



On the Net

January 2014

Dear Club Member

We are just about to enter the busiest period in our tennis calendar. We have three twilights still to be played before we run out of light, the Ken Bennett classic will be held on 23 March, the Club Championships will be held over three consecutive weekends with the finals taking place on Sunday 13 April and our three day Easter Tournament will be held 19 - 21 April.

In addition the summer pennants season recommences on 1 February after its Xmas/New Year holiday break. Details of how our pennant teams performed prior to the holiday break are contained in this addition of On the Net.

I look forward to seeing you soon at one of our many upcoming events.

Barry Nazer
President

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TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are;

2014			
1	Twilight Tennis	Wed 29 January	5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
2	Twilight Tennis	Wed 12 February	5.00pm to 6.30pm
3	Friendly vs Nedlands	TBA	Hosted by Nedlands
4	Twilight Tennis (Final)	Friday 28 February	5.00pm to 6.30pm
5	Ken Bennett Classic	Sunday 23 March	9.00am to 4.00pm
6	Club Championships	29/30 March 5/6 April 12/13 April	Dates selected to fit in with pennants
7	Presentation Sundowner	Sunday 13 April	Members Pavilion at conclusion of club championship finals

8	Easter Tournament	19 - 21 April	BBQ Sunday 20 April Presentation Ceremony Monday 21 April
9	Calcutta Social Mixed Tennis Day	Sunday 11 May	9.30am to 2.30pm
10	AGM	Wednesday 24 September	6.00 pm

COURTS REPORT

It is very pleasing to see that the courts are finally starting to improve. The reticulation that has been installed on courts 1 to 15 has ensured that the courts are receiving an even spread of water and together with sufficient fertiliser these courts are in the best condition we have seen them in for many years. Next Generation have advised that they will be installing a similar reticulation arrangement on the remainder of the courts which should ensure that all courts are in excellent playing condition by next season. With any luck we may even see a significant improvement in courts 16 to 22 before the end of this summer season.

PENNANT RESULTS (at the Xmas / New Year break)

It is very pleasing to advise that we have our first junior pennant team for many years. The team is competing in the "Sunday MLC Hot Shots 7-10 Yrs Orange Ball - Zone 3" competition and is currently in sixth place and not too far away from the top four.

A quick summary of the ladder situation for all our other teams at the Christmas/New Year break is as follows:

Saturday Mens Open - Div 1 is in third place - and safely in the final four.

Saturday Mens Open - Div 10 is in last place and clearly finding the strength of the competition in this division to be quite a challenge.

Saturday Mens Open - Div 11 is in seventh place (out of eight teams) but not being disgraced.

Saturday Mens Open - Div 12 is in first place a couple of points in front of the second placed team (and there is a clear gap between the top two teams and the rest of the competition).

Wednesday Men Night - Div 1 is in fifth place and unfortunately a fair way out of the top four.

Saturday Womens Open - Div 1 is in fifth place - but not too far outside the top four.

Thursday Women Night - Div 10 is in first place with a fair margin on the second placed team. There is a good chance of this team winning a pennant.

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 2 - we have two teams in this division - currently sixth and seventh spots in a field of eight - it is not impossible that one of the teams could make the final four but it will be an uphill battle.

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 3 is in fourth place and barring any mishaps should feature in the finals.

Sunday Seniors 35+ Women - Div 2 is in third place and should feature in the finals

Tuesday Open Mixed Night Div 3 is currently running third and also should feature in the finals.

We will have full reports from all the teams at the end of the pennant season. In the meantime we wish all the teams good fortune for their remaining matches.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the Club Championships will be held over three consecutive weekends (29/30 March, 5/6 April and 12/13 April) with the finals taking place on Sunday 13 April. We also plan to hold this year's presentations for the Club Championships and the successful pennant teams at a Sundowner to be held in the Members Pavilion immediately following the conclusion of the Club Championship finals.

In previous years a number of prize winners have commented on the long delay between winning the event and receiving their prize. We have taken note of these comments and have changed the schedule for the presentation event as set out above. It does of course mean that the trophies won't be engraved at that point but this can be attended to later.

EASTER TOURNAMENT

The club's major event each year is our Easter Tournament. It is held over three days (Saturday to Monday) and for those participating has become one of the most enjoyable ways possible to spend your Easter weekend.

For those of you who have not participated in the past, the tournament is open to all RKPTC and Next Generation club members (all categories) plus members of their immediate family and friends plus members of WA tennis clubs. In other words anybody we know who can swing a tennis racket and connect with a tennis ball.

The tournament is conducted in a graded round-robin format which means you are guaranteed a minimum number of matches for each event that you enter. The round-robin matches start on Saturday morning and conclude around lunchtime on Monday and the finals are held on Monday afternoon.

Each event is divided into different levels of play within the following events:

- men's and ladies' singles,
- men's, ladies' and mixed doubles,
- men's 50 and over singles
- men's 55 and over doubles
- ladies' 50 and over doubles.

On the Saturday evening at the end of play relax with a few drinks and cheese platters.

On the Sunday night join us for a casual barbecue (details of this event should be available soon)

There is also a Bake-Off competition for you budding celebrity chefs.

On the Monday afternoon/evening, the presentation ceremony commences with prizes for event winners and runners up. As usual, pizzas will be provided in case you are too weary to go home and cook an evening meal.

There will also be a major prize drawn at the presentation ceremony.

Bookings details for the tournament events and the Sunday BBQ will be announced soon. In the meantime block out your diary in anticipation of a fun filled Easter.

TWILIGHT TENNIS

We have had excellent attendances at twilight tennis this summer and there are three twilights still to be played before we run out of light (Wednesday 29 January, Wednesday 12 February and Friday 28 February). Come when you can but if you wish to play at 5.00pm, please arrive for registration by 4.50pm.

AUSTRALIAN SENIORS TEAMS CARNIVAL

RKPTC was represented at the recent Australian Seniors Teams Carnival in Hobart by Richard Yorg and Gary McDonald (aka Mac). Richard and Mac competed in Division 2 of the 70 and over (hard to believe isn't it) teams event with other West Australians and finished second behind the very strong South Australian team. Congratulations to Richard and Mac.

TENNIS VISITOR PASSES

In the previous edition of On the Net we announced the introduction of a new tennis visitor pass which is only available to members of RKPTC.

Details are as follows:

- Each entry pass will cost \$15 (the normal visitors fee is \$30)
- Each member will be limited to buying a maximum of 10 passes per annum (the club will monitor this restriction)
- Each individual visitor will be limited to 4 visits per annum, even if being introduced by different members
- You must pay for your tennis visitor passes on Trybooking at <http://www.trybooking.com/60483>
- Marika will then complete the passes and leave them at NG reception for collection. **Please note that the tickets/receipts generated by TryBooking are not the official NG Visitors Passes.**
- Marika also will forward to you NG's "guest disclaimer" forms. These forms will need to be completed by each visitor.
- **The tennis visitor pass will provide full access to all club facilities.**

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

A reminder that if you are travelling interstate or overseas and decide to throw your trusty tennis gear into your travel bag, consider contacting any of the following clubs which have reciprocal playing rights with your Club:

Kooyong Tennis Club	Melbourne	03 9822 333
		koo@planet.net.au
RAC Club Australia	Sydney	02 9233 2355
		raca@raca.com.au
Memorial Drive TC	Adelaide	08 8110 7788
		doho@nextgenerationclubs.com.au
Hong Kong CC	Hong Kong	+2574 6266
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Penang Sports Club	Penang	+65 229 7834
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British club	Bangkok	+66 2234 0247
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ACT National T & C Club Canberra 02 6160 7800
tennis@tennisact.com.au
Queensland LTA Brisbane 07 3120 7900
info@tennisqueensland.com.au
Domain Tennis Centre Hobart
manager@domaintennis.com.au

Remember to request a letter of introduction from Marika Leonard in the RKPTC office prior to travelling. Please note that Marika only attends the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons so give her sufficient notice to attend to this request.

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.

Our office contact details are:

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