

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB
JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year everyone and we hope you have had a wonderful time over the summer break but are looking forward to playing sensational tennis from February on!!

NEW COMMITTEE: Apart from the usual suspects (i.e. same committee as last year) we are pleased to welcome Greg Piper and Peter McIlwaine on board. With so many experienced hands on deck I have no doubt the club, this year, will be run even more efficiently than ever.

DIARY DATES: First off we all need to put those important dates into our diaries (or notebooks).

1st February – Sunday: Working Bee at club starting 8am

14th February – Saturday: Official opening day for club

15th February – Sunday: First organized social play from 1pm

17th February- Tuesday: First midweek ladies organized play

28th February – Saturday night: Swinging on the Hill from

6pm

5th March – Thursday Badge commencing

7th March – Saturday Badge commencing

5th April – Sunday: Presidents Cup with BBQ lunch and competition. Commencing 11.30am

21st June – Sunday: Veterans Day with mad costumes and competition. Commencing 12.30pm

July/August/September: Clubs championships to be run. Shelleys Cup Day date to be announced.

SUBS: When sending payments for your annual fees by bank transfer PLEASE include a name at least. At the moment Barbara has payments received on 9th Jan, 14th Jan & 19th Jan x2) with no idea whose they are. If you think they are yours

please email her on barbashley@gmail.com so she can allocate the amount to the appropriate person. Thanks. Note that all fees should be paid BEFORE the end of January.

WORKING BEE: If you would like to start the year with a beatific feeling here is your chance! Its not too onerous but it is amazing the difference a number of sweepers and rakers can make to the appearance of the club at the beginning of the year. Everyone welcome to help, even if you can only come for an hour or so. The committee will probably be there all morning so if you have had a late night but are still desirous of assisting we might still find some work for you at 10am! However the thought is to start at 8am if possible while it is still cool.

Bring along gloves, rakes, spades, brooms etc if you wish. We will provide cold water for drinks!! (And cup of tea).

SWINGING ON THE HILL: Our second highly anticipated swing/dance night to the accompaniment of Rebekka Neville and her band. Cool music. Good atmosphere. If you've not been before be assured you will enjoy yourself.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL as unfortunately numbers will have to be limited to a certain degree. Cost is \$45

CONTACT: Chery Ierace or Nancy Telesca with the number of people your group will have attending. Food will be available from 6.30pm at Bills BBQ. Scotch Fillet, sausages, salads etc etc. Great value together with great music. The Sydney Festival has nothing on us!!

Dress: Casual with barefeet or sandshoes (as using the grass courts.) Bring picnic rugs, or whatever (no chairs).

BYO drinks but note that plastic glasses must be used.

UNIFORMS: Club shirts are available from Cheryl at a cost of \$45. Anyone interested in acquiring a club track suit (jacket probably white with green piping, pants green) please let

Cheryl know. She has to order 50 at a time to keep the price down so will need the numbers.

VISITORS: Please remember to get your playing visitor to the club to sign the visitors book and put the \$20, which is their fee for the whole day, into the tin by the kitchen. This price has been put up by \$5 but I am sure no one begrudges this cost for 4 hours of tennis plus afternoon tea!

Now, I tried to find jokes last year to put in the newsletter but I am telling you tennis is obviously not a joking matter! There is a dearth of tennis jokes. So instead, in anticipation of improving your minds through our great club (as well as your tennis prowess) I am going to finish with a quote each month, a little gem of philosophy! These can relate to tennis just as easily as life itself.

“The dictionary is the only place that success comes before work. Hard work is the price we must pay for success. I think you can accomplish anything if you’re willing to pay the price.” Vince Lombardi, American Football Coach

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FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER

As always at this time of the year we have a number of changes on the membership roll. We are always sorry to lose the companionship of any of our members but particularly to those who have been with the club many many years. On that note we would like to bid a fond farewell to the following people.

Ian Priddle – former committee member and player for over 10 years. A good player we will miss.

Florrie Tesoreiro who joined in 1964, mother of Nancy, and a lovely lady who has always joined in with the midweek ladies with good spirit and lots of assistance.

Max and Jennie Mawhinney. Jenny was a keen badge player for years and Max and Jenny have always been good fun.

Tim Sheehan – who has been a member since he was a junior – good luck Tim.

Always pleased to have some keen new members join and this year we would like to welcome aboard the following people. We look forward to getting to know them.

Clive Magowan

Ian Kavanagh

Donald Vas

Pablo Giancarli

John Concannon

Seira Jones

SWINGING ON THE HILL: The time is coming around very fast for this. Saturday night 28th February is the date to remember. A very special night: for only \$45 –BYOG and picnic rug- you

will hear the dulcet tones of Rebekkah Neville and her band PLUS have a fab BBQ dinner cooked by our specialist cooks, salads etc etc. Unbelievable value but also a fund raiser for the club. **SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.** Come along to this great night and you will be amazed how much you will enjoy yourself. At the same time it is functions like this – with wonderful people like Rebekkah to help out – that enable us to keep fully grass courts with great tennis! Please send your \$45 per person to Barbara Ashley to HHTC (cheque) P.O.Box 2 Hunters Hill 2110 Or HHTC BSB 032 185 Account No: 500293 (Westpac Gladesville). At the worst please let someone know you want to come so your name can be put down even if you are waiting till you come down to play tennis in order to pay. We ARE opening slightly later this year so it is making a number of things a bit pushed. We appreciate your understanding.

MONEY FOUND: Yes we have a number of payments with nobodies name next to them. Do any of the following relate to you?? 9/1/09 \$75.00 deposited Five Dock

27/1/09 \$310.00 dep Gladesville

28/1/09 \$75.00 dep Milsons Point

30/1/09 \$75.00 dep Gladesville

Please let Barbara know. Thanks.

Those who have still not paid – we know who you are and where you live!! Please help us by getting it all out of the way asap so we can get on with the tennis!

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS: Social tennis on Saturdays is becoming more popular every year. However, we desperately need more ladies to play at this time. It is casual and friendly and the usual good tennis. Ladies, if you know you have something on on Sunday you might consider having a whack on the Saturday instead. You are most welcome.

ROSTERS: By now those of you rostered for the first half year will have received a copy for 'set put ons' and afternoon teas. Set put ons simply means you help organize the fours for each court (on the whiteboard) on Sundays – a good way to meet everyone. Afternoon teas is self explanatory – however, understand that it is not a competition in who makes the best sambos and orange freckle cake. It is also not a lunch, so please do not feel you have to go to enormous trouble and expense – it is not expected and would defeat the purpose of simply providing a pleasant, fun time at the club.

MOST IMPORTANTLY though, if you cannot help on the day you have been allotted **PLEASE** organize with someone else on the roster to swap days and then let the person, who was on with you, know of the change. Do not ring Susan because she would need to make twice the number of phone calls. Everyone's number is on the notice board in the club. Hopefully this is not too hard for such intelligent and hard working people as we know all our club members are!!

TENNIS COACHING: Anthony Aliperti, our resident tennis coach will be on court for all and sundry again this year. He will commence February 28th and can be contacted on **0401 409 017**
His rates are: \$60 per hour for members and family
\$30 per half hour for members and family
\$65 per hour for non-members
\$35 per hour for non-members
\$16 per person per hour for group lessons

FURTHER ODDS AND ENDS: Should you like a HHTC track suit pls contact Cheryl on 9816 4739 who also has club tops for only \$45.

Don't forget to let Jackie, our secretary, know if you have a change of phone, address or email address. We would hate you to miss this scintillating newsletter!

A reminder to everyone that, should the situation arise, your assistance in helping to put up or

take down nets or to help out with kitchen/housekeeping matters is part of the club ethos and always appreciated.

Remember: “ When it comes to books and friends it is best to have only a few but all good ones” Keep well – see you on the court!!

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2009

SWINGING UNDER THE STARS:

Lying on a blanket, staring up at the constellations, on a balmy, end of summer evening, is blissful. To have the soft tones of Rebekka Neville and the professional, relaxing chords from her band accompanying - well, if you missed it, too bad. A superbly organized and catered for social occasion, which was enjoyed by around 70 members and friends two Saturdays ago, took place on the courts. Great food (as always) and a fantastic atmosphere. Congrats to all who organized it. No wonder we are known as one of the best tennis clubs socially!

MIDWEEK LADIES:

A free “welcome to the new playing year” BBQ is being organized by Nancy to take place at **12midday on Tuesday 31st March**. Wine is included and there will be scotch fillet cooked to perfection for all you epicureans plus wonderful salads. A great social function to kick off the midweek ladies’ fun. All welcome. Come earlier for tennis and then enjoy.

DRINKS IN THE FRIG: These drinks are placed there for convenience and as a thoughtful gesture by the committee. There is an honour system in place for payment and knowing you are all from a good class of people we expect you to respect this system and pay the dues. Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:

We are very sorry to have a resignation from Billie-Jean Scoppa who has played an eternity of years at the club. Sorry to lose you BJ but good luck in Leichhardt!

BUT we are very happy to welcome Tricia Hannan aboard. We trust the usual superb tennis and social events will entice her to stay as long as Billie Jean did!! Welcome Tricia – we look forward to playing with (or against!) you. Great to see you supporting our first social function of the year when you are just a brand new member!!

BADGE TEAMS:

Badge competitions have commenced and we are pleased to have four Saturday Mens teams (2/1,2/2,2/4,3/1), one Saturday Ladies team (1/4) and one Thursday Ladies team (Grade3) GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.

PRESIDENTS TROPHY:

You may have already received a flyer about this annual event. Being played this year on **SUNDAY APRIL 5th** it will commence at 11am with a free BBQ lunch at 1pm approx. A couple more hours of the mixed comp then a male and female winner will be announced to receive the trophy at the annual dinner. Put your name down in the club or email Bill. We ask all participants to come to the courts by 10.45am so we can start on time.

DRESS CODE:

A beginning of the year reminder to all members AND ESPECIALLY **BADGE TEAMS AND THEIR OPPONENTS** that we are an **ALL WHITE CLUB** (plus a bit of pastel – mainly for the ladies!). Also proper tennis shoes – not cross trainers – are to be used as the others cut up the courts too much (mainly for the men!).

AFTERNOON TEAS:

These are a big part of Sunday social play BUT if you are put on to the roster to help provide and afternoon tea **DO NOT PANIC!** It is not hard or frightening. Susan has put some instructions on the bottom of the roster, which, if you are on, will be emailed to you. **HOWEVER**, what we suggest is that, as a pair, you provide two savoury plates (sambos or cheese and biscuits etc), one cake or something sweet (a packet of biscuits for example or an iced bun to cut up) and a plate of fruit (nothing exotic but fruit is good when one is flagging by 3.30pm!!). The only other thing to bring is some fresh milk as what is in the frig is often dubious in the extreme! It is **ALWAYS** appreciated and helps make our club very special.

This month I am going to overwhelm you all with **THREE** little scintillating bits of information. (Don't expect it every month!)

1. The best evidence that time travel is impossible is the fact that we haven't been invaded by hordes of tourists from the future!
2. Sit down for an hour next to a pretty girl (or handsome guy!) and it feels like a minute – sit for a minute on a hot stove and it seems like an hour. That's relativity!
3. Do you know what Henry the Eighth and Kermit the Frog have in common? Same middle name!

Stay happy!!

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APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY: A hard fought social competition on a perfect Sunday for tennis was played out with the following winners – by small margins only from second and third – Chris Jones was the men's winner and Judy Smith the ladies' winner. Congratulations you two and to everyone who played and made the day such a success. Thanks as always to Bill and Ray, Jackie, Cheryl and all the other members who helped with the food, drink and running of the show.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: It has been decided to run the Special Singles and Doubles earlier this year so more time can be allotted for the A grade comp and help with smooth running. They will be held over the month of August and so we are asking for anyone interested to put your names down now. Double pairs will have their names drawn out of a hat so ALL members have a chance of winning. If you have won the Special Singles in the past you can no longer go into that comp and you cannot play in the doubles with the same partner you may have won with in the past. Also the men's top two badge team's members are not eligible to play. The Open championships will be held in September and October. **PUT YOUR NAMES DOWN NOW - IT IS GOOD FUN NOT A WAR!!** Think of it as the Obama method not the Bush method!!

CLUB CLOTHING: Over the next two weeks Cheryl will have samples in various sizes of the club trakkies for members to try on with the view to purchasing. Keep an eye out for Cheryl and/or the clothes in the clubhouse.

MIDWEEK LADIES BBQ: Having broken the drought by organizing their barbecue the week before the ladies finally, last week, were able to have this terrific social event under stunning blue skies. 17 ladies enjoyed the tennis and the comradeship and they all hope to organize another later on in the year. Thankyou Nancy once again.

Just a short newsletter for a short month this time but in this economically difficult period remember:
“if you remove the word ‘problem’ from your vocabulary and replace it with ‘challenge’ life will suddenly become a lot more interesting and enjoyable!”

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MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Am starting newsletter off with information about these as I fooled you all with the incorrect dates last newsletter. Now, you have probably all organized your holidays in July instead of August so you could play in the special events BUT you will have to change them as they are being held in June/July!!! (Mind you if you're all away I may have a chance of getting somewhere!!) Anyway, here is the spiel – brilliantly organized by Diana Banjanin and Greg Piper.

THE SPECIAL EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS, mens and ladies special singles and doubles, this year, will be run independently from the open events. They will be run in a tournament format over 4 consecutive Sundays. **NOTE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY: Sundays: 29th June, 5th July, 12th July & 19th July.**

Entry forms and all details are being sent out directly to you now by Jackie. Note the eligibility criteria for participating in each event (as spelt out in the April newsletter) and only enter if you are available to play for most of the 4 weekends as few exemptions will be granted.

The open events will commence after the completion of the Saturday Autumn badge season in late August.

VETERANS DAY: Another good date to remember. A fun, mixed, Sunday comp. meeting at 12 noon for a 12.30pm start on **21st June 2009**. Don't forget to register for a wonderful time.

AUTUMN BADGE TEAMS UPDATE:

The halfway point of the Saturday Autumn Badge competition has been reached. We are pleased to report that most of our teams are playing well and are on target to reach the semi finals!!

We have 4 teams in the **men's** competition-playing in grades 2/1,2/2,2/4 and 3/1. The mens 2/1,2/2 and 2/4 teams are doing well and are right on track to bring home a pennant. In particular the mens 2/4 team has just snared the lead in what looks likely to be a very close and highly competitive season. The mens 3/1 team is also not too far behind the top four teams.

The Saturday 1/4 **ladies** team is performing reasonably well given the evenly graded competition and given that two of its members, including the Team Captain, are out with injuries – sounds like the footy teams I barrack for!! Hopefully with a few wins in the last round they may also consolidate a position in the semi-finals. AND we hope the injured players are improving fast.

With regard to the **Thursday ladies** team playing in Grade 3, the halfway point has not yet been reached as their season is longer than the Saturday Badge season. Nevertheless the Thursday ladies are playing well and have their nose in front so far.

CONTINUED GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PLAYERS!

SPECIAL AWARD: We are very thrilled to be able to send hearty congratulations to Diana Banjanin from all of us. Diana was recently awarded Northern Suburbs Tennis Association's "**Sportswoman of the Year**" award for 2009 which is a great honour.

She was presented with the award by Sandon Stolle and the President of the NSTA (who is in fact Aussie tennis player Bryanne Stewart's father). A lovely moment for Diana to remember and wonderful that she is recognized for her commitment and enthusiasm for the sport, about which we all know.

WELL DONE DIANA.

NEW SIGNAGE: New signs have been installed at the entrance to all courts and should be observed by all members.

- a) Dress code signs – whites only, though this does include pastels.
- b) CPR heart awareness and procedure signs. Hopefully all members will familiarize themselves with these facts before a situation occurs!! We DO have a lot of medical personnel in our club but they may all be at a conference together at exactly the wrong time! – so check out these instructive signs and we will hope you never have to use them.

Because we are about to have the beginning of winter, here's a little adage about beginnings. "The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and then starting on the first one." Mark Twain 1835-1910

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JUNE 2009 NEWSLETTER

CLUB 'SPECIAL' CHAMPIONSHIPS: These will commence 28th June and you should have had an entry form mailed out to you. Alternatively forms are in the clubhouse next to the box to drop them into. AS WELL you can email direct to hhtclubchamps2009@gmail.com. Final applications are required by 21st June so please, somehow, let us know your interest. Partnerships can be organized for the doubles.

VETERANS DAY: Don't forget this mixed comp on Sunday 21st June. An effort at dressing up is really appreciated but we will tolerate modern lads and lassies if you can find nothing olde worlde in your wardrobe. Just come for a good bit of fun tennis. Having been washed out these last few weeks the courts are great and you must be desperate for a bit of tennis. Names to go down on board in Clubhouse. Play starting earlier that day so please be at the courts by 12.20pm.

BADGE: Don't have the latest news from the men but the Saturday girls are in a very good position for getting into the semifinals – a very short season this year and finishing in just a few weeks – but no less important - so keep up the good work girls. Our Thursday ladies are on top at present which is fantastic so know that we are all behind you to bring home another pennant girls!!

ROSTERS: A new roster for the second half of our year has been sent out complete with phone numbers etc. So please note down when you may have a responsibility and we would all like to thank everyone who has so far helped putting sets on or prepared some terrific nosh.

That's about it for this month but as it is bitterly cold and swine flu is rearing its ugly head, my piece of advice today is to get out into the fresh air and sun, warm up amongst friends and socialize to keep that alzheimers at bay. In other words **PLAY TENNIS AT WONDERFUL HUNTERS HILL**. See you!

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NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

If you're all fed up with the wet weather interrupting our sport spare a thought for our badge teams who have been washed out constantly, which creates some very problematical scores on the ladder. (See further on). However the good? news is that El Nino is meant to be returning so we will probably have another drought!! My advice to you all is that when the weather IS good for playing come down and play – put off other outings until the weather forces the tennis off. That way you get your monies worth, get rid of the frustration caused by a lack of exercise AND improve your tennis!! Join in everything and be ready to play.

CLUB CHAMPS: The Specials comp is still on because of washed out weekends. These should be completed over the next couple of weeks. Entry forms for the OPEN CLUB CHAMPS will be sent out soon AND the closing date for entry to these will be the 9th August with the event to start late August. So don't delay – the more the merrier. However, because these competitions can take many weeks to run, the committee (and especially Diana and Bill) ask that you only enter if you are available over September/October and can manage your time well enough to be available for play. It is extremely hard to coordinate everyone and we do ask that you all be fairly flexible and willing to meld in with everyone else's timetable too. Thanks. (I feel like a mother hen here!) If you are unsure whether your availability may compromise the running of these events please email the Competition Committee (hhtclubchamps2009@gmail.com) in advance of putting your entry in.

VETERANS DAY: Another washed out Sunday that has now been rescheduled to AUGUST 23rd. Commencing 12.30pm. Afternoon tea 3pm. Mixed double partnerships drawn out of a hat. Olde Worlde garb not ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL BUT to win

on the day some sort of effort must have been made. Understandably, because it is a handicap to play in long skirts and trousers etc so would not be fair otherwise. Notwithstanding that everyone is welcome of course. Get your name down soon so we can do a draw.

CPR COURSE: This is a new innovation for the club (maybe we're all looking so old and dodderly they've decided anything could happen on the courts!!) No, seriously, this is a course run by St Johns ambulance and is FREE to all members. It is a wonderful opportunity to acquire a skill in an area that could literally mean a life or death situation. Anytime, anyplace, this is knowledge that would never be wasted. The course will be a 2-4 hour single session run at the club and is limited to 24 people so it will be first in best dressed. We feel it would best be done on a Monday or Tuesday evening from (say) 6.30 – 10.30pm (latest). For those interested in attending email Greg Piper: greg@gregpiper.com.au. Put in the preferred day as well (or either or) and we will work out the best time. Will be on when weather is a bit warmer. Hopefully should be of particular interest to our younger members.

SPRING BADGE: This comp commences 22nd August on Saturday afternoons. 4 categories: Ladies doubles: 1-3pm
Mens doubles: 1-3pm
Unisex singles & doubles: 3-5pm (Mixed teams of any combination male and female). Usually a 3 man/woman team. Please contact Diana or Bill if you are interested. They need to know by July 22nd in order to get applications in on time so don't delay should you wish to play.

BADGE TEAMS: The Saturday ladies 1 / 4 team won their semis outstandingly but have been unable to play the finals to date cos of the constant wet! However hopefully these will be at Hunters Hill this Saturday. Should they win these finals against Chatswood they

will then have to play them in a Grand Final. These girls were second last a matter of weeks ago so have been absolutely marvelous.

The Thursday ladies have won all their games to date but because of 6 washouts (out of 13 rounds) they have been unable to capitalize on points and cannot forge ahead as they should have. Hang in there girls and hopefully the good weather is coming.

The Mens 2 / 1 team have also done extremely well and will be playing the finals this Saturday too, also against Chatswood, at home. So turn up and cheer our teams along and enjoy some great tennis. GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.

CLUB CLOTHING: New trackies have arrived and Cheryl will be distributing these over the next couple of weeks. If you have an order and want them asap contact Cheryl. There are a couple of spare sets so those who haven't ordered may like to try their luck.

Now, because there are a lot of comps on at the moment my little piece of philosophy this month is meant to inspire you with the courage to participate and be involved!

“ Courage is the discovery that you may not win, and trying when you know you can lose.”

Now, if that doesn't inspire you then maybe Mark Twain's attitude will. He observed:

“I thoroughly disapprove of duels. If a man should challenge me, I would take him kindly and forgivingly by the hand and lead him to a quiet place and kill him.”

Put a philosophical bent on it and go for it!!!

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2009

NEW MEMBERS: Firstly we would like to welcome three new members to our club. Catherine Campbell, Kevin Middlebrook and George Barlin. Great to have you join us and look forward to fun tennis with you. Welcome.

CPR COURSE: Greg is doing a wonderful job organizing this and at this stage we are hoping to hold it at the end of September either Monday 21st or 28th. Because there is a limit in the number who can be accommodated (only 24 in total) there is already only space for a handful more people. If you are interested in attending (remember it is free to club members) please give your name to Greg Piper ASAP on greg@gregpiper.com.au

BADGE TEAM RESULTS: Our big news is that the Saturday ladies won the Grand Final in their division on an extremely thrilling afternoon BY TWO GAMES. Chatswood 1 had been leading the comp the whole season and had not been beaten until our tenacious team fought its way into the final against them. Having won that our team then had to play the Grand Final at Chatswood. Diana Banjanin, their injured, stressed out captain (nothing more frustrating than having to sit on the side lines each week and will your girls to victory!) and other supporters were treated to a nail biting day of tennis where the results were not obvious until the very last minute. Heartiest congratulations to Diana, Judy Smith, Vanessa Bolzan, Gillian Thacker, Julie Cocco, Deborah English, Tuara Price and Seira Jones.

Not to be outdone our Thursday ladies are well in front in their grade not having lost a match yet. Still a number of weeks to go but keep up the great tennis girls!

Our mens 2/1 team also reached the finals but unfortunately were not successful on the day. Fantastic effort and great fight guys! There's always next year!!

SPRING BADGE: We have one men's and one ladies' team entered into this comp which commences on Saturday August 22nd. Good luck as always to you all. (And have fun too.)

MIDWEEK LADIES: A couple of important tournaments for you all to make a note of - being organized as usual by the redoubtable Nancy Telesca.

1. The Monica Sheehan Trophy which is a Round Robin format will be held on Tuesday 8th September.
2. The Eve Jenkins Trophy will be held on Tuesday 15th September.

Those who enter please make sure you are available the month of September. Note your interest in these events with Nancy, either at the club or on 0418 551 955

VETERANS DAY: Rescheduled to 23rd August. Please put your name down as soon as you can or let Bill know as we need to organize the comp for the day.

NETS: Could the last man (woman) leaving the clubhouse after a tennis session please check that all nets have been taken down. Court 5's net in particular can easily be overlooked. Do not presume that Anthony may need one. Also ensure that the storeroom is locked. The responsibility is on the club members!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:

SPECIALS: Only one result so far. Congratulations to Gillian Thacker and Tricia Hannan for winning the ladies special double. Well done girls.

OPEN CHAMPS: These are due to start soon and the draw is close to being finalized. Please put your entries into the box in the clubroom by this Sunday 16th August or email to the special email address for this comp: hhtcclubchamps2009@gmail.com. Please note that the Competition Committee is trying to make the competition as fair as possible to all participants and in this regard would appreciate that if you know you will be unavailable certain weekends to email the Committee in advance as they can generally accommodate these requests with just a bit of notice.

AND REMEMBER: It doesn't make any difference whether what you face is something that affects your work, your personal relationships, your sense of security, your appraisal of self worth or your appearance – the way you THINK about your situation largely determines whether you will do anything about it and what you will do.

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2009

Good numbers arriving at club all week so great to see the courts used so well – and they are standing up to the assault brilliantly too. Club champs in full swing and most badge comps are now complete. Even on that last hot Sunday the breeze we get on the peninsula kept the play easily bearable. We are very lucky with our courts – great location, great committee and great tennis. Just don't spread the word!!

CPR Course: This has been confirmed as being on Monday 28th September from 6.30pm to 10.30pm (approx). Free to members, there are still a (very) few places available so, if you have any interest in increasing your general knowledge (especially you younger ones!!) let one of the committee members know of your interest or email greg@gregpiper.com.au. Apart from good essential learning it will also be light-hearted, interesting and fun.

New Members: A big welcome to Tristan Adam, who has already joined into the Club Champs and is blitzing his way through!! Great to have such an enthusiastic new member.

Thursday Ladies Badge: Congratulations to the ladies team who have just won the final in their division against Killara having gone through the whole season undefeated!!! Denise Tracey (Capt), Nancy Telesca, Cheryl Ierace, Pat Goldsmith and Carol Scarselletti are a well honed, dedicated lot of individuals who thoroughly deserve this pennant. Well done girls and we hope you have a slightly more challenging comp next year!!!!

Club Championships: Our first result: Congrats to Gillian Thacker and Tricia Hannan who won the Special Ladies Doubles.

No further results at this stage but thanks to everyone for sticking by the schedule and helping Diana out by being available when required. Remember if you have a line judge you are not allowed to threaten to shove the balls down their throat – at any time!!!

Silverware Cleaning: Over the next four weeks all those amazing winners from last year may like to polish up their cups and trophies and start handing them back to the committee or into the special box that will be placed in the clubhouse. This way we can get them engraved in plenty of time for the annual dinner. Thanks. (You may get it/them back!??)

Midweek Ladies: We are pleased to note that the Monica Sheehan trophy has been won by Marie Esden and Cheryl Ierace. Well done you two. Results from further mid week comps are pending at this time.

Club Clothing: Dashing new HHTC caps (white with insignia) are now available for \$15. Very flash they are, so if you're interested contact Cheryl. Sure to be up there with the baggy greens in years to come!!!

Also note that labeling your clothing is essential. It is amazing how much gets left around. Please take time to do this. (Yes mum!)

End of Year Dinner: Following last years big success at Ecco we have managed to negotiate exactly the same deal for this year – there is no increase in price and no corkage on your BYO tipple. Thanks to Nancy once again. NOTE THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES: **TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER** – 7pm for 7.30pm. \$67 per head.

Shelleys Doubles: This fun comp will be held on Sunday October 25th. Further details in next months scintillating newsletter but note down date in the meantime.

At this late stage in our tennis season we note that there has been a lot of injured bodies throughout the year and the injuries seem to be more frequent at present as people push themselves to the limit to win badge or club competitions. Though we have sympathy for you we would like you to note the following:

**“ Life should not be a journey to the grave
with the intention of arriving safely in an
attractive and well preserved body,
but rather to skid in sideways,
chocolate in one hand,
champagne in the other,
body thoroughly used up,
totally worn out
and screaming**

WOO HOO.....WHAT A RIDE!!!!”

Anon

HUNTERS HILL TENNIS CLUB
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Despite dust storms, lightening strikes, drought and tsunamis (just kidding there) lots of tennis is being played yet the grounds are holding up beautifully. Congrats to our grounds committee for their untiring, unpaid and probably largely unacknowledged efforts. It is only their hard work that maintains the good condition of the courts and keeps play so pleasant right up to the end of season. THANKYOU Gunnar, Bill and John Watt!

CPR COURSE:

There has been a lot about CPR in the newspapers lately stating that only 1 in 10 people know how to perform CPR and 1 in 3 would not treat a collapsed child despite extensive research showing CPR by a bystander can dramatically increase the chances of survival. People often are frightened to do it cos they think they could do harm if they don't perform it correctly. But it is stated that "you are unlikely to inflict harm on someone who has no signs of life by blowing in their mouth and pressing on their chest." 20 gallant people spent a most informative evening at the club improving their dubious skills with six dummies (no they aren't members of the club!) Very worth while though it was pointed out that a defibrillator ASAP provides the best result in such an emergency. However "any CPR is better than none!" So well done all you guys and Greg has a Certificate of Attainment available for collection by each of you.

BADGE FORMS:

Everyone has been emailed a form for completion should you be interested in playing Badge next year. These MUST be completed and in the hands of the Competition Sub Committee by 15th November or the player will not be up for consideration. So all you mens teams from this year (2/1 2/2 2/4 and 3/1) and ladies teams

(1/3 and Thursday) get your forms in NOW! The ubiquitous cardboard box is on the table in the club for completed forms or email to Diana or Greg.

TROPHIES:

We know you don't want to give these up but you must. We expect to receive them as you received them i.e. cleaned and polished. They must be back by Friday 30th October for engraving. Approximately 20 trophies are due in so please get them back. Put them by the ubiquitous cardboard box or hand to a committee member.

SHELLEYS DOUBLES:

Ladies and mens pairs competition so there are four winners. Not ultra competitive like the Club Champs so MUCH more fun. (Take it from me – the ultimate piece of cannon fodder!!). This year it will be run by Bill and will now be on Sunday 1st November. Will consist of 5-6 sets and lovely afternoon tea. i.e. it is still very much a social event. Put your names down on the whiteboard in the club now. Well done.

MIDWEEK LADIES:

The Eve Jenkins Trophy was won by Carole Scarselletti and Ngaire Bell. I believe we may lose Ngaire next year when she is foolish enough to move to Queensland. We will be sorry to lose you Ngaire and wish you all the best.

Melbourne Cup Day Lunch is being held as always at the club (Tuesday 2nd November) with tennis from 10.30am and lunch at 1pm. Everyone (ladies and gentlemen) invited and I can promise you a fabulous spread for only \$36 per head – Seafood galore, roasts, salads, sweets and sweeps. This is Nancy at her excelling best. Please contact her if you've not yet let her know you wish to come. 0418 551 955

END OF YEAR DINNER:

We are looking for everyone to get their name down as well as payment up front for this annual event. Will be held at Eccos in Drummoyne on Tuesday 17th November. \$67 per head which includes corkage for all BYO drinks. Any drinks purchased on the night must be paid for separately. Jackie will be emailing an acceptance form so please send this with your monies to our P.O. Box 2 Hunters Hill 2110 or give to Nancy or Cheryl. Remember, should you do an EFT MAKE SURE you put your name as reference and better still email Cheryl to say you have paid. Her address: mierace@bigpond.net.au

AGM:

This will be held on Monday 14th December at 7pm. Will take an hour approximately at the most and we encourage anyone who can (especially if you live close by) to attend as it is important to have a quorum and should be of interest to all members of the club.

END OF SEASON:

The final playing day for the year will be on Sunday 8th November. With all equipment booked for the next week this will hopefully ensure that we can re- open at the end of January 2010 in plenty of time to practice before Badge starts.

This is the final newsletter for the year so on behalf of the committee and myself I would like to wish you all a restful, safe, happy break and a wonderful Christmas.

REALISE AND REMEMBER:

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

Take care everyone.
