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Dear Club Member

The Summer Pennant season is now behind us and Winter Pennants are upon us with the Club Championships about to start over three consecutive weekends commencing on the 25th April and concluding on the 9th May.

A wrap-up of our Summer Pennant season is included in this issue.

We had two successful teams in the Summer Pennants and there will be an official shield presentation ceremony by Tennis West to coincide with the Club Championships presentation event on the last weekend of the championships. Further details will be emailed to members.

Once again, we held a very successful Easter Tournament over the 3-day Easter break and a summary of the tournament and the winners appear in this issue.

As we enter the wet season in Perth, the courts will be progressively closed and rotated to even up the wear. Members are asked to carefully consider the state of the courts following rain and to take a responsible approach to ensure that the courts are not damaged.

Please also be mindful of correct tennis attire, especially shoes.

Gerry Hofmann
President

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TENNIS & SOCIAL CALENDAR

Forthcoming events to diarise are;

2015			
1	Club Championships	25/26 April 2/3 May 9 May	Note : Anzac Day on 25 th April
2	Presentation Sundowner for both Club Championships, MVP & Pennant winners	Saturday 9 th May	Members Pavilion at conclusion of club championship finals (from 4.30 pm)
3	Margaret Court function	Saturday 23 rd May	Life membership induction during afternoon tea
4	Friendly against Nedlands	TBA	

5	Visit by Kazakhstan Davis Cup team	6 th - 12 th July	Practice sessions at the club
6	AGM	Wednesday 23 September	6.00 pm
7	Opening Day	17 October	Tentative Date, subject to courts & weather

SUMMER PENNANTS REPORT

Two of our Summer Pennant teams went all the way in their respective competitions. Congratulations to Midweek Ladies Div 1 team and Sunday Mens Over 50 Div 4 team.

The following contributions were received from Pennant captains :

Saturday Open Mens - Div 3

It was a great effort from the guys this summer reaching the semi-finals in fourth position . We had a tough task in the semi' playing Manning who finished top of the ladder. Following a solid victory away at Manning, we booked our place in the finals against City Beach!

Unfortunately, we lost the final 4/2 in what was a really exciting day away at City Beach, with many of our members coming along to support! The end result all hinged on the final super tie-breaker in the last doubles and after a nail-biting finish, we just fell short of victory.

I would like to thank all the guys for their commitment and great efforts in which was a really enjoyable season.

Ryan Maxfield

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 3

We are the wooden spoon winners of our division. Our highlight was beating Alexander Park and our best players were Tim Sewell and Stuart Rocchi. We have gone from the depths of despair after losing to Allen Park one year to the heights of delight after beating Blue Gum the following year and winning the pennant that year. But this year.....

Murray Franconi

Saturday Men's open Div 11

(One of three RKPTC teams in this division.)

Another strong season for the Div 11 Men's Open side - having finished the home and away fixtures second on the ladder with 10 wins, 3 losses and 1 washout. We had a good win against Leederville in the semi-finals, but lost to the top side Alexander Park, in the final.

The team improved greatly this season with solid training drills supported by end of season coaching lessons from Ryan (Club pro). It was a true team effort with all 7 team members (Craig, Merlin, Mike, Greg, Pierre, Darryl, and Tatsuya) participating throughout the season. We welcomed Tatsuya to the team as a full time member (with his booming forehand drive).

Yet again, so close having also come runners-up last year - we all hope we can take that final step next season. Thanks to Ric for court allocation on Saturdays - 4 courts make such a difference!

Darryl Daisley

Saturday Men's Open - Div 14

We finished third, played in the semi-finals and lost (just). All members of the team, particularly, Chris Oldfield, Ivan Zuvella, Rob Clarke, Erik Petersen and Brett Anderson contributed to a very good season. We plan to have another go next summer.

Bruno Camarri

Wednesday Men's night - Div 1

It has been a great summer pennants season for us. First of all, we have had the pleasure of several new players: Chris Padua, Lewis Rattigan and Alex Chijoff-Evans. And of course our old reliable team of Luke Ashford, Ryan Maxfield, Jason Starceovich and Danny Usher. Once again, we made it to the semi-finals, but unfortunately came just short against the team from Reabold Tennis club, losing by 3 games. We look forward to the winter pennants season.

Sean Lim

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 2

After finishing 3rd, we approached the finals with a lot of confidence of at least making the grand final. However, despite leading 5 sets to 3 going into the last round of our semi against Applecross, we fell short by only one agonising game. Given the fact that we had pretty much the same team as finished 6th last season, we can be quite satisfied with our performance, and console ourselves with the (too) often repeated "next year"!

Richard Yorg

Sunday Seniors 50+ Men - Div 4

Our team had a highly successful season, winning the Final with a convincing victory over Blue Gum, who remained top of the ladder throughout the season. Perhaps our toughest match was the Semi Final against Wembley Downs which we won by a single game, with the result in doubt till the last 5 games.

We had a very diverse team of mates with a broad range of tennis skills and ratings. The objective was to have fun with everyone participating as equally as possible,

whilst aiming to make the final 4. This resulted in 9 of us qualifying to play in the finals. This proved invaluable as we were beset by injuries in the second half of the season, and were reduced to only 6 men standing.

The team was fronted by our excellent No 1, Walt Munyard, very ably backed up by Dave Peterson, Bob Stevenson, Josh Pitt, Ray Hirst, Jerry Haley, John Goodlad, Ross Goldstein and myself. Simon Moss was a most welcome emergency reserve when called upon.

Everyone gave 100% and got their just reward. In fact after the Grand Final both Walt Munyard and Ray Hirst required immediate medical attention and may be out of competitive action for the foreseeable future. Bob Stevenson and Ross Goldstein were sidelined with injuries for most of the 2015 games and Jerry Haley was a sight to behold with strappings and supplements required to wind him up each match.

Perhaps we should all book appointments with Doc Simon to ensure availability to walk, drink and defend the title next year.

John Chappell

WINTER PENNANTS

We have 9 teams this winter for a 10 match season (5 home games).

- 3 men's Saturday leagues (Divisions 1, 7 and 9)
- 1 ladies Saturday league (Div 2)
- 1 Monday men's three person team
- 1 Tuesday mixed doubles
- 1 Wednesday men's doubles
- 1 Thursday ladies
- 1 juniors Sunday morning

TENNIS WEST MVP AWARDS

It is great to report that two RKPTC Summer Pennant players received the Tennis West Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award for being the best player in their respective divisions over the summer season. The winners are :

- Fiona Davis - Ladies Wednesday Div 1
- Ryan Maxfield - Mens Saturday Div 3

The MVP award is made to the top performing player in each Pennant division over the qualifying rounds of a competition, playing at any position in a team, based on their total number of matches won.

Congratulations to Fiona and Ryan.

EASTER TOURNAMENT

We had a record number of participants this year with 137 adults and 8 juniors - significantly higher than previous years, probably due to the fact that we had sent details of our Easter tournament to every metropolitan tennis club and for the first time had details posted on the Tennis West website. The number of visitors participating in the tournament is increasing (at 50% versus 40% last year) and it's good to see a high number of our visitors are returning each year.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to the planning and organising of the event. A big thank you to (in no particular order) Tim Wilkinson, Laurie Barnes, Jean Mallinckrodt, Judith Harwood, Julie Martin, Ric O'Donnell, Richard Yorg, Marika Leonard, Neil Tomkinson and Andrina Goh.

However, the biggest thank you goes to our Immediate Past President, Barry Nazer, who acted as Tournament Director and masterminded every aspect of the whole tournament from go to whoa. After running previous Easter Tournaments, Barry has now the knowledge and experience under his belt and his attention to detail shone through again this year.

Also a big thank you to Tim and Rosemary Wilkinson, Josh Pitt, Neville and Joan Watts, Rudy D'Orsogna, Caty and John Chappell, and Fran Ackerman for their excellent contributions to the hamper and Next Generation Clubs, Mercedes Benz, Ryan Maxfield, Adrian Manescu, Kim Robinson and Ric O'Donnell for donating great door prizes. Ric was also the mainstay organising the balls and running the daily match control.

Thanks also to our curator Michael Maartensz and his team who came in every morning at 6 am for the three days of the tournament to mow off the dew and re-mark the lines.

And finally a big thank you to Gina, Nikki and the team at NG for the terrific food at Sunday night's Dinner Dance and over the weekend.

Also congratulations to the winners of the major cash prizes at Monday's presentation event: Richard Yorg (first), Brett Anderson (second) and Jason Biron (third).

The weather is always a bit of a risk over Easter but we were extremely fortunate this year with mild weather each day and the rain holding out until just after the last match had concluded on the Monday evening. Whilst the President would like to take credit for this, we should report that in reality he had no control over it.

The results of the 2015 Easter Tournament were as follows:

Event	Division	Winner	Runner-Up
Ladies Singles	Div 1	Nina Catovic	Astrid Kanther
	Div 2	Alisha Wylde	Erica Darian-Smith
Ladies Doubles	Div 1	Fiona Davis & Mareena Weston	Astrid Kanther & Nina Catovic
	Div 2	Tyler Sheppard & Alisha Wylde	Evelyn LeCourt & Rosemary Tomkinson
Ladies 50+	Div 1	Jan Maddison & Meredith Wilkinson	Joanne Landy & Carmel Oud
	Div 2	Jane Cunningham & Liz Schmitt	Joy Calder & June Ure
Mens Singles	Div 1	Julian O'Donnell	John Kaye
	Div 2	Chris Padua	Brett Anderson
Mens 50+ Singles	Div 1	Osman Hadziomerovic	Ken Nosaka
	Div 2	Peter Whitehead	N/A
Mens Doubles	Div 1	Richard Kingston & Ryan Kingston	Jason Starcevich & Lewis Rattigan
	Div 2	Chris Padua & Daniel Arshad	Phil Smith & Kevin Wren
	Div 3	Andrew Todd & Tom Ward	Jason Biron & Alan Clements
Mens 55+ Doubles	Div 1	Greg Jacobs & Trevor Baker	Garry Fraser & Richard Yorg
	Div 2	Leo Iriks & Kevin Wren	Klaus Langer & Lawrence Upston
Mixed Doubles	Div 1	Astrid Kanther & Danny Usher	Fiona Davis & Bernard Carney
	Div 2	Samantha Kingston & Ryan Kingston	Karen Campbell & Mac McDonald
	Div 3	Celine Haderli & Andrew Reddan	Joanne Landy & Kevin Wren
	Div 4	Trish Heggie & Phil Smith	Liz Sticca & Brett Anderson
	Div 5	Yvonne Hirst & Andrew Todd	Elena Holt & Paul Courtis
Junior Boys	Div 1	Brendan Jones	N/A
	Div 2	David Puttick	N/A

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries have now closed for the Club Championships which will be held over three consecutive weekends (25/26 April, 2/3 May and 9th May) with the finals taking place on Saturday 9th May. Unfortunately, due to the low number of entries received, some of the events will need to be cancelled and entrants will be advised and refunds made to their TryBooking fees.

The presentations for the winners and runners up and the successful Pennant teams will be held at a Sundowner to be held in the Members Pavilion immediately following the conclusion of the Club Championship finals on Saturday 9th May from about 4.30 pm onwards. Wayne Firns, Vice President of Tennis West will be in attendance to present the Pennant shields to the winning Pennant teams.

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

THANK YOU TO PAM McMAHON

Pam recently retired from the Club's committee after many years of sterling service.

For a large part of her time on the committee, Pam was the Club's Vice-captain. In this role, Pam put in an enormous amount of time and effort over many years, especially with the organisation and entry of our pennant teams, the running of the club Championships and organising for the Easter tournaments. Previous Presidents also found her strong support and wise counsel of great value.

Pam continues to play a supporting role for the Club, albeit now much more in the background, giving her the extra time needed for travelling and personal matters.

So Pam - a big thank you from us all.

TENNIS EXERCISE CLASSES AT NEXT GENERATION

Club coach, Ryan Maxfield, is currently running cardio tennis classes at NG on Thursdays at 6.00 pm and Saturday mornings at 8.00 am. Classes run for one hour on the hard courts, cost \$20.00 per session and bookings aren't required - just turn up and be prepared for a good workout.

These sessions are a great way to improve your fitness while hitting lots of tennis balls. We focus on improving your skills and fitness to make you a more complete tennis player.

Let a bit of Ryan's magic winning ways rub off on you. Look forward to seeing you there.

MARGARET COURT LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In conjunction with Next Generation, the club has agreed to offer an honorary Life membership to Margaret Court, winner of more major titles than any other player in history, and in recognition of the close relationship she had with the club during her illustrious career. Our centre court is actually named after her. We are pleased to advise that Margaret has accepted the offer and will be attending the club during afternoon tea on Saturday 23rd May to accept her membership. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend and have a chat to Margaret.

KAZAKHSTAN DAVIS CUP TEAM VISIT

Australia plays Kazakhstan in the forthcoming Davis Cup semi-finals tie in Darwin in July. As the tie is going to be played on a specially constructed grass court (and Darwin doesn't have any grass courts), the Kazakhstan team plans to arrive in Australia the week before the tie and practice on grass courts to acclimatise to both the country and the courts surface.

Following weeks of negotiation, we are pleased to report that it appears that the Kazakhstan team will be coming to Perth for their practice sessions and will be using our club as their practice venue. We are currently in final negotiations with them.

So, from the 6th to 12th July, we can expect to see some world class players gracing our courts as we play host to their Davis Cup team.

VALE ROB CHRISTOPHERS

Long term club member, Rob Christophers, sadly passed away in March this year, following a short illness. Rob, who was just 72 at the time, was a colourful character at the club for many years, although we haven't seen him for a while. He was a keen social and Pennant Player, often masterminding his Pennant teams to victory through the use of psychological strategies that would dumbfound his opponents. He had a most unique playing style, most likely influenced by his participation in competitive table tennis and badminton over the years. His style of tennis was colloquially referred to as "farnarkling" and he revelled in being able to extract victories from seemingly impossible positions.

Rob leaves behind wife Jenny, 3 adult children and numerous grandchildren. We shall miss his unique tennis style and laid-back outlook.



NEW CLUB SHIRTS

After an extensive search, the club has finally settled on a design of a new tennis shirt for both male and female players.

Manufactured in a cool, light, "breathable" material, the shirts will feature the club colours in inserts and piping together with the RKPTC monogram in full colour.



The shirts are due to arrive in late May and will go on sale for \$40.00 each. We will advise when they arrive. Various sizes will be available.

Depending on the uptake of these shirts, the club will consider purchasing further club clothing according to demand.

NEXT GENERATION BRANDING UPDATE

By now all members will have received their new membership cards from NG together with an explanation what it all means as well as a broadcast email from RKPTC with some further details.

For any queries on an aspect of the new arrangements, please talk directly to an NG representative next time you visit the club.

TENNIS VISITOR PASSES

The club has purchased an additional batch of tennis visitor passes which are 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.**
- NG's "guest disclaimer" forms will need to be completed by each visitor when they enter the club.
- **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 psclub@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 please 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 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.

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