



On the Net

March 2015

Dear Club Member

We have recently entered a very busy period in our tennis calendar following the Christmas/New Year break. Pennants have re-commenced and are about to enter the finals stages, the Ken Bennett classic will be held on 19th April, our famous Easter Tournament will be held between 4th and 6th April (yes Easter is early this year), followed by the Club Championships which will be held over three consecutive weekends commencing on the 25th April and concluding on the 10th May.

An update on our Pennant teams is contained in this addition of On the Net including information about Winter Pennants.

I also need to advise that we have some vacancies on the Committee following a number of members stepping down. If anybody wishes to apply, please contact the office. In addition, we are looking for some aspiring promoters to assist the Committee in organising social events and I would welcome anybody coming forward and offering to assist.

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

Gerry Hofmann
President

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TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are;

2015			
1	Easter Tournament	4 - 6 April	BBQ Sunday 5 April Presentation Ceremony Monday 6 April
2	Ken Bennett Classic	19 th April	9.00am to 4.00pm
3	Club Championships	25/26 April 2/3 May 9/10 May	Note : Anzac Day on 25 th April
4	Presentation Sundowner	Sunday 10 May	Members Pavilion at conclusion of club championship finals
5	AGM	Wednesday 23 September	6.00 pm
6	Opening Day	17 October	Tentative Date, subject to courts & weather

PENNANTS REPORT

With 15 teams entered this season, including one junior team, it has been a very busy season with a lot of tennis. So many teams are doing very well competitively, others still have time to improve as we head to the business end of the season.

Below is a summary of how the teams are going. Thank you to the captains for their wonderful efforts and input :

Saturday Men's open Div 11

Three RKPTC teams in this division.

Yes, we've had good run of form and some close wins in recent weeks. Our Div 11 Team has won 5-5 in recent matches and now looking like making the SEMIS if we continue this good form for the final five rounds. Our goal will be to qualify for the SEMIS so we can have crack at challenging the other King's Park (Daisley) Team who are currently in the Top 2.

One thing is for sure.....we've got good chance of having at least one King's Park Team in the Finals again I think this year.

Carl Somers

Saturday Men's Open - Div 14

As at the Christmas break, we were second and we will definitely be playing in the finals. We are most likely to finish third, given the draw for the others. All members of the team have performed consistently, Erik Petersen is unbeaten in the singles with 6 wins out of 6.

Bruno Camarri

Wednesday Midweek Open - Div 1

A game clear on top of the ladder, almost guaranteed a top two birth for a home semifinal.

Wednesday Men's night - Div 1

Only one solitary point keeping them out of the top four. Good luck guys for a strong finish!!

Sunday Seniors 35+ Men - Div 2

Struggling toward the bottom of the ladder this season but here's hoping for a strong finish.

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 2

Absences, injuries and illnesses have combined to test the team captain's limited organisational abilities and resulted in us using 14 players (so far)! Notwithstanding, we are enjoying ourselves and having a reasonably successful season. Currently hanging on to 3rd place and looking forward to a full team list as we peak for our first finals campaign for some years.

Richard Yorg

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 3

A solitary win this season sees them struggling from the previous heights of winning the same division only a few years ago.

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 4

Sunday Mens +50 Div 4 team are currently second in the table and guaranteed a place in the final rounds. Our most successful player by a whisker is David Peterson who has won 81% of his sets just ahead of Walt Munyard who has won 79%.

John Chappell

Sunday Seniors 35+ Women - Div 1

The high pressure of Division 1 is taking its toll, results not always falling their way.

Thursday Women Night - Div 8

Despite enjoying many close matches and an injury free season, the Division 8 Thursday night Ladies team has only managed 2 wins and is sitting at 6th on the ladder.

Sarah Birkbeck

Tuesday Open Mixed Night - Div 2

Only two points keeping them out of the top 4 and well clear of 6th, have every chance of playing semifinals this season.

Monday night men's three person team Div 2

Pleased to announce we started the second half of the season off with our first result that wasn't a loss!! Admittedly it was a washout, but more importantly, it's great to see everyone improving. For many this is their first time playing pennants, and first time playing fast four format, which has been quite challenging, but nevertheless it's been an enjoyable season.

Dave Chenik

Sunday ANZ Hot Shots 7-10 Yrs Orange Ball - Zone 2

Our hotshots team has been having a lot of fun this season, and improving so much.

Congratulations team!!!!

WINTER PENNANTS

Tennis West has advised as follows:

Winter Tennis League

Monday 9 March - CTR reviews open (details to follow)

Monday 16 March - CTR reviews close

Monday 16 March - Winter Tennis League Nominations open on Competition Planner

Friday 27 March - Winter Tennis League Nominations close

Monday 30 March - Friday 24 April - Tennis West Grading and Fixturing

Saturday 2 May onwards - Round 1

Calendar will be updated on the Tennis West Website later this week.

10 week competitions plus semis and finals - Adult and Juniors \$150 per team
except Fast4 competitions \$120.

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 dinner/dance.

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 for the tournament events and the Sunday Dinner/Dance can be made at <http://www.trybooking.com/7156>

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year the Club Championships will be held over three consecutive weekends (25/26 April, 2/3 May and 9/10 May) with the finals taking place on Sunday 10 May. 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, as per last year, 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.

Also note that the club championships will overlap with Winter Pennants, however, we will try to accommodate any clashes with Pennant matches to ensure maximum participation.

BOWLS AND BBQ

Over 40 members and guests journeyed out to Mount Lawley Bowling Club on Thursday 29 January and we were fortunate that Perth turned on one of those beautiful warm balmy evenings.

This sport, called "lawn bowling" (we played on a synthetic surface), was a brand-new experience for most of the participants and the advice that we can offer to most of the attendees is "stick with tennis".

It must be said that there were a few who showed some signs of talent on the bowling green, but not many. The ditch at the back of the green seemed overly crowded a lot of the time.

Then there were the bowlers who didn't understand bias. A number of bowls were seen to be crossing nearby lanes like wandering comets in the cosmos.

And there were those who didn't understand the demarcation boundaries between each lane, who wandered aimlessly around searching for their lost bowls (or was that souls).

By now we think you get the picture.

The evening included a delicious BBQ, a big screen to watch the Australian Open tennis and for the very adventurous, Ceroc dancing. A number of our members and guests were seen watching the Ceroc dancing with interest but none were brave enough to venture onto the dance floor.

A big thank you to Scott Grundmann for organising the evening and a special thank you to Scott's friend Anastasia for her efforts in organising the BBQ.

(Article written and submitted by Barry Nazer)

CTC TOURNAMENT

Long term club member, Ted Reiss, has proposed holding an international seniors tournament for members of Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC) in the second week of January 2016. The idea is to attract international players from member CTC clubs to travel to Perth as part of an overall package to include attendance at the Hopman Cup and the Australian Open. The playing format would be the newly trialled Fast4.

Ted is currently in negotiations with the CTC organisation and RKPTC and NG have agreed to host the tournament, subject to a satisfactory business case. Ted is currently working with members of the Committee to develop a detailed plan.

TENNIS WEST NEWS

Tennis West held their first Club Forum of 2015 on Friday 20th February.

70 attendees from 32 different clubs attended at the State Tennis Centre, with the focus being on 'Growing Great Clubs'. RKPTC was represented by Vice President, Laurie Eastwood and Club Coach, Ryan Maxfield.

New CEO, Geoff Quinlan gave an update on new tennis initiatives and programs, including Tennis Connect. He also spoke about Tennis West's Vision of Growing Great Clubs, and the strategy implemented to achieve this.

Tennis Australia Manager for Clubs and Community, Travis Atkinson delivered a presentation on the Vision for Clubs, including the new online court booking system currently in development.

The presentations delivered at the Forum are available on the links provided below :

Presentation 1 - [Growing Great Clubs Update](#) - Geoff Quinlan

http://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2015/02/Clubs-Forum_Grow-Great-Clubs-Feb-2015-final.pdf

Presentation 2 - [Vision for Clubs](#) - Travis Atkinson

<http://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2015/02/Tennis-Clubs-Communities-PresWA.Feb15.Summary.pdf>

Presentation 3 - [Tennis Connect](#) - Geoff Quinlan

http://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2015/02/Clubs-Forum_TennisConnect-Feb-2015_2.pdf

Presentation 4 - *Good Sports Clubs* - Ben Mollett (visit website below for more information)

<http://goodsports.com.au/>

This will be the first of many forums held throughout the year, which will be tailored to suit the major issues facing tennis clubs in WA.

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.**
- All visitors must report to NG reception to complete a "guest disclaimer" form.
- **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
	hkcc@hkcc.org	
Singapore CC	Singapore	+65 3383 121
	scc@scc.org.sg	
Penang Sports Club	Penang	+65 229 7834
	pspclub@po.jaring.my	
British club	Bangkok	+66 2234 0247
	tadams@bkk3.loxinfo.co.th	

Ibiza Club	Bengal	+91 033 2470 9928
	info@merlinprojects.com	
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 mornings 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 9.00 am - 1.00 pm.

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