



The Pines Tennis Club Newsletter

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Welcome and News

Welcome to the April 2015 newsletter edition.

This year has been off to a very busy start for the committee with the membership key exchange, the working bee, the Tennis Carnivale and the Bunnings BBQ all in February and early March.

Coming up is our social event, a fun night of Crazy Whist. We don't have the exact date confirmed as yet so look out for it soon.

The two main maintenance projects we are focussing on are the upgrade of the tennis court lights and repainting of the club house.

More about these activities can be found in the following newsletter items. We are also starting to look into the options for a electronic keyed gate system as a number of other Canberra clubs have successfully gone down this path.

Tennis Carnivale

Thanks to Robert Jamieson for organising a very successful Tennis Carnivale on the 14th February. The Carnivale raised \$1,025 for Ronald McDonald House and attracted over 300 people to our club on the day.

Our major sponsors were Canberra School of Tennis, McDonalds, Burning Log Outdoor Indoor, Ray White Lanyon, Michel's Patisserie Lanyon, and the Vikings Group.

See the photos in this newsletter and the gallery at:

http://www.pinestennisact.com/#!/component_9350

Committee News

New Life Member

Congratulations to Stephanie Bartlett for being awarded life membership. Stephanie is currently the treasurer and has dedicated many years of service to the committee and the club.

Josh & Alycia Mair Memorial Award

Congratulations to Chris Lee who deserves the award for her ongoing support and dedication to the club as a non-committee member.

2015 Committee

President: Graeme Barnes

Vice President &

Maintenance: Frank Perkovic

Secretary: Jess Perkovic

Treasurer: Stephanie Bartlett

Membership Secretary: Kerry Scarlett

Head Coach: Robert Jamieson

Committees and club representatives:

Sally Brunton, Liz Inkpen, Robert Monge, Josh Wiley, Katrina Walsh

Bunnings BBQ

At very short notice the club was offered the Bunnings BBQ on 8th March. Thanks to all those who helped. The club raised \$1496.

Working Bee

Working Bees are run 2 to 3 times a year to address some of the larger maintenance tasks and to ensure the club is kept in top shape. There is one coming up on the 9th May from 10:00am until 1:00pm. If you have a few hours to spare please come down to the club house and help out.



Membership News

The key swap and membership day was held on Sunday 1st February.

If you missed out there are membership forms on our website and you can pay on-line. Contact Kerry Scarlett for a new key.

Our membership so far this year stands at a healthy 151 with 24 new members joining this year and 36 people letting their membership lapse.

Pennant Update

If you would like to play in Winter Pennant team put your name down on one of the nomination forms on the notice board in the club.

Winter Monday Night Unisex

25th May to 10th August 2015
(Nominations close 15th May)

Winter Thursday Night Mixed

28th May to 13th August 2015
(Nominations close 15th May)

Winter Saturday Mixed

30th May to 22nd August 2015
(Nominations close 15th May)

More information on the format of each competition can be found at:

<http://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/pennant/calendar>

Gala - Term 2 2015

Term 2 Galas commence 28 & 29 April and run until 30 June & 1 July.

New and current players are most welcome and nominations for term 2 have opened. Gala is a great night of social tennis for players of all standards and ages and is run on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Tennis starts at 7:30pm and supper is included. If you would like to play or be a reserve please contact:

Tuesday night – Chris Lee

wandclee@tpg.com.au

Wednesday night – Marian or Gerry Allen

Marian.allen@anao.gov.au

gerard.allen@industry.gov.au

Court Lighting Upgrade

The club has gratefully received a grant from the ACT Government for the upgrade of our tennis court lights. The grant provides half of the expected upgrade cost based on quotes we have received for metal halide lights on existing light poles. Before proceeding we are investigating the feasibility and cost installing newer LED lamp technology on our existing poles.

Club House Painting

The Pines Tennis Club is a winner of the 2014 Tennis Australia Ultimate Club challenge. More information can be found at the link:

<http://ultimateclubchallenge.aoblitz.com.au/>

The committee and Tennis Australia have agreed that the \$5,000 prize money can be used for club house maintenance, nominally for freshening up the inside and outside with new coats of paint.

Before proceeding with the painting we will finalise the lighting upgrade costs to ensure there are sufficient funds for both activities.

Vikings Affiliation

The club is grateful to the Vikings club for recently providing a bonus grant which will be used to purchase a new net and a tennis club promotional banner.

Vikings are running a "Jack Attack" lawn bowls competition on Sunday 19th July and are looking for affiliate club teams to participate. If you are interested contact Josh Wiley. Entry is \$30 per team.

Vikings Affiliated Clubs news can be found at the following link:

<http://www.vikings.com.au/sports-and-community/affiliated-club-news/>



Coaches Message

Canberra School of Tennis had its most successful term of coaching at The Pines with over 80 students playing tennis in several different programs. With at least 70% of participants playing more than once a week.

Term 2 enrolments

Term 2 Enrolments 2015 are now Open!

Canberra School of Tennis offers programs for kids as young as 4 + as well as adult tennis programs and the ever popular Cardio Tennis.

Don't forget kids who pay their lesson fees before the start of the term that Hotshots is discounted by \$70.

All kids who register for Hotshots also receive a free shirt from Tennis Australia.

New Classes

Tennis does seem to quieten down a bit in Term 2/3 so Robert will be looking to add some special new classes for aspiring young athletes next term.

This will be an invite only squad called the Young Guns squad and will help kids from the ages of 7 – 12 grow and continue to improve.

This will help improve the Talent Squad in the coming years. Talent Squad is for kids 12 + who want to take their tennis to the next level and who are playing 2 – 3 times per week.

McDonald's Tennis Carnivale

Robert would like to thank the committee for helping run the BBQ at the 1st ever McDonald's Tennis Carnivale.

He would like to make special mention to our Life Member Liz Inkpen who helped Robert gain

extra sponsors and prizes for the Raffle. Without Liz the event wouldn't have been as big and popular.

Easter Long Weekend in Albury

During the Easter long weekend CSOT took a group of almost 30 students to Albury for the 101st annual Grass Court Tournament. Our students had some exceptional results with our boys filling out all the semi-finals in the Men's D Grade Singles.

Robert also got a chance to play in the tournament and was unlucky not to win his first match in the Silver Level AMT Qualifying Draw. He played in the consolation draw in which he won a round and came up against the 17th seed losing 5-7 6-1 10-6.

This match was his best match of the tour. Robert capped off a great event reaching the semis of B grade singles and was runner up of the B Grade Doubles with his good mate Pete Carnegie from Bowral. He then teamed up with fellow CSOT coach James (Federer) de Gruchy to take out the C Grade Men's Doubles in a very close tie breaker. Next year we hope to have a contingent of kids and adults from The Pines attend this fantastic tournament.

End of term Pizza Party

Finally we celebrated our end of term Pizza Party on Friday 10th April with winners decided for ANZ Hotshots Red, Orange & Green as well as 2 divisions of Super Comp.

Contact our Head Coach, Robert

Jamieson from Canberra School of Tennis for more information on any of the activities

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