Year Newsletter

June 2008

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a busy few months for the committee. We have managed to get some improvements completed on some courts such as lines, but also have finally got the flooring fixed on the West side of the clubhouse, which looks great. We are also about to move forward with water tanks, having received a grant for this from Council. Thanks to all those who have worked so well to get these things organised, particularly Eugene and Tony.

We would like to see if members have an interest in social activity, based around tennis of course. So we intend to try having two Friday evening tennis nights at the club, in which members and families, and your friends too can come up for a social game of tennis. We will charge a token amount (\$2) for non-members. The dates are Friday 11th July and Friday 25th July. Anytime from 6pm.

Club championships are hopefully going to be in September. We need help in organising and running these. Please contact me if you are prepared to give some time to help with the club championships. Your club needs you!

Happy tennis...

*Danny Samson*

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions were due on April 1st, nearly 3 months ago. Members who have not yet renewed will find a renewal form included with this newsletter and are asked to deal with the matter promptly, otherwise all privileges of membership will be withdrawn. If you do not intend to renew, please return the form with your name and the appropriate 'not renewing' box ticked. This will avoid further unnecessary and annoying follow up.

**THE COMMITTEE**

Danny Samson	President
Vacant	Senior Vice-President
Vacant	Junior Vice-President
Tony Barton	Secretary
Peter Moran	Treasurer
Peter McCaw	Membership Secretary
Andrew Halford	Junior Organiser (joint)
Stuart Brown	Junior Organiser (joint)

Elizabeth Brown	Committee Member
Rhonda McCaw	Committee Member
Eugene Chandraraj	Committee Member

*Five vacant positions*

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.



The committee from left:  
Andrew Halford, Tony Barton, Peter Moran, Peter McCaw, Rhonda McCaw,  
Danny Samson (President), Eugene Chandraraj (Stuart and Liz Brown absent)

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## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

A number of projects have been on the go since the last newsletter, one of which has been completed which was the replacement of the wooden ramp on the western side of the clubhouse. There seems to be general agreement that the contractor did an excellent job!

We have accepted a quote for the installation of three 9000 litre water tanks which will be placed on the eastern side of the clubhouse. The cost of purchase and installation has been offset by a \$10,000 grant from City of Boroondara. The water captured in these tanks will be able to be used on courts 3 & 4 only.

The third project, the new security system involving keypad entry to the courts and clubhouse will be financed by the City of Boroondara and the job is expected to be done early in the new financial year. Members will be informed when the new system is to be implemented and we hope to keep inconvenience to a minimum.

Trevor Habel continues to maintain our courts on a regular basis and Eugene Chandraraj will liaise with him so please voice any concerns about the courts to Eugene or any member of the committee. Our part-time caretaker, Geoff Hall maintains the grounds and internal cleanliness of the clubhouse and we ask members to contribute wherever they can so we can have a club of which we can all be proud.



New ramp on western side



Site for three water tanks

## **COURT SURFACE AND WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Given that under current guidelines we are able to water and use all of our courts and especially with the proposed installation of tanks to supplement our water supply, the issue of changing court surfaces has moved to the back burner. The Committee has no immediate plans in this area although, if and when we need to renew courts in the normal maintenance cycle, we will almost certainly change to a more water friendly surface. At that time members will be closely consulted regarding the specific surface to be installed. Of course, the implementation of stricter water restrictions may speed up this process.

In the meantime, members are asked to use water as sparingly as possible since we have to operate within fairly tight water usage limits.

## COURT CARE

Please obey the following simple instructions when caring for courts. It will make life simpler and safer for everyone.

**Bagging:** Bag courts back to the fence and well outside the side lines. Replace drag mats neatly against the fence at the **back** of the courts, **not** on the sides.

**Watering:** Water courts evenly and thoroughly to the back fence but being mindful of current water restrictions. When finished, draw hoses out **in straight lines** against the back fence or, for courts 1 & 2, between the courts. Do **not** leave hoses in a tangled pile. This is both dangerous and difficult for the next person who has to use them.

**Line Brooms:** Sweep lines gently to expose the line but not to leave a trench. Always replace the broom on the fence hanger designated for the purpose (marked 'BROOM').

## JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

As Saturday morning comp is coming to an end, we are looking at only 1 team making the finals, but there is the possibility of 2 others sneaking in. Our girls 11 lost their first match of the season but have not looked back winning 12 on the trot! Holding the number 1 position on the ladder by a mile, not bad considering they played Sec 11 last season and were on the bottom. Through great team unity and enthusiasm, the girls have been dominating, to say the least! Good luck in the finals girls! We know you will do well.

### **From Section 11 girls:**

With the last season's losses, we told ourselves "it's ok to lose as long as we have fun". However, in the first few weeks of this season, we found something that was even better. Having fun and WINNING. Thanks to Stuart and Andrew's coaching, the weekly bribery of cokes and chocolate, as well as the undying support from our parents, we have been able to cruise our way up to the very top of the ladder. How does it feel? Imagine how Sir Edmund Hilary felt when he became the first man to conquer Mt Everest: that's how we feel. With Nikki's killer forehands, Jesse's lightning serves, Millie's impenetrable defence and Esther's sly drop shot, our team stands nearly undefeated against fierce competition. We are already pumped for the up coming finals and everyone should brace themselves. The North Balwyn section 11 girls are ready to rock and roll.

*Emilia Renney*

*And back to the report.....*

Girls Section 3 are currently 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder and have a bye in the last round, same as our boys 11. Both teams need the 4<sup>th</sup> place holders to have a bad week next week to try and slide into the top 4. Good luck!!

Sunday comp started a few weeks ago and is progressing well, with all teams starting strong! We have a couple of new teams that have just started and we wish them all the best on these up coming freezing cold mornings.

**It is great to see the kids still enthusiastic about getting out of bed early on the weekends and battling it out on the court, especially when it is only about 5 degrees. Some teams are actually arriving ½ an hour before their start time to warm up. That is 7:15am on Saturday morning. Go Kids! Don't know how the parents feel though. Best of luck to those teams with finals coming up on the Saturday mornings and also to the Sunday teams who are just getting their season underway.**

*Stuart Brown & Andrew Halford*

**COACHING REPORT**

It has been a great start to the year with many new junior enrolments including keen players wanting to join the Saturday and Sunday morning competition formats.

Tennis Matters welcomes our two new assistant coaches Matt Barr and Peter Hunt. Both chaps provide a fun, social lesson format where the kids can learn the many aspects of tennis in a group environment including designed tennis games, playing with a partner, stroke technique and the rules of tennis.

Both of us coach group lessons, but also offer a more specialized program including squads and private lessons. These areas enable the players involved to learn the finer points of the game namely stroke production, tactics and serious point play!

A new initiative this year has resulted in our girls' squad splitting up into two squads so that they can specifically train with their competition team mates. This gives the girls the opportunity to more productively refine their doubles tactics and develop team unity. It has had great results just ask Stu, he has lost many Coke cans to the players involved due to their almost flawless performance this season. Well done team!

**TENNIS MATTERS**

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*Stuart Brown* (TCAV Advanced Coach) Ph. 0412 966 336.

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**Court Usage**

Many different groups within the club use the courts on a regular basis. Here is a summary of the main users of the courts. Coaching of juniors occurs during school term only.

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Sun</b>
<b>09:00</b>	Organised Social	Organised Social	Ladies comp - EDWTA	Organised Social	Coach & matchplay session	Junior Tennis Comp. NEJTA	Junior Tennis Comp. ERT
				Ladies comp - WDTA			
<b>10:00</b>	Organised Social	Organised Social	Ladies comp - EDWTA	Organised Social	Coach & matchplay session	Junior Tennis Comp. NEJTA	Junior Tennis Comp. ERT
				Ladies comp - WDTA			
<b>11:00</b>	Organised Social	Organised Social	Ladies comp - EDWTA	Organised Social		Junior Tennis Comp. NEJTA	Junior Tennis Comp. ERT
				Ladies comp - WDTA			
<b>12:00</b>		Ladies comp - MEMRLTA	Ladies comp - EDWTA	Ladies comp - WDTA			
<b>13:00</b>		Ladies comp - MEMRLTA		Men's comp - ERMWVTA		Senior Comp ERT 2-4 courts	Pennant 4 courts
<b>14:00</b>		Ladies comp - MEMRLTA		Men's comp - ERMWVTA		Senior Comp ERT 2-4 courts	Pennant 4 courts
<b>15:00</b>		Ladies comp - MEMRLTA		Men's comp - ERMWVTA		Senior Comp ERT 2-4 courts	Pennant 4 courts
<b>16:00</b>	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Senior Comp ERT 2-4 courts	Pennant 4 courts
<b>17:00</b>	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts		
	Girls squad		Boys squad	Girls & Boys squad			
<b>18:00</b>	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts	Coaching 3-4 courts		
	Girls squad		Boys squad	Girls & Boys squad			
<b>19:00</b>	BDNTA night comp	BDNTA night comp	BDNTA/NENTG night comp	BDNTA night comp			
	Courts 1 & 2	Courts 1 & 2	Courts 1-4	Courts 1 & 2			
<b>20:00</b>	BDNTA night comp	BDNTA night comp	BDNTA/NENTG night comp	BDNTA night comp			
	Courts 1 & 2	Courts 1 & 2	Courts 1-4	Courts 1 & 2			
<b>21:00</b>	BDNTA night comp	BDNTA night comp	BDNTA/NENTG night comp	BDNTA night comp			
	Courts 1 & 2	Courts 1 & 2	Courts 1-4	Courts 1 & 2			

## **MID-WEEK COMPETITION AND SOCIAL TENNIS REPORTS**

### **Tuesday M.E.M.R.L.T.A. Competition**

#### **Section A5**

The summer season of 2007/2008 was a good one for us. Our team consisted of 6 players, Serena Hayes, Melanie Katopodis, Rowena Sheung, Christa Schlifelner, Jenny Law and Anke Meinert. The competition was stiff but we were able to compete and at the end of the season we moved up into Section 4. We were all competitive and keen to play, but we were nevertheless a happy team. Needless to say, we had to deal with a couple of injuries, but we were lucky that we could manage without emergencies, as we were 6 in the team.

*Anke Meinert, Captain.*

#### **Section B1**

We have had a great start to the season and with the addition of Joan Cocks to our team, we are currently sitting on top of the ladder. Last season was very difficult with so many injuries so it is good to have a very settled team on the court each week. We hope to continue our good form and stay in the top 4 to have a chance to play finals later in the season.

Thanks to all the team for their great effort so far this season.

*Lorna Sargeant (Captain)*

### **Wednesday E.D.W.T.A.**

#### **Section 5**

The good news is no bad news - no pulled muscles, no winning teams but respectable scores, no major overseas travel.

Our chief problem is a lack of players; we are currently back to one winter team consisting of six, Marie, Philippa, Dianne, Diana, Kaye and Norma.

Should be comfortable but on leaving on Monday Marie said she was free "just in case". I was hardly in the door when the phone rang. Funerals always seem to happen on Wednesdays. Last week we played on the new mod grass courts at Kew, very heavy going and heavy weather we made of it. It is a joy to play on the North Balwyn's courts after their chemical treatment and some natural help from nature during these damp days.

*Norma Ross*

### **Thursday H.D.T.A Competition**

#### **Section 1**

Section 1 HDTA Thursday Ladies team had a difficult season with injuries and unavailabilities, but we still managed to end up in fourth position on the ladder by the end of the season. We are trying our luck in a different district competition next season just for a change with Waverley Districts. This will also be in a different format, instead of 4 rubbers, best of 3 sets, it will be 8 game sets. Wish us luck.

*Judy Davies (Captain)*

### **Thursday Veterans' Tennis Report (Autumn 2008 Season)**

#### **Section 2**

##### North Balwyn "A"

Consisted of John Zannoni (Capt), Stephen Clarke, Elle Cohen, George Matthews and Garry Basinski. These people had a good season and finished second on the ladder, Unfortunately they had a bad finals season losing a semi - final 0/6 and then a



Preliminary final to Veneto 2 sets to 4. It did not help that Garry Basinski was unavailable for the Prelim Final because of illness. A rather disappointing end to what had been a good season.

## **Section 2**

### North Balwyn "B"

Consisted of Tony MacCormack (Capt), Peter Moran, Lou Sorani, Jim Di Stefanis and Theo Eversteyn. This team was promoted to Section 2 after winning the Section 3 Flag last season but were always going to be in trouble when Mike Charlotte dropped out and they finished on the bottom of the ladder.

## **Section 4**

Consisted of Ian Polmear (Capt), Russell Gledhill, David Hathaway, Neil Wilkinson, Tom Yamazaki and Peter Bahen. Tom unfortunately had an injured ankle and was unable to play for this team. The team plugged along struggling to keep in touch with the top four but got their act together towards the end of the season – with some good old fashioned help from Erich Schlifelner – and finished the season in 3rd spot. They then won their semi final and preliminary final to get to the Grand Final where they struck a full strength Donvale team and went down 5 sets to 1 although they had beaten Donvale twice during the season. So be it.

## **Section 5**

Consisted of the bare 4 players to start with – Ron Brown (Capt), Peter Purcell, Karl Abele and Bob Lee. We recruited an injured Tom Yamazaki towards the end of the season and had Brian Walker fill in for a few games but we still could not keep off the bottom of the ladder.

## **New Players Required**

As usual we have to recruit new players as age is taking its toll on the former youth of the Club. The Club really does need an injection of new blood. We are always on the look-out for new players for our Thursday Veteran's competition so once again the plea goes out that if you are at least 50 years of age and would like to participate in a very popular Veterans' tennis group on a Thursday afternoon please ring Peter Purcell (9857-6286), or Bob Giddings (9857-7292) to assess the situation. The next season commences in August 2008 and ends late November 2008.

*Peter Purcell, Thursday Veteran's Convenor*

## **Midweek Social Tennis**

All the Social Tennis players were delighted with the achievements of the Committee in obtaining an agreement with Yarra Water by which all eight courts became available for play. Congratulations to the Committee and thanks to those members of the Club who spread the magnesium chloride over the courts.

The availability of all eight courts may have something to do with the definite increase in attendance each Tuesday and Thursday and more often than earlier this year there are four courts in action. There is no longer any need to limit play in each set to better utilise the fewer number of courts previously available.

Despite the continued popularity of midweek social tennis, there is still a continuing need to attract additional players. Given the increased number of courts now available, every social tennis player should take every opportunity of recruiting new players. Individuals who for any reason have decided to no longer play competition, members from other clubs who want more midweek tennis and new residents in the area are all potential recruits.

We do not have any Nan Evans bus stories for this newsletter but we live in hope. She has travelled to Sydney and Darwin to visit family. Following her predilection for motor vehicle experiences she accompanied a family member while he did his annual driving test, a requirement of all Territorian drivers. She has also been proactive in educating the inhabitants of that area in the difference between a kingfisher and a kookaburra.

*Bruce Holloway*

## NIGHT TENNIS

For the first half of the year we entered eight teams in Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association (BDNTA), winter season and one team in North Eastern Night Tennis Group (NENTG), Autumn season. The night competition is held on each midweek night except Friday night. The season has just concluded with four teams reaching the semi-finals and three going on to make the grandfinal, Wednesday Ladies Section 1, Wednesday Open Section 5 and Thursday Open Section 3. Open Section 5 went on to win the flag! Well done.

Now for a summary of the teams:

### Monday Ladies:

#### **Section 3**

After last season with so many injuries to our regular team, I'm pleased to say that this season has been a big improvement. We have been fortunate in having Vicki Ibbott as a regular team member, so with six in total we have not had to call upon any emergencies (like last season). It has been a great season and we only had 2 losses in total, so are pleased to say we will be playing in the grand final and hope we can bring home a flag for the club. *Unfortunatly they lost the final, but it was very close, 3 sets all with only one game the difference (Editor).*

Thanks to all the girls in our team ie: Helen Young, Julie Beasley, Caroline Bragg, Lorna Sargeant, and Vicki Ibbott for a wonderful season and not just the tennis but the warm friendship we have developed as well.

We look forward to next season and to do well again.

*Helen Rayner (Captain)*

#### **Section 5**

The Jemels just missed out on the four. Better luck next season.

### Tuesday Open:

#### **Section 13**

We only have one team, the Champion Chokers, on Tuesday night so there is room for three more teams. The CCs improved on last season, finishing 5th. I'm sure they can make the finals next season....

### Wednesday Open:

#### **Section 1**

Genesis have struggled through the season, finishing 7th on the ladder, mainly due to player availability problems, half the team went on a 9 week holiday! They have requested Grade 1 again and hope to improve on 7th place.

#### **Section 4**

The Barracoutas came 6th in their section. Next season they will have some new players - see below.

#### **Section 5**

The Ringins have finally had a good season. Dropping down from section 4 to section 5 proved to be a morale booster in that we have finished off the home and away matches comfortably on top of the ladder. We did have a mid season slump to 6th place but managed to win all matches in the second half of the season. Thanks go to team members Judith (for first half of the season), Andrew, Danny (with myself) as regulars for all of the season with Ainslie as the fill in early on, and to Alex for ending up as a regular in the team, and to Yana for filling in, especially helping us to a good win in the final round. Kerry managed to do an ankle before the season had even begun which meant she only played one match at the end, and David Henry also helped out in a late round. So that was nine players in all which seems to be about normal for a season. **They won the grand final which was a fantastic result! (Editor).** Next season we will amalgamate with the Barracoutas in section 4 which means the end of the Ringins. I joined the Ringins about 4 years ago when it was captained by Bob Burnet, with Phillip Wen, Peter Yap and KK Sheung and me, the



newbie. I had no idea where the team name came from but when dubbed in as captain for the next season I soon found out that maybe it had something to do with the number of emergency players I had to call up each week. The advantage of this arrangement was not having to bother with a roster. If we can get a few more regulars on board maybe we can resurrect the Ringins but on another night as Wednesday proved to be a bit crowded at home on a few occasions. Any one interested?

*Tony Barton*

**Wednesday Ladies:**

Wednesday Ladies – Section 1 team (NENTG) finished 4<sup>th</sup> and played Preston, who were top, in the semi-final. We had a very close match losing by only 5 games. The team consisted of Sheryl Kerwick, Judy Davies, Susan Martin, Helen Cations and we welcomed Susan McLaughlin back to night tennis and Rong Xu (from Thursday Mid-week). We have all enjoyed the high standard of tennis even though we have to travel a bit further. Thanks to Rhonda McCaw who filled in for a couple of matches whilst we had a few out with injuries. We are looking forward to next season to see if we can improve on 4<sup>th</sup> spot.

*Helen Cations (Captain)*

**Thursday Open:**

**Section 1**

The Scorpions finished 6th again this next season and would really like at least one more regular player for the team. Contact Rhonda if you think you might be interested.

**Section 3**

The Never Was' had a great season finishing top of the ladder. They have a new team member, Stephen Herd, a regular emergency in the past but lost Charlie Whiting who moved interstate for work reasons. *They played the Thornbirds in a very close grand final, losing by 2 games, 4 sets to 2. Bad Luck. (Editor).*

**I would love to see more teams in the night competition and we have room for more teams on all nights.**

*Rhonda McCaw, Night Tennis Co-ordinator 9817 2940*

**WEEKEND SENIOR COMPETITION: ERT**

We had 3 teams playing in the Eastern Region Tennis Association (ERTA) competition in the season just passed, the summer 07/08 season. All teams ended up in number four position in their division, but unfortunately, they all lost in the semi-final. No doubt, we will do better this time.

We are almost half way through the winter 08 winter season. Once again, we have entered 3 teams with ERT: open sets 3, open sets 4, and mixed sets 4. The mixed sets 4 team is currently at the number 2 spot while the other 2 teams are working their way gradually upward on the ladder.

The new season, summer 08/09 will commence on 11/08 and we need more players to join our existing teams and also, we can accommodate 1 or 2 more new teams. Please email me at [ksheung@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ksheung@bigpond.net.au) if you have any interest in joining us for Saturday afternoon tennis.

*KK Sheung, Saturday afternoon Co-ordinator 9888 4327*

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## PENNANT 2007 - VICTORIAN TENNIS SERIES

Due to the season just getting underway there is not much to report in the way of performance. However, this year we have men's grade 1, 3 and 13 entered in the Victorian Pennant Competition.

I welcome Roland Vo and Nathan Ferarro. Roland has joined the grade 3 side and Nathan has rejoined to play grade 1 since being a member a few years ago. We also have some keen juniors competing namely Daniel Seno and Shaurya Tomar.

I wish all teams the very best for the season. All three teams play every Sunday afternoon starting at 1pm. Feel free to come down and offer your support.

For those other keen players out there, juniors or adults, have a serious think about improving your game by joining the strongest competition in Victoria next year. You will need to put your name on the list in the clubhouse by the end of January next year. Why not have a go!

If any one would like more information please give me a call.

*Andrew Halford - Pennant Secretary 0412 021 911*

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### SOCIAL NEWS

- Put in your diaries – **Film night, "Mama Mia" – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.** The time will not be confirmed until a week before, but it will be sometime between 6.30pm and 7.00pm. Tickets will be \$15.00 each and an announcement will be made closer to the night if there is to be drink and snack food available either before or after the film. There would be an extra charge for this. A notice will be placed on the Social Noticeboard when the details are finalised.
- I apologise for the considerable delay in purchasing new tables and chairs for the clubhouse. The committee is very grateful to the dedicated members who secured book orders to allow the Club to proceed with buying the new furniture. I hope to have this organized in the next two months.
- Club Championships will take place later this year with a compact format expected. It is to be hoped that club members will support the event.
- **Friday Night Social Tennis**  
Members, their families and friends are invited to come along to two social evenings of tennis on two Fridays, 11th and 25th July from 6.00 pm. To encourage your participation the normal light usage fee will be waived. The only charge will be a \$2.00 visitor fee for non-members. If successful, the Friday night social tennis may become a regular event. We hope that members who don't usually play night tennis or who like to play night tennis but cannot commit to competition will be interested. This will be just before the next night competition is to start so it could be a good time to have a practice. It is, we hope, also a good way to introduce prospective members to the club.

*Liz Brown Social Convenor*

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### Eva's Tips

Tennis Victoria has recently amended its own version of the rules and etiquette for matches played without chair umpires. If you are interested in seeing the complete set of rules, you can go to their website at [www.tennis.com.au](http://www.tennis.com.au), then go into the section headed "Community" where you will find a further subsection headed "Rules".

In the mean time, to whet your appetite and perhaps enable you to get to afternoon tea quicker (or perhaps the bar?) here is a summary of a couple of rules which are not always resolved correctly.

- Each player in a team is responsible for making all calls on their own side of the net, noting that the benefit of the doubt should always be given to the opponent. If you are not sure then the ball was good - even if it was "only" out by a "bee's whisker". The rule regarding who makes the call is not just limited to line calls, but also includes foul shots and double bounces. The exceptions to this are service lets and lets caused by something coming onto the court (a ball from another court) both of which may be called by either player or team.
- On clay courts, the official title of our *en tous cas* courts, ball marks may only be inspected by the opposition when they have been invited by the person/team making the call. This is primarily to help tennis maintain its "polite" image, a pleasant change in an era when "please" and "thank you" often seem to be on the endangered list, seemingly another victim of global warming! Although the invitation is needed, it is equally expected that having asked, the request will be consented to, as this is the most efficient way to end a dispute. If the ball mark can't be read then the original call stands. It is also expected that, unless something unusual has happened, the person making the call ought to be able to show a mark - if they cannot, they lose the point (you ought not to call "out" if you do not have a mark as you could not have been sure of what you saw). If the ball mark is touched while inspecting it, this is interpreted as erasing the mark and therefore the person touching the mark concedes the call.

*Eva Bettiol*

Eva Bettiol is a long time member of NBTC and an experienced and qualified tennis umpire. We are grateful for her contribution to the newsletter and look forward to further clarification of some controversial rule interpretations in the next issue.

### VALE BOB EDGE

Bob Edge, a life member of the NBTC, passed away in December 2007. Bob was an active member having joined the club in its very early days. He was a regular social player and a committee member for many years. Bob was always one of the first at the many working bees which were held in the club's infancy, in fact he was one of the main instigators of these working bees and gave willingly of his time and expertise. It was for his contribution to the maintenance area of the club, in particular the time and effort expended during the construction of courts 1 and 2 and the relocation of the clubhouse that Bob was duly recognized and made a life member in 1975.

Bob played tennis at NBTC with his wife, Estelle and his children, Alan and Helen and to them we extend our sympathy on his passing.

*Kaye Clarke*

#### VALE MAC DYRING

Mac Dyring, husband of Beryl, made a significant contribution to the club in its inception and in the maintenance of the club throughout the 60's and early 70's. His daughter Kaye Clarke, son-in law Stephen and grandchildren Michelle, Angela and Rod Clarke are all current or past members of North Balwyn Tennis Club. Mac passed away in February this year.

*Alan Edge*

#### 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 new website address is: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~nbtc/>*

#### **MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES**

**PETER M<sup>C</sup>CAW**

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#### IMPORTANT DATES

**FRIDAY NIGHT 11TH JULY AND 25TH JULY - SOCIAL TENNIS NIGHT**

**MONDAY NIGHT 14TH JULY - FILM NIGHT**

**SEPTEMBER - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**