



# On the Net

April 2013

Dear Club Member

2013 has been a very busy year so far with a number of very successful twilight tennis evenings, the hosting of a visit from Nedlands tennis club, the Ken Bennett classic and our three day Easter tournament. Details of these events are included in this addition of On the Net.

While all this has been going on, our many pennant teams have been doing battle on a weekly basis with some excellent outcomes. During the past week we have won four pennant finals. Details of these wins and other pennant results are included in the Pennants Reports. Our hearty congratulations go to the members of these winning teams.

Come along on Sunday afternoon (21 April) to Centre Court to watch the finals of the Club Championships. Coaches Jason and Ryan should be part of the tennis talent on display, provided they perform according to their seedings.

Finally, a reminder that we move to our Saturday winter starting time of 1:30 pm on Saturday 27 April and our Sunday winter starting time of 2.00 pm on Sunday 28 April.

Barry Nazer  
President

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## TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are;

2013			
1	Club Championships Finals	Sunday 21 April from 1.00 pm	Centre Court RKPTC
2	Calcutta Social Mixed Tennis Day	Sunday 19 May	9.30am to 2.30pm
3	Annual General meeting	Wednesday 25 September	
4	Visit to Memorial Drive TC in Adelaide	Early October	Let Marika know if you wish participate
5	Opening Day	Saturday 19 October	Date subject to change

## **DRESS CODE (including FOOTWEAR)**

For the information of all members, RKPTC has a dress code for the tennis courts as follows:

- all members and their guests should wear approved tennis attire
- we prefer players to wear shirts with sleeves
- leggings and compression clothing (including bicycle shorts and skins) may be worn provided they are under approved tennis attire
- tennis shoes worn on grass courts shall be those specifically designed for grass tennis courts.
- any shoe that is likely to cause damage to the surface of a tennis court should not be worn, including a shoe with a ripple or studded sole or with a raised heel and a shoe designed for running, jogging or playing cricket.

## **FORFEITURE OF COURT BOOKINGS**

There have been a number of instances lately where a club or member has booked a court but has not turned up to use that court. Just to remind members, NG has a policy that if a member fails to attend a court within 15 minutes of the booked period, NG reserves the right to allocate the court to another member.

There is a bigger problem here, of course, caused by people booking courts and simply not turning up, thereby potentially depriving other members from being able to make a booking.

It would also be helpful if members confirmed the number of the court allocated to them with NG reception prior to occupying the court.

## **NEW PASSPORT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY**

Members are reminded that we still have a few unfilled places from the initial allocation of 25 for the new Passport membership category which offers full NG membership at a vastly reduced rate.

Details of this new Passport membership category are as follows:

- New Passport members will pay the same annual fee and be subject to the same terms and conditions as current Foundation members.
- New Passport members will have full access to all NG facilities.
- The category will only be available to new members of NG.
- Unfortunately existing NG Ace members may not join or restyle to this category.

- The membership category may not be advertised externally and may only be offered by invitation from the Club.
- Members must be considered active members of the Club (as determined by the Club's committee) to maintain this membership status.
- There is a minimum playing standard requirement.

In terms of defining an active member, the committee will be reviewing the member's participation in:

- organised play on Saturday and/or Sunday afternoons and twilights,
- pennant teams, tournaments (such as Easter tennis, Club Championships and Calcutta) and
- the Club's social events.

## **TWILIGHTS**

In January and February we decided to move our summer twilights from Friday to Wednesday afternoons. This seems to have been a very popular decision as we had excellent attendance (ranging between 32 and 47) at the three twilights we were able to hold before the days started to shorten.

## **RKPTC vs NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB - ANNUAL CHALLENGE MATCH**

It was a fine (and mild) day on Sunday 17th February for our annual match against Nedlands, held this year at RKPTC.

The RKPTC team consisted of: Marco Piccionello, Ant Eisentrager, President Barry Nazer, Max Kamien, Bill Valli, Tim Sewell, Kong Wong, Simon Moss, Mareena Weston, Liz Joyce, Jane Cunningham, Carmen McFaull, Sandra Gordon, Tracey Hondros, Vice-Captain Pam McMahan and Elena Yaschenko.

Our strong women's contingent enabled us to win by a margin of 12 games and extend our winning run against Nedlands to four years.

The team hosted the Nedlands visitors to lunch poolside on the rooftop - or at least that was the plan. Just as we were about to enjoy the luncheon and the view, the heavens opened up and we were forced to retreat to the cafe on the ground floor. After some quick work by the NG staff, we were happily enjoying our luncheon in more protected surroundings.

Thanks to our Captain Ric O'Donnell and Vice Captain Pam McMahan for organising the teams and the sets for the challenge match.

## **KEN BENNETT CLASSIC**

The organising committee for this year's Ken Bennett classic sent the Club the following thank you note:

This is just a note on behalf of all of us on the Organising Committee for the Ken Bennett Tennis Classic 2013 to thank you for your kind support, yet again, for this event which was held last weekend at Royal King's Park Tennis Club. The Ken Bennett Tennis Classic has been going now for thirteen years and all proceeds go to the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

The weather held very well for us on Sunday and we raised over \$4400, every cent of which goes directly to benefit the hospital.

Your kind support by way of allowing us to infringe on your court allocation was very much appreciated and we took every opportunity to mention that in the opening and closing remarks as well as during the presentations to the divisional winners. Our particular thanks are due to "Cap'n Ric" for his flexibility and support in that regard. We would also like to acknowledge the support we get from the office (Marika) in dealing with enquiries and mail on our behalf.

Frankly, without the kind of support given to us by RKPTC and Next Generation in allowing us to use the magnificent venue as we do, it would be very much more difficult for us to hold this event and to raise the funds that we have. So, on behalf of the real beneficiaries, the children of PMH, once again, a very sincere thank you.

## **EASTER TOURNAMENT**

The weather for Easter was again this year absolutely stunning and the tennis was very entertaining, particularly some of the finals on Monday.

The number of participants was slightly higher than last year and just over one third of participants were visitors to the Club. We hope to increase the number of visitors next year and it is certainly very pleasing to see a high number of our visitors returning each year.

There was unanimous agreement from those attending the dinner dance on Sunday night that it was a great evening with fabulous food (and lots of it) and a fantastic DJ. Given that most of the attendees were playing tennis the following day, the dancing wound up at a very respectable hour. We are hoping to see a lot more attendees at this function next year.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to the planning and organising of the event. They were all mentioned on Easter Monday during the presentation ceremony but they are worth mentioning again. A big thank you to (in no particular order but women first) Pam McMahon, Eve Broadley, Liz Joyce, Jill Munyard, Julie Martin, Sandra Gordon, Suzanne Bradsher, Ric O'Donnell, Richard Yorg, Barry Nazer, Brendan Ragus, Dave Peterson, Simon McDonald, Mac McDonald, Joe Wong and Mike Steber.

Also a special thank you to Nikki and her team at NG for the terrific food on Sunday night and for their assistance over the weekend.

And the results of the 2013 Easter Tournament were:

	Winner	Runner - up
<b>Mens Singles</b>		
Div 1	Tim Kelleher	Adam Teague
Div 2	Geoff Sutton	Cian Allen
50+	Ken Nosaka	Ivan Zuvela
<b>Ladies Singles</b>		
Div 1	Kimberley Kain	Kerry Atherden
<b>Mens Doubles</b>		
Div 1	Bernard Carney Mike Steber	Tim Kelleher Steve Lockwood
Div 2	Peter Hullett Rene Weilenmann	Peter Matviev Marcus Dolby
Div 3	Terry Cooke Les Peirce	n/a
<b>Ladies Doubles</b>		
Div 1	Fiona Davis Pia Kagi	Carole Hopkins Mareena Weston
Div 2	Kelly Jorgensen Sally Lee	n/a
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>		
Div 1	Mareena Weston Ed Weston	Tracey Hondros Richard Yorg
Div 2	Sally Lee Matt Sevier	Gayle Murphy Terry Cooke
Div 3	Evelyne Lecourt Peter Matviev	n/a
Div 4	Joy Calder Klaus Langer	Natsuko Dolby Marcus Dolby
<b>Mens Doubles 110+</b>		
Div 1	Ralph Billes	Steve Lockwood

Div 2	John Dehring Terry Cooke Les Peirce	Tim Sewell n/a
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#### Ladies Doubles 100+

Div 1	Pam McMahon Wendy Doyle	Tracey Hondros Jean Mallinckrodt
Div 2	Karen Campbell Pam Smith	Sandra Gordon Liz Joyce

n/a signifies single group round robin without final

## COURTS REPORT

You may have noticed an improvement in the grass court bounce in all courts except 1-5. This is partly a result of now having a vastly improved quality of water being supplied to our courts. We are however not entirely happy with the distribution of water from the new surface thumper water system which is being trialled. The groundsman has done digital moisture readings and found that with the new system a three hour soak produced a 60 per cent moisture reading in the middle of the courts and only 8 per cent on the edges. To overcome this problem we have in recent days again approached NG with a request to have a fully automated reticulation system installed on all grass court bays. We will update you on this in due course.

Courts 1-5 have been a problem and were out of action after verti mowing for a lot longer than was anticipated. The nematodes (round worms) have been an issue but this is now under control. These courts have been gradually re-opened recently and should continue to improve. It is worth noting that they had been kept open for most of last winter and that vert-mowing was consequently not performed at the best time.

## PENNANTS REPORTS

### Tuesday Div 2 Mixed Doubles

Captain - Jaime Adeane reports.

We had a fantastic season and got through to the semi-final.

Unfortunately we lost the semi-final against Blue Gum, who went on to win the final the following week.

The best part of this season is the way we worked as a team. We all loved our team and put the team interest above personal.

We all knew each other very well before forming this team and playing together this summer just strengthened our friendships.

We are looking forward to playing the winter pennants!

Members: Sarah Milburn, Susan Tay, Mareena Weston, Jenny Ho, Jaime Adeane (girls), Bob Stevenson, Claude Lamprecht, Owen Patrick, Richie Warne and Ben Falletti (boys).

### **Wednesday Team - Div1 Open – Ladies**

Captain: Mareena Weston Report prepared by Vice-Captain: Pam McMahon  
Grand Final winners against Wembley Downs 7-1

The team, comprising Mareena Weston, Fiona Davis, Kerry Atherden, Tracey Hondros, Wendy Doyle, Sue Thomas, Carmen McFaull and Pam McMahon, had a great season, winning the trophy.

However, we got off to a shaky start when Fiona Davis was unable to play for the first half the season. With others injured or travelling, we were struggling to form a team each week, but were ably supported by substitutes Rae Yorg and Jane Cunningham. Fiona (and most of our travellers) returned for the second half of the season and things improved markedly. We scraped into fourth position and beat the top team, Mt Lawley, in the semi-final by 1 game. That was the hard one.

With our team confidence going through the roof we went onto beat Wembley Downs in the final 7-1 taking the Pennant for RKPTC.

A big thank you to Mareena for acting as captain.

### **Wednesday +45 Div 2 - Ladies**

Captain - Donna Thomas reports

Unfortunately not a good season this time around. We were really graded too high and we battled to get a consistent team all year.

Only managed 2 wins but we did enjoy our team and most of the tennis.

Thanks to the team of Karina Waters, Lesley Hopkins, Jane Cunningham, Leonie King, Donna Thomas, Sue Taylor, Clair Stanley and Sandra Gordon for getting us throughout the season. It was great to have Carol Harvey back at the end of the season after such a long illness.

No doubt we will all front up again next year to try and improve our standing.

### **Thursday Ladies Night - Div. 1**

Captain - Pam McMahon reports.

Thanks to the team of Karina Waters, Tracey Hondros, Thuc An Le Tat, Carmen McFaull, Wendy Doyle, Rae Yong and Jane Cunningham with occasional support provided by Mareena Weston and Fran Ackermann.

We did not have the best season, only managing to win 2 matches and draw 2 matches, mainly due to the fact that most of the team were either overseas or injured at crucial times during the season.

However, during the season we did manage to beat the team (Kingsley) that eventually won the grand final, so that was a positive.

### **Thursday Ladies Night – Div. 10**

Captain - Yvonne Hirst reports.

While we may not have made the finals, we had a great season with lots of fun and great tennis.

We didn't have to travel too far as all clubs were reasonable close by.

Our team of 8, Sarah Birkbeck, Jill Munyard, Caty Chappell, Pam Pitt, Kaye Maskiel, Donna Taggart, Elena Yashchenko and Yvonne Hirst are coming back next summer to capture that trophy.

### **Sunday Seniors +35 Women Div 2**

Captain - Donna Thomas.

Grand Final Winners against Blue Gum 7 - 4.

A really successful season thanks to a great team effort by our wonderful team. Taking out the Grand Final in a tremendous tough close match against Blue Gum away.

We finished the rounds in 3rd position and won the semi-final against North Beach to get us into the Grand Final against hot favourites Blue Gum. The team of Karina Waters, Rae Yong, Lesley Hopkins, Wendy Doyle, Sue Taylor and Donna Thomas are to be congratulated. Our thanks go to Clair Stanley, Jane Cunningham, Pam McMahon and Barbara Oldfield for being available when we needed them. Also thanks to the many supporters who turned up on the day to cheer us home.

Yes, we are the champions !!!!

### **Sat. Div 10 - Men's.**

Captain - Carl Somers reports.

Our maiden season went well, although we only chalked up 4 wins out of the 10 matches we played. Which isn't a bad result given we had two other rounds when we lost by only a small margin of a few games.

Looking forward to improving next season.

### **Sat. Div 14 - Men's**

Captain - Darryl Daisley reports.

We sadly bowed out in the Semi Final going down to a solid Hensman Park 5 Rubbers to 1.

I'm pleased to say that it was our best season in quite a few years and we did finish 2nd at the conclusion of the rounds.

We are already in planning for next season - with a gathering of the team this week to discuss 'what was, what can be and what will be'.

### **Sat Div 17 - Mens.**

Captain - Bruno Camarri reports.

Not a good season for us this time around. We lost our No. 1 to injury before we started and we struggled to be competitive. However, we had some great matches and the team performed well considering some very hot weather conditions during the season. Looking forward to the challenge of next season.

### **Wed Night Div 1 - Mens.**

Captain - Sean Lim reports.

A brilliant season for us. We won the Grand Final defeating Safety Bay 5 rubbers to 2. We have fielded a very strong team this year which has performed extremely well under pressure. The team for the final was Ryan Maxfield, Danny Usher, Luke Ashford, Hugo Green and Sean Lim (who wasn't needed on the day). During the season playing support was provided by Masatoshi Nagasaki, Peter Sarandopolous and Alex Reger.

We came from behind many times to win and I am very proud of our team and their effort this year.

### **Sun Div 1 - Men's 0/50's**

Captain - Gerry Hoffman

A very tough year for our team who fought hard over the season but the competition in Division 1 was just too good for us.

We will have to lower our sights for next year and enter into a lower division where we can be more competitive.

### **Sun Div 3 - Men's 0/50's**

Captain - Murray Franconi.

Report submitted by team Vice Captain - Steve Lockwood.

Grand Final Winners against Blue Gum 7 Rubbers to 5.

It was a great final match for all of us and followed up what has been an outstanding season.

Our spiritual leader (Murray) who took the tough decision not to play in the final, has worked his Captaincy magic and given us the opportunity to win the premiership with a team of gutsy talented and focussed players who delivered. Kim Robinson, Chris Taggart, Steve Lockwood, Mike Bentley, Jerry Haley & Peter Matviev. After the disappointment of losing the Grand Final last year after having gone through the whole season undefeated, the team win this year is something we are immensely proud of, particularly in that we played away and against a team we hadn't previously beaten.

On behalf of our team and all of those RKPTC members who came to watch us take out the title. Thank you very much.

## **VISIT TO MEMORIAL DRIVE TENNIS CLUB**

We are planning a visit to Memorial Drive Tennis Club in Adelaide in early October (either the weekend of 5/6 October or 12/13 October) and are now seeking expressions of interest for that trip. The inaugural challenge took place in April last year at RKPTC and was a great success from a social point of view even though we were well beaten on the tennis courts. Last year there were 10 players per side and it was an all men's doubles event.

During the visit last year, there was interest expressed by a number of our female members about participating in this event including travelling to Adelaide. We have advised Memorial Drive that we are planning for our team to be no smaller than 10 and no larger than 20 with a mix of male and female participants with probably more male than female attendees.

So if a leisurely visit to the City of Churches mixed with some energetic tennis and après tennis socialising appeals to you, please let Marika know of your interest and we will start putting our team together.

## **SATURDAY TENNIS ROSTER**

As many of you know, we have reintroduced computer allocated sets on Saturday afternoons. Understandably we have had a few teething problems but we are gradually working through those issues. We certainly hope that those teething problems are behind us. However regardless of the method of determining sets, the greater the number of attendees the easier it is to put on sets and provide the greatest level of enjoyment to members.

We look forward to seeing you at Saturday tennis soon.

**Another reminder that we move to our winter starting time of 1:30 PM on Saturday 27 April.**

## **RKPTC OFFICE**

If you have changed your street address, email or telephone number in the past few months please let Marika know as soon as possible. An up to date mailing list ensures that you will receive all Club communications to keep you fully informed of Club activities. Marika will be present at the office each Tuesday and Thursday between 2.00 pm - 5.00pm.

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