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Mid-year Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NBTC survives the flood! Tuesday night 2nd December 2003 was a night to remember. Torrential rain caused a river to flow right through the line of our courts, not surprising as our courts were built on an old creek bed. It swept across taking most of the surface en-tous-cas with it, depositing it directly opposite in the bowling club ruining their playing surface. The damage to our courts was mostly superficial and with the help of Bob Giddings and Trevor Habel the courts were playable after a short period. The courts however have taken time to settle and it has taken until now, after some much needed rain, for them to recover. The lines also have suffered and they are being systematically replaced or repaired. A claim for compensation has been lodged with City of Boroondara, which should come through shortly. We have applied to the Council to have our carpark sealed and negotiations are proceeding promisingly.

Security

Recently there have been disturbances in the vicinity of the club. A group of young people has been using the clubhouse inappropriately, being at the clubhouse late at night, drinking and making noise that has annoyed our neighbours. There has also been some vandalism to the clubhouse but whether the two are connected we don't know. On one occasion the police were called and they have agreed to keep an eye on the place. The committee is considering ways to secure the clubhouse more effectively and we ask all members to please make sure the clubhouse and courts are locked when they are the last to leave.

SRV grant application 2004/2005 and renovations

In November last year your committee submitted a grant application to Sport & Recreation Victoria through City of Boroondara for the second year running. The previous year we had appealed for assistance with our proposed renovations and were unfortunately unsuccessful. On advice from City of Boroondara we applied last year for funds to cover rebuilding of courts 3 & 4 and the construction of a wooden walkway behind the clubhouse. We were encouraged by Council to apply and they supported our application. We will know in June if we have been successful. We intend to proceed with the renovations and we are currently submitting them to Council for approval. We will have to do them in stages due to the cost and the plans are displayed on the general noticeboard for members to comment on. Please refer to the general noticeboard for further developments.

Tennis ball supply

A concerted effort has been made to improve the quality of tennis balls for organized social play. The increased supply of used balls from night tennis should help and each co-ordinator of social days has access to the ball cupboard and a supply of new balls to be used when necessary.

Competition fee

From January 2004 the club is asking competition players to pay a competition fee of \$10 per season to cover increased association fees and to cover the cost of fines. Please bring the fee along to your first match of the season.

Commitment

The committee would like to remind those who place their names on lists for the new competition season that they should only do so if they are committed to playing most of the season. Withdrawing from a team after teams are selected can cause extreme disappointment to other team members who may be deprived of a whole season's tennis if a team is therefore unable to compete. It can lead to the section having to have a bye and reflects badly on NBTC. It should be avoided at all costs and members

withdrawing without a valid reason risk becoming ineligible for future selection.

Sponsorship

We would like to explore the use of sponsorship to raise money for the club. We are offering prominent signage space on the court fences (subject to our lease agreement) and advertising in our newsletter and on our web site. We would love to hear from members or local traders who may be interested so if you know any potential sponsors please get in touch.

Finally I hope that you like the new format of our newsletter. It is great to hear how all the various social days and competitions are going. As it only comes out twice a year we encourage you to provide us with your email address so that you can hear about forthcoming social events and happenings around the club (for those who don't have access to the web refer to the noticeboards and front blackboard). Just send an email to northbalwyntc@yahoo.com.au with your details and remember when renewing your membership to fill in the details of your current email address so we can keep your records accurate.

Rhonda McCaw – President

YOUR COMMITTEE

Office Bearers

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Peter Purcell

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Kevin Chiselett

Andrew Halford

Stuart Brown

President

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Secretary

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Junior Organiser/Coach

Junior Organiser/Coach

Committee members

Christa Schlifelner

Val Love

Susan McLaughlin (co-opted)

Shannon Ede (co-opted)

Vacant

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As there will not be another newsletter before the call for nominations for committee (2004/2005) are sent out with the notice for the AGM in October, I would like to take this opportunity to invite members to think about joining the committee. We have at least two vacant positions, even if all current members of the committee stay on. All you need are two members willing to nominate and second you. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month and I have found the committee is fantastic to work with and has been extremely supportive. Everyone on the committee has been actively involved and there is a strong team spirit. Please don't hesitate to have a word with any of the committee if you are pondering taking the plunge!

Club Auditor needed

Bill Somerville has been our honorary auditor for the last six years and will not be standing for the position from this next AGM. Thank you Bill for your generosity and professionalism. We are hoping that there is someone in the club who may be in a position to volunteer for this position. If you have the skills and the time we would love to hear from you.

And the winner is!

This year, we had a raffle for those who paid the subscriptions by the due date, 31st March. Our aim was to encourage members to pay more promptly to reduce the time spent chasing up late payments. The prize was to be a refund of the yearly membership up to the value of one adult membership. At our May meeting we duly drew the raffle and a junior, Jake Taylor, won the prize. Congratulations Jake.

ARE YOU A FINANCIAL TENNIS CLUB MEMBER ???

Urgent reminder notices are being sent out to all members who have not yet paid their 2004/2005 subscriptions and this is another request for those people to attend to this matter as soon as possible. They are also reminded that only paid up members should be competing in competition play involving our Club. To those who do not intend to renew I ask that you advise me accordingly as it will save time and phone calls in finalizing the Club's paid up membership.

Peter Purcell – Membership Secretary

DRINK UP & BEAT THE HEAT

Hot conditions increase the risk of dehydration and heat stress, which can lead to poor performance. Anyone participating in hot conditions is susceptible to heat stress. Here are a few simple tips to reduce the risks associated with playing in the heat:

1. Drink plenty of cool water (cool water is absorbed more rapidly than hot water). Water is fine for short activities, however if the activity is likely to go on for more than an hour a sports drink may replace some of the energy expended through activity.
2. Don't wait to get thirsty. Thirst is a late indicator of fluid loss and by the time you feel stressed it is often too late to rectify the situation. In warm weather players should have a fluid replacement routine, which includes at least 500 ml at least one hour before activity, 200 ml every 20 minutes during a game, and 500 ml after a game.
3. Symptoms of heat stress (dehydration) include fatigue, nausea, confusion and light-headedness. These symptoms indicate that you should stop, drink more fluids and try to cool down.
4. Wear light clothing – light in colour and light in weight, preferably natural fibres.
5. The effects of dehydration can be felt long after a match has finished.

Peter Purcell

JUNIORS

Junior Tennis Coaching Report – TENNIS MATTERS



Since commencing coaching operations at NBTC this year, coaching has been thriving in term one and two. Two hundred and thirty people attended our coaching school last term. We have similar numbers this term. It is great to see so many people enjoying themselves in a game that can last a lifetime.

Our coaching program provides the opportunity for players of all ages and standards to receive expert tuition. Classes available for juniors and adults are group lessons, private lessons, hitting sessions, squad training for the clubs elite juniors, and adult coach and match play mornings - something for everyone! All of our class types are being utilized by keen players looking to improve their game.

Our assistant coaches Bill Oliver, Michael Oaten, Jason Gung and Anthony Norman take a particular interest in providing a fun and friendly learning environment for the juniors involved in our coaching program.

Anthony Norman is a TCAV Advanced Coach. Bill is a TCAV Developmental Coach. Michael and Jason have recently attended the Developmental Coaching Course and are eagerly awaiting their results.

Together with our qualifications, Tennis Matters is equipped with the most up to date coaching techniques sought from all over the world.

BABOLAT Racquets & re-strings

Tennis Matters is sponsored by Babolat. Babolat rackets and strings are the most widely used by the world's top players. Our association with Babolat allows us to offer you top-notch racquets and restrings at heavily discounted prices. We have a range of demo racquets available to try. Restrings are performed on the world's best machine - the Babolat Sensor. What more could you ask for!

As coaches and GRADE 1 Pennant players we are in the best position to offer you personal advice on your equipment. We also know how you hit the ball. Why go elsewhere.

LOTTO Clothing and Footwear

Tennis Matters is also sponsored by Lotto. Lotto is the official product of the men's and women's professional tour. The tennis clothes are fantastic and the shoes! - Lotto has one of the finest clay court shoes in the world offering superb court grip, perfect for en-tou-cas. We have a full range of clothes and shoes that can be seen on our noticeboard in the clubhouse. Again, we are in a position to offer you these products at cheaper than store prices, making them excellent value.

Finally, both of us have been members of NBTC for a combined 25 years. Tennis Matters appreciate the support we have been given so far, and look forward to continuing our role in improving your game in terms of coaching and equipment. Please see the noticeboard in the clubhouse for all Tennis Matters information.

Pick up your racquet!

Andrew Halford (TCAV Advanced Coach, B.App.Sci. in Human Movement) Ph. 0412 021 911

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

Saturday NEJTA Competition

The current season has been in full swing since the end of January. We have 12 teams competing, comprising 8 singles/doubles teams and 4 doubles teams. It is great to see these players rise early every Saturday morning and challenge themselves against their opponents.

There are only a few weeks to go until finals time. We have two teams on top of their ladder, Section 2 Boys, and Section 15 Girls. There are many other teams in the top four and others that are capable of reaching the finals. For the teams that are struggling, they need to stay positive and continue to put in their best efforts. Their time will come.

To the parents that don't attend much, please, if you have the time, come down and support your child and his/her team. We need as much atmosphere at NBTC as we can muster.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team managers for their efforts throughout the season so far, as well as the parents that are involved in the weekly transport and supervision of our teams. The team managers include Sarah Buttner, Rowena Sheung, John Parks, Cathy Cardillo, Nick Wells, Stephen Louey, Eleni Tsalkis, Hannah Nichols, Wayne Gatley (good on you Gatters!) Pey Goh and Craig McInnes. Thankyou!

A special thanks is in order to Rowena Sheung for running the hot dog stand for our hungry juniors when she is available. Fano Menssink is one of her best customers!

Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown
Junior Organisers.

Sunday Morning ERT Competition

Those of you who attended the Club Championships spit roast will be aware that the summer season was very successful. Two out of the four teams that competed not only made the finals but won their section. Congratulations to Boys Section 2 - Damian Wills, Gordon Tang, Daniel Seno, Luke Bettiol, Tim Martin and Andrew Gaff. Congratulations to

Mixed Section 5 - Patrick Ho, James Gaff, John Stone, Serena Tran, Emma Martin and Bridget Beaton. We are now four weeks into the winter season and only have two teams. There is a Boys Section 1 and a Mixed Section 3. Good luck to all of those players competing.

Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown
Junior Organisers.

MIDWEEK TENNIS REPORTS

Tuesday HDTA Competition: Autumn 2004

At the time of compiling this information letter re our Tuesday HDTA competition, we are just past the end of the first round of matches, and early into the second round, due to be completed mid May. Again, this season, due to a lack of players, only one team was entered, with some unexpected illnesses and operations to some of our members, but we have always been able to “field a team”. To date, unfortunately, we have only had one win, although quite a few of our matches have been close (although some have been to the contrary!) Even so, we are enjoying our tennis, and especially welcome so many of our “tennis buddies” at our home matches and thank them for their loyal support.

Our new season is due to commence mid July (Spring) and we would more than welcome any new players so that we could enter a second team, so please peruse the Tuesday HDTA Form which will be placed on the Notice Board until late May, fill in the necessary paperwork and join our very happy band of ladies.

Joy Sedgman Tuesday Secretary HDTA

Tuesday MEMRLTA Competition

Our two teams had very successful summer seasons, both finishing on top of the ladder. Unfortunately, one team lost narrowly in the Semi Final and the other by a small margin in the Grand Final. Well done to both teams!!

The winter season has commenced and once again we have entered two teams. Of the eleven names listed for selection we have some young Mums who would dearly love to have a team of similar ages. If anyone knows of any player (under 50) who would like to join this group and be part of our club please notify me or any Committee Member. As it stands we need to mix the teams with different ages to accommodate all players.

B2 Winter Season

After 5 matches we have recorded only one loss. Judy Gregory is out with an injury at present and we wish her a very speedy recovery. We are looking forward to another competitive and successful season and hope to go one step further and bring home a flag.

Sue Charman, MEMRLTA Representative

B1 Winter Season

The winter season is well under way with 9 matches played. This season will give us the chance to improve our tennis because we moved up 2 sections and most of our opposition are strong and experienced players. Section B 1 is proving to be a little more challenging but enjoyable nevertheless.

We would like to thank Margaret Grouse for helping us out and we enjoy her company and her tennis skills.

We were sorry to lose Joan Cox just before the summer season ended due to an ankle injury. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Christa Schlifelner

Wednesday EDWTA

Section 1

Last season we finished up in 2nd spot on the ladder after a great season of competitive tennis.

We played Templestowe Park in the 2nd semi final and unfortunately were not able to win on the day which was quite a disappointing result for us.

The team consisted of Jenny Inkster, Nikki Crawford, Fiona Medina, Natasha Kristan, Judith McNamara, and Susan McLaughlin. OLGc went on to beat Temp. Park quite easily in the Grand Final. We say a big thank-you to Jenny Inkster for being our captain for the season and with sadness and regret we also say good-bye to her as she moves on to join OLGc Tennis Club. We wish her all the very best at her new club and wish her some competitive and successful tennis in the future.

This season has been underway 4 weeks now, and facing some stronger competition we haven't managed a win as yet. We have the same team as last season minus Jenny and Natasha is our new captain. So here's hoping for a win on the board very soon!!!!

Section 6

Marie Purcell, Norma Ross, Di Draffin, Di Sampson, Phillipa Wardrop, and Di Barron-Toop enjoyed a fairly successful season finishing 4th on the ladder for the season. Unfortunately they lost their semi final to Grace Park who went on to win the section. This season they have had a bye, 2 losses and 1 win, and have welcomed the addition of Kaye Clarke to the team who replaces Di Barron-Toop who is not playing this season. A special cheerio to Airi Norman whose presence is missed by all at the club on Wednesdays.

Social get together at DC's.

To commiserate both teams missing out on the Grand Final we all had a lovely lunch down at DC's at The Village, North Balwyn. I'm sure we all would have rathered to play tennis that day but lunch and champagne was the next best thing.

Susan McLaughlin

Thursday HDTA Competition

The summer season has finished with mixed results. Ann Summerfield and Joan Cocks had to pull out due to injury; we wish them speedy recovery. We will miss you both very much. We welcome Lorel Wall to the club and to section 2 blue team. Winter season has started and we are three matches

in with 2 teams, both in section 2. Good hitting. Carole and Winkie have both become Grandmothers, congratulations.

Prue Tozer

Thursday Veterans' Tennis Report (Autumn 2004 season)

Section 2

The team comprised Greg Perryman ©, George Matthews, Colin Fraser, Tony MacCormack and Tom Yamazaki. Alex Sabbadini was filling in as an emergency late in the season. This team started the season very well and after 8 rounds were well on top of the ladder and looking good. The Colliwobbles then set in and at the time of writing this report they have lost their last five matches and were out of the 4. How do you work it out???

Section 3

North Balwyn Tigers

Consisted of Norman Chesterfield ©, Peter Bahen, Theo Eversteyn, Ian Polmear and Max Gillespie. These “boys” battled well and were always well placed for a place in the final 4. A burst appendix put Theo out for the last half of the season and Max did himself a nasty ankle injury and Erich Schlifelner was wisely recruited to fill the gap left by these absences. At the time of this report the team is 5th with one round to go before the finals so who knows.

North Balwyn Swans

Consisted of Norman Marshall ©, Alan Chipp, Russell Gledhill, Peter Moran, Peter Purcell and Ron Brown. Performed quite reasonably and looked to be finalists but a couple of bad losses in a very even competition meant a tumble to 6th with one round to play (a mere 1 point behind the Tigers). At this stage our Captain decided that he had to head overseas and deserted a possible “sinking ship”. Last year it was Captain Chipp deciding that he had to see some of the New Zealand scenery instead of playing in the finals. Where has the old “team spirit” gone!!!!

Section 4

Consisted of Brian Walker ©, Karl Abele, Bob Lee, Karl Zubeckis, Terry Shelden and Bob Giddings (E). Struggled a bit for most of the season and never had a chance of taking part in the finals.

New Players Required

We are always on the look-out for new players for our popular Thursday Veteran's scene 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) OR Bob Giddings (9857-7292) to assess the situation.

Peter Purcell

Tuesday & Thursday Social Players' News

The late summer and autumn weather has been so lacking in rain that there have been very few days when mid week social play was washed out and attendances have been good on almost all Tuesdays and Thursdays with at least three courts being used and sometimes up to six courts in play. The work done on the taps for hosing the courts, the refurbishment of the bags and other maintenance items including the new tapes on Court 3 are really appreciated by all mid week players and we would like to thank those responsible. Now the responsibility for the supply of balls and other activities needed to ensure that play takes place midweek is being shared between Diana Simondson and Bruce Holloway.

Although there was no connection with the acquisition of this new responsibility, Bruce was away for about two weeks in March, working on a project that took him to Hong Kong, Kaohsiung (in Taiwan) and Manila in the Philippines in addition to the less distant locations of Adelaide and Brisbane. Ron Brown was away in Queensland for about two weeks in February and March and managed to survive the extremes of heat and summer storms that were a feature of the Queensland weather during that time. Judy and Russell Brown spent two weeks in Japan in late March and thoroughly enjoyed the contrasts and customs they encountered.

Diana Simondson, Bruce Holloway

LETTER FROM TOM KNEED, 22. MARCH 2004

Dear Members of the N.B.T.C.

I will not be rejoining the North Balwyn Tennis Club for the year 2004 – 2005 – and forever! The trigger has been my 90th birthday last November. I will continue to play once a week on Tuesday afternoon with my Probus club friends, which include Jim Burkhalter, a member of the N.B.T.C.

I have greatly enjoyed the Social Tennis on Thursday and have looked forward to playing men's and mixed doubles – especially the mixed doubles – the ladies are so skilful!

I remember the last game before my heart by-pass operation in December 1993 – I played with Henry Liner in a keenly contested set. I recall being ticked off by Betty McSween for wearing the incorrect “track suit” – I appreciated her kind correction and immediately invested in a proper track suit. I remember the viewing session – in 1982 or 1983 according to John McKiernan – conducted by his wife Lorraine. At least I knew the score! My last game, as a member, was with Henri Dukowski who will lay claim to the ‘oldest member in the Club’ after 31st March.

One of greatest pleasures in being a member of the Club has been the kindness and fondness extended to Dorothy. She enjoyed the end-of-year luncheons and meeting my friends in the Club.

The N.B. Tennis Club is a fine club supported by very enthusiastic and dedicated members and may it prosper in the years ahead – I certainly hope so and wish the Club every success – socially and competitively in the future.

Yours very sincerely
Tom Kneen

NIGHT TENNIS

The Current night tennis season is about to start the finals. The Club has enjoyed a very successful season with 12 teams entered, which is the largest number of teams we have ever entered. To all of the teams which make the finals we wish them every success. The growing number of teams is indicative of the growing popularity of the night tennis and has ensured that the club is getting a healthy return, in the form of participation at the club, from our investment in the lights. Entries for the new season have to be in by the end of May, with the next season starting in August.

Val Love has very kindly offered to take over as the Night Tennis Convenor from this upcoming season. I wish her well in the role and at the same time wish to pass on my thanks to the Captains of all the teams over the past however many years for their cooperation in ensuring that the job has been really enjoyable.

There are a couple of teams which could use an extra emergency so if you are interested in having a go at the night tennis there may be an opportunity for you to join a team and try it out. Val or I would be happy to discuss this with you and to see if the teams that we can slot you in as an extra player are of a compatible standard for you. I can be contacted on 9859 5091 and Val can be contacted on 9873 7206.

David McGrail

Monday Night Dolphins – B Special 1

Congratulations and well done to all the team for winning the flag last season against Mitcham in a very very close game. We actually scored less games but won 4 sets to 2 scraping in with 3 tiebreakers going our way. It was all down to who won the last set and so was a nail biter to the end.

This season the team consists of the same players who won the Grand Final - Val Love, Sheryl Kerwick, Judith McNamara, Sally McNamara

and Susan McLaughlin. Kate Kerwick also a player in last season's final has moved onto another sport and we wish her all the best. We are on top of the ladder and have only had one narrow defeat so far. We have one match to go and then start finals. We are all hoping for a hat trick!!! A big thanks again to Val Love for all her hard work as captain. Go Dolphins!!

Susan McLaughlin

WEEKEND SENIORS

ERT Tennis - Saturday

Not much to report at this junction in time. We've entered 3 teams for the winter season - Mixed Sets 1, Open Sets 4 and Open Sets 7 and have so far played only 3 matches - therefore no ladder as yet. Welcome to the 3 new ERT Saturday competition players - Nikki Crawford, Josephine Doyle and Andrew Hayes. We hope you enjoy your tennis and are with us for many seasons to come.

To recap on the previous summer season - 2 teams out of 6 reached the finals. Open Sets 7 lost their semi final, Mixed Rubbers 1 won their grand final - well done!

Although the summer season doesn't commence until Saturday, 9/10/04, the entry list will go up around the middle of June, with entries closing Saturday, 24/7/04. At that same time a list will also go up seeking nominations for selectors for the next two seasons. Please keep an eye out for these 2 lists -hope to see lots of names for competition for the summer season and anyone interested in helping with selection please also put your name down. For those members who have given email addresses, a "reminder" will also be sent re summer competition entry list and selectors list.

Val Love

PENNANT 2004 – VICTORIAN TENNIS SERIES

Pennant at NBTC commenced early May. I am pleased to report that pennant has picked up this year with more teams, a higher standard, and now a women's team.

We have a men's grade 1, 3, 10, men's veterans grade 5, and we did have 2 women's teams, a grade 6 and 8. Unfortunately, some of the team members in the grade 8 team pulled out a few weeks before the start of the season. However, it is great to have a young women's team playing pennant again at NBTC.

Our pennant teams need your support. If you want to watch a high standard of tennis, the grade 1 and grade 3 men's teams alternate home and away each Sunday afternoon. So come down and have a look.

For any pennant enquires, contact me, Andrew Halford on 0412 021 911. Keep Swinging'.

Andrew Halford - Pennant Secretary

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT 2004

As always, for those of us who participated in and supported the Club Championships this year had a great time. I thank and applaud all of you who made the effort to be apart of the Club Champs this year.

Special thanks to Andrew Halford, Stuart Brown, Barbara Chiselett, Liz Brown, James McCaw for all your work behind the scenes that made the Club Champs run so smoothly.

The junior events were an absolute pleasure. It was so impressive to see such maturity and sportsmanship from people so young. Not to mention great tennis. The Open and Over Age events were of a great standard and

played in good spirits. It was great to see some of the juniors step up and play in the Open events.

Unfortunately there weren't as many of us this year. As spectators and supporters we know the people at both ends of the court, and if we don't, then we should. That is what the North Balwyn Club Champs is all about, getting to know and sharing some time with the people of the North Balwyn Tennis Club.

'I remember the days' when I'd have to get someone to mind me a seat to watch Club Champs finals matches. That would be all well and good if I was my Grandpa's age, as he often uses phrases like that, but I'm only 23. It was only a few years ago that we had a packed house for the Club Champs. Go back far enough and there are stories of people standing on the Clubhouse roof because there was no room around the court. What's happened? I ask you!

I realise that times change etc, and we are all busy people, but I have a challenge for every single member. Go one more!! In 2005 I challenge you to enter one more event (this may be one event for some of you), or if you can't play (or you already enter all the events you are eligible for), make the effort to come down and watch for an afternoon. Pick a match that you like the look of. The schedule is on the club window and on the Club website www.tennisvic.com.au/NORTHBALWYNTCINC by the Tuesday evening preceding the weekends play. So come along.

I have adopted this challenge and will be entering the Open Ladies' Singles in 2005. What will you do? If you have any feedback from the 2004 Club Champs or suggestions for the 2005 Club Champs please send an email to: shannonede@hotmail.com. Otherwise stay tuned there will be a Club Champs meeting in the next few months, in which you are all welcome.

Shannon Ede
Club Championships Organiser

Results

Open Men's Singles: Winner: Andrew Halford, Runner Up: Stuart Brown



Open Ladies' Singles: Winner: Barbara Chiselett, Runner Up: Susan McLaughlin



Men's B Singles: Winner: John Nematic, Runner Up: Damian Wills

Open Men's Doubles:

Winners: Andrew Halford & Stuart Brown, Runners Up: Luke Wrigley & Matthew Boyson

Open Ladies' Doubles:

Winners: Sheryl Kerwick & Susan McLaughlin, Runners Up: Fiona Medina & Nikki Crawford

Open Mixed Doubles:

Winners: Sheryl Kerwick & Stuart Brown, Runners Up: Susan McLaughlin & Andrew Gallaway

Boy's 18 & Under Singles: Winner: Daniel Kittelty, Runner Up: Chris Duke



Girl's 18 & Under Singles: Winner: Bronwyn Power, Runner Up: Jacinta Nguyen



Boy's 18 & Under Doubles:
Winners: Chris Duke & Daniel Kittelty , Runners Up: Troy Rotar & Balazs Lovrecz

Boy's 16 & Under Singles:
Winner: Marcus McInnes, Runner Up: Henry Nguyen

Boys 16 & Under Doubles:

Winners: Daniel Kittelty & Brett McInnes, Runners Up: Henry Nguyen & Peter Jenkin

Boy's 14 & Under Singles:

Winner: Marcus McInnes, Runner Up: Brett McInnes

Boy's 14 & Under Doubles:

Winners: Brett McInnes & Terry Makris, Runners Up: Shing Chak Sheung & Prabhas Tomar

Girl's Combined 14/12 & Under Singles:

Winner: Millie Clarke, Runner Up: Kristina Tsalikis

Girl's Combined 14/12 & Under Doubles:

Winners: Millie Clarke & Eleni Tsalikis, Runners Up: Martha Clarke & Annabel Clarke

Boy's 12 & Under Singles:

Winner: Damian Wills, Runner Up: Shing Chak Sheung

Boy's 12 & Under Doubles:

Winners: Damian Wills & Andrew Gaff, Runners Up: Shing Chak Sheung & Shing Yue Sheung

Veteran's Singles:

Winner: David Henry, Runner Up: Tony MacCormack

Veteran's Mixed Doubles:

Winners: Val Love & George Matthews, Runners Up: Rhonda McCaw & Peter McCaw

Men's 50 + Doubles:

Winners: Stephen Clarke & Bruce McDonald , Runners Up: Peter McCaw & Peter Moran

Ladies' 45 + Doubles:

Winners: Rhonda McCaw & Judy McNamara, Runners Up: Sheryl Kerwick & Val Love

17 & Under/ 18 & Over Mixed Doubles:

Winners: Bronwyn Power & Andrew Halford, Runners Up: Chris Duke & Susan McLaughlin

Senior/Junior Doubles:

Winners: K.K. Sheung & Shing Yue Sheung, Runners Up: Amar Tomar & Prabhas Tomar

70 + Mixed Doubles:

Winners: Sheryl Kerwick & Andrew Gallaway, Runners Up: Susan McLaughlin & Mark Kilkenny

Club Championships' Photos

This year it has been decided to go digital, and photos are available for the download from our website www.tennisvic.xom.au/northbalwyntcinc. Just follow the links from the home page, select your photo and save to your disk for printing. Originals will be put in the Club Championships photo album for all to peruse at the club.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

For the first time a "Hazards Inspection" was undertaken and will be done every three months to identify any broken or damaged equipment that needs replacing or fixing or may potentially cause players harm. We have a blackboard on the general noticeboard for reporting such things and we encourage members to let us know of any problems that arise. Raised lines on some of the courts have been a problem, made worse by the floods in December. Baselines of court 3 and the southern baseline of court 4 have been replaced. A thorough inspection of all the courts has been done to identify any further repairs to lines that may be needed. The flood damage

was quite extensive and we have made a submission to City of Boroondara for compensation. Four new drag nets have been purchased and the wind protector for courts 1 & 2 replaced, the blinds have been repaired and a new hot water service purchased. Pat Smart has done a wonderful job creating the new Junior Honour Board and has purchased and hung two new noticeboards for use by our Junior Organisers and Coaches, Andrew and Stuart, to assist them in their role at the club. A review of the positioning of the noticeboards is being done and we appreciate your patience. Pat has also made a new telephone stand to replace the one that was destroyed by vandals. He also stabilised the ramp and is presently replacing all the loose boards on the umpires' chairs. One job leads to another and we are very grateful for his work. Geoff Hall, our caretaker has taken on the role of liaising with tradesmen that we engage and has been a tremendous help co-ordinating their work. Thank you Geoff. Lastly, I would like to appeal to a retired man or woman who can be available to co-ordinate maintenance at our club. You would not be expected to do all the work, just help identify and prioritise work that needs to be done and communicate that to the committee. Quite a number of members have filled in the volunteer register and are willing to help so please consider if you might be able to help us to make use of these kind offers.

Rhonda McCaw – Maintenance co-ordinator (temporary)

SOCIAL NEWS

Film Night

On Friday 23rd April 38 hardy souls braved the elements for a night out. Most had a meal at Colombo's in Balwyn and then headed to the local theatre to see Strange Bedfellows starring Paul Hogan and Michael Caton. It was a light-hearted film to finish the working week.

Dinner at a restaurant

Please keep Saturday night, July 3rd free for a meal at a local restaurant - yet to be decided - your input is welcome.

Golf Day

The club will also be running a golf day on a Sunday in October/November so there is plenty of time to hone your skills.

Liz Brown

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