

North Balwyn Tennis Club



Newsletter

July 2019



From the Secretary

I hope you have been enjoying your tennis even if it was watching Wimbledon rather than dodging the rain squalls on the courts.

Your Committee has been a bit beleaguered lately and I am sure you will join with me in wishing the best outcome for those of us contending with health issues. The weather has not helped and we envy those who have been able to escape overseas or interstate. For the first time I can recall we have postponed a meeting for lack of a quorum. However, the Committee is looking after your club. Some of the matters that we are dealing with include:

A safety audit by Council has requested some modifications to our courts and surrounds.

A failure of a light pole at another club in Boroondara has triggered a preliminary safety inspection of all light poles at sports clubs by the City of Boroondara. As a result three of our 24 poles have been flagged to require ultrasound examination to test their integrity which the Club has to arrange and fund.

We are about to sign a new lease with the City of Boroondara for the tennis courts and clubhouse. The lease document is 48 pages. It includes, for example, requirements for reviewing an Emergency Plan and evacuation procedures on an annual basis, conducting a risk assessment with written risk assessment report, maintaining a written occupational health and safety policy and occupational health and safety management system, amongst other requirements. If you love this sort of thing we would love to have you on the Committee or just have your input. For social players, and their guests, please note the lease stipulates that no alcohol will be permitted onto the courts at any time.

Inclusive Clubs: In response to concerns about the low participation of women in our club and the pressures from granting bodies

to show that we are inclusive in the way we operate we have participated in an Inclusive Clubs project devised by Stonnington and Boroondara Councils, Access Health and Community, Women's Health East and Leisure Networks. While I am still waiting for an inspirational idea that will result in an outcome other than another policy document the sentiments being promoted are admirable. You as a club member can help by letting us know how we can make our club more inclusive. We can all help by being inclusive in the way we organise our social play and choose our teams for competition.

On behalf of the Committee, I thank our members for their ongoing support and commitment to the Club and care of our facilities.

Club membership in July is about 270 financial members which is a little less than this time last year. For those members who have renewed, thank you. We are still chasing previous members for subscriptions whose access cards will now be deactivated. If you are not renewing membership we would appreciate it if you confirm this by email, and drop your card into the Club letterbox as we do have to pay for replacement cards. With late renewals and new memberships coming in steadily we expect to be at about 350 members at the end of our membership year next March.

For new members this year, we welcome you and trust that you have a long and enjoyable association with the Club.

Night Tennis continues as our strongest competition for participation with 80 players registered. Next is Saturday & Sunday Juniors with 54 players who have played at least once in the present season, Saturday afternoon Seniors ERT 33 players, Thursday afternoon Veteran's 30 players, Tuesday MEMRLTA and Thursday morning WDTA women's competitions approximately 20 players.

Tony Barton, Secretary

Graham Besley 40 years membership

Graham Besley has ended his membership of the Club after 40 years. We pay tribute to Graham Besley as an active member serving on the Committee and as President from 2016 to 2018. Graham joined the Club in 1979. He played Saturday afternoon competition for a few years but having a young family, joined the newly formed Blackburn & District Night Tennis Competition. He played in this competition for over 30 years, for many years as the captain of the Tuesday night Champion Chokers. Graham served on the Committee in the 80s as Membership Secretary. He rejoined the Committee from 2012 co-ordinating maintenance for the Club, looking after the new Clubhouse build and serving as President. We have Graham to thank for getting us up to speed with Child Safe Policy. Graham, along with Ross Davies, was instrumental in getting our LED court lighting project completed in 2018. We wish Graham well as he continues his activities in cycling and wordworking.



COMPETITION REPORTS

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The 2018/18 ERT Junior Summer season had 13 teams entered (8 on Saturday, 5 on Sunday). Six of the eight Saturday teams were in the finals with Sat Rubbers 18 and Sat Boys 6 winning their pennants. The Sunday Rubbers Green team finished top of the ladder but lost the grand final. All players are to be congratulated on their participation and sportsmanship in the season completed.

For this Winter season we have 10 teams on Saturday and 5 on Sunday. At just past the half way mark for the season 3 Saturday teams are top of their ladders. Others however have struggled to field a team. Our Junior Organisers (and Coaches) Stuart Brown and Andrew Halford have a tough job putting teams together and getting juniors to turn up has not always been easy. Hopefully warmer weather will make it easier for them.

SENIOR COMPETITION REPORTS

ERT Seniors Saturday Afternoon

We finished the 2018/19 summer season with three of six teams in the finals, Open Sets 2, 8 and Singles/Doubles 3. However all teams lost in the semi-finals.

For the 2019 winter season we are fielding four Open Sets teams in sections 1, 5, 6 and 8 as well as a Singles/Doubles team in section 3. Past the halfway mark of the season the Open Sets 1 and 5 are just outside the top four. Open Sets 6 and 8 are 2nd on their ladders with SD3 in 3rd place.

An entry sheet for the 2019/20 summer season will be posted

on the noticeboard in mid July in time for entries to be submitted to ERT by 5th September. We are always looking for new players. If you are interested and would like more information, please feel free to ring Peter Moran on 0412 171 751 or email northbalwyntc@gmail.com.

PENNANT

We have a single Victorian Pennant team in Men's Grade 6 - Section 3. The team of Jack Bianco, Navdeep Mangal, Jordan Doddridge, Michael Halford and Marinos Drakopoulos won rounds 2 and 3 but three wash outs in a row in Rounds 7, 8 and 9 have not helped. They sit on 5th position on the ladder with 4 rounds to go. Come and see them at home for a doubles match in Round 12 on 27th July against La Trobe University.

MIDWEEK COMPETITIONS

MEMRLTA (Tuesday Ladies)

Summer 2018/19

Section 3 North Balwyn defeated Wonga Park 45-28 in the Grand Final on 36th March. Mel Katopodis, Christine Turnbull, Penny Graham, Sarah Shan, Rhonda McCaw (captain) and Rowena Sheung made up the team.

Section 9 team (Helen Rayner, Carole Snowsill (C), Catherine Lawton, Shirley Wick, Julie Beasley, Tricia Arthur, Lorna Sargeant and Rebecca Ravenhill) finished 6th.

Section 10 finished 7th (Aimee MacQueen (C), Sally Main, Emily Layland, Catherine Handbury).

Winter 2019

This season has been a bit more challenging for the former Section 3 now in Section 2. They are in 9th place with 6 rounds to the end of season.

The section 10 team continues this season and is in 3rd place on their ladder.



MEMRLTA Summer season Section 3 Premiers Melanie Katopodis, Sarah Shan, Christine Turnbull and Penny Graham.

MMTA (Thursday Veterans)

Grand Finals for the Thursday afternoon veteran's MMTA Autumn 2019 season were played Thursday 13th June at North Ringwood. Out of the 5 North Balwyn teams entered Sections 2, 4 and 6 were in the Grand Final. Sections 2 and 4 lost, Section 4 Tigers going down by one game to Donvale. Section 6 defeated a St Johns Crops team from East Preston to win their shield.



Section 6 Panthers with their shield at North Ringwood L to R: Cees van Oost, Peter Moran (Captain), Tony Barton, Wal Annous and Preston Berryman.

The Spring 2019 Season starts Thursday 1st August 2019. We are down to four teams entered as the Panthers are not continuing. The teams are Section 2 North Balwyn Numero Uno, Section 3 North Balwyn Tigers, Section 4 North Balwyn Lions and Section 5 North Balwyn Jaguars.

Waverley Districts Thursday Season 1

Our Waverley Districts Thursday tennis girls had a great Season 1 in Section 2 managing to finish on the top of the Ladder despite not winning the Grand Final! Regular players were Fiona Medina, Judy Davies, Jane Cash, Susan Stafford and Sheryl Kerwick. We were wonderfully bolstered by the attendance of great supporters Eva Bettiol and Irene (Fi's Mum) and by the willingness of emergencies to step in at quite short notice - namely, Chris Turnbull, Susan Martin and Susan Le Get. Unfortunately, Yvonne Pettigrew did not play this season as she was recovering from injury and Carol Thompson seized the opportunity to play in another comp. We hope to see them return to the team in the near future.

Throughout the Season we lost only one match, an unfortunate forfeit when we couldn't raise a team. However, in the Grand Final we lost to Eildon Park - whom we had defeated on our two previous encounters. On the day - they played the better tennis and thus, deserved their victory.

With the commencement of Season 2 we are now looking forward to tough tennis following our promotion to Section 1.

Sheryl Kerwick



Thursday WDTA Mid-Week Ladies team, L to R Judy Davies, Carol Thompson, Susan Stafford, Jane Cash, Fiona Medina and Sheryl Kerwick

Night Tennis Competition (BDNTA)

The Autumn 2109 season for Blackburn & District Night Tennis ended in June. Of our 12 teams Monday Ladies Sections 5 and 7 were in Grand Finals but missed out on winning the flag. Tuesday Sections 2, 5, 7, 10 did not make the finals and Wednesday Sections 3 and 5 did not make the finals. Wednesday Section 6 Kirin lost their Grand Final to St Dominics. Thursday Section 3SD Takin defeated East Malvern in the Grand Final 4 sets to 2 (33-19 games).



L to R: Jasper Tiong, Jimmy Bui, James Taylor and Jimmy Shi after their Thursday Singles Doubles Section 3 win over East Malvern. Navdeep Mangal, Bo Liu, Terry O'Reilly, Andrew Hanbury and Michael Zhao also played in the team. .

Section 5 Monday Ladies

So closeagain

Again Section 5 BDNTA Monday night ladies team missed out on a grand final win by 2 games. The team on the night put in a determined effort and played their best with the support from fellow team members and a small crowd, we all should be very proud of our achievement. A lovely supper was had afterwards and enjoyed by both teams in true sportsman like manner.

As Helen is taking over the captancy I would like to thank all the support of my team on and off court. Thanks to those who watched on cold nights and messages of support from team members interstate, and even though at times rostering a team of 9 seemed all too much it always worked out in the end.

Let's hope next season we can go one step further to get a flag!

Kaylene

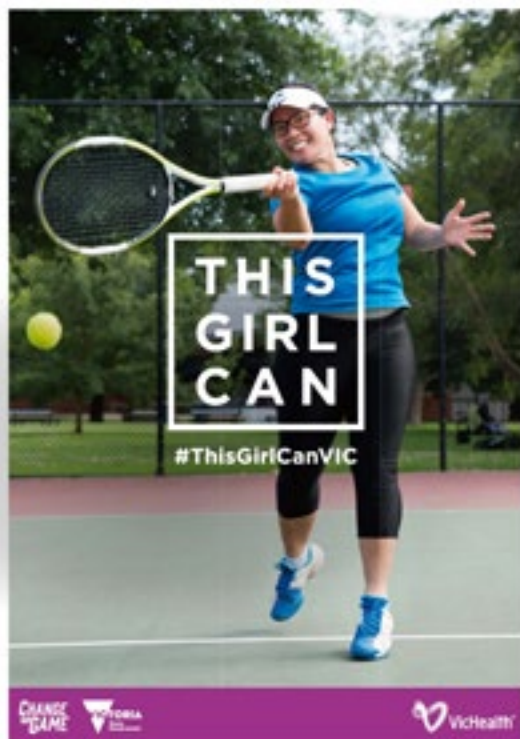


*Front row: Helen Rayner, Lorna Sargeant, Anne Sheary,
Rebecca Ravenhill, Robin Besley.
Back row: Helen Young, Julie Beasley, Kaylene Ravenhill.
Absent: Tricia Arthur*

Child Protection

Our Child Protection contact is Sheryl Kerwick. If you have any concerns or allegations they must be reported to the Club's Child Safety Person or one of the Club's Head Coaches/Junior Conveners or to the Club President.

Sheryl's contact mobile phone number is: 0423 123 166.



This Girl Can is a VicHealth campaign to encourage the participation of women in sport. It focuses on women as fewer women than men do enough physical activity each week, more women than men do no physical activity at all, women are much less likely to participate in organised sport and women's participation in sports and exercise declines substantially as they get older. Our Club reflects this as we see a drastic drop in female participation from juniors to seniors. Let us know if you have any ideas of how we can retain and increase female membership.

Let Kids be Kids

Stop poor sideline behaviour in junior sport



Aussie kids love sport!
1.7 million
aged 5-14 years participate!

That's
60%



Here's what they want from sport

1. To have fun.
2. To do something they're good at.
3. To improve their skills.
4. To stay in shape.
5. To get exercise.*

Sport is generally a positive experience for most kids, but...

75%

A UK study showed that 75% of children who participated in organised sport up to the age of 16 had been criticised for their performance, had been shouted or sworn at or had been embarrassed or humiliated by a coach, parent, peer or sports administrator.*

"Mum and Dad, I sure love sports, but it seems like my sports make you guys angry more than they make you happy!"

Poor sideline behaviour causes kids ...

How To recognise poor behaviour

1. Emphasis on winning/results
2. Abuse/intimidation of coaches/officials
3. Excessive instruction from the sideline
4. Putting down children in front of others
5. Criticise performances on the drive home

Free resources to help

Positive Things we can do

Respect all athletes, coaches and officials

Support, encourage and praise efforts

Be enthusiastic and positive

Emphasise fun and enjoyment

Be quiet and listen

Free Toolkit:

<http://playbytherules.net.au/let-kids-be-kids>



www.playbytherules.net.au

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SOCIAL TENNIS

Sunday Afternoon

Sunday afternoon Social Tennis (starting 2 pm in the Winter months) has seen attendences of more than a dozen players. Shesh Murthy is our Committee member looking after the session.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Morning

Albert Au and Bruce Holloway continue to host these mornings.

Monday Afternoon

Attended by up to 24 players this is our strongest social tennis group. Eli Cohen has been the organisor.

Twilight Tennis

Friday night Twilight social tennis is shared between 4 clubs in our area. If you are looking for more play and wish to meet players from other clubs come along. The format of play is “fast 4” which means short sets and you get to play with more people on the night. Refer to our website for dates.

THE COMMITTEE 2019/2020

Ross Davies (President),

Peter Moran (Vice-president)

Tony Barton (Secretary)

Shesh Murthy (Treasurer)

Andrew Halford and Stuart Brown, coaches and Junior Organisers

Rhonda McCaw

Don Jinnette

Yana Barton

Wayne Zhou

Michael Zhao

Sheryl Kerwick

Peter McCaw continues as our membership secretary.

