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Tullamarine Tennis Club News

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President's Report

Dear members and friends,

2004 President's Annual Report

I am pleased to present my first report as President of Tullamarine Tennis Club. The 2004 year has been a year of change and challenge for our club.

Tullamarine has performed well with our on-field teams throughout the year, with many finals appearances across our 29 teams in both seasons.

Off-field we have recruited many new members through membership programs lead by Kerryn Richter & Sue Sicari. October brought "play tennis day", with around 70 people attending the club, including several new junior and senior members. October also saw the kick-off of our Senior Social Tennis on Tuesday mornings which has been most ably lead by Rob Rowan. Monday night social tennis also brought in many new members as well as providing an opportunity for regular practice for competition players – we plan to continue Monday night tennis in 2005.

Else where around the club we have enjoyed the Pokies Trip, Trivia night, "pleasant Sunday" afternoon on play tennis day and a very successful presentation night for seniors and juniors combined with our Christmas break-up. Fund-raising from Saturday canteen, drink sales, small raffles and a chocolate drive has helped the club financially however our principal source of income for the year has been from membership fees.

A working bee of 27 people last May did some much needed work around the club to supplement the regular, and most appreciated, cleaning activities completed by the ladies of the club.

The club suffered serious and significant disruption to our playing facilities and competition teams, with a Hume council lead works program that started at the end of

October 2004 and is yet to be fully completed. The relocation of games since January has been painful for all but hopefully the new facilities will cause the painful memories to subside quickly as we enjoy our new courts. We are especially indebted to Hillside, Greenvale and Gladstone Park Tennis clubs who helped us on a regular basis to accommodate our home games during this period, plus a variety of other local clubs who shared their facilities for particular games.

The low level lighting for courts 1 & 2 is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month. Much work is now required to restore our club facility to peak condition, so working bees will be organised over the next two months – I hope that all members will actively participate in the working bee and take pride in our refurbished facility.

Our club activities are split between on-field tennis and club management. Fielding teams in 7 competitions plus the Tuesday Senior Social tennis is a huge logistical challenge. Our club is deeply indebted to the competition co-ordinators and team captains, without whom we would not be able to field any teams in the competitions. Our thanks are extended to Angela Bouzikas (Juniors), Michelle Kristitz (Sat Afternoon), Lindon Way (Pennant), Kerryn Richter/Marg Mugavin (Tues), Dawn Zimsen/Alan Shipp (Wed), Simon Adams (Thurs), Fiona O'Hoy/Donna Camilleri (MWL) and Rob Rowan (Seniors).

We are hoping to further increase our membership participation rate in all competitions in 2005. A couple of changes planned will be earlier publication and distribution of Application to Play forms by Round 10 in each season plus the formation of a Match Committee to review and ratify all team selection. We expect that this will reduce the stress and rush around team formation and give time to invite extra members to join, allowing us to get our proposed teams in with less hassle.

The club management including facility management, fund-raising and social activities has placed a heavy workload on the committee this year and will continue to do so in 2005. I must record my sincere thanks to the whole committee for their active leadership around the club – each committee member has had an area of “ownership” in 2004 and we will continue this approach in 2005.

Whilst every committee member has worked hard, I must single out Kerryn Richter and Keith Hawkins who have taken on a huge workload around the many activities of the club and particularly in regard to the disruptions from the works program. As many of you know, my job takes me away from Australia frequently and without the active leadership of Kerryn, Keith and Danny – we would not have made the progress that we have during the year. I would also like to express my thanks to John Sanocky who is stepping down from the committee this year – John has worked as our social secretary in 2004 with a high level of enthusiasm.

Others outside the committee have also contributed to our 2005 success, thanks to Judith Adams for running the canteen, Lyn Way for the Pokies Trip and Lindon Way for the Trivia night. Despite his work commitments, David Kristitz has continued to publish our newsletter and has agreed to shift his creative skills to our web pages during 2005, with Greig Morris taking over the newsletter from the March edition – thanks David and Greig. Finally I would like to thank the partners of our committee members, co-ordinators, captains and supporters – without your continued support it would be impossible for the club to function.

2005 promises to be a year of new challenges and growth for Tullamarine Tennis Club starting from our 30th birthday today – a new chapter in our club life begins. This year we will work to finish the resurfacing, lighting and fencing programs with a facility recovery program. We will be actively

seeking new members and to grow our number of teams across the competitions. We are planning to align the financial membership year to the fiscal year. A monthly newsletter and updated web pages will enhance communication plus a variety of social activities to supplement our tennis. Today is the first day of our new future – thanks for being part of it and supporting Tullamarine Tennis Club, this is an exciting time to be an active member.

Best regards and every success with your tennis,

Colin

REPORT ON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A big thank you to all those members who attended the AGM. Please note that the motion proposed in the February newsletter was passed by the required majority. That is;

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.

Committee for 2005/2006

President:	Colin Akers
VicePresident:	Danny Roebby
Treasurer:	Keith Hawkins
Secretary:	Kerryn Richter
Committee:	Greig Morris Sue Sicari Sue Dee Bruce Hogan

Note there is still one position vacant. The time required to fulfil these duties is not onerous. If you wish to nominate for the position and help your club, please contact any of the committee members above.

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 or Greig Morris at f846126@bigpond.net.au.

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

Report on 30 year celebration and court opening

An enjoyable day was had by all those in attendance. The weather was glorious and the food was magnificently prepared by a range of hard working people – thanks to you all. Some photos of the day are in this newsletter – more will be displayed in the club rooms.

The committee was very pleased to have the clubrooms named after two men who worked tirelessly and with extreme dedication many years ago, to move the Tullamarine Tennis Club from the Spring Street Reserve into their very own new home in Catherine Avenue – Roy Hollis & Stan Wright. Whilst Roy currently resides in Queensland, the committee was delighted to allow Stan Wright to have the task of unveiling the best kept secret in the club. Stan and Ellen were both equally shocked and surprised but all in attendance were thrilled by their response – typically modest.

The courts were officially opened by Gary Jungwirth, Ward councillor for the City of Hume. Gary was instrumental in pushing our case for funding through council.

The Tennis Player's Prayer

Please don't let me be so nervous
When I toss the ball for service.
Give me speed and strength unhalting,
Aces and no double-faulting.
Instil in me the skill and dash
Of Hewitt, Williams, and Molik.
When a high lob starts to fall,
Must I always miss the ball?
Lord, I know you could, I'm sure,
Find me a Tennis Elbow cure.
With the guidance from above,
Never let me fall in 'love.'
And, Lord, while on matters of this sort
Please let me find an open court!!

A middle management executive has to take on some sport, by his doctor's orders, so he decides to play tennis. After a couple of weeks his secretary asks him how he's doing. "It's going fine, " the manager says. "When I'm on the court and I see the ball speeding towards me, my brain immediately says, 'To the corner! Back hand! To the net! Smash! Go back!'" "Really? What happens then?" the secretary asks. "Then my body says, 'Who? Me? You must be kidding!'"

COMPETITION REPORTS

All participants are battling hard with mixed results. It is great to be back on our home courts and we all hope the home ground advantage brings about a general improvement in results is hoped for during the remainder of the season. For N.S.N.T.A. ladders, refer to <http://nsnta.alphalink.com.au/>

Wednesday Mixed

Despite having to travel to Greenvale for home games on Wednesday nights, the six mixed teams had a smooth start to the season. After six rounds the B grade 1 and C Special 3 teams are in the top four and a couple of the other teams only a game outside. It is great to be back at Tullamarine on our new courts, and the work of the committee in overseeing the whole process is much appreciated. Also, thanks to Judith Adams and the team captains for their extra work on "home nights".

JUNIOR LADDERS

http://www.users.bigpond.com/dave_benham/Ladders/NSJTA2005-1LaddersRd06.html#Tullamarine

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
A Grade 3	Taylors Lakes 100	St Christophers 90	Tullamarine 78	Essendon 76	Buckley Park 75	Greenvale 65	Maribyrnong Park 64	Deer Park 28
B Grade 1 boys	Fawk/St Mats *MP 70	Strathmore *SV 63	St Peters 61	Tullamarine 59	St Olivers 53	North Park 18		
C Grade 1	St Christophers 87	North Park 86	Tullamarine 84	Gladstone Park 82	Keilor 72	St Olivers 58	East Coburg 57	Green Gully 50
D Special 3	Taylors Lakes 70	Keilor Park 70	Sydenham 68	Tullamarine 68	Avondale Heights 64	Coburg 52	Green Gully 40	
D Grade 4	Royal Park 91	Riverside 78	Tullamarine 60	Fawk/St Mats 58	Oak Park 53	Mt Carmel *BV 40	St John Bosco *SB 28	West Brunswick 0

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Two team have been submitted to the NSTA for acceptance. The two teams submitted are:

- **Please Note: Players Names Are Listed Alphabetically**

Grade Applied For: (C Special 2) Capt: Gail Riddell

Greig Morris
Robert Rowan
Carmelo Tomasello
Lindsay Shaw
Andrew Sicari

Em

Peter Evans
Bill Paton
Christopher Reid

Melanie Evans
Susan Kent
Gail Riddell
Dawn Zimsen

Em

Kerryn Richter

Social News

Pokie Trip – Interested???

Weekend of 21 & 22

May 2005

see full

details later

in this

newsletter

Grade Applied For: (C Grade 2)

Hunter Elliott
Keith Hawkins
Bruce Hogan
Ravindra Peiris
Alan Shipp
Tony Timpanora
EM
Alan Isherwood
Allan Ross

Capt: Alan Shipp

Heather Hawkins
Tiffany Hogan
Joanne Lanagan
Fiona O'Hoy
Carmel Peiris
Jenny Shipp
Em
Sue Dee

Tullamarine Tennis Club 2005 Calendar

In this newsletter you will see a planning calendar for the club. All club members are encouraged to put this calendar on the fridge so you know what events will be occurring and when. Any changes made to the dates etc will be published as required.

***Did You Know???* - Lawn tennis balls**

Balls of the early days of tennis were made of leather stuffed with wool or hair. They were hard enough to cause injury and even death. Starting in the 18th century, $\frac{3}{4}$ " strips of wool were wound tightly around a nucleus made by rolling a number of strips into a little ball. Then string was tied in many directions around the ball and a white cloth covering sewn around the ball. From the beginning of lawn tennis in the 1870's, India rubber, made from a vulcanisation process invented by Charles Goodyear in the 1850s, was used to manufacture lawn tennis balls. (Taken from the book entitled Tennis Antiques & Collectibles).

WORKING BEE

Now we have the new courts, a lot of work is required to bring the surroundings up to scratch. TWO working bees have been scheduled - morning of **Sunday 17 April** and also on **Sunday 1 May**. Amongst the tasks to be done:

- Build retaining walls to north of courts
- Clearing back of courts to stop dirt
- Grass planting in cleared areas
- Paint external seats - some minor seat repairs
- Silicone crack in southern side of club rooms external walls
- Replace tap washers in exterior taps
- Shifting court numbers
- Mulching gardens
- Sprinkler system repairs
- Notice board in windows of club rooms
- Minor fence repairs
- General rubbish removal
- Gate repairs
- Garden pruning and clean up
- Edging along courts 1 & 2
- Repairs to the doors on small shed
- Removal of selected trees
- Repairs to uneven paving and steps

Tullamarine Tennis Club 2005 Calendar

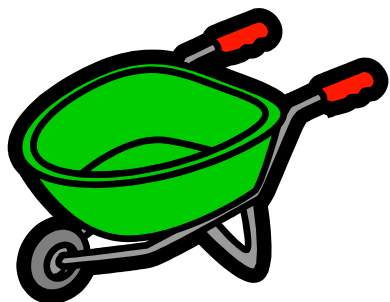
Date	Event
March	
Mon, 7	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Sun, 20	30th Birthday, Court Opening & AGM from Noon
Mon, 28	Cut-off for April newsletter
April	
Fri, 1	End of Term 1
Mon, 4	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Tue, 12	Ladies Night Application to Play Spring Season
Wed, 13	Mixed Night Application to Play Spring Season
Thu, 14	MWL and Mens Night Application to Play Spring Season
Sun, 17	Working Bee 8:30am til Noon
Mon. 18	Term 2 commences
Mon, 18	Cut-off for May newsletter (Incl Appl to Play)
Sat, 23	Juniors Application to Play Spring Season
May	
Sun, 1	Working Bee 8:30am - Noon
Mon, 2	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
17-19	Night & MWL Applications to Play - Spring 05 DUE
Sun, 15	TTC Junior Club Tournament Day 1
21 + 22	TTC Pokie Trip
Sun, 22	TTC Junior Club Tournament Day 2
Thur, 26	Night & MWL Autumn Season Finals conclude
Sat, 28	Junior Application to Play - Spring 2005 DUE
Mon, 30	Cut-off for June newsletter
June	
Mon, 6	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Sat, 10	Junior Autumn Season Finals conclude
Fri, 24	End of Term 2
Mon, 27	Cut-off for July newsletter (incl NSTA Appl to Play)
Thur, 30	LAST DAY FOR 2005 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
July	
Sat, 2	Saturday NSTA Application to Play Season 2
Mon, 4	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Mon, 11	Term 3 commences
Thur, 14	Casino Night
Mon, 25	Cut-off for August newsletter
Sat, 30	Fund-raising drive distribution commences - 4 week prog.
August	
Mon, 1	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Sat, 6	Saturday NSTA Application to Play Season 2 - DUE
Sat, 27	Fund-raising drive returns DUE BY THIS WEEK
Mon, 29	Cut-off for September newsletter
September	
Mon, 5	Committee Meeting 7:30pm (incl Play Tennis Day Planning)
Fri, 16	End of Term 3
Mon, 26	Cut-off for October newsletter

October	
Sun, 2	Senior Club Championship Day 1
Mon, 3	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Mon, 3	Term 4 commences
Sat, 8	Trivia Night 7pm
Sun, 9	Senior Club Championship Day 2
Sat, 15	Junior Application to Play - Autumn 2006
Sun, 16	Working Bee 8:30am - Noon
Mon, 17	Cut-off for November newsletter (incl App to play)
18-20	Night & MWL Applications to Play - Autumn 2006
Sun, 23	Play Tennis Day at Tullamarine
November	
Mon, 7	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Sun, 20	TTC Club & Sponsor Golf Day
Sat, 19	Junior Application to Play - Autumn 2006 DUE
Mon, 21	Cut-off for Dec/Jan 05 Newsletter
22 -24	Night & MWL Applications to Play - Autumn 2006 DUE
Mon, 28	TTC Committee Christmas Dinner
December	
Sat, 3	Senior & Junior Presentation Night 5:30pm
Mon, 5	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Mon, 12	Cut-off for Dec newsletter
Fri, 21	End of Term 4
January 2006	
Mon, 23	Cut off for February 06 Newsletter
Mon, 30	Term 1 Commences
February 2006	
Sun, 5	Working Bee 8:30am til Noon
Mon, 6	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Mon, 13	Cut-off for March 06 newsletter & 2006 AGM Invitation
March 2006	
Mon, 6	Committee Meeting 7:30pm
Fri, 10	End of Term 1
15 - 26	Commonwealth Games
Mon, 27	Term 2 Commences
Mon, 28	Annual General Meeting 2006 - 7:30pm
Mon, 27	Cut-off for April 06 newsletter

WORKING BEE

Help us clean up your club!!

Sunday 17th April 2005
9am til Noon



What to bring???

Mum, Dad, Kids
Gloves & garden tools
Wheel barrow
Paint brush



For more information call:
Colin Akers on 9338 2648 or
Greig Morris on 9338 7718

Pictures from the 30 year celebration and court opening





Tullamarine Tennis Club

2 Day Deniliquin Pokie Special

When - Weekend of 21 & 22 May 2005

Day 1

Depart TTC Clubrooms at 07.30 by Coach, travel to our morning tea spot, then on to Tocumwal Golf Club for a four hour stay and a chance to win that elusive jackpot (NSW TAB facilities will be available). Rejoin Coach and travel to our Deniliquin motel with time to relax, freshen up before going to the Deniliquin RSL for Dinner and another 3 hrs at the Pokies (TAB also available)

Day 2

Breakfast followed by a 4 hour visit to the Echuca/Moama Rich River Golf Club and more pokies. On the return trip a winery visit may occur, and an afternoon tea stop, arriving back at the clubrooms around 6.00pm

Cost

\$56 per person (twin Share) with a minimum number of persons travelling of 42 (a single surcharge of \$25.00 applies)

INCLUDES

- * Five Star Coach Travel
- * Motel Accommodation
- * Continental Breakfast
- * 2 Lunches and 1 Dinner

NOT INCLUDED

- * Items of Personnel Nature
- * Morning and Afternoon teas

Accommodation

River View Motel Deniliquin – phone 03 5881 2311

**To arrange your place on the trip please contact Lyn Way
9338 3731 or 0414 901 364
ASAP**

Seats fill rapidly