Summer Newsletter

January 2018

President's Report

We hope that all members and families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and you are all now ready to start 2018 using the court/club facilities to play more tennis. Although the weather has been unbearable on a couple of days, over the next few months we will have some perfect tennis weather.

Night Tennis has again been very successful thanks to the 4 conveners; separate reports are included in the newsletter. All 4 nights (Mon-Tue-Wed-Thu) had finals that were very competitive with enjoyable break up functions at the end of the finals night including presentation of trophies to winners and runner-up players.

Membership annual fee accounts have been distributed via Tennis Victoria for the first time. If you haven't received your individual or family accounts please contact a committee member. The club would appreciate payment within the specified time

We have had trouble with 'hoons' doing burn-outs in the car park. The police have been notified and will continue to check over the next couple of months. We have resorted to closing the gate at Sunnybrook however the gate is only clipped over the post so you can open the gate and drive up to the car park.

The WHTC AGM will be held on Saturday, 17th March 2018 and the committee would like as many members to attend and hopefully you may like to join the committee and support the club. We are looking for someone that could take over the administration of the club's website and also Social Media Development. We would like a Social Coordinator who could organize junior tennis events. It's not a huge commitment and you would be involved in the running of your club.

Gerald More
President

2017-8 Management Committee & Responsibilities

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JUNIORS REPORT.

This summer season, we have seven teams competing in the Waverley Tennis Competition
This is the most successful season, in terms of teams competing, that we have had for many years.
The teams are:

B Special 1 – Sienna Opray, Brodie Norman and Mika Baxter
They are the youngest team in their section and are currently third on the ladder.

B Special 3 – Mark Colthart, Harry Davis and George Georgakis
The boys are having an excellent season and are currently second on the ladder.

C Special 2 – Bart Sathaphong, Tejas Srinivas and Nickolas Lianos
Over the past four seasons these boys have never missed playing in Finals, at this stage they are in second position on the ladder and hopefully they can bring home another flag.

D Special 4 – Alexandar Karlic, Aditya Prasad and Owen Lee
Unfortunately, we lost Aditya, who travelled back to India for two months, early in the season and in the meantime Alexandar and Owen have really carried this team over the past weeks. We have had able assistance from Matthew Dixon, Steven Lianos and Andrew Kakouri – thanks boys!
The team are currently third on the ladder.

D Special 5 – James and Luke Dixon, Andrew Kakouri and Jasper Wilce
The team has had a topsy turvy season with some great wins and bad losses, they are currently sixth on the ladder.

Juniors Report cont…

D2 – Steven Lianos, Matthew Dixon, Satvik Srinivas and Max Schroer
Once again the youngest team in their section and they have had some great wins, but unfortunately we have had to use Steven, Matthew and Satvik as emergencies in our other teams and this has severely affected their outcome in some matches. A big thank you to Isabelle Lee for playing as an emergency in this team. The team are currently fifth on the ladder.

B Special 3 (Sunday team)
Alex Wilce, Nick Schroer, Daniel Donaldson and Abhaya Pieris.
This team is second on the ladder and will certainly play in the Finals for the third consecutive season. After being unsuccessful in previous seasons, we have great hopes that the boys will bring home a Grand Final flag this season.

We have five rounds remaining for the Summer season and it is possible that we may have all seven of our teams in the Finals. So keep up the good work girls and boys!

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I welcome enquiries from any of our Junior and Associate members to be included in a team to compete in the Waverley Junior competition. Contact Brian Hovey 9560 3740/ email: brianhovey@optusnet.com.au.
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Victorian Associations Junior League (AJL)
This is a competition involving children from eight associations throughout regional and suburban Victoria. This year we had four children from our club participate in this competition.
They were: Matthew Allen, George Georgakas, Mika Baxter and Rebecca Allen.
Matthew's team won their Final, Mika's team were runners up and Rebecca and George's teams struggled against some very tough opposition.

Christmas Party
On Saturday 16th December we had a get together after our matches were completed. The children tucked into party pies, chips and sweets. A special mention should be made of Effie Lianos's Christmas cup-cakes. We appreciate the time that Effie puts into these beautifully decorated and delicious cakes. As you can see from the picture, her cakes are a great favourite with the kids and are the first to be eaten.

Application forms for the coming Winter season will be available from the clubhouse on the 3rd February 2018, the closing date for entries is the 1st March 2018

Brian Hovey

NIGHT TENNIS REPORT.

Monday

After starting early 2017 with 5 teams, we got quickly to 6, started in July with 7 and ramped up to **8 teams of 5 players**, so around 40 players. With emergencies, we had a total of **62 players playing** in the second half of the year!

After the regular season, we had four teams eliminated for the finals: AQUAS (finishing 8), **GREENS** (7), **PURPLES** (6) **and ORANGES** (5). After the semi, the **BROWNIES** (4) and **REDS** (3) were out and so the final was played between the **BLUES** and the **BLACKS.**

And what a final it was**!** After the **BLUES** took a 2-0 lead (**Chris** winning his singles, and **Tim/Winnie** winning their doubles, the **BLACKS** came back with a vengeance: **Stefan** won his singles, **Daniel/Claire** won their doubles and **Stefan/Damian** won their doubles giving them a 3-2 lead (but both teams equal in games)! This meant that the final doubles set was the decider. While the **BLACKS** where 5-4 up and close to match point, it was **Ali/Tim** who won the tie-break and therefore the set (7-6), the match and 'the championship'!

Final result: **BLUES** – **BLACKS** **3 – 3** in sets, **31 - 30** in games!

So, the **BLUES**, with **Captain Bill De Jong** won the title for the second time. **Eric Zheng** was also a valuable member of the team but missed the finals because he was overseas!

Well done and thanks to both teams for providing such a thrilling end to the season!

There were some additional prizes for individual performances:

- **Best junior player:**
  1. **Jasper Wilce**
  2. **Alex Wilce**
  3. **Tim Furlong**

- **Best singles player:**
  1. **Chris Spain (undefeated in singles)**
  2. **Ali Sadikay**
  3. **Stefan van Rooyen**

- **Best singles/doubles player:**
  1. **Daniel Herft**
  2. **Chris Spain**
  3. **Claire Chen**

Well done to all players for a fantastic season!

The 2018 season has already started with now 4 teams of 13 players, split over an A-team and a B-team. The format played is still 1 singles set, and 2 doubles sets with starting times being at 6.45pm and 8.30pm. We expect further expansion to occur when we have court lights available on court 1 and 2, hopefully by the end of the year.

If you want any more information, please contact Hans (hans.schroer@bigpond.com or 04-38550517).

The BLUES winning team with Hans: R-L: Bill De Jong (captain) Chris Spain, Winnie Zhan, Tim Furlong (emergency, covering for Eric Zheng) & Ali Sadikay

NIGHT TENNIS REPORT.

Tuesday

The Tuesday night season concluded on 12th December 2017.
The competition was won by RE-STRUNG (captain Chris Spain) against WHEELS (captained by Kate Sanford).

The WHEELS won the opening two sets and then RE-STRUNG kicked into gear and won the next 4 sets to win on the night 30/18, 4 sets to 2.
The winning team included Chris, Debby, Suzanne, Tyson and Lalith. Both Louis and Gaye were away on work commitments.

The third and fourth sides on the end of season ladder played a match which ended 3 sets all.

At the conclusion of the tennis we had 26 players join in a celebration of a wonderful season.

Next season starts on Tuesday February 6th'; if any member or friend would like to join the Tuesday night comp. please contact me. The season runs for 18/20 weeks with finals played over the last two weeks. Tennis starts at 7.30pm.

Gerald.

RE-STRUNG - Winners
Chris, Debbie, Suzanne, Lalith & Tyson

NIGHT TENNIS REPORT.

Thursday

The 2017 season ended with exciting finals matches.
In level B, the David Crane/Chris Jackson team, beat the Tom Blazincic /Alison Flynn team in a close and well fought match. Both teams will be promoted to level A next season.

The level A semi-finals were washed out, so finals night for the level A players involved semi-finals FOLLOWED by the grand final. The hard hitting Andrew Davies/Damian Moore team prevailed over the skillful and cunning Bruce Caldwell/Andrew Caldwell team, and are the new level A champions!

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L-R:
Chris Jackson,
David Crane,
Alison Flynn &
Tom Blazincic

The Thursday night doubles tennis competition kicked off January 18th with 8 Level A teams and 11 level B teams. Several teams were not back from holidays yet, but the rest of us were ready to raring to go - inspired by the Australian Open.

The games are held in two time slots, 7 pm an 8:30 pm, so most players can be scheduled for a game every week. The format is simple - you and your partner play a "best of three sets" match, with a super tie break for the third set if running short of time. After 20 rounds, we will play semi-finals and finals for the coveted Thursday night doubles trophies! The cost is $4 for members and $8 for non-members (to cover costs of lights and tennis balls).

If any new players are interested to join the competition or have questions, please contact Jackie Wilce (jackie.wilce@monash.edu). You can be slotted in at any stage (as a fill-in or as a new team)

Jackie Wilce - convenor of the Thursday Night Doubles competition.

L-R: Andrew Davies, Damian Moore, Bruce Caldwell & Andrew Caldwell

NIGHT TENNIS REPORT.

Wednesday

Last season we had 3 groups of singles players, A, B and C with a total of 24 players. Each season the winners and runners up move up from section B and C and the bottom two players move down from A and B.

The finals were completed mid-December where **group A:**
Alexei Berezner beat Leo Mautone 2–6, 6–3 and 7–6 in a very close match.
Group B:
Sergei Berezner beat Su-Yen Tan 6–2 and 6–0
Group C:
Vincent Huang beat Nick Schroer 4–6, 6–2 and 6–2.

Trophies were presented on the night where the winner gets a bottle of wine and the runners up get a box of chocolates.

If you are interested in playing singles we have 2 sessions on a Wednesday night starting at 7.00 pm for session 1 and 8.30 pm for session 2.

This year we have 2 groups of 15 players and if you are interested in taking part on a Wednesday night, there is always room for more players to join in the competition. This caters for all levels of tennis so if you have been a member and want to find out your level of tennis or if you have just joined, contact **Shri** on his email drchumbak@gmail.com or his mobile 0402 153 508 and he will work out which group you may fit in.

It is good fun and you will enjoy the tennis as well.

Richard Spinosa-Cattela

SENIORS REPORT.

We are currently playing the summer season and so far 9 rounds have been completed.
There is a break between Christmas and round 10 will start up on the 3 February where we have 2 teams playing this season.

Each team has 4 players per team for Mens and Mixed Doubles and the matches comprise 4 doubles rubbers, where each rubber consists of 2 sets and if each team wins one set you will have a 10 point tiebreaker in order to obtain a result. If you want to try out your singles and doubles you can have 2 to 4 players that comprise of 2 singles rubbers and 1 double rubbers.

We have in the Open Singles/Doubles Ben Pahor, Luke Briffa and Mario Gerace playing in section A2 and after 9 round they are in 6th position.

We also have a Mixed Doubles team of Wayne Taylor, Stephen Nicholson, Karen Arnold, Anne Douglas, Helen van Styn and Debby Lemon and are currently in 4th position in the ladder.

This competition is in the Waverley District Tennis Association and you play at home and away, so if you are interested in taking part in the new season, this starts in April. Entries must be in by the 15 February 2018. You can contact me, Richard Spinosa-Cattela by email richard@spincat.com.au or mobile 0412 205 509.

Richard Spinosa-Cattela

VETERAN MENS TENNIS REPORT.

Our Spring Season 2017 has concluded with the WHTC Frogs winning their semi-final against Bayview but were unfortunately beaten in the Preliminary final by Glen Waverley by only 5 games.

Before Xmas, we had 16 Frogs enjoy an end of year breakup & Xmas lunch at the Wheelers Hill Hotel. Once again, the lunch proved to be a very enjoyable day with several frogs spending several hours enjoying their lunch, having a drink & generally socialising. With Xmas Day & New Year's Day falling on a Monday, social tennis took a break & resumed on Monday 8th Jan. Due to the break in social tennis, 16 Frogs turned up desperate for a hit to shake out some of the cobwebs & the excesses of Xmas & New Year.

On Monday, the 12th February a Grass Court Tennis social is planned at the Sunbury Tennis Club. Based on previous Grass Court days, this should prove to be a popular day.

The WHTC Vets will be fielding 2 teams in the Autumn Season of the Waverley Mid-Week Men's Competition. Both teams (*Southern Frogs & Tree Frogs*) are very evenly balanced & will participate in the same B Special grade as well as playing at home together. This should make the season even more enjoyable.

George Kunti

MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT.

Thursday Midweek Season 2, finished with two of our three teams reaching the Grand Final. B Special 3 Blue unfortunately were beaten by Knox City. The team consisted of Winnie Zhan, captain, Clair Chen, Lucy Li and Jan Jiang. Their fifth member was Lucy Twoomey and was overseas.

B2 won their Preliminary Final against Glenvale after it had been played over two weeks due to very hot weather conditions. They played Eildon Park in the Grand Final on the 14th December 2017 but unfortunately were beaten in a close match. The team that played consisted of Terue Turpie, captain, Ibby Matkocsik, Misuzu Osaka and Nola Williams. Their fifth member was Barbara Dickens.

For the first time since 2001 we will have 4 teams playing midweek competition on Thursdays next season in 2018.

Our B Special 1 team of Janice Macrae, captain, Tara Burrell, Tania Heath, Jo Lewis and Leisa Whitfield, have returned after a season off. They have an extra player, Stacie Morgan.

The B Special 2 team have gone up a section as they finished on top of the ladder. Their team is Clair Chen, captain, Jan Jiang, Lucy Li, Lucy Twoomey, Winnie Zhan and Julia Zhu.

The B Special 3 team have remained in the same grade as last season. Margaret Isaac is captain with members Lorna Bridgland, Karen Connolly, Helen Felder and Kay Partridge . We welcome Karen to our club. Thanks to Joy Codd, for playing in the team for 7 seasons. She has decided not to play this season - maybe only as an emergency.

Our fourth team will play in B1. It consists of Barbara Dickens, captain, Ibby Matkocsik, Misuzu Osaka, Terue Turpie and Nola Williams.

Continued….

B Special 3 Blue Runners Up:
Jan, Clair, Lucy & Winnie

B2 team:
Misuzu, Terue, Ibby, Barbara & Nola

B2 Runners Up:
Terue, Ibby, Nola & Misuzu

Continued….

The new season starts on Thursday 8th February 2018.

Our xmas lunch was cancelled because the B1 team played in their grand final on our scheduled day. We will have a team practice on Thursday, 1st February and a morning tea celebration instead.

Helen Felder

Reminder

WHTC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, 17th March 2018 at 5pm

New Committee Members needed
for
Administration of Website
Social Media Development
Junior Tennis event's organiser

Non-Professional Search and Rescue Award 2017

We have a hero in our midst

The initiative of a seasoned fisherman led to the rescue of three men from the water in Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne in November 2016.

William (Wayne) Kelly found an upturned, unmanned kayak floating about 4km off the township of Mordialloc just before midday on 17 November 2016.

Without hesitation, Wayne contacted emergency services and began a search on his own for possible missing persons. Sea conditions were rough, with winds reaching 30 knots.

Within minutes of starting his search, Wayne located two men without lifejackets treading water not far from the abandoned kayak. They had spent an hour in the water attempting to swim the 4km to shore, and their efforts had left them severely fatigues and struggling to keep their heads above water.

The men alerted Wayne to a third person who was with them in the kayak before it capsized. After Wayne pulled them from the water into the safety of his boat, he resumed his search. Less than 30 minutes later, he located the third missing man also treading water without a lifejacket.

If it wasn't for Wayne's quick thinking and actions, these three men might have drowned.

Thanks to George Kunti for this story.

L-R: Wayne's wife Trisha, Wayne with his award & Mick Kinley CEO of Australian Maritime Safety Authority who presented the award.

Wayne is a member of Wheelers Hill Tennis Club and plays with the Wednesday Midweek Veterans.

Australian Open Tennis Ball Kids

The junior members of our club who were selected to be ball kids at the Australian Open are in the photo to the right.

L-R: Rebecca and Matthew Allen and Mika Baxter.

After a very comprehensive selection process that involved several months of training, and bearing in mind that over two thousand five hundred children applied for the privilege, Rebecca, Matthew and Mika were successful in being selected.
Wheelers Hill Tennis club is very proud of these children and would like to congratulate all three of them.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

Welcome to the following new members:

Family: Juliana, Matthew, Riley and Riana Richards
Family: Martin, Tilla, Max and Georgia Buden
Family: Stefica and Pepi Buden
Junior: Sienna Opray,
Midweek: Derek Chan and Karen Connolly
Student: Jason Wang
Senior: Peter Kakolyris and Jared Keleher

REMINDER
Membership fees are due on 17th February 2018

Here is some information from Cameron Willis about Executive Carpet Cleaning– one of the Sponsors of our club

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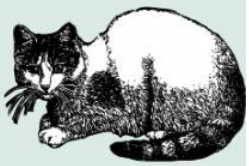

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What's On At Wheelers

Happy New Year from everyone at Ultimate Tennis Melbourne. We hope you have enjoyed watching such an exciting Australian Open, and the tennis has inspired you to improve your own game!

Ultimate Tennis Melbourne welcomes the New Year with a few coaching specials for new coaching members...

*Private lesson package-
5 x 1/2hr lessons for $175.00 normally $192.50

*Semi Private Lessons for the months of February and March will be $40.00 per 1/2 hr (normally $44.00) to be booked in on Monday afternoons/evenings.

*Book in for a 1 hour private lesson and get a second lesson 1/2 price. This can be arranged for a Monday, Wednesday or Sunday.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Karen and the coaching team.

Please note a slight increase in the hourly rate for hot shots to $16 per 45 minutes

Also, here is a recent picture of Isla - growing up way too fast!

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Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the newsletter. Enjoy reading our Summer edition and please feel free to send me any articles you would like printed in our next Newsletter.

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