

December 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is my pleasure as president to make a few comments about our fine club. This has been a great year for the club, with membership numbers being solid, with the first full year of our wonderful new court surfaces and, of course, lots of competition and social tennis being played. The 8 courts are in great shape! It's interesting that the artificial surfaces have become very popular, yet it is still a great pleasure to play on our traditional en tout cas surfaces too.

Your club committee has performed its hard work tirelessly during the year, and is a great, high-functioning team. Thanks to each and every one of them on behalf of all members. Thanks also to the many others in the club who do the work tasks that are necessary to make an essentially volunteer organisation work so well! Our financial position is sound. We conducted a marketing campaign for new members and will again, so we ask existing members to help with this, in January. Let me or any of the committee members know if you can give us a hand at either the Bunning's fund raising sausage sizzle, or with letterboxing our club brochures in your local area. We need help! Geoff Hall has been unwell for part of the year and we have been making alternative arrangements for this work in recent months. We thank Club members who volunteered their services. We could always do with an expanded set of such volunteers! Graham Besley in particular has personally done a lot of maintenance work. Thanks. So as we get ready for Xmas and the New Year and perhaps some holidays, I want to wish all members a very merry Xmas, and happy tennis playing! I hope to see lots of you at the club over the summer, or perhaps at the Aussie Open in January, watching the guys and girls who, unlike me, actually know what they are doing on the court!

THE COMMITTEE 2011/2012

Danny Samson	President
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Senior Vice-President</i>
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Junior Vice-President</i>
Tony Barton	Secretary and Public Officer
Rowena Sheung	Treasurer
Peter McCaw	Membership Secretary
Graham Besley	Maintenance Co-ordinator
Andrew Halford	Junior Organiser (joint)
Stuart Brown	Junior Organiser (joint)
Rhonda McCaw	Committee Member
Kaye Clarke	Committee Member
Peter Moran	Committee Member
Theo Mitsinikos	Honorary Auditor
Andrew and Stuart are also our joint Head Coaches.	
<i>We have three vacant committee positions.</i>	

Courts: The new courts have received much attention as we learn how best to maintain them. We are using contractors (Red Court Maintenance) to routinely blow leaf litter off the surface and add sand. It is important that we retain good sand levels so that the carpet fibers do not become damaged and bent over. Grass Sports, who installed the new surface will also be conducting annual mechanical sweeping of the surface to minimise compaction problems. The polyclay courts must be bagged before play. Also, it would be appreciated if members used courts 5 & 6 as frequently as courts 3 & 4 in order to even out the court wear.

Geoff Hall: Our long term caretaker is still unable to return to work. We have been using Jim's Cleaning and Jim's Mowing to maintain clubhouse conditions. To control costs, the clubhouse cleaning is being done once a week. We ask members to assist by picking up rubbish and to use the carpet sweeper (kept in the storage room next to the men's bathroom) to remove food crumbs after consuming food.

A number of routine jobs, such as cleaning tea towels, arranging for toilet paper and cleaning agent supplies, are being supported by Club members. Special thanks to Christa Schlifelner, Rowena Sheung and Rhonda McCaw for this work. We wish Geoff all the best in his recovery.

Assistance Valued: Thanks to the members who have helped with ongoing odd maintenance jobs. Special thanks to Erich Schlifelner, Tony Barton and Bob Giddings. There are always minor repair works required to maintain the site and club member involvement is always appreciated, as it contributes to keeping our fees as low as possible. I also appreciate input from members about issues that need attention.

Danny Samson, NBTC President