



# COURT TALK

JULY 2014

## Mid Season Shivers

With the winter chill permeating through our inner body, what better way to keep warm than with a comprehensive work out with one of our tennis coaches to improve or refine your racquet skills and mental ability.

Also, I hope you're all making the most of the grass courts as this is one of the best years to date, I'm told.

Clean, green and thoroughly enjoyable.

In the meantime we encourage you to extend yourself in body and soul by taking advantage of the Meditation, Yoga or Fitness sessions now on offer to .

See you on the grass.

Ed.

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## EVENTS

**Tuesday August 12th @ 12:45pm**

Strategic Plan Launch Presentation

**Saturday August 23rd @ 4:00pm**

Tennis and Thai - Eat it and Beat it!

**Sunday August 24th @ 10:30am**

Family Tennis Morning - Youth

Members bring a parent as a partner.

BBQ.

**Tuesday September 2nd @ 1:00pm**

Super Seniors Social Tennis Group

starts



## CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate **Andrew See** and his wife **Lucy** on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy in early June – **William**. Champagne all round, I'm told **Andrew**.

We also look forward to his early application for membership and attendance to the Junior social events in the future. ed.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now, many of you will have read our new Strategic Plan on the Club's website. The committee is proud to report



## EVE JENKINS TROPHY

Congratulations to **Kako Yoshino** and **Sue Bate** (pictured left) for winning this year, with runners up **Maz Creagh** and **Angela Dossetor**. A big thank you

a number of actions identified in the plan are starting to materialise.

Recent highlights include;

- a YEARBOOK has been compiled and printed with the club calendar and basic information to help new members quickly feel at home - pick up your copy when you are next at the clubhouse.
- a NEW MOWER has been purchased, replacing our aging model, giving us a better cut and more reliability. The older model will be kept and now provides a backup machine.
- a NEW LINE MARKING MACHINE has been purchased.
- WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS to promote clubhouse hire, corporate days and our social tennis windows.
- new local groups have started at the clubhouse to provide additional revenue streams. I encourage you to support the YOGA, MEDITATION and FITNESS classes and help spread the word to attract the local community to support these new offerings.
- CHILDMINDING has begun on Tuesdays at the club to open the group to younger mothers.
- SAFETY INITIATIVES have been undertaken with new signage in the shed, a First Aid sign on the cupboard, and Ice Packs now on hand in the freezer
- the CLUB CLOTHING design has been completed and will go on sale on the website in the next month.
- a 50" TV is now up in the clubhouse, so we can share viewing major tennis events and for clubhouse hirers who wish to deliver Power Point and Video presentations.

We want to encourage you all to promote the club to your tennis playing friends.

to **Graeme Sticka** for giving up his time to co-ordinate this event for the ladies.

Well done to all eight pairs who participated. It wouldn't have been a great tussle without your presence and competitive spirit.



#### **BADGE - SPRING COMPETITION**

Entries for Spring Badge have now opened. Commencing on Saturdays - 7 rounds starting 13th September.

Teams may be Men's (2 men) or Women's (2 ladies) Doubles or Mixed Doubles (2 men, 2 ladies).

Speak to Chris Jones 9817 3502.



#### **BADGE - AUTUMN SATURDAY MEN'S**

Our Men's badge teams both played their

Perhaps they have never played their game on grass before?

Invite them down for a game, or to join you at a social tennis window.

For the rest of the year we will be running a promotion where each member may invite guests for free. Just sign their name in the visitors book, and the visitors fee is waived. Please make use of this opportunity and spread the word about our wonderful club.

Lastly, best of luck to all members playing in the club championships, thanks Graeme for organising these matches. It's great to see club members meeting each other and taking up the challenge on the court. Enjoy!

**Sally Stobo**

President

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semi-finals on Saturday July 19th and faced very cold, wet, windy conditions against very strong competition.

The **Men's HH1** team were narrowly defeated by Manly 4, with the score being 4 sets all, and a count-back loss by 4 games. Bad luck to all, after such a tight encounter.

Our **Men's HH2** team were trounced (6.5 v 1.5) by Royal Sydney 6 at Royal Sydney. Sadly a very disappointing conclusion to a very disrupted competition. Best part of the day was the afternoon tea at the RSGC clubhouse.



#### **CLOTHING**

Just a little teaser glimpse of one of our new CLUB CLOTHING designs that will go on sale via our website in the next month.





### **SUPER SENIORS**

A new "**Super Seniors Social**" tennis group is being trailed on Tuesdays 1.00pm starting September 2nd. Targeting 60+ age group, newcomers will sign up for a "**come and try it**" 5 week series.

This group is being promoted in partnership with the **HH council** in their **Active Mind - Active Body** activities program for Senior residents in the area.



### **TENNIS AND THAI - EAT IT & BEAT IT**

**Saturday 23 August @ 4pm**

As the evenings start to lengthen we invite all members, their families and guests

A choice of Mens & Women's Polo shirts, shorts, singlets, skirts and sun tops will be available in cool dry-fit fabric.

All you fashionistas will be drooling over the wide range of specially designed garments that will be very reasonably priced.



### **CHILD MINDING**

To you **Mums and Carers** out there!

To make our club more accessible to a wider group, we provide child minding at the club for your convenience.

**Available from 10:30am - 12:30pm Tuesdays.**

\$10 per child for the morning.

Please spread the word to encourage tennis playing friends who may have little ones to try this group.

Speak to **Catherine** to book - ph 0410 274 550.

down to the club for an afternoon of twilight tennis, followed by a Thai meal delivered from our local **Uptown Thai** at Woolwich.

Just turn up, enjoy the courts and whoever is there at 5:00pm will be included in the dinner order. All too easy.

\$30 per adult, BYO.



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# COURT TALK

AUGUST 2014

## BIG WET HITS HOME !

Who would believe the rains have been falling for a record four weeks now. It's especially disappointing for enthusiastic members wanting to have a good hit out or complete their championship challenge matches.

To divert your attention from this inconvenience, we now have in operation our **on-line shop** for purchasing your newly updated club outfit combos. Check out the great selection and especially the new club casual T-shirt. A must have for all those loyal supporters of this great club. Don't forget to place your order during this next week, as orders are batched and this year's order window will close Sept 14.

See ya on the courts soon.

Ed.

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## EVENTS

### **Tuesday September 2nd @ 1:00pm**

Super Seniors Social Tennis Group  
advertised to start

### **Thursday September 4th @ 10.15am**

Ladies Special Singles Round Robin

### **Tuesday September 9th @ 12.30pm**

Strategic Plan launch to Midweek  
Members (resched)

### **Thursday September 11th @ 10.15am**

Ladies Special Doubles Round Robin

### **Saturday September 20th @ 4.00pm**

Eat it and Beat it!

Thai and Tennis for all members,  
families and guests. Just turn up.

### **Sunday September 28th @ 10.15am**

Boy's Doubles Club Championships

### **Sunday October 5th @ 10.15am**

Boy's Singles Club Championships

### **Tuesday October 14th @ 10.15am**

Monica Sheehan Trophy wk1 (resched)

### **Tuesday October 21st @ 10.15am**

Monica Sheehan Trophy wk2 (resched)

### **Sunday October 19th @ 1.00pm**

Presentation Day and BBQ for all  
members. Finals of some Club  
Championships will be scheduled this  
afternoon for all to enjoy.

A HUGE THANK YOU to **Ian Kavanagh** and **Clive Magowan** from the entire club for the generous donation of their ball machine for members' use. The machine arrived last week, and as soon as the courts are dry enough we look forward to familiarising ourselves with its operation. It comes with special pressurised balls and a rechargeable battery and we plan to store it in our net shed. Once it is up and running we will notify members.



## ONLINE SHOP - CLUB CLOTHING

Mens & Women's polo shirts, shorts, singlets, skorts and sun-safe tops with the new club logo all in cool dry-fit fabric.

Orders open now at  
[huntershilltennisclub.com.au](http://huntershilltennisclub.com.au).

The initial manufacturing run will take 6 weeks. Orders placed before **Sunday 14 September** will be ready for collection at the clubhouse late October.

If you live outside Sydney we can also mail them to you. Currently the

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this we are experiencing the wettest August in 16 years with 14 days of rainfall in a row! One benefit is our courts are greening up with the warmer days and regular rain, however we are all missing the tennis and it

is playing havoc with Graeme's attempts to coordinate the Club Championship matches.

One benefit from the rain is our committee has had more time to work through the Action Plans identified in our [Strategic Plan 2014-2018](#). Progress has been made in the following areas:

- **COURTS** - We are reviewing our annual court maintenance regime aiming to reduce the constant workload that wonderful **Bill and Gunnar** have shared for many years. Volunteers for this constant, time consuming role are getting harder to find and the club is faced with finding a long term solution. As part of our research on a rainy day last week, **Lee Adolfson**, from Western Suburbs Lawn Tennis Club, took some of us to inspect their four lawn courts and we heard of their maintenance regime using contracted greenkeepers who do all court care with less reliance on volunteers. Lee was President at Western Suburbs for many years and we appreciate her sharing her experiences.
- **REVIEWING THE MEMBERSHIP FEES** - A goal identified in our strategic plan is to ensure the membership fees are both attractive and equitable. We have formed a working group of **Roger Brittain**, **Jane Cowley** and myself to review our fee structure. We completed a comparison of our fees with the offerings of other similar Sydney tennis clubs, and are making recommendations to the club committee.
- **CLUB CLOTHING SHOP** - Another goal identified in our strategic plan is to review our Club Clothing to ensure 'it is contemporary and attractive'. This really has been a group effort. The designs are complete, thanks to a lot of work earlier in the year by **Fiona Henshaw** and **Greg Piper**. **Roger Brittain** has set up a club credit card facility through PayPal. Now a smart online store has been designed by **Mamie McLean**, who has volunteered to coordinate the orders with our supplier. A link to the online shop is on our [club website](#). THANKS SO MUCH to all these members for volunteering their

payment site asks for a shipping address, and you can choose to ignore this, as for most sales we will be notifying you by email when the clothes are available for collection at the clubhouse.

Samples to try on for size are available in the change rooms at our clubhouse, and the sizing chart is also online. We will carry a small amount of stock should you need to change size, however we envisage mainly manufacturing to order, as this will minimise the amount of club funds tied up in stock.

Mamie is coordinating sales and can answer your questions on the [SHOP website](#).



#### BADGE

Congratulations to the **Ladies HH3** team for playing in their semi-finals vs Longueville 2 in wet conditions on Thursday 28 August. The match was played at the Hunters Hill Club which kindly provided the use of their quicker drying courts.

Sadly our pairings of **Jane Cowley** and **Fiona Henshaw** (captain) and **Nancy Telesca** and **Caroline Durran** were defeated (7v1). Other members of the team were **Melissa Guest**, **Lee Adolfson** and **Carole Scarselletti**. Longueville 2 now play the Hunters Hill Club in the finals next Thursday.



time to give us all this convenient way to order the new Club Clothing. Place your order by Sept 14th to be part of this year's manufacturing run.

- **TENNIS & THAI** - our plan also identified a goal for the club to engage more with member's families, as well as provide opportunities for members to share the club with guests. To work toward this we are hosting these easy and friendly local tennis afternoons on Saturdays. All ages welcome. Details in this newsletter.
- **CLUBHOUSE HIRE** - As the club works to diversify its income stream away from predominantly relying on full membership fees, we are pleased that our Yoga hirer, **Lucinda Mahar**, is growing her numbers of regular participants to her popular classes. Our Øttness and T editation teachers are also returning to hire the club. To make the space more flexible for their growing classes, as well as club social events, we are replacing the legs on our long tables with foldable ones, so they can be stored away if required. Thanks so much to **Robert Bradshaw** for organising this. We will be looking to then sell the fixed legs from 4 of the tables - they are strong and of excellent quality - if interested please [email me](#).
- **NEW MOWER** - I think many would agree that the new mower, with it's heavier rolling capacity is giving our lawn a better cut. The operator can stand on a platform behind the mower to further weight down the roller and improve the playing surface.
- **ADVERTISING** - To promote our Sunday Social group we have taken out advertising in this month's edition of VetsScore, the Tennis Seniors NSW newsletter, which is distributed to 1400 tennis players. We are hoping it will generate more visitors on Sunday afternoons.
- **TV** - At short notice a keen group of members gathered to watch the Bledisloe Cup and enjoy a Thai dinner together. Unfortunately the US Open is not available on free to air TV. We will email you to advertise future major sporting events that are on the TV with a bit more notice!

Wonderful **Caroline Swan** has kindly volunteered to organise an end of year Badge ladies lunch to celebrate the season - Details will follow.



TENNIS & THAI - EAT IT & BEAT IT

**Saturdays 20th September, 11th October & 8th November @ 4pm**

As the evenings start to lengthen we invite all members, their families and guests down to the club for an afternoon of twilight tennis, followed by a Thai meal delivered from our local **Uptown Thai** at Woolwich.

Just turn up, enjoy the courts and whoever is there at 5:00pm will be included in the dinner order.

Doesn't that sound all too easy.

Optional Thai dinner - \$20 (members), \$30 (non-members), BYO.

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#### LADIES SPECIAL EVENTS

We are holding these Round Robin events on the next two Thursdays. After being



Hope to see many of you and your families at Thai and Tennis, September 20th, from 4pm,

## **Sally Stobo**

President



### AUSTRALIAN OPEN TICKETS

A reminder to those interested in heading south to Melbourne in January.

Members pre-sale tickets, open online on September 5th.

You'll need your Tennis NSW membership number when ordering and is obtained by emailing the

[secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au).

Australian Open [Details here](#).

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stumped in our initial attempt to hold it earlier in the year. Due to the small number of entries on the weekend dates, we are going to try for Thursday.

Now that our Badge players have completed their games they hopefully will be available for more competition!

All ladies are welcome to enter.

Graeme may be able to squeeze in a few more entries if you would like to play.

Trophies for the winners, await.

Email [gsticka@gmail.com](mailto:gsticka@gmail.com).

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### TENNIS LOGO

You may have noticed we've now combined the HHTC logo with the Tennis NSW bouncing ball logo to encapsulate our association with the greater tennis community.

This will provide an extended reach and endorsement to connect to those considering joining.

It will also help promote future club events.

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# September Newsletter

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## COURT TALK

SEPTEMBER 2014

### SPRING IS FINALLY HERE !

Spring has now made itself present and what more can you do than take up the opportunities now available to extend your playing time on our wonderful courts.

After a rather long wet spell we are delighted that the introduction of twilight tennis and increased access times provide this added bonus to club members.

So take advantage of this opportunity with your fellow club members and friends before the season closes. Its a great way to finish off the working day, I'm told.

See ya on the courts soon. Ed.



**John Williamson**

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#### EVENTS

**Saturday October 11th @ 3.00pm**

Saturday Social Tennis - optional 'Eat it and Beat it' dinner afterward

**Sunday October 12th @ 10.15am**

Youth Doubles Club Championships

**Tuesday October 14th @ 10.15am**

Ladies Special Singles Club Championships

**Sunday October 19th @ 10.15am**

Youth Singles Club Championships

**Tuesday October 21st @ 10.15am**

Monica Sheehan Trophy

**Sunday October 26th @ 1.00pm**

Presentation Day and BBQ for all members. RSVP required

**Tuesday November 4th @ 10.30am**

Melbourne Cup Day Tennis & Lunch.

RSVP required

**mid November - date tbc**

Courts close for annual maintenance

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our committee continues to make major progress on a number of key areas in our Strategic Plan:

**REVIEWING THE MEMBERSHIP FEES** - We are pleased to announce more attractive and equitable member fees for 2015. The new streamlined fee structure removes the distinction between midweek and full playing members. Discounts will only be offered to those who are under 21 or those who opt to only use the courts for their Badge day. The new 'Playing Member' category will cover the majority of members and have a fee that is competitive with comparable clubs. A Family Membership rate is available and the joining fee is much reduced. These simplified membership categories are outlined [on our WEBSITE](#).

**MORE FLEXIBLE COURT ACCESS** - We are now opening the courts everyday after 3pm and all day on Wednesdays. The open times are summarised on a page on our website [HERE](#). Feel welcome to contact other members or guests and arrange some tennis before the courts close for the year. If you are interested to play semi-regularly on Saturday afternoons there are other members looking for a hit too, so please let us know.

**SPREAD THE WORD** - Our club relies on its members to help attract new members. With these more attractive fees, and longer court open times I encourage you to spread the word and bring your friends to show them the club. With fees being reduced for the majority of members we need at least 15 more members for next year and we need everyone's help to attract them. Member's guest fees are now reduced to \$10pp so you can share the club.

**COURTS** - Our committee has reviewed our court maintenance regime aiming to make it less reliant on volunteers going forward. From November, the Green Options greenkeepers will look after all aspects of the court upkeep; including irrigation, the annual topdressing and renovation, moving the courts, mowing and pest control. It will mean that our hardworking volunteers, Bill and Gunnar, can step back from coordinating these different contractors and hopefully get to enjoy the courts more. We are indebted to their dedication filling this role over the past decade. The club is also grateful to John Williamson, who has worked as our mowing contractor for the past decade. John is a former member who has put his heart and soul into caring for our courts and our club will be forever grateful. We will hold a cocktail party next February to thank these wonderful folk. Details to follow.

**SECRETARY NEEDED!** - Dedicated Judy Smith is stepping down from the committee after many years in many different roles, and we need other members to step up to help the club. We have a wonderful group to work with who are keen to see the club advance further in 2015. We would LOVE to hear from you if you are able to join us.

**WEBSITE** - We have now added a COURT CONDITIONS block to the homepage so you can check here first to see if the courts are washed out. I aim to update this most days

to make it easier for members.

Thanks so much to our committee for their work researching these changes, and we hope to see many of you at our Presentation Day on October 26th,

**Sally Stobo**  
President



**MELBOURNE CUP DAY FUNCTION**  
**Tuesday 4th November**

**"CHAMPAGNE TENNIS"**  
commencing from 11:00am

**A SUPERB LUNCHEON**

**A SWEEP OR TWO**

ALL members and their friends are invited to this great day.

[Email the club to RSVP.](#)

\$40.00 pp.

We look forward to your company to join this memorable annual event.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Thanks so much to our wonderful Club Captain, Graeme Sticka, for his dedication to coordinating the Club Championship matches over the past weeks. We are now nearing the final rounds.

A close LADIES FINAL was played in beautiful conditions yesterday, and Vanessa Bolzan defended her Ladies Champion title against new member Angela Dossetor: winning 6-4, 6-4. The MEN'S FINALISTS are Chris Jones and Graeme Sticka. Graeme defeated Rakesh, and Chris defeated Andrew Dossetor in the Semi finals.





## COURT TALK

OCTOBER 2014

### ENJOY THE LAST WEEKS OF TENNIS FOR 2014

We hope to see many of you at Finals and Presentation Day this Sunday, and hope you are making the most of these superb Spring conditions for the last few weeks of play. Last day of play is Sunday, 9 November.

Ed.



#### EVENTS

**Sunday November 2nd @ 1.00pm**

Presentation Day BBQ for all members.

RSVP required by 28/10

Mens Doubles Finals @ 12.00pm

Youth Doubles Finals @ 12.00pm

Mixed Doubles Finals @ 2.30pm

BBQ & Presentations @ 4.00pm

**Tuesday November 4th @ 10.30am**

Melbourne Cup Tennis & Lunch. RSVP

required by 28/10

**Sunday November 9th**

Final day of play for 2014

**Tuesday December 2nd @ 7.00pm**

Club AGM & Christmas drinks - venue tbc

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were delighted to host our first **YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS** for at least 25 years this month. It is so wonderful to see young people back again on our courts and feel the sense of community this creates. We combined the boys and girls in the one 'Youth' competition and although their ages ranged from 12-17, the matches were close. The Doubles Finals will be played at noon on Presentation and Finals Day. Come and support our younger members!

Twenty badge players enjoyed a superb day to celebrate the **END OF SEASON BADGE LUNCH**. The friendships and community created in the Badge teams over the course of the year are really worth celebrating and what a stylish way to do it! A BIG thank you to **CAROLINE SWAN** for coordinating the day.

Our club has formed a strategic alliance with **WARD PARTNERS**, a local real estate agent. Making these alliances with local businesses and community groups was an initiative identified in our Plan. We are very grateful to **MATTHEW WARD** (a past member with his father David) for financing an **AED DEFIBRILLATOR** for our club, and look forward to developing a mutually supportive relationship with Wards going forward.

**WASH OUTS** are now being posted on our home page, so you can quickly see when court conditions were last updated and how many courts are playable.

Please note that we have a **CORPORATE HIRE** of our club by Deutsche Bank on **Thursday October 30 @ 4.30-7.30pm**. So the courts will be closed to members for that period.

**BIRGIT JENNINGS** is also returning to the club to run another series of **MEDITATION** classes starting **November 6th**.

We hope to see many of you at our **FINALS & PRESENTATION DAY** on November 2nd and our **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH** November 4th. Please RSVP now for catering.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to **GRAEME STICKA** for the time he has spent organising the Club



Championships and the huge effort he has put in to coordinating the matches.

Our **AGM** will be on Tuesday, December 2nd, 7pm. Please mark that date in your diary and join us for Christmas drinks afterward. The formal notice of meeting will shortly be emailed to all members. Please consider whether you are able to help the club next year in a volunteer role and want to nominate for committee.

**Sally Stobo**  
President



A lovely **BADGE LUNCH** to celebrate the conclusion of our 2014 season was organised by CAROLINE SWAN. [Locantro Cafe, Hunters Hill](#) catered for the delicious buffet.



### **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH** Tuesday 4th November

Come join all the action happening courtside. We'll have the big screen TV beaming into the clubhouse, a sweep to keep the punters happy and a fabulous buffet lunch provided by 'Cooked by Jacqui' to keep even the hungriest fillies and horses happy.

RSVP 28<sup>th</sup> October (with \$45 pp payment) to

Jane 0408 881238 or [jm\\_cowleybigpond.com](mailto:jm_cowleybigpond.com)

*Tennis beforehand for those that need to warm up for the big race*

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Sunday November 2nd - FINALS DAY

@ 12.00pm - Mens Doubles Final

Chris Jones & Tim Austin vs Andrew Dossetor & Graeme Sticka

@ 12.00pm - Youth Doubles Final

James Raciti & Matt Bencsik vs Oliver Young & Michael Denniss

@ 2.30pm - Mixed Doubles Final

Vanessa Bolzan & Chris Jones vs Sally Stobo & Graeme Sticka

The LADIES DOUBLES FINAL was played on a recent Saturday and Vanessa Bolzan and Angela Dossetor defeated Sally Stobo and Caroline Swan. 6-2 6-2

In the LADIES SINGLES FINAL, VANESSA BOLZAN defeated ANGELA DOSSETOR.

The MENS SINGLES FINAL was played on Sunday 26 October and Graeme Sticka won in 3 sets 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in a humid conditions.



Youth Doubles Semi Finalists - played on Sunday 12 October.

LHS: SAM BENCSIK & MILAN KRISH very narrowly defeated by MATT BENCSIK and JAMES RACITI in a tiebreaker.

RHS: ANDREW CAMILLERI & ED SWAN defeated by OLIVER YOUNG and MICHAEL DENNISS.

## NEW MEDITATION SERIES - 5 WEEKS

Birgit is returning to the club to run another 5 week Meditation series. Thursdays 7-8pm. Nov 6 - Dec 4 inclusive. She will practice a guided and quiet meditation, using imagination and joy. Come and enjoy this final class with Birgit before she returns to Germany in 2015.



[MORE DETAILS HERE.](#)



#### NEW FRIDAY MORNING YOGA CLASS

Lucinda Mahar is now offering morning classes on Monday, Wednesday AND Friday mornings at 9.30am. The evening class remains on Tuesdays at 7.15pm. Just drop in to a class. Members receive a discounted rate.



The Youth Singles Championship was held on Sunday 26 October, and MICHAEL DENNISS defeated OLIVER YOUNG in straight sets. It was wonderful to see such a high standard of competition. Well done boys!

THANK YOU WARD PARTNERS for donating an AED DEFIBRILLATOR to our tennis club. We look forward to a long and rewarding alliance between our two organisations.

# WARD



The base of this little silver cup might be missing but it was wonderful to find it still sitting on a bookcase in a Hunters Hill family home nearly 40 years after the club event.

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**COURT TALK**

**NOVEMBER 2014**

**BODIES & COURTS REJUVENATION**

**NOW IN PROGRESS**

How quickly another year comes to a close... but fortunately for us, the break will be short and sweet. The New Year promises a bounty of active tennis and an assortment of social activities that will keep you occupied around these beautiful grass courts.

Of course with this pleasure comes some commitment and we look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and Christmas Drinks on December 3rd at 7pm in our clubhouse. This is the opportunity to have your say and contribute to the operations of this wonderful club.

Please don't leave it to a small number to represent your interests.

**IT'S YOUR CLUB - HAVE YOUR SAY!**

Ed.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were delighted to host two wonderful events earlier this month: **FINALS & PRESENTATION DAY** and **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH**. Thanks to all those who contributed to make both days so enjoyable.

Our annual court maintenance program is well underway and it appears it will be much quicker this year than in previous years. It is hoped the courts will reopen early New Year. We will notify you as soon as we know more.

Our **AGM** and Christmas Drinks will be on Wednesday, December 3rd, 7pm. We hope to see many of you there to vote in the 2015 committee members who represent your interests. If you are unable to attend there are proxy forms available on our [homepage](#) - please return by email to the club.

**Sally Stobo**

President

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#### BADGE

Would you like to play **MENS** or **LADIES** Badge for our club in 2015, either as a regular team member or reserve? Please register your interest in the [form on our home page](#). Entries will close early February, but the sooner we know numbers the better.  
Please submit to  
[secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au).

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## SOCIAL

Our **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH** was a great success thanks to the decorative skills of **JANE COWLEY** and **CAROLINE SWAN**, lovely weather for tennis and a delicious lunch served up by our local caterer [JACKI STEVENS](#). Thanks to **ROGER BRITTAIN** for organising the sweeps and one of our visitors, **BRUCE FOX**, won 1st Prize in the biggest sweep on the day.







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#### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to **JOHN AFARAS** and **BRUCE FOX**,  
we hope you both have many happy and  
memorable times at the club.

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#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matches played on FINALS DAY...

Mens Doubles Final - **ANDREW DOSSETOR**  
& **GRAEME STICKA** defeated **CHRIS JONES**  
& **TIM AUSTIN** in 3 sets

Youth Doubles Final - **OLIVER YOUNG** &  
**MICHAEL DENNISS** defeated **JAMES RACITI**  
& **MATT BENCSIK**.

Mixed Doubles Final - **VANESSA BOLZAN** &  
**CHRIS JONES** defeated **SALLY STOBO** &

**GRAEME STICKA** 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.





Thanks to **BILL** and **RAY** for cooking up a great BBQ and also thanks to **BILL** for putting the sets on. The catering was supplied by wonderful **LISA** at [Locantro Fine Foods](#).

The dessert buffet and Youth prizes were generously donated by **TENNIS RANCH** at Gladesville. It was a wonderful and satisfying day at the club to celebrate this past year.



Many thanks to **TENNIS RANCH** for their continued support in 2014.

Don't forget that they offer generous concessions when you mention that your from HHTC. Worth the effort to visit.

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GROUPS & SURROUNDS

The annual court restoration and maintenance program has been in full swing since November 10th. The earlier this renovation is done in the growing season the better the courts recover, so September/October is the most ideal time from a greenkeeping perspective. If the weather is favourable the renovation should take just seven weeks and we will email all members as soon as the courts are ready for play.

As in prior years the first stage was scarification of the courts and about 25 cubic metres of thatch clippings was removed - ten truckloads!



Once the courts were cleared of the thatch, hollow tynes punched and removed cores from the courts.





They were top dressed with 25 cubic metres of Oberon Clay and levelled.





The courts were fertilised and now will be watered frequently.

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Our new Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) is now stored alongside the first aid kit in the cupboard by the clubhouse front door. It is designed to show you what to do in an emergency, with a small video screen guiding you through through the steps



of CPR, rescue breathing  
and external  
defibrillation.

Here is a [link to online  
training.](#)

Statistics have proven that immediate access to a defibrillator can lead to over 70% survival rate if applied within minutes of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (med J Aus 2000). Current survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest are only 1 to 5 percent when a defibrillator is not available ([osha.gov](#) 2012). Red Cross College has subsidised the machine in their mission to have AED devices available in all sporting clubs in Australia.

Thanks again  
to [WARD](#)   
[PARTNERS REAL](#)  
[ESTATE](#) and [RED](#)  
[CROSS COLLEGE](#) for  
financing the  
donation of this  
potentially life-saving  
Defibrillator to our  
club.

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**WARD**



#### LOCANTRO FINE FOODS

Established by Vittorio and Franca Locantro in 1994, Locantro Fine Foods is a Patisserie, Cafe & Deli all rolled into one. The cafe is located at the Hunters Hill Overpass opposite the Hunters Hill Hotel. All the cakes, pies, quiches, pastries and breads are baked at their Leichhardt store. Luckily they also do catering! We are appreciative of Lisa's support to the club, providing lots of advice and recent catering for the Ladies Badge Lunch and the Finals Day.

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# December Newsletter 2014

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## COURT TALK

DECEMBER 2014

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for 2015.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many people, 2014 has been a successful year at the club. Thank you to those wonderful people both on and off the committee for working together to make this happen. The club's big achievement for the year was to complete our first Strategic Plan which will give clear direction to the committee going forward.

At the recent AGM on December 3rd, the 2015 committee was elected.

President: **Sally Stobo**

Club Captain: **Graeme Sticka**

Secretary: **Roger Brittain**

Treasurer: **Seamus Lynch**

Committee Members: **Caroline Swan, Jane Cowley**

(While **Chris Jones** was unable to make the meeting due to the wild weather- he is also keen to stay on committee in 2015).

At the meeting we warmly welcomed **Seamus Lynch** on to the committee and extended a vote of thanks to those committee members who were not standing for re-election.

Sometime prior to the meeting **Graeme Sticka** and **Bill Ierace** had put to Committee a special proposal that **Judy Smith's** huge contribution to the club should be honoured with Life Membership. At the AGM this proposal was seconded by **Jackie Bradshaw** and unanimously supported. Judy's 23 years on committee are touched on in the feature below.

We also reflected on the very significant contributions made to the committee over the years by **Bill Ierace, Gunnar Korths, Greg Piper, and Susan Davies** who are also stepping down. There is more detail on their contributions in this newsletter.

Our Strategic Plan identified as one of its goals to ensure that our membership fees 'are attractive and equitable'. At the AGM a new membership fee structure was approved. These new fee categories are summarised on the [membership page of our website](#). As you will see there will no longer be a midweek category and the costs of running the club are now shared more equally between all members. When the fees are due in January every member will be required to select if they want to be a **PLAYING MEMBER** or **COMPETITION ONLY MEMBER**. New family memberships are also available. The Playing Member rates are discounted for those under 21.

I encourage you to look at the [membership descriptions on the website](#) and contact one of our committee if you need any clarification. To enable the committee to determine our budget for 2015 we will need your prompt response and payment of your fees when you receive your formal request to pay shortly. If you would like to direct deposit your fees now to the club account that would be welcomed. Please select a fee category from the membership page of the website, and reference your deposit with your surname. (Bank - Westpac, Account- Hunters Hill Tennis Club, BSB - 032-185, Account # 500293).

There was important discussion about the desire to preserve the playing standard for the social tennis windows on Sunday afternoons and Tuesdays. This will ensure these windows remain attractive for the majority of the membership. It was also acknowledged that there is scope at the club to open other playing windows to encourage wider tennis participation within our community. All our planning research showed the fastest growing demographic group in Hunters Hill is 35-49 year olds and their families and appealing to this group will ensure the relevance and longevity of our club.

Our committee are now putting in place advertising for a Club Open Day in February 2015. This membership drive aims to coincide with the interest generated by the Australian Open and will provide an opportunity to communicate these changes to our wider community.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful time at Christmas and I look forward to seeing you on the courts in 2015,

**Sally Stobo**  
President

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**BILL and GUNNAR congratulating JUDY on her Life Membership.**

#### LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Judy's Life Membership was unanimously supported at the recent AGM.

Judy has worked tirelessly for our club. She initially played as a Sunday morning Junior and received coaching at the club and then joined as full playing member in 1978. Over her 23 years on committee Judy has fulfilled the following positions:

Committee member

Treasurer

Club Captain

Honorary Secretary

Vice President and

President

For some of the years in between, when she was not on Committee, she may as well have been!!

When elected President in 2003, Judy became the first female President of the club. With a very dedicated committee around her Judy started documenting club information for easy access, and re-introduced at the start of the year very successful, both socially and financially, fund raising events at member's houses in Hunters Hill. She also re-introduced monthly newsletters, started a program to update internal and external facilities, (with great assistance from Robert Bradshaw), and updated club championship honour boards to include members' christian names and familial relationships within the club. Judy was also instrumental in getting the club's website up and running. For many many years even when she wasn't



Treasurer she was responsible for finalising the club's financial statements and co-ordinating the year end audits. She initiated and submitted numerous articles about the club to local papers and co-ordinated badge teams, and ran successful membership drives. She also run the Sunday social events for years and yearrs.

Over and above everything else Judy has always made a concerted effort to try and keep in contact not only with all current members but also past members.

Judy's commitment to tennis has not just been here at the club. With Tennis NSW she was the Chairperson of the Ladies Badge Grading Committee for a number of years and fulfilled the role of Administrator of overall Ladies Badge for two years. Judy oversaw the introduction of TNSW's online badge result recording system. With other club members including Barbara Ashley, Yvonne Mack, and Jackie Bradshaw, Judy worked voluntarily for many years at the NSW Open Tennis (APIA International) at Homebush. Judy proposed to Badge organisers that Saturday badge players should be able to use two courts if they were available. At this time, unlike Thursday play, Saturday players were restricted to one court. In the initial and subsequent year the motion was lost. However in the third year of submission the Saturday format was changed to two courts (and two time slots) – the system currently being used.

Judy has always been extremely fair and a very good listener, and has been recognized and very well liked in the tennis fraternity for her contribution to tennis generally over many many years, and as you can see has been a tireless worker for this club. We are honoured to welcome you as a Life Member of our club. Take a bow - Judy!

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## BADGE

Would you like to play **MENS** or **LADIES** Badge for our club in 2015, either as a regular team member or reserve? Please register your interest in the [form on our home page](#). Entries will close 14 February, but the sooner we know numbers the better. The Saturday Badge competition will commence on 21st March. The Thursday Badge will start on 23rd April, which is a month later this year than last year.

Please submit to [secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@huntershilltennisclub.com.au).

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## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to **KATHY** and **ANDREW FRANKLAND**, we hope you both have many happy and memorable times at the club.

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## IN THE LOCAL MEDIA

Here is a link to a recent article in the [TWT](#) about the youth championships. Also [an article in The Northern District Times](#) about Judy's Life Membership. Thanks to **ANN RACITI** who is helping the club get more exposure in the local press.

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## GROUNDS & SURROUNDS

The annual court restoration and maintenance program has been in full swing since November 10th. It is looking like the courts will be reopened for play in the 3rd week of January.

We are also planning a club working bee in late January with details to follow.

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Judy and Gunnar working at the 2006 Club refurbishment

## AGM - THANKYOUS

At the AGM Judy acknowledged and thanked four of the 2014 Committee members who after lengthy periods on Committee and significant contributions to the club were now stepping down.

**Greg Piper** – joined the club in 2008 and was elected as a Committee member in 2009. Greg served as Vice President from 2010 to 2014. Greg was always an extremely enthusiastic and passionate member of Committee with a myriad of ideas. He took on the production of the monthly newsletter with gusto and as a professional photographer had no option but to take on the roll as 'club photographer'. Greg was also involved in setting up our first website. Greg will continue to advise the club with his graphic art experience.

**Susan Davies** – has been a long standing member of the club who in 2008 joined Committee. Susan served on Committee from 2008 to 2014, in 2010 and 2011 taking on the onerous task of Club Secretary. In more recent years Susan has been responsible for preparing the Sunday set put on and afternoon tea rosters - tasks nearly as onerous as being Secretary!!!

**Bill Ierace** – joined the club in 2003 with his wife Cheryl, following attendance at an Open Day. Bill was elected to Committee in 2004 and has remained on Committee until this time – 11 years. He served as a Vice President in 2005 and was President for 6 years from 2006 to 2011. Bill was invariably behind the BBQ at numerous social functions and certainly did more than his fair share of set put ons. In his capacity as President he was involved in all facets of the operation of the club, including the constant and time consuming task of overseeing court maintenance. He has been a tireless worker for the club to whom everyone was sincerely thankful for his substantial contributions.

**Gunnar Korths** – joined the club in 2000 and was elected to Committee in 2001. Gunnar has remained on Committee until this time, 14 years, and for the entire period has been involved with grounds. He was a Vice President from 2002 until 2012 inclusive. Gunnar's precision always came to the fore in all that he did and for this we have always been extremely grateful. Whether it was fixing machinery, tidying up the tool shed, coordinating watering times, recording water usage and court movements etc, Gunnar did it brilliantly. At various times Gunnar was also in charge of house and in particular he was responsible for stocking the drinks fridge. Gunnar's most recent handwork has been carpet dryers to be used over the courts on particularly dewy mornings – absolutely fantastic.

The meeting was extremely grateful for the amazing dedication to the club of all these members.

We are extremely grateful to our Life Member Jackie Bradshaw who has been looking after the onerous and timing consuming task of new membership enquiries for many many years.

In recent weeks Jackie handed this work over to Kitty Dufficy. Thank you for all your amazing work Jackie, and thanks to Kitty for stepping up to help in this role!

The photo below is of Kay Phillip, Jackie Bradshaw and her sister Judy Smith c 2004.



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