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Tullamarine Tennis Club News

February 2005

President's Report

Dear members and friends,

Welcome to the February 2005 newsletter of the Tullamarine Tennis Club.

All of the competitions are well underway for 2005 with the Saturday afternoon competition entering finals at present and the question on everyone's lips is "when can we play home games at Tullamarine?"

Despite lots of pushing from the committee the contractors are significantly behind schedule – there have been many factors that have brought this situation upon us but it is not worth dwelling on those in this newsletter. The current situation is that the project manager and contractors have failed to achieve the 1 February contractual completion date. Work has progressed faster over the past week following escalation of this issue to senior management at Hume Council.

The concrete and wiring works are completed for the courts, so that carpeting can be completed. The correct carpet is now being laid and four courts should be available for play on Saturday 26 February. Lighting completion dates for courts 1 & 2 are yet to be advised, the light poles are being fabricated now, but it should be within the next two weeks. There is a long list of tasks for full completion of the project and council will give us a completion plan next week. There will also be tasks that the club must undertake to bring the standard of our facility up to scratch, including the building of retaining walls on the north side of court 1 to stop mud washing onto the courts.

When the courts are laid it takes a while for them to fully settle, this process can be accelerated by frequent watering and use of the courts. The main thing for us is to get back to playing at Tullamarine. Monday social nights should resume on 28 February.

The delays in completion have caused anxiety with the NSNTA who have told us we must move all ladies and mens night games up to and including Round 6 – these home games will be played at Hillside. The mixed night comp home games up to and including round 5 have been shifted to Greenvale. This is less than the NSNTA originally demanded. The committee apologises sincerely

to club members for the delays and the inconvenience of having to shift games and not having our courts for training and practice. We know that you will certainly enjoy the new courts and facilities when they are ready for play.

Formal "opening" of the new courts is scheduled for Sunday 20 March 2005, which coincidentally is the 30th birthday of the Tullamarine Tennis Club. We are planning a family lunch and afternoon at the club to celebrate the birthday and opening with current and past members invited to attend. There will also be a short Annual General Meeting for senior members that afternoon. Please make a note of this date on your calendars and bring along your racquet for a great day at Tullamarine on 20 March 2005.

This is the first newsletter that has been edited by Greig Morris who volunteered to take over this task from David Kristitz. David has done a great job of putting newsletters together despite his significant work requirements to be away from home for extended periods of time. I'd like to record my thanks to David for his contribution – he will continue to support the club by helping us with our web pages to improve communication with members and the public. Greig's email address is at the top of this newsletter. If you have something to go in the newsletter, please let Greig know – don't be shy!!

We intend putting a short regular newsletter together on a monthly basis in future. Delivery by email is our preferred method of distribution for cost and speed reasons. If you have email and are happy to get your newsletter and correspondence that way, please send your current email address to Greig so we can update your details. We will post newsletters to members who do not have email access.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas break-up and presentation night, many commented how good it was to have the senior and junior presentation nights at the same time. We intend to do the same thing this year.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All senior members of the club are requested to attend the next Annual General Meeting of the Tullamarine Tennis Club Inc to be held at 2:30pm on Sunday 20 March 2005 at Tullamarine Tennis Club rooms. This will be a short meeting to review the financial statements of the club, elect the committee, set the fees for 2005 and put a motion to the membership to amend our rules.

As required by our rule 33.3 of Tullamarine Tennis Club Incorporated, I give notice of a motion to amend the "Rules of Association of the Tullamarine Tennis Club Incorporated" as follows:-

Clause 5.2 a) Fees are due and payable on 1st April each year, for the membership year 1 July to 30 June, with the prior year's Members receiving a maximum of sixty (60) days grace from that date, failure by past Members to pay membership fees by 30 June each year will revert them to a category state of new Membership and ineligible for selection, registration or playing in any team until joining and Membership fees are paid and their application approved by the Executive Committee.

Clause 5.2 b) All new Members to the club and past Members who fail to renew their Membership by 30 June shall apply for acceptance to the Executive Committee on the prescribed form.

We must have 20% of financial senior members present to vote on the motion and 75% in favour to pass the motion to amend the rules. If we do not meet these numbers then the existing financial year and fee payment requirements remain unchanged.

The rationale for the proposed change is to give members longer to pay their fees after the AGM and to have the membership year finishing between seasons for most of our members rather than at the start of the finals – this has caused issues and concerns in the past. A copy of the existing rules of our club will be available for viewing prior to the AGM or a copy can be obtained by contacting our secretary Kerryn Richter.

Members interested in joining the committee for 2005 should complete the attached nomination form and return it to Kerryn by 1 March 2005.

I look forward to seeing you at the club on 20 March 2005.

Good luck to all of our teams for the rest of this season!!

Colin

EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATES

Email is a powerful and effective way for our club to communicate with our members however it is an on-going challenge to keep email addresses up to date. We will be asking for you to update your email address every year as part of the membership renewal process.

If you have an email address and are happy to receive messages, invitations and newsletters thru the internet, could you please send:-

Your name, address, home phone number, mobile phone number and preferred email address in a message titled "TTC Member Detail Update" to our club secretary Kerryn Richter at her email address: ttc@therichterhouse.com

We will continue to use the traditional mail service for members who do not have or do not wish to use email as a communication vehicle.

JUNIOR REPORT

This season we have 5 teams; 4 mixed and 1 boys team.

The first week was a washout. Due to our courts not being ready for the first week, alternative arrangements were made for 3 teams that would have played home. C Grade 1 travelled to Hillside; D Special 3 went to St Bernards and A# to Gladstone Park.

The second week saw two teams being catered for; D Grade 4 to Hillside and B grade 1 Boys to Gladstone Park.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The current season has just completed on 19/02/2005 with the Tullamarine side finishing 2nd. Entries are being taken for the next season. **An application form is attached to the newsletter.** Saturday tennis is an excellent opportunity to play and socialise, so I encourage you all to put in a form to bolster our representation in the NSTA competition.

NIGHT TENNIS

The various Autumn 2005 seasons are underway. The ladies started February 1st; the Mixed February 9th and Men's February 3rd. In between the record rainfall in February, there have been some matches played, with teams experiencing mixed results. Interim home court arrangements are:

Ladies

Play at Hillside

Round 4 - 22/2

Round 5 - 1/3

Round 6 - 8/3

Mixed

Play at Greenvale

Round 3 - 23/2

Round 4 - 2/3

Round 5 - 9/3

Mens

Play at Hillside

Round 4 - 24/2

Round 5 - 3/3

Round 6 - 10/3

At this very early point in the season, things are looking promising with a few wins, washouts and losses spread amongst the various teams.

MID WEEK LADIES

The mid week competition has begun in earnest, and like the night competition, the wins and losses are being shared around.

NEW COURTS; NEW COURTS

Here they are in all their progressive glory;



What is the origin of the scoring system in tennis: love, 15, 30, 40?

Explanation 1

The rules of the new game of lawn tennis were drawn up by the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in 1875. Scoring derived from real, or royal, tennis, which had its origins in medieval cathedral cloisters. The name comes from the French habit of calling out tenez! (*hold or attention*) before serving. In real tennis, each exchange was worth 15 points, the score of 40 being an abbreviation for 45. Deuce is a corruption of a deux (meaning two consecutive exchanges needed to win). Love is either a corruption of l'oeuf (an egg) or playing not seriously but for the love of the game.

In the beginning, both rackets and tennis scoring were used for lawn tennis. With rackets scoring, a game comprised 15 aces, which could be won only by the server who remained "hand in" until the loss of a rally. Tennis scoring was adopted for the first Wimbledon Championships in 1877 and became the standard.

Explanation 2

The origins of the 15, 30, 40 and so on are not known, but have medieval and French roots. One possible explanation is that the scoring system is based on the presence of a clock face at the end of the tennis court. A quarter move of the appropriate hand was made after each rest, with the score being called as 15, 30, or 45 as the case might be. As the hand was moved to 60, making the complete circuit, this was the game.

The term "deuce" is derived from the French "deux", an advantage of two points having to be gained. "Love" is generally taken as being derived from the French "l'oeuf", the egg, symbolising nothing. The term "love" can also be said to come from the English phrase "neither for love nor for money", indicating nothing.

GRAND OPENING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FAMILY FUN DAY



Sunday 20 March 2005

YES – MARK THAT DAY IN YOUR DIARY – COME TO TULLAMARINE TENNIS CLUB FOR A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

- PLAY ON THE NEW COURTS
- SOCIALISE WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS
- EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY
- HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE AGM ARE YOU GOING TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE?? – IT IS YOUR CLUB!!

START TIME: 12:00 midday

Barbecue lunch \$5 per head or \$15 per family (2 adults and kids) B.Y.O. drinks

OFFICIAL OPENING: 2:00PM

AGM 2:30PM (should only last approximately 30 mins)

FINISH TIME: Enjoy the day and atmosphere – there is no finish time

Important

Past members – we would like to see as many past members present on that day as possible. We will try to contact as many as we can, but we are also seeking your help to let them know about the day. Get them to bring their tennis gear along.

Tullamarine Tennis Club Inc.

NOMINATION FORM FOR AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION, 2005

**Elections will be held at the
Tullamarine Tennis Club (Inc.) Annual General Meeting
On Monday 20th March 2005.**

The following positions are available on the Committee.

**President
Treasurer**

**Vice President
Social Secretary**

**Secretary/Public Office
General Members (4)**

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate
(Name) _____
for the executive position of
(Position) _____
Nominated by:
(Print) _____

Signed: _____

Seconded by:
(Print) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

The nominee is required to complete the following section.

I consent to this nomination.

Signed: _____

The completed form must reach the returning officer by 8:00 pm on 7th March 2005.

Returning Officer

Secretary
Tullamarine Tennis Club
P.O. Box 383
Tullamarine 3043

Date Received: _____

RO Signature: _____

Tullamarine Tennis Club Inc.

NOMINATION FORM FOR LIFE/HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

We, the undersigned, hereby nominate

(Name) _____

for (please circle the appropriate selection)

LIFE

HONORARY

Nominated by:

(Print) _____

Signed: _____

Seconded by:

(Print) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please attach a written statement that justifies the nomination. Please be aware that pre-requisite conditions apply to both types of membership.

The completed form must reach the returning officer by 8:00 pm on 7th March 2005.

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**Secretary
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P.O. Box 383
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Date Received: _____

RO Signature: _____

TULLAMARINE TENNIS CLUB INC.

Saturday Afternoon Competition WINTER 2005 APPLICATION TO PLAY

I, (full name) _____

of (address) _____

and Phone Number (H) _____ (W) _____

hereby apply to play **Winter 2005 - Saturday Afternoon Competition.**

My latest grading(s) for NSTA, NSNTA, NSLTA, VTA or NSJTA is/are (indicate clearly - **competition, grade, season** (whether Summer or Winter, Autumn or Spring, Season 1 or 2) and **year.** eg. NSTA C+3 Summer 95/96

Please tick the appropriate box below to indicate your level of **AVAILABILITY** throughout the season.

WEEKLY (10-14 games) EMERGENCY ONLY (0-4 games)

WEEKLY WITH SOME COMMITMENTS (5-9 games)

I am prepared to accept the position, if offered, of Team Captain / Vice Captain.
Please tick the appropriate box

Captain : YES NO Vice-captain : YES NO

Signature : _____

This application form must be returned, no later than Friday 18th March 2005, to

Michelle Kristitz
12 Innkeepers Way
ATTWOOD VIC 3049

Phone: 9333-4923

Notes

- Competition commences **Saturday 30th April 2005.**
- Juniors may apply but priority is given to Senior players due to the limited number of team playing positions available. Juniors applying will be selected when positions are available.
- If you have **no previous experience**, please indicate. The selection committee will contact you regarding grading.
- This application is not valid unless signed by the applicant.