



# On the Net

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Dear Club Member

Having been elected to the position of President at our AGM on 24 September, this is my first OTN. I regard the role of President as a great honour and I am conscious of the responsibility of the position, following the long line of distinguished past Presidents over the club's 115 year history.

I wish to pay a special tribute to our Immediate Past President, Barry Nazer, who steered the club through some difficult waters over the last 2 years and left the club in a good position to move forward into the future.

During the 'honeymoon' period of my term, I am planning to implement a range of initiatives as part of a broad strategy and goals achievement plan, involving the new Committee and all the club's stakeholders. I hope to be able to keep all members informed on progress as we move forward.

The next main event on our calendar is the President's Cocktail Party, scheduled for 6.00 pm on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December in the Lower Pavilion. I urge all members to lock in this date and attend the function, where you will have the opportunity to hear about the latest developments and plans being discussed within the club.

Gerry Hofmann  
President

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### **AGM**

The 2014 AGM was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, attended by 57 members. In addition to the election of the new Committee, the meeting adopted a number of resolutions to amend the Constitution to allow email communication with members and to remove the position of Squash Representative from the Committee.

### **NEW CLUB PATRON**

We are pleased to advise that the new Governor of Western Australia, the Honourable Kerry Sanderson AO, has agreed to become the Patron of the club. This maintains our long-standing arrangement whereby the Governor of the day has accepted to be our Patron.

## **NEW COMMITTEE**

We are pleased to welcome some "new blood" onto the Committee to complement a number of the "older hands" who have agreed to stay on and help maintain the knowledge of continuity. The new Committee members are :

- Laurie Eastwood : Vice President
- Barry Nazer : Immediate Past President
- Dietmar Mazanetz : Treasurer
- Tim Wilkinson : Secretary
- Ric O'Donnell : Captain
- Pam McMahon : Vice Captain
- Tracey Hondras : Committee Member
- Clair Stanley : Committee Member
- Laurie Barnes : Committee Member

The Committee meets monthly and any member with any suggestions or requests for items to be addressed by the Committee should contact the club's office in the first instance (see details below).

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members all of whom have joined since September 2014. We look forward to seeing you on the courts and at our various social events.

Michael Naylor  
David Anderson  
Scott Raushenberger  
Genendra Raj Monhan  
Doug Hanlee  
Chris Padua  
Ian Gilchrist  
Simon Thomas  
Charlie Ironside  
Tatum Walmarans

## **OPENING DAY**

The Opening Day of the summer tennis season took place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. With threatening thunderstorms hovering nearby, the formalities were completed, and almost three rounds of social play and a sumptuous afternoon tea were completed before the heavens opened up, putting an end to the afternoon's tennis. The evening function was a sell-out, with 90 people

attending in the Lower Pavilion with the live band, the Zucchini Brothers, again providing entertainment.

Congratulations to Margrit Reiss and Peter Matviev for winning the ladies and mens Opening Day competition.



Margrit Reiss with her Opening Day winnings

## TWILIGHT TENNIS RECOMMENCES

Twilight tennis recommenced on Wednesday 12 November 2014 and will continue weekly until Christmas, subject to sufficient attendances. Organised sets will start at 4:30 PM and you should be able to find someone to join you for a friendly warm-up from 4.00 PM. We are hoping to extend the social side of tennis into the evening and members are encouraged to stay on for drinks and nibbles in the NG café on completion of the tennis.

## TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are:

2014			
1	Twilight Tennis	Wednesdays Until Christmas	Hit up from 4.00pm Organised sets from 4.30pm
2	President's Cocktail Party	Friday 12 December	6.00pm

## **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 emailing list ensures that you will receive all Club communications to keep you fully informed of Club activities.

Marika has changed her attendance times and is now present at the office each Tuesday and Thursday between 9.30 am - 12.30pm.

Our office contact details are:

Telephone 9321 3035

Fax 9321 3085

Email [rkptc@iinet.net.au](mailto:rkptc@iinet.net.au)

## **SQUASH AWARD**

We are pleased to announce that our erstwhile tennis member, Barbara Oldfield / Bentley was inducted into the WA Squash Hall of Fame at a lavish function held on 22nd of October at Hillarys Yacht Club. Barbara had a distinguished squash career, becoming WA State Champion in 1980, 1981 and 1982, representing Australia in 1980 and 1981, a member of the winning Australian Team at the 1981 World Teams Championships and Semi-finalist at the 1982 British Open. Apart from rising to the No.1 state ranking in WA, she also became No. 3 in Australia and was ranked as high as No. 5 in the world. Congratulations Barbara and keep on running and hitting those balls, even though the ones at the club have a bit more fur on them these days.

## **NEW NEXT GENERATION GENERAL MANAGER**

Richard Hardy has been appointed as General Manager of Next Generation Kings Park. Richard, who took up his appointment in early October, previously worked at the club in a marketing capacity; he therefore has a very good understanding of the dynamics of our club.

We look forward to forging a mutually beneficial relationship with Richard and his staff at NG.

## **COURT CLOSURE**

Courts 6 to 10 will be closed for up to six weeks due to extensive work required as they were used heavily over winter.

Members should also note that if the net is rolled up on the side of the court, this is the Curator's way of closing that court and members should not put up the net themselves.

## **SATURDAY DUTY ROSTER**

There is a new list of Saturday Duty Captains and all Members should receive an emailed copy. If you are unable to attend on the date allocated to you, please make arrangements to swap with somebody else and advise Ric O'Donnell on 0419 914 780 or Pam McMahon on 0422 422 477

## **ENTRY FLAG**

Our entry flag is flying once again thanks to NG replacing the broken fitting. However, the other one, near the Kipling Arch, has suffered the same fate and we are looking at ways of retrieving the end of the rope.

## **CORRECT TENNIS ATTIRE**

In attempting to maintain the standards of the club as a world class facility, all members are requested to ensure that they only wear recognised tennis attire when playing on the courts. In this day and age, seeing what the professionals are wearing around the world, this should give plenty of scope for members to display their individualism. However, we do ask that tank tops (ie shirts without sleeves) be not worn by the men (with due apologies to Gaël Monfils).

As always, correct tennis footwear is a must in order to avoid damage to the grass courts.

## **CLUB'S 4-YEAR PLAN**

At a recent brainstorming workshop, the Committee agreed on a 4-year plan to move the club forward. The vision for the club is to be a world class tennis club that provides a wide range of activities for its members whilst maintaining its heritage traditions.

In keeping with this vision, the Committee agreed on five key result areas that we will be focussing on, namely :

- Relationships
- Recruitment (of new members)
- Management and facilities
- Tennis Operations
- Social activities

Over coming months, the Committee will develop practical and succinct plans to address the achievement of goals in each of these areas and methods of tracking our progress.

We are looking forward to some exciting times ahead.

## SUMMER PENNANTS REPORT

We have a record number of 16 teams competing in this year's Tennis West summer competition, covering a wide range of playing standards, age groups and playing times. These include :

- ❖ 5 Saturday afternoon Mens teams, ranging from Division 3 to 14
- ❖ 1 Wednesday midweek Ladies Division 1
- ❖ 1 Wednesday evening Mens Division 1
- ❖ 1 Sunday Mens over 35 Division 2
- ❖ 3 Sunday Mens over 50 Divisions 2,3 & 4
- ❖ 1 Sunday Ladies over 35 Division 1
- ❖ 1 Thursday evening Ladies Division 8
- ❖ 1 Tuesday evening mixed Division 2
- ❖ 1 Monday evening singles& doubles Division 2  
and
- ❖ 1 Sunday ANZ Hotshots 7 to 10 year Juniors

This is one of the widest ranges of playing options that the club has fielded in many years and it is pleasing to see so many members partaking in the variety of Pennant competitions on offer. In particular, it is great to see Juniors playing for the club and congratulations to club coach, Ryan Maxfield, for having organised this team.

The Western Australian Pennant competition is the single largest competition in Australia with almost 5,000 players competing in some 1,000 teams.

At the end of the first four rounds, our teams are experiencing mixed fortunes, with some teams undefeated and on top of the ladder, while others are struggling.

Pennant Co-Ordinators, Jeremy Borino and Dave Chenik congratulate all captains for following the procedures and making their lives a little easier.

## TENNIS VISITORS' PASSES

A reminder that special tennis club visitor passes are available to members of RKPTC.

The guidelines 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, our office administrator, will then complete the passes and leave them at NG reception for collection
- Marika will also 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.**