

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB

JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

To all our members, a happy, healthy 2008. We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready to get back on the courts. This newsletter is slightly longer than the usual monthly newsletter however we know you would like to be kept up to date with the latest information.

Your new committee for 2008 is -

President:	Bill Ierace
Vice President:	Gunnar Korths
Honorary Secretary:	Jackie Bradshaw
Honorary Treasurer:	Barbara Ashley
Club Captain:	Lorenzo Modesto
Mid Week Representative:	Nancy Telesca
Committee:	Cheryl Ierace, John Watt, Sue Davies, Toni Alexander, Diana Banjanin

A big welcome to Toni Alexander who has rejoined Committee – we are so delighted to have Toni back and after this first newsletter for the year, Toni will be taking on the role of writing the monthly newsletter. For the first time on Committee we also very warmly welcome Susan Davies and Diana Banjanin. Susan will be looking after the set put on and afternoon tea rosters and Diana will be looking after ladies badge and assisting in the running of club championships and our social tournaments. We are extremely happy to have three new Committee members.

Unfortunately we say farewell to Judy Smith as a Committee member. I have to confess that I have not gone back through the records to see when Judy again came back on Committee, but it would be at least ten years ago during which time, as most of you will know, Judy not only served as President from 2003 to 2005 inclusive but also undertook most other roles on committee. Judy has been a truly dedicated Committee member and has always put the club's interest first. She has always had a genuine concern to make sure every new member is welcomed and informed. She has been involved in every aspect of the running of the club and we can truly say that her input and commitment will be missed. Committee appreciates her offer of continued assistance from time to time as requested.

A few important dates for everyone's diaries in 2008

Court Opening	Saturday February 2 – 4 courts
Kids Fun Day	Sunday morning 30 th March
Presidents Trophy (mixed)	Sunday April 20
Veterans Day (mixed)	Sunday June 22

COURTS to OPEN

Courts 2,3,4 and 5 will be opening on

SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2008

We will advise on the opening of court 1 at a later date.

Please remember to ring the clubhouse on 9816 2504 if you are unsure of playability due to rain – there will be a recorded message if play has been called off.

KIDS FUN DAY

Sunday morning March 30, 2008

We will send out specific details in relation to this shortly

FEES - a reminder that fees are due by the 31st January. If you have queries in regards to your invoice (or even worse, haven't received it) could you please contact Barbara Ashley directly on 9817-0243 or email her on barbashley@gmail.com.

Badge players can only participate if they are financial members of the club.

Have you changed your Contact Details?

It is vital we have your latest contact details so you do not miss out on news items. Please let Jackie know if you have changed any of your contact details such as phone number, email address or mailing address and call her on 9922-4586 or email jaccl@pacific.net.au

For those members who have not received this newsletter by email, ***but who do have*** an email address that they regularly access, we would really appreciate if you could contact Jackie with details. Email distribution is so much easier and quicker - we do not bombard you.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2007- It was back in November when we all got together for a great evening. A superb meal at the Bib & Tucker, wonderful company and thanks again to Nancy and her helpers for organising a great evening to end the year.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE –

Committee sincerely thanks those who responded to our request for help at our working bee including those who advised they were unable to make it. The entire clubhouse, including roofs and gutters was cleaned inside and out, all the gardens tidied, bushes pruned, edges cut, court surrounds cleaned up and clipped. Our new club sign minus graffiti was also hung.

Special thanks to Trish Whitton, Yvonne Mack, Robert Bradshaw Roger Brittain, Judy Smith, Charles Williams (and Robyn his wife), Ray Melograna and Jim Lawson for all their work along with the committee members.

This effort was certainly worthwhile, which is easily visible from our front gate!

A FEW MORE THINGS TO START THE YEAR

Tennis club shirts available for sale. Please contact Cheryl either by email on Ierace@bigpond.net.au or on 9816 4739 if you would like to purchase or order a shirt. We would encourage all those who play badge to purchase one of the clubs shirts.

Sunday afternoon tea and set put on rosters will be sent out very shortly.

Badge – we will contact those who have nominated for badge in February to let them know team details and gradings.

At the AGM on Monday December 10, 2007 Committee agreed to **increase the visitor's fee from \$10 to \$15**. Envelopes for this fee are near the telephone in the brown box. Please always use the envelope, place it in the tin for collection by Barbara and write the name of the visitor in the visitor's book. This is an honesty system. Please remember that you can only the same visitor three times in any given year.

Two new nets have been purchased and will be used on courts 1 and 4.

Please all assist in adhering to our dress code of white, predominantly white or pastel clothing plus tennis shoes suitable for real lawn. Mens shirts must have a collar.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone very soon
and having another wonderful year at the Club in 2008.**

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!

5 Luscious green, beautifully playable courts ARE ready and waiting for you to play on! Last week was sunny and fresh and midweek and weekend players had an excellent time on soft spongy grass. Looking forward to seeing all of you who are having withdrawal symptoms down on the courts!!

Lost and Found:

At the end of 2007 there were several items of clothing left in the clubhouse. Please contact Jackie on jaccele@pacific.com.au if you think any of the following may be yours: Navy blue cap with First State written across front; white T-shirt L/G with the insignia Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games on front; black and white Fila Tennis Jacket size M; navy blue sleeveless polo jacket size S; grey tracksuit pants size M. *They will go to St Vincent de Paul after one week if not claimed*

Welcome to new members:

A big welcome to the following new members. Great to have you on board.

Deborah English

George Rozvany

Robert Clocchiatti

Philip Colin

Mark Norris

Nathan Chanesman

Jackie Boaden

Judith Finlayson

George Penney

Graeme Sticka

John Walker (returning after a number of years – good one John)

At the same time we are sorry to lose the following members who have resigned for various reasons. We wish them all the best wherever they be.

Bill Farrands

David Bleakley

Fiorella Camozzi

Mike O'Connor

Roshan Menon

Daniel Mason

Sebastian Ares

Lani Davis (who was an active member for over 30 years and played badge for many of these).

Chairs:

Fabulous, modern, ergonomically designed “tobacco” coloured chairs have been acquired for the clubhouse. With this acquisition plus the wonderful clubhouse makeover from last year I think we have now joined the 21st century!! Many thank to Jackie and Barbara for their superb sourcing and negotiating skills.

Consequently we now have over 50 well used orange and grey plastic chairs for sale – **VEERRY HANDY** – these are being offered to club members for \$5 each. If you are interested in having any amount at all just see one of the committee members. **BE QUICK, GOING FAST!**

Unpaid Fees:

It would be pleasant to clear this matter asap for our hardworking (honorary) treasurer. **PLEASE**, if you are still owing fees for the year we would appreciate payment sooner rather than later. (And we hate hassling friends about money!)

Water Tank:

We have installed a 6300 litre water tank at the back of the clubhouse and it is already full. Aesthetically pleasant as well. Love the colour! Many thanks to Gunnar and Bill for lots of research and engineering prowess!

New Nets:

New nets have been supplied for courts 1 and 4. Am sure that will please everyone who has to take them up and down.

Set put-on and afternoon tea rosters:

Susan Davies has gone to a lot of trouble to work out the rosters for the first half of this year. They have been sent out. Please diarise when your help is required and if you need to change for any reason we would appreciate you organizing it with someone and either emailing us about the change or at least changing it on the roster in the clubhouse.

Kids Fun Day:

Because of changes proposed by Tennis NSW we have decided to postpone this fun event until further notice and consultation. The committee will review various options and we will let you know in plenty of time to bring your little mates from far and wide.

Badge Teams:

Teams have been finalized for the year and everyone got into the grade they wanted. Ladies Badge commences Thursday March 6th and Saturday Mens and Ladies Badge commences Saturday March 15th. **FEES** will be \$30 per full team member. These must be collected by the team captains and given to Barbara, our treasurer, **BEFORE** the first match. Lorenzo has resigned as Club Captain so pls contact Bill Ierace if necessary.

Coaching:

Anthony Aliperti still has some places left for that possibly much needed coaching. (including children). Phone him on **0401 409 017** or email him on deff_jam@hotmail.com

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON THE COURTS VERY SOON!!

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

Well, this fabulous autumn weather is bringing out our wonderful tennis players by the droves. Great to see such a big amount of people enjoying themselves on our lovely lush courts.

RAIN (however) - a lot of – is being predicted (not sure who by!) over the next few months. Because of this, so you can all make the most of the playable days, grounds staff will leave a message on the club phone by 11am. Just ring the club on 9816 5402 and listen to the message. If it does not specifically state that there is no play that day then **PLAY IS ON**. On **BADGE** days the captains of the teams will ensure they get the okay or otherwise in plenty of time to let teams know before leaving home. Please keep in contact with your captain.

RESIGNATIONS: (Its that time of the year)

Billie Jean and Joe Scoppa

Nola McCann

Susannah Erwin

Robyn Spies

Good luck to you all and hope to see you back again when you have more spare time. A special adieu to Robyn who joined the club in 1965 so has been a member for 42years. Fantastic Robyn – we'll miss you.

NEW MEMBER: We are pleased to welcome Greg Piper to the club and trust his unabated enthusiasm for the game never diminishes!!

BADGE: Saturday and Thursday Badge has commenced with mixed results. Since Lorenzo has resigned from Club Captain, Judy Smith will be looking after the teams together with Bill Ierace so if there are any queries please direct them to her or Bill. Decades of experience together there.

VISITORS: Just a reminder that you are welcome to invite a visitor to play socially but this is limited to 3 times per year. It costs \$15 for the privilege and this should put in the appropriate tin and the visitor should sign the visitors book especially for visitors!

FAMILY PLAY: Direct family members may be brought along to play with the Club Member on Sunday mornings from 10.30am – 12.30pm. This is no further cost to the member.

PRESIDENTS TROPHY: A NEW FORMAT is being devised this year to make this fun social competition even more fun (and more social). It will commence at 11am and stop at 12.30 for a BBQ (free) cooked by Chef Bill. Play will recommence approx an hour later and continue on until 4pm after which the President will provide wine for all contenders to round of a fun social day. **SUNDAY APRIL 20th** is the day for you all to mark down in your diaries. Bring along your racket and a smile and we will look forward to having a good turnout. Forms will be put up in the club for you to write down if you are attending. (Mad if you don't!)

HISTORY AND CHAIRS: Since the purchase of the new chairs (they have been seen in some top restaurants by the way – nothing is too good for the HHTC members) and the refit of the clubhouse last year we have had a lot of positive comments. Pleasing also is the fact that we have been given a grant towards the chairs from Tennis NSW! However, one of the most interesting and super comments we have had is via a letter from Mrs Monica Sheehan, who, as most of you know, is a Life Member and, apart from being a local shaker and mover in many ways from way back, has been a HHTC advocate for forever. I have attached a copy of her letter for you all to enjoy.

27/2/08

The Hon. Secretary
H.Hill Tennis Club

Dear Jackie,

PLASTIC CHAIRS

Fascinated to read plastic chairs being sold ---- this is HOW and WHY I bought them in the early 1970's when I became Secretary. (first female in any Lawn Tennis Club)

You will probably remember Jackie that the very basic clubhouse sent us bankrupt – no money in the bank! SO seating was old school forms. Ran a “pool” party and with \$20 bought towel rails and collapsible wooden chairs from H. Hill Theatre Group – very grubby – couldn't afford paint so ran “WORKING BEE – BRING YOUR OWN PAINT! – rather startling results!

Then plastic chairs came on the market and an uncle of mine was ordering some for a large organization and introduced me to the supplier – he gave me a good price – only colours available were ORANGE AND GREY! I would have preferred all grey but our wooden floor was mostly grey with all the dirt carried in from our path! Hadn't yet organized concreting working bees – so ordered “half and half” (this has probably puzzled club members in later years.)

Hunters Hill Theatre group wanted chairs back – sold them double price because they were painted!

I find it unbelievable when I see the fantastic clubhouse now and certainly realize the tremendous effort to achieve the result. It was really just a brick “shell” – I remember that, although we had to install showers to adhere to Lawn Tennis Assoc. rules – we couldn't use them without flooding the floor in the ladies' until Harry Jackson and my husband put in the little tiling fence to stop it!

The then tiny kitchen had just cups, saucers, “peanut butter” glasses (no one visualized we were going to cook FOOD there). Actually, most of the space was taken up with printed matter – minute books, badge forms, etc.

You can see why I am so happy and impressed.

Yours sincerely,

MONICA SHEEHAN

We didn't realize how well off we were did we!!!

See you on the courts.

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB
APRIL NEWSLETTER

Yes, we are all very tired of this wet weather – the courts have never been so fallow, and I never thought I would say “enough” (for a while anyway). However, winter is our dry season so hopefully we can look forward to making up for lost play over the next few months!

CONGRATULATIONS

To Monica Sheehan, one of our life members, who has recently turned a young 90. She is still very social, very active and very ‘with it’. Happy Birthday, Monica. We’d all like to be as terrific as you when we are 90!!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS

To John and Yvonne Young who have just produced another beautiful and healthy boy, Samuel Jonathan, to help enhance the tennis world in about 10 years time. Fantastic!!

A BIG WELCOME

To our following new members: Harry Kinahan, Kyri Kyriakides, Catherine Marshall and Gillian Thacker. Look forward to playing with/against you in the near future. Welcome.

PRESIDENTS TROPHY.

This has, of course, had to be postponed. Bill has now organised it for **Sunday 18th May**. Hopefully we will have brilliant weather as it will be a really fun day with barbecue, drinks, competitive tennis and merry repartee! You won’t want to miss it. Diarise it now.

ANTS:

As everyone knows they loooove cordial so please rinse out dishes/ water containers etc after use to help prevent them holding hallelujah choruses in the kitchen – thanks.

OXYGEN TANK:

Thanks to Mario Adamo who has kindly organized the checking and refilling of the tank, which hangs on the wall behind the door to the mens change room. Members, please be advised of its existence and definitely USE IF NECESSARY.

ANNUAL DINNER:

Taking inspiration from our PMs 2020 think tank we have decided we would like all our members to ponder their (no doubt extensive) experiences of eating and drinking places and provide us with some suggestions for a good place to have the Annual Dinner. The venue would need to be able to cater for around 70-80 people. All suggestions gratefully received and duly considered. WE will report back before the end of the year! Thanks.

CLUB UNIFORM:

All those people waiting for club shirts be advised that they are arriving by the end of this month.

CLUB RULING:

Please remember we are an all white club, recently changed to allowing pastels as well (but certainly mainly white.) This is of particular importance with regards to Badge Teams and we have a RIGHT TO FORFEIT the teams who come in dark clothing. Could Team Captains please reinforce this with the opposition Captains and ensure they realise this ruling before coming to the club. That will save a lot of dissension.

**ANYONE WHO BELIEVES THEY HAVE SOME INFLUENCE
WITH THE HEAVENS PLEASE PRAY HARD FOR SOME
PLEASANT WEATHER!!**

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
MAY 2008

New Members

As always we would firstly like to welcome our new members and look forward to meeting them soon.

Big welcome to Fran Barlow, Peter McIlwraite and Jan Farrell.

Presidents Trophy
DEFINITELY ON THIS SUNDAY.

Commencing 10.45 sharp.

Make a full day of tennis and enjoy Bills BBQ too. A good number have already registered for this but if you would still like to play and haven't yet registered please email Bill immediately on mierace@bigpond.net.au

Court Courtesy

We would like to reiterate to all social playing members that though, of course, welcome to play on Saturdays and Thursdays, to please give the Badge Playing Teams space and quiet. Ignore them as much as possible. No comments. Basically keep to yourselves as they may be about to hit a vital point or be at a vital stage just as you disturb their concentration!!

Also everyone please ensure the **correct tennis shoes** are used for play – this goes for opposition teams or visitors/kids as well. The incorrect shoes cut up the courts very swiftly. This has recently occurred and the destruction to the courts will have an impact for the rest of the season.

A **closed sign** on a court means exactly that!! Unless a Committee Member gives the specific okay to commence playing on the particular court it should be left rested. Certainly, if all courts are required it should be left till the very last to be used.

Thanks to Bill and Gunnar

For moving the goal posts – oh no I mean the net posts!! This is a rather laborious job and they willing do it approximately every 7-8 weeks. As well, they do heaps of other stuff around the club, week in, week out. I hope you all appreciate their tireless efforts. Thanks guys!!

End of year dinner and presentation night

We have had a few venue suggestions but are always looking for more so don't forget to let us know about a particular place you think would be fun.

Badge Teams

All seem to be going well and enjoying themselves. Keep up the good work!!

Club Championships

The schedule for this year is to have all Doubles (Ladies, Mens and mixed) played and completed during the month of August with the singles commencing in September. Diana Banjanin will be looking for entries in the near future. We will keep you posted. Look out for associated new events.

Injury Prevention

With the cooler weather don't forget to stretch those old muscles everyone and warm up before racing around at full pelt. If you sit down for a while restart with caution. Injuries take too long to heal as well as being so expensive these days. So take care.

Speaking of which – did you hear the one about the jogger who, while out in the park one morning, came across a brand new tennis ball.

Seeing no one around he slipped it into the pocket of his shorts.

Further on he stopped at the lights at a pedestrian crossing. A girl standing there couldn't help but notice the large bulge.

"Whats that?" she asked pointing at his shorts

"Tennis ball" came the breathless reply

"Oh my gosh" said the girl sympathetically, "that must be very painful. I had tennis elbow once!!"

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB
JUNE NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS TROPHY: At last a dry day and a bunch of excellent tennis players vying to win this prestigious event!! A great day was certainly had by all. The tennis was good fun (and exhausting) with a stop in the middle for President Bills BBQ. The steak was simply superb, the sausages succulent, the salads scintillating and last but not least the bread..... well, it was bread!

The winners were: Diana Banjanin and Chris Jones. Our heartiest congratulations to them. Well deserved.

Our thanks as well to Bill and Cheryl Ierace for the time, effort and expertise they put into the lunch – it really was yummy so thanks so much you two. Your constant input into the club is appreciated by everyone.

WELCOME BACK: To Billie-Jean Scoppa who is returning as a midweek player.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Reminder to everyone to get your entries in soon. There is a box in clubhouse to post them into, or get them to one of the committee members. If you did not receive the form by email please let us know or copies are available in clubhouse as well. **CLOSING DATE July 6th** to allow Diana to do draws. Special men's and ladies doubles commence July 19/20 while the rest of the champs will commence August 2nd. So get them in!!

CONGRATULATIONS: To Liz Dossetor who, (as Dr Liz Elliot), on the Queens Birthday list, received an “AM” an Order of Australia as a member in the General Division for

Services to Paediatrics and Child Health as an academic, researcher and educator and through the establishment of the Australian Paediatric Surveillance Unit. Phew, that's a mouthful but absolutely fantastic Liz. As well as playing a great game of tennis you have always worked so hard and we are all very very proud of you!

BIT OF GOSS: Yours truly (Toni) recently visited Lord Howe Island and was most pleasantly surprised to discover our past President Gary Lee and his lovely wife Jenny there on the same holiday. They now live in Barwon Heads and are still much involved in committees - Bridge and Golf these days though I have no doubt (I was always an avid "Seachange" watcher so I know about these things!) that Jenny will be having something to do with the local council before too long!! Gary is now deeply involved in Royal Tennis and I can confirm that it has given him a powerful and cutting forehand! They enjoyed hearing about everyone and send their regards. We had a great time and I can heartily recommend the island for a good holiday.

RESCHEDULING OF VETERANS DAY: Because of the rain we once again cancelled and have now reset the date.

IT IS NOW HAPPENING ON SUNDAY JULY 13TH.

For new members you do not have to be a Veteran (ie pretty old) to play on the day but you should preferably dress like one!! Social guests are also welcome but only full members can win.

OLDE WORLDE DRESS is the mode eg. Long white trousers (like cricket) Long skirts, luvverly hats. Wooden tennis racquets not recommended unless you have absolutely no desire to win on the day! Good for the photos though.

PLAY STARTS 1PM SHARP.

Come, enjoy, put your name down in clubhouse or email a committee member as to whether you can or can't come. The sooner the better to help with organization.

I can't think of a good tennis joke for this month so if anyone at any time has a good one do let me know on toniaalexander@hotmail.com and we can share the mirth!!

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB
JULY NEWSLETTER

VETERANS DAY: This fun competition was finally held on a very pleasant day (weather wise) and with a great turn out of turn of last century (or even the century before) get-ups. Passers by must have wondered what time warp they had wandered into! The competition was strong but fun, afternoon tea was fab and, to all members who have not yet been to one of these days, you really should come. The atmosphere is terrific. Popular winners on the day were Catherine Marshall and Peter McIlwaine – both new members – so congrats once again you two. Peter looked particularly stunning in his shorts and striped jacket while all the ladies were most demure. (okay, that last part's a lie!)

MIDWEEK LADIES: The annual Round Robin comp (over one day only) will be held on the 19th August. The Eve Jenkins trophy will be held on the 26th August. If the weather is against you they will both be held one week later. So ladies please make sure you diarise these dates and be a part of these comps.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: These have already commenced and are running to schedule. All involved must really try and be available at the organized times, as everyone is busy and it causes huge problems if people are unavailable at the last minute. Talk to Diana or Bill, if necessary.

BADGE TEAMS: The following mens teams have reached the semi finals: 1/5,2/1,3/2. Good luck guys!!! These commence July 26th so if you are around be prepared to cheer them on! None of the ladies teams have made the semis this year but WE WON'T LET THAT DETER US FROM NEXT YEAR!!

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER: The date for this is now confirmed as Monday 17th November. The venue is still being decided but as we will find somewhere different and nice make sure you keep this night free.

DRESS CODE: We are going to put signs up with regard to our white/pastels only ruling and the committee has made a lot of headway confirming this with various coaches, students and opposing teams etc so a reminder to everyone that this age old tradition still stands.

INJURIES: We would like to wish Judy Smith and Barbara Ashley good recoveries from their various injuries – a heap of strong tennis going to waste there!

SWINGING ON THE HILL: This fun, evening picnic, swing night is now set in concrete for Saturday night, February 28th 2009. Rebekkah Neville and her five piece band will again play for us. As one of the few lucky recipients of her CD from last year I can totally recommend her performance. I play her CD a lot at home and only hope she brings more to sell to you all this time. Keep the date in mind even if you can't diarise it just yet.

TO FINISH: I have discovered there are not many jokes about tennis – even on the 'net – there are millions of golf jokes but we obviously take tennis much more seriously!! SO, this month, with absolutely no reference to tennis at all, I am leaving you all with a little succinct gem that I liked when given it the other night.

“ We learn from history what we didn't learn from history” So true!!

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2008

Hasn't the weather been great – heaps of you out there enjoying it and playing some superb competition matches. The courts are holding up well and the play should continue to be good right up to November – no probs!!

SICKIES: We would especially like to wish John Pearce, who has been in intensive care, a good and speedy recovery.

Also, all those who have had operations or are recovering from injuries including Kiri, Yvonne, Julie and yours truly – thanks!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Diana is doing a stunning job of handling this very difficult task. The matches have been competitive and fun with some outstanding playing by new partnerships. Well done everyone. Worthwhile going up to watch if you can. A lot more to go so please help Diana by being available if at all possible when required. It all goes far smoother.

Our first result is finalized. Rob Lonergan and John Young won the finals of the Special Doubles in a great game against Bobby Clocchiatti and Gary Hall. Congratulations to the winners.

BADGE RESULTS: SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!! to our mens 3/2 team. On Saturday last, in the Grand Final, they had a landslide victory against Cheltenham. Winning 6 sets to 1 (not necessary to finish the last set) and well up on games. A superb victory by Tom Grozier (Capt), Peter Nicholson, Bill Moss, Robert Bradshaw, Greg Piper and Rob Lonergan. We are all thrilled for you – you have done us proud.

Excellent results also from our other men's badge teams.

1/5 were defeated in the Final, 4 sets each, losing on games only to Marrickville.

2/1 defeated in the final by Beecroft at Hunters Hill.

Great effort by you all!

THANKS: The committee would like to thank all the badge team captains for their time and effort in co ordinating each team. It can be quite tricky sometimes. Also hearty thanks to Judy Smith and Bill Ierace for all their time spent, as well, helping get the teams organized, on the courts and playing so well, despite injuries and illness etc. Good team work.

ALERT! ALERT! Change of date for End of Year Dinner and Presentation Night. In case you have already diarised this date (and you should have!) please change it to the next night. I.E. it is now going to be on **Tuesday 18th November at Ecco's at Birkenhead Point**. Renowned for their fab menu Eccos is going to allow us to make it BYO with no corkage fee. All this for only \$67 a head and if you have put the effort in you might even win a trophy as well!! Look forward to it.

ROSTERS FOR AFTERNOON TEA OR SET PUT ON: Please be conscious of the obligation by whoever is slotted in for a certain date to either DO or contact someone else to swap with if they cannot accommodate the time they have been put on. The telephone numbers of all members are posted on the club house notice board so no excuses. It is not Susans job. Thanks for your consideration in advance.

SCIENTIFIC DATA: Recently a survey was done in America about the sports people play. Though there are definitely some subtle differences between The Yanks and Us, who knows, the following may still apply:

Unemployed people play basketball
Maintenance workers play ten pin bowling
Blue collar workers play football
Supervisors play baseball
Middle management play tennis
Corporate officers play golf

Conclusion: The higher you rise in the corporate structure the smaller your balls become!! (At least we at the tennis club are better than those guys at golf!!)

HAVE A GOOD MONTH EVERYONE!

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB
NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: These continue to slowly grind thru to the final matches – not helped by the frequent wet weekends. Because of the now backlog of matches please, please, please be flexible and be available as we don't want to forfeit any, but this may be the only fair option if people are constantly unavailable.

BADGE: The 3/2 men's Saturday Badge winners pennant is now hanging proudly in the club room. We just need a few more and we can start a second layer!!

HEAD INVITATIONAL CHALLENGE 2008: Our club was well represented at this comp (previously known as Norths vs Souths) by the following chaps. Well done George Rozvany, Greg Piper and Ed Dutton.

PRESENTATION NIGHT: By now you should all have received a flyer about this. Will be a fab night at Eccos and an amazing deal. Do get your names down for it and have a last fling for the year with the whole club. Reminder: It is on Tuesday 18th November.

SHELLEYS DOUBLES: You will also have received, by email, from Jackie, a flyer about the Shelleys Doubles. This is always an unpredictable, fun event so hopefully the weather will be good for us this time round. This will be played Sunday 26th October and will require you to sign up as per normal in the clubhouse (or contact one of the committee members).

MIDWEEK LADIES: The Monica Sheehan Trophy, a Round Robin event, was won by Cheryl Ierace and Lois Jenkin.

The Eve Jenkins Trophy was won by Cheryl Ierace and Ngaire Bell. Well done to you all and Cheryl twice!!

SICKIES: Most of those injured/ill players appear to be improving but we are particularly pleased to hear that John Pearce is coming along well, out of hospital and getting his strength back. Hopefully he'll convalesce enough to come and join us for afternoon tea one Sunday – if not for a hit??

END OF SEASON: The final weekend for tennis will be that of November 1st and 2nd. The Melbourne Cup Day tennis and lunch will be held as per normal on the following Tuesday – 4th November. Renovations to the courts will then commence by the end of that week with the opening in 2009, presumably at the beginning of February. So make the most of the rest of the year, with that lovely Spring weather now starting.

HISTORICAL REMINISCINGS: We recently received the following letter from our resident Life Member and History buff, Monica Sheehan. I have retyped the letter as it did not scan very well but, as always, Monica has given us a fascinating glimpse into the Club well before most of us joined. Thanks Monica.

Dear Jackie,

Thanks for Newsletter with date of PRESENTATION NIGHT. The old bones are a bit creaky just now so, sadly, won't be able to join you.

I have a particular affection for PRESENTATION NIGHT --- when I first became Secretary, the then Ladies C'tee organized it – it was just a “cup of tea and biscuit”. Next year when I had to organize it (Ladies' Committee disbanded) realized I had a wonderful CAPTIVE AUDIENCE – how could I make much-needed money???

The kitchen was even smaller then – just cups, saucers, “peanut butter glasses” luckily a new phenomenon happened in Gladesville – Barbecued chickens were introduced by a Dutchman who would cut them into quarters, and, magic! a meal! Chicken in the basket with chips, etc. Great support from members – I brought some music – we danced and Jack Nicholas performed some hilarious acts! Jack offered to put on a revue at next Presentation Night... he selected performers, they practised and practised and for the next few years increasingly large numbers attended. Life was difficult as men's toilet had to be used by both sexes, ladies' toilet as change rooms for costumes by both sexes. Prawn nights and other social functions. I could say “first 60 past the post” but Presentation Night, everyone is entitled to come and collect their trophies.

Had a brilliant idea --- hire a beautiful blue silk marquee for the food; leaving the clubhouse for the revue! You won't believe it ... the worst hail and rainstorm that afternoon – the blue marquee was sailing up and down the courts like Noahs Ark. No need to tell you what it was like inside the clubhouse trying to eat!

I was involved with H. Hill Bowling Club and knew they cooked beaut baked dinners – just right place for our Night... but a big drawback! Hunters Hill Tennis players had had a bitter fight with Bowling Club in 1918 and were not on “speaking terms”. Before the 1914 war, tennis players had played at Bowling Club but most had gone to the war.

Bowling became more popular and, when the tennis players returned, they were told "WE HAVE NO SPACE FOR YOU NOW." Eventually the players found and bought with debentures, present courts. Wasn't easy but I managed to persuade them to have Presentation Nights at Bowling Club – roaring successes (H.Hill Theatre providing footlights for the Revues). Then, tragically, Jack Nicholas died on Court 1 – end of Revues... but still continuance of great Presentation Nights. (There's a photo of our last Revue in our Photo Album at the Club: it shows the cast – Hughie Goddard in a figleaf – Darcy with 3 figleaves – the remainder looking fantastic!

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Our generous gesture changed our struggling fortunes: Roxy Clayton offered her home for a Melbourne Cup luncheon (magnificent situation, 11 Ady St H.Hill) but she wouldn't have our paper plates and baskets at her home – we would have to buy plates and cutlery! I said we couldn't afford it – she offered to pay half -- Committee said okay... so I purchased them (also wine glasses) ... but NOWHERE TO PUT THEM! Our kitchen cupboards were filled with tennis balls, badge forms, all "bits and pieces" (there were absolutely no cupboards in clubhouse ... old MINUTE books were parked in the laundry of my home...NO TOOL SHED.

One of our midweek members (Sybil Masterman) died and, knowing what a practical person she was, I suggested we contribute to a small cupboard in her honour and then we had room for our plates, etc.

Having plates made it possible for us to have dinners etc even more interesting when Barbie Ferrall (caterer) joined the Club.

This sounds a bit like "THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT" but you might find it interesting.

Best Wishes
Monica Sheehan

We do, Monica, we certainly do!!

HUNTERS HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

END OF YEAR

CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

at

ECCO RESTAURANT – ON THE WATER

Tel. 9719 9394

2 St. Georges Crescent, Drummoyne

on

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2008

At 7 pm

Dinner \$67.00 per head - BYO WINE ONLY

Commencing at 7.00pm

BYO WINE ONLY

all other drinks are available for purchase at the bar

**Please confirm your booking and pay either
Barbara (9817 0243), Nancy (0418 551 955), Cheryl (9816 4739) with the
tear off slip below.**

Acceptance and payment at latest Monday 2 November, 2008

CUT AND SEND

**END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PRESENTATION OF
TROPHIES NIGHT**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2008

**Please pass payment to one of the ladies above
or mail to**

Barbara Ashley, Treasurer, HHTC, PO Box 2, Hunters Hill 2110

**I / We(please print names)
are attending the dinner; enclosed cheque for \$..... @ \$67.00 per person**

VIEW THE DINNER MENU

ECCO'S RESTAURANT
2 The Crescent, Drummoyne

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2008

at 7pm

Dinner will be served at 7.30 pm

ENTRE - Alternate

Penne, Prosciutto and Asparagus

or

Insalata di Mare – cold mix seafood salad – calamari, octopus, mussels, prawn and pickled vegetables served with salmon

MAIN COURSE - Alternate

Pesce Spada Involtini

Oven Baked swordfish involtini served with marinated eggplant and herb dressing

or

Braciola di Manzo

180gr rib eye fillet served with spinach, jus and pangrattato

ALL MAINS ARE SERVED WITH SALAD AND FRESH BREAD

DESSERT - Alternate

Tiramisu

Italian sponge finger trifle with coffee, mascarpone and chocolate

or

Crespelle Mascarpone

Crepes filled with mascarpone, served with white chocolate and marinated strawberries

TEA OR COFFEE with CHOCOLATES

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2008

SHELLEYS DOUBLES: Final reminder that this fun day is on all Sunday 26th October commencing at 12.30pm. Please be on time so all sets can be played which makes a far better competition. For those members not able to play in this event the courts will be available from 4,30pm.

PRESENTATION NIGHT: Being held at Eccos in Drummoyne, which was recently written up in the local newspaper as one of the best restaurants in the area! Should you find it easier to pay by internet then the Hunters Hill Tennis Club account is 032 185 500293 (Westpac Gladesville). Ensure you put your name in for reference. Cost \$67 pp. Partners more than welcome as we all enjoy meeting your better halves!!

On that subject may we remind all last years winners of trophies to please kiss their trophy goodbye, then clean them! and hand them back to the club by the end of this week. It takes a while to get them engraved thus they are required now! To jog a few memories last years winners included Judy Smith, Diana Banjanin, Julie Cocco or Denise Walker, Carole Scarselletti, Michael O'Connor, Daniel Kelly, Ian Priddle or Roger Brittain, Sue Barlin or Stephen Clark, John Young, Eric Shaw or Alf Cocco and Sebastian Ares. Thanks all.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY: On Tuesday 4th November tennis will be played from 10.30am and a terrific seafood lunch organized for only \$36 per head. Sweeps organized. If wet then lunch and socializing will be from 12midday. Let Nancy Telesca know, or write on board in clubhouse, if you can be there.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Only 9 matches remaining. Mainly finals and semi finals of course so feel free to come along and support these players by watching some of these excellent games. There is a very high standard and they can be quite enthralling to watch. Should you wish to know times and dates please email Diana Banjanin on diana.b@iinet.net.au

FINAL PLAYING WEEKEND FOR YEAR: The last weekend is that of November 15th/16th. The courts will then be totally renovated by Paul Cashell over the December period with the courts reopening early February. As daylight saving is already with us do make the most of it and come down on Tuesday, Thursday or weekend evenings for an hour or two. Keys can be obtained from committee members should you require one.

AGM: To be held on Tuesday 16th December at 7pm in the clubhouse. **FRESH BLOOD REQUIRED.** The volunteers on the committee do a great job but it never hurts to have new brains at work around the table. With one meeting a month and maybe one job to do, it is not an onerous situation but it is also good for all members to have a go at the “behind the scenes” world occasionally. Think about it and do your bit for the club. If you wish to discuss the requirements talk to Jackie Bradshaw (9922 4586) or Bill Ierace (9816 4739). A quorum is also required on the night and extra participants just for the meeting would be appreciated.

BADGE TEAMS FOR 2009: Now is the time to start thinking about playing in a badge team for next year. This improves play and can provide some great camaraderie. Talk to some of the others and find out how rewarding it can be. Forms will be sent, as per usual, during January of next year.

Have a great month. Cheers all.

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2008

PRESENTATION DINNER: Another social success story for the club with everyone drinking, eating and talking their hearts out. I believe Bill was his cheery self and Nancy did her usual superb job. Attached are notes and thank yous from Jackie.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY: Approximately 30 members enjoyed a delicious lunch (many thanks as usual to Nancy Telesca) and fun sweeps. Always good fun.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Another thank you is due to Diana Banjanin for the HEAPS of work she put into running these competitions. In no way is it an easy job and we sincerely thank her. The committee reckons she was too nice to you all so next year you are all going to be organized **MORE SEVERELY!!!**

VALE: Bill Farrands was a member of the club for many years and always enjoyed the Thursday afternoons social play as well as Sundays. RIP

AGM: The last important fixture for the year. This will be held at the clubhouse at 7pm on **TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER**. A quorum has to be filled so we do appreciate your attendance if at all possible. Don't worry – you won't be coerced to go onto the committee! It is also good for the members to learn who are the office bearers and have a chance to participate in the election etc.

RE-OPENING FOR 2009: This is scheduled to be early to mid February but we are unable to give an exact date at this stage. The court renovations are now in full swing and we would like the grass to be well established and 'tough' before we attack it with our stunning tennis moves.

WHICH BRINGS US TO BADGE TEAMS: The format will be the same as this year, without play offs.

Thursday Ladies will have one comp only (no spring badge) but the season is to be extended. Commencing 5th March.

Saturday Mens and Ladies will commence 7th March and there will also be a Spring Tournament due to commence August 22nd.

Forms have been emailed out to you so **KEEP THEM** on line and please send a response by 22ND DECEMBER. Don't wait until you have finished celebrating Xmas and New Year cos you will be **TOO LATE**. The Badge Committee needs to get onto it early to get the teams registered in time.

SWINGING ON THE HILL: Do not forget to diarise this important date once you have your 2009 diaries. If you have not been to one before, trust me, it is a really great night. Won't be long after we have re opened the club so it will make a fabulous first social event. **SATURDAY 28th FEBRUARY** is the night to remember!

This is the last newsletter for the year so on behalf of all the committee I would like to wish you all a particularly joyous Christmas and fun, safe holidays. Don't miss us too much. We will be back!! Cheers, Toni

2008 Club Championship Winners

Ladies Open Singles	Diana Banjanin
Ladies Open Doubles	Gillian Thacker and Deborah English
Ladies Special Singles	Not Played
Ladies Fitzgerald Doubles	Catherine Marshall and Gillian Thacker
Eve Jenkins Trophy – Midweek	Cheryl Ierace and Ngaire Bell
Monica Sheehan Trophy - Midweek	Cheryl Ierace and Lois Jenkin
Men’s Open Singles	Chris Jones
Men’s Open Doubles	Daniel Kelly and Graeme Sticka
Men’s Barker Lloyd Singles	Garry Hall
Men’s Special Doubles	John Young and Robert Loneragan
Mixed Doubles	Sue Barlin and Stephen Clarke.
Presidents Trophy	Diana Banjanin and Chris Jones
Shelley’s Doubles – Ladies	Elizabeth Dossetor and Alison Coutts
Shelley’s Doubles – Men	Ken Ryan and Roger Brittain.
Veteran’s Day Mixed Doubles	Catherine Marshall and Peter McIlwaine
Meggitt Trophy	Harry Kinahan

End of Year Dinner

What a wonderful evening! A big thank you again to Nancy for her excellent organizational skills in arranging a lovely venue, selecting delicious menus and purchasing all those great raffle prizes – and many thanks to her helpers. 78 chattering people even made it difficult for Bill with a microphone who was announcing raffle prize winners and presenting trophies! It was very pleasing to see so many of our new members present and we hope they enjoyed their first annual end of year dinner. As always, it is the people who make the evening.

Tennis History

A tennis enthusiast in Melbourne, Rodney Lack, is compiling a website called www.tennishistory.com.au. If you log on, you can see how advanced it is. He has asked if any members of our club have any old photos he could use of events, old programs, newspaper cuttings, anything historical to do with tennis. Please email him on rod@tr.com.au with any information of interest.