



**Mid-year Newsletter**

**June 2010**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear members and friends of NBTC,  
Welcome to our mid-2010 newsletter. As you can imagine, your club's hard-working management committee has been pre-occupied in recent months with organising the new court surfaces for our courts 3-6. And finally, after over 18 months of planning and discussion, we have them!

We certainly hope that you all like them as much as we are hearing that many people do. Please give any member of the club committee your feedback. It's been a lot of effort, particularly for Rhonda McCaw, Graham Besley, Peter Moran, Rowena Sheung, Tony Barton and others, who organised everything from the financing and Council approvals to overseeing the installation. On your behalf, I want to thank them most sincerely for their hard work. We had a fun launch day a couple of Sundays ago, which was well attended by members and two Councillors.

The total cost of those courts, and some associated other works such as plumbing, brickwork etc, was over \$140,000. We are financially solid as a club, but clearly not nearly so well off in terms of reserves as we were a year ago. When we sent out renewal notices to members this year, we invited top up donations, and we received some \$2500 in total from members: I want to give a huge thank you on behalf of all members to all who contributed!

There are always lots of things to do around the club, and if you have a few hours you can give to assist with maintenance or other activities, such as organising club championships etc, we could always do with some help: just speak to any member of the committee.

Our membership is holding at good solid numbers, but we could always welcome more members of the community to NBTC, so please help us in this regard by telling people about our fine club: we would like more juniors especially, and people in their 20s up to 90s. Who knows, the person you recommend to come into the club might end up bringing along or being the next Sam Stosur!

A few people would like to restart social Sunday afternoon tennis: Judith Rivers is willing to be our coordinator and she will start up Sunday Social from Sunday 27th June from 2.30 pm. Why not come along?

Cheers for the next tennis season!

*Danny Samson  
President*

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## THE COMMITTEE 2009/2010

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Vacant	Junior Vice-President
Tony Barton	Secretary
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
Vicki Ibbott	Committee Member
Peter Moran	Committee Member

Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.

*We have three vacant committee positions.*

## NORTH BALWYN TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Help us celebrate the launch of our  
**new tennis courts** with a day of  
social tennis & food!

North Balwyn Tennis Club  
**OPEN DAY**  
Sunday 23rd May 2010 at 1:30pm

BBQ & Cakes for sale  
Byo Drinks

Friends and new  
members welcome

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Thank you to Chris Besley for the great flyer!

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May about 40 members and friends came along to celebrate the completion of our court resurfacing project. The four courts were resurfaced with PolyClay XL by GrasSports Australia. Cameron Harris from GrasSports was there to answer questions and receive our thanks for a job done well, on time and within the budget specified. These new courts will have many advantages over the en-tout-cas courts, the main one being that they do not require water for maintenance and drain well when it rains. The other advantages are less cost in maintenance, the softness underfoot, the regular bounce and clear lines. Proper maintenance of the courts is essential and the committee will be working closely with GrasSports to achieve this.

Other people thanked by Danny Samson, our president, were the three Councillors from City of Boroondara, Councillor Nick Tragas and Dick Menting (present) and Councillor David Bloom (absent) and Bernadette Clayton, Balwyn High School, who all wrote to City of Boroondara supporting our Sport & Recreation Victoria Grant application, which was successful. Through this grant, our club received \$55,470. The other major contributor (outside the club) was Bendigo Bank with a sponsorship of \$10,000 towards the project. The club committee has been diligently saving for this project and are proud to have financed this project (the largest ever undertaken by the club) without having to levy the members.

The Open Day sub-committee was thanked for organising the day, especially Liz Brown for the catering, Chris Besley for the great flyer, Peter Moran for bringing along his coffee machine and our dedicated coaches, Andrew and Stuart.

Finally Danny made special mention of all those members who generously gave a donation along with their subscriptions. We have raised over \$2,500 with at least six members contributing over \$100 each.



Graham Besley (Maintenance Co-ordinator NBTC) and Cameron Harris (GrasSports)



KK Sheung - a new tennis style!



Cr. Dick Menting, Cr. Nick Tragas (speaking), Cameron Harris, Rhonda McCaw, Tony Barton and Danny Samson (president NBTC)

## MAINTENANCE REPORT

The new PolyClay courts need to be bagged after each set with the heavy carpet mats for the next 4 weeks at least. They should be bagged to the fence line and in between the courts as well to maintain an even surface. It is recommended for two players to drag the mats to avoid any straining. Members will be advised when the lighter mats can be used. Members are also asked to alternate use of the courts so courts 5 & 6 wear at an even rate to courts 3 & 4.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FINALS OF THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of North Balwyn Tennis Club was held at the club at 5pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. It is with pride that it is reported that we had a quorum! About 25 people attended and stayed on for dinner.

### Club Championships

A limited club championships was scheduled for November 22<sup>nd</sup> with finals to be played on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to rain on 22<sup>nd</sup> November they were continued on 6<sup>th</sup> December instead and the finals played on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Here are the results :

Event	Champion	Runner-up	Entries
Open Mens Singles	Andrew Halford	Shing-Yue Sheung	7
Open Ladies Singles	Yana Barton	Serena Tran	6
Open Mens Doubles	Stuart Brown Andrew Halford	John Hanson Shing-Yue Sheung	6
Open Ladies Doubles	Yana Barton Martha Clarke	Rhonda McCaw Rowena Sheung	3
Open Mixed Doubles	Andrew Halford Vicki Ibbott	John Hanson Yana Barton	7
18 & Under Boys Singles	Shing-Yue Sheung	John Hanson	8
18 & Under Girls Singles	Cassandra Avendano	Serena Tran	6
18 & Under Boys Doubles	Not Played		
18 & Under Girls Doubles	Kim Vo Serena Tran	Yana Barton Martha Clarke	4



Open Mens singles Andrew and Shing-Yue



Open Ladies Singles Yana with Danny Samson



Open Mixed Doubles Vicki and Andrew



Open Mens Doubles Andrew and Stuart



Girls Champion Cassandra



Boys Champion Shing-Yue



Open Ladies Doubles Yana and Martha



Nice handbag Stuart!



The perfect ball toss Stuart!

### **Honour Boards**

The Junior champions names for 2010 are up on their Honour Board but we have now filled the last Honour Board for adult male and female champions. We are investigating alternative options at this stage and also are planning to restore the earlier Honour Board where the names have faded over the years.

## **Christmas Party**

The Club Christmas Party was held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting and the presentation of club championship trophies. Dinner included chicken, salads and dessert. This is our main social event of the year. It would be good to see more members come along this year.....

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership subscription renewals were due on 1 April, nearly 3 months ago. To date approximately 60% of members have renewed but around 40% have not done so. Membership subscriptions are far and away our major source of income and, having recently installed the four new synthetic courts at considerable cost, the Club needs all subscriptions to be paid as a matter of urgency.

Anyone receiving this newsletter who has not renewed their membership for 2010/11 but is playing competition for the Club or making use of the facilities on a social or casual basis **MUST** renew immediately. If you have any queries please contact me. A renewal form is enclosed for your convenience. (If you have already renewed but a form is enclosed, please ignore it and accept my apology.)

If you do not intend to renew, please return the form with the 'not rejoining' box ticked. This will avoid further annoying and unnecessary follow up.

*Peter McCaw, Membership Secretary*  
9817 2940

## **JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT**

We currently have 10 teams playing over Saturday and Sunday mornings and are almost at the halfway mark of the season. So far the majority of teams are doing well with a number sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder.

It has been a difficult start to the season with so many kids having mid-year exams and having to miss out on training as well as some of the matches on the weekends. We wish them all the best and hope to see some physios and doctors at the club soon!!!

Once again the attitude of all the kids and their parents on the mornings has been perfect. Everyone behaves exactly as they should showing great sportsmanship on and off the court in true North Balwyn Tennis Club fashion.

Good luck for the rest of the season, and we hope to see a few more flags up in the clubhouse!!!!

## **TENNIS MATTERS**

*Andrew Halford* (TCAV Advanced Coach, B.App.Sci. in Human Movement) Ph. 0412 021 911  
*Stuart Brown* (TCAV Advanced Coach) Ph. 0412 966 336.

## **COACHING REPORT**

As the cold and wet weather naturally turns on us at this time of year, we still have new faces appearing wanting to learn the game of tennis. As these players, mostly junior beginners, improve, we hope they will react positively to our encouragement to take the next step and become involved in weekend junior competition.

Of particular note, we have had a steady rise over the course of term 2 of junior private lesson students wanting to accelerate their stroke production skills. It is pleasing to see these kids take such an interest in the game, and their eagerness to play competitively.

Stuart and I take this opportunity to thank our assistant coaches, both Martin Ip and Alex Barton for their efforts so far this year. Both coaches have been past students of Tennis Matters and have been keen to take on the challenge of instructing.

If you feel your game or your team could do with some work, contact one of the team at Tennis Matters. We all look forward to term 3 and hope it rains often, of course outside coaching hours!

Tennis does matter!

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## **MID-WEEK COMPETITION REPORTS**

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

#### **Section A4**

Although we ended up second from the bottom last season and applied for a lower grade, MEMRLTA still thinks that we're strong enough for A4. They may be right because we are doing slightly better this season, we managed to have a few wins under our belt.

We are lucky to have Serena Hayes back after a year of shoulder injury time out but unfortunately, Anke Meinert had a knee operation end of February which will keep her out of action until at least July.

Kaye Clarke was going to be an emergency this season but has found herself playing almost every Tuesday.

Of course, A4 would not exist without my two buddies and tennis partners : Christa Schlifelner and Melanie Katopodis. We have been playing together since 2002!

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Diana Lamb who played with us last season and also our many faithful emergencies : Margaret Grouse, Eva Bettiol, Jane Cash and Rhonda McCaw who are always willing to help us out.

This season, we'll try to maintain our position in the middle of the ladder and stay out of umpiring.

*Rowena Sheung, Captain*

## **Section A9**

Last season (summer) our team enjoyed a great season by finishing 2nd on the ladder. Unfortunately we finished runner-ups as we were not able to beat the top team on the day. However we have been moved up 2 sections and have found the tennis both enjoyable and much stronger. At this stage we have not won many games but are hoping the second round will see an improvement and move up the ladder. Unfortunately Caroline Bragg will be out for a while with minor surgery but we look forward to the return of Lorna Sargeant from overseas & foot surgery !!! We have been fortunate in having Loma's daughter Adrienne join our team and it is good to have some 'young legs' in the team.

*Sue Chaman (Captain)*

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

### **Section 5**

Shortly Norma Ross and Philippa Wardrop will return to the team having been overseas for the past 7 weeks. Diana Draffin recently underwent heart surgery and we trust she makes a full and speedy recovery.

Our team this season comprises Catherine Lawton, (who has returned to the Club following 13 years in Canberra), Dianne Sampson, Philippa, Norma and Marie Purcell. We were very fortunate in having Diana Lamb help us out over recent weeks – our sincere thanks Diana. Just past the half-way mark, we are in second place on the ladder and hope to maintain our position and reach the finals.

*Marie Purcell, Captain*

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

### **Section 1**

The team consists of Jane Cash (captain) Judy Davies, Rong Xu, Rhonda McCaw, Eva Bettiol, Susan McLaughlin and Sheryl Kerwick. Sheryl had to pull out mid-season due to work commitments but will be right for the coming season (she promises!). We have just finished the season in 6<sup>th</sup> place and are still adjusting to the higher standard after playing two successful seasons in section 2. Unfortunately Rong will not be rejoining the team (she has found her new passion, golf!) although we hope we can count on her to help out as emergency... We are all looking forward to improving our position in the new season.

*Jane Cash (Captain)*

## **Thursday Veterans' Tennis Report (Autumn 2010 Season)**

### **Section 3**

#### **North Balwyn Lions**

This team consisted of John Zannoni (Capt), Stephen Clarke, Neville Gray, Lou Chiodo, with our former coach John McInnes initially as an emergency. They were consistent performers and throughout the season were always in the four. In the second semi-final they were defeated by Bayview. In the Preliminary Final they defeated Norris Bank Sinners and again took on Bayview in the Grand Final – unfortunately without Stephen Clarke who was again absent for finals duties. They played well but were outplayed by the team that had been top all season – still a good effort.

### **Section 3**

#### **North Balwyn Tigers**

This team consisted of Kevin Gregory (Capt), Theo Eversteyn, Peter Moran, Jim Di



Stefanis, Graham Watt and Peter Nitsos. They also had a good season finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of the home and away matches only to fall by the wayside in the 1<sup>st</sup> semi-final.

### **Section 5**

Consisted of Peter Purcell (Capt), Preston Berryman, Tom Yamazaki, Ian Polmear, Peter Bahen with Tony MacCormack as emergency. Unfortunately Tom did not play after Round 2 because of illness but is expected back for the next season. Tony MacCormack had a bad shoulder for most of the season but we were fortunate to recruit Barry Williams halfway through the season and finished second on the ladder after the home and away matches.

Defeats in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final and the preliminary final put paid to our chances but it was an enjoyable season overall.

### **New Players Required (Again)**

It sounds like an old record but the Club has to recruit new players as age is taking its toll on the former youth of the Club. We are once again on the look-out for new players for our Thursday Veteran's competition so 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), to assess the situation. The Spring 2010 season commences on 12th August 2010 and ends early December 2010.

*Peter Purcell, Thursday Veteran's Convenor*

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### **NIGHT TENNIS COMPETITON**

#### **Night tennis competition CHEAPER for members!**

The Blackburn & District Night Tennis competition requires teams to pay \$7 per night to cover cost of tennis balls and lighting at the home club.

The committee has waived this \$7 charge when members are playing at NBTC. Captains should still collect the \$7 per member of the opposition team and post the money (\$28) in the labelled envelope in the night tennis money box. The committee considers this more equitable and hopes this will encourage more members to play night tennis. Captains may consider collecting \$3.50 from each player whether playing home or away and keeping the extra \$28 for paying for away matches. This way, it is fairer to those who, for whatever reason may be rostered to play more away matches than home matches.

### **Monday Ladies:**

#### **Ballwin.nets - Section 3**

We have had a happy and enjoyable season (summer) but unfortunately we did not have a lot of success. We look forward to getting back on the court in August and will try to make an improvement on our last season. Even though we have not had many wins, we continue to enjoy each others company and are pleased to be healthy enough to be out there !!

*Helen Rayner, Captain*

## **Tuesday Open:**

### **Yackers - Section 11**

After winning the flag in section 13 last season the team, with the injection of some new blood went up to section 11 where they made the finals but lost the semi-final.

### **Champion Chokers - Section 13**

The North Balwyn Champion Chokers (David Hatcher, Chris Besley, Rick Pinto and Graham Besley) played the Outsiders in the Section 13 Grand Final at Nunawading. After the first four sets, North Balwyn led 3 sets to 1, with a seemingly comfortable 9 game margin. Midway through the final 2 sets, however, the score line read 0-3 and 1-5!!! Would the inevitable happen, with the team living up to it's name? David and Graham then got their game going, and strung together 6 straight winning games to take out the set 6-3, ensuring a 4 sets to 2 win for North Balwyn. Great effort!! We are now looking for a shift up to section 11 or 12 next season. Thanks to John Barlow, our fifth member for his enthusiastic support on the night.

*Graham Besley, Captain*

## **Wednesday Open:**

### **Barracoutas - Section 5**

Prior to the season beginning we discussed whether we were capable of fielding a side to be competitive in Section 5. As it turned out we finished the season on top of the ladder. The section was very evenly balanced throughout the season with the leadership of the ladder changing hands many times. The top six sides (out of 8) were all capable of taking out the flag.

We had a very committed team this season, all keen to play. We were fortunate to have a list of 5 regulars that gave us flexibility, with a handy list of emergencies including the big hitting Alex Barton and the mercurial George Matthews. Andrew Phillips was our spearhead playing some terrific tennis while Colin Cheong was our stabilising influence with his valuable consistency. Tony Barton and Phillip Wen were the backbone of the side and were instrumental in securing top spot for the Barracoutas with their doggedness. Unfortunately, our team were beaten by a better side on the day and who ended up being the Grand Finalists for the season.

It was a pleasure playing with this enthusiastic tennis unit.

*Well done team.*

*Andrew Renney, Captain*

### **Coodabeens - Section 9**

The Coodabeens entered Section 9 in the Wednesday Night competition with lots of innocent thoughts. We soon were woken up to the reality of the other teams experience in competition tennis. It was evident they practiced and reaped the rewards. After a few batterings we consolidated as a team and really enjoyed the close matches towards the end of the season. Each of the team members benefited from the chance to play competition, our tennis improved.

I would highly commend any members who wish to improve their tennis and also meet other members to form a team. It was a great way to enjoy the game.

*Michael Hase, Captain*

Unfortunately the Coodabeens will not field a team next season but there is a new team, captained by Simon Wong calling themselves "The Rangers" who will play Wednesday nights.

**Thursday Open:**  
**Scorpions - Section 1**

The Scorpions had a very up and down Winter season. We started slowly, then had a string of great wins in the middle, and lost a few towards the end. Unfortunately after scraping into the semis, we received a good old fashioned shellacking. There were quite a few injuries through the season – get well soon to Balazs, Prabhas and Ross!

*Andrew Hayes*

With four courts under lights and four midweek nights to choose from, the club would be delighted to have more teams competing. Anyone interested in joining the Night Tennis Competition please contact:

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

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**MIDWEEK SOCIAL TENNIS REPORT**

The popularity of midweek social tennis continues to attract enough members (both male and female) for play on three or four courts each Tuesday and Thursday. The new court surface is much appreciated by social tennis players, indeed, the new courts were first used by the midweek players. Court 5 continues to lack the popularity of the other three courts. We have been favoured by the weather and only two or three days were washed out in the last six months but it is unlikely that we shall be that lucky in the months to come. Already the new courts have shown that after overnight rain, which might have delayed play on the en tout cas surface, play is possible without the balls becoming too wet and heavy while the actual surface is not affected by residual moisture.

The Committee is to be congratulated on their initiative and hard work which has resulted in this major and significant upgrade of the Club which will benefit all members. We welcome competition players, who are between seasons of competitive play to join us each Tuesday and Thursday morning.

*Bruce Holloway*

A regular group of members, (again, both men and women are most welcome) also meet on Monday mornings for social tennis from about 9.30 am. As this is “organised social” as above for Tuesdays and Thursdays, balls are provided and doubles are arranged so that all players get their fair share of sets. Newcomers are always welcome so why not come along and start the week with some exercise and good company!

*Peter Purcell*

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**VICTORIAN PENNANT REPORT 2009**

We are currently half way through the season and our two teams, both mens, are performing quite well.

Grade 11 is well inside the top four and I expect them to perform well if they can hold steady and make the finals.

Grade 3 are just outside the four and are having a very competitive season. This team is very dedicated to perform as well as they can with several members training multiple times

during the week, undertaking rally drills, match play and fitness work. It is quite soothing to hear the monotonous yet rhythmic sound of the beep test which these guys perform regularly on a Thursday night.

Finally, let's hope Michael Oaten, Grade 3 no. 1 can win a singles this year!!!

*Andrew Halford - Pennant Secretary*

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## **WEEKEND SENIOR COMPETITION: ERT**

The 2009/10 summer competition finished with our section 1 singles/doubles team, crippled by injury, losing the grand final. The section 4 singles/doubles team made the four but lost in the semi final. Our three open sets teams were all badly overgraded and all finished near the bottom of the ladder.

For the 2010 winter competition, we are fielding 3 open sets teams – sections 5, 6 and 8. In contrast to the summer season, the section 5 and 6 teams are badly undergraded this time and, near the halfway mark, both sit on top of the ladder. Hopefully they can bring home some silverware for the Club. The section 8 team is still struggling but they are coming up against a few teams who would obviously be successful in much higher grades. It appears that the ERT grading process is not working very well at the moment.

*Peter McCaw, ERT senior coordinator*

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## **SUNDAY SOCIAL TENNIS**

This year we have been promoting Sunday afternoon social tennis. Attendance has slowed down a bit but there is a small but regular group of players keen for it to continue. It will be restarting on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 2.30 pm and they would love to have some more players to make it even more enjoyable. This is “organised social” so tennis balls are supplied. Judith Rivers co-ordinates the day and you can call her on 9384 0404 if you want any more information.

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## **SOCIAL NEWS**

### **VALE ESTELLE EDGE**

My mother, Estelle Edge passed away on 22/5/2010 at Walmsley Nursing Home in Kilsyth after a long battle with dementia. She was wife to Bob (dec.) a Life Member (of NBTC), mother also to Helen, and sister to past club identities Ivan (Life Member) and Mac Dyring (dec.). Estelle was one of the original members of the club back in the early '60s who was mainly a social player who occasionally filled in for mid-week ladies competition if they were stuck. She was a member until about 10 years ago, she enjoyed her times at the club immensely and despite mainly playing socially did like to win her matches. Many thanks to club members who came to the funeral and/or passed on their condolences.

*Alan Edge*

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You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on...

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their infamous sketch, 'Who's on First?' might have turned out something like this :

***COSTELLO CALLS TO BUY A COMPUTER FROM ABBOTT***

***ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?***

***COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.***

***ABBOTT: Mac?***

***COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.***

***ABBOTT: Your computer? buy one.***

***COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to***

***ABBOTT: Mac?***

***COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.***

***ABBOTT: What about Windows?***

***COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?***

***ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?***

***COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?***

***ABBOTT: Wallpaper.***

***COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.***

***ABBOTT: Software for Windows?***

***COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?***

***ABBOTT: Office. anything?***

***COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend***

***ABBOTT: I just did.***

***COSTELLO: You just did what?***

***ABBOTT: Recommend something. COSTELLO: You recommended something?***

**ABBOTT: Yes. COSTELLO: For my office?**  
**ABBOTT: Yes. COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?**  
**ABBOTT: Office. COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!**  
**ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.**  
**COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?**  
**ABBOTT: Word. COSTELLO: What word?**

**ABBOTT: Word in Office. COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.**  
**ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.**

**COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?**  
**ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue 'W'.**  
**COSTELLO: I'm going to click your blue 'w' if you don't start with some straight answers. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?**  
**ABBOTT: Money. COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?**  
**ABBOTT: Money. COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?**  
**ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.**

**COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?**  
**ABBOTT: Money.**  
**COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer? ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.**

**COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?**  
**ABBOTT: One copy. COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?**  
**ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.**

**COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?**  
**ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!**  
**(A few days later)**  
**ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?**  
**COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?**  
**ABBOTT: Click on 'START'.....**

## **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?***

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