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New Committee

The AGM of the club was held on Sunday 2 March, and it was great to see so many people attend. There are several new faces on the committee and we hope you will get to know us over the coming year. The committee are (L-R) Peter Mellish (Secretary), Lynne Morton (President), Sandra Kennedy, Frank Matus, Jane Knight, John Fergusson (Tennis Director), Greg Crittle (Treasurer) and Angela Morris. We would also like to thank the outgoing committee members for all their hard work over the preceding year, particularly the President, Dennis Jelavic.

Back to Tennis Programme

One of the things the new committee is working on in conjunction with David McMahon is a "Back to Tennis" programme which is planned to commence mid to late April. This new programme is aimed at people who used to play tennis but haven't picked up a racquet in a while and also for those who've never played but would like to try. This programme will run over a six week period and will be free of charge to participants. So if any of your friends or family would like the chance to get on the tennis court and refresh or renew their tennis skills look out for further details to be sent out very soon.

Tuesday Night Tennis

We have moved the Monday night "Social" competition to Tuesday night (maybe a more suitable night). The club is eager to develop this competition and is planning to commence after the school holidays on Tuesday April 15. This is a "B" grade doubles only competition and all players of this standard are very welcome to join in. Anyone wishing to have "fun", a competitive game with beer and bickies after, please contact Dave McMahon on 5474 5494 or by email to davesnoosatennis@yahoo.com.au.

Until the competition commences we are enjoying a social hit starting at 6.45pm each Tuesday, once again all are welcome.

Sponsorship - Noosa Tennis Club Championships May 2008

The annual championships are to be held on the weekends **May 16/17** and **May 24/25** and are open to all club members. This is a junior and senior championship event of singles and doubles.

To assist in making this event successful we are seeking sponsorship from within the club and the local community. If you would like to be involved in sponsoring the club championship, please contact either Sandra on 5473 5820, or Angela on 5447 3393, your help would be greatly appreciated. The championship is our major event of the year and a great opportunity to visit the club and support the event.

Social Tennis



Why not stay at the club for **Morning Tea** after your games of tennis on a Monday and Thursday? For coffee aficionados Dave McMahon has kindly agreed to fire up his machine and provide fresh coffee at only \$2.50 per cup, whilst regular tea and coffee is available in the club room for you to make yourself. So come over and meet up with your fellow players in a "non threatening environment" and enjoy some laughs and stimulating conversation off the court! We look forward to seeing some new faces around the table.

TENNIS DIRECTORS NEWS

Looking Forward

A new year, a new committee and new tennis opportunities for our tennis club. Whilst there are challenges to be met by the committee, there are many reasons to look forward to the future with confidence and optimism. I sometimes think we can become complacent and take for granted the facilities and benefits of being a member of the Noosa Tennis Club. My first impressions when I went to the Club were of an attractive bushland setting and a large number of tennis courts. I have since come to appreciate that not all Clubs have:

- 10 courts available for play day & night;
- All courts with surfaces that are in very good condition;
- A fully operational Pro Shop at the courts;
- An enthusiastic and capable tennis coach;
- Attractive and well maintained grounds and surrounds;
- The membership base that we have (the largest membership on the Sunshine Coast).

Social Tournaments

As indicated last year we have scheduled at least 4 social tournaments for this year. The first one was held on Sunday 16 March. The remaining tournaments are all scheduled for 9.30am starts on the following Sundays:

- 15 June
- 17 August
- 19 October.

The 16 March activity was well supported with 30 participants. I know that there were a number of players who were away and were unable to participate. Everyone had 5 sets of 8 games and stayed on to enjoy a BBQ lunch. Winner of Div 1 was Rainer Wilschke and Div 2 Eddie Krasser. Well done to both and to everyone else who participated. I will do my best to match people within the divisions, but everyone should appreciate that ultimately the focus is on enjoyable and friendly tennis activity.

It helps if players can confirm their commitments as early as possible as and no later than the day before. The way to confirm your commitment is to record your name onto the draw sheets which are on the notice boards at the Clubhouse or to email me at johnferg@icr.com.au. Once committed please ensure that you arrive on time and if something arises to prevent you coming at least ring and advise. For future tournaments I request EVERYONE playing to be at the courts by 9.15 to check in and have a warm up and be ready to start play by 9.30. In so doing, numbers and the draw can be finalised and play commence on time.

Ideally I would like to be able to complete the draw the day before, but am inclined to think this is too optimistic and that there is no alternative but to do it at the last moment at 9.15 am. This situation creates some pressure in completing the draws with people in the appropriate divisions, but may be the only practical way.

Remember: these tournaments are open to both club members and non members; nominations are accepted in order of receipt; once nomination submitted please ensure you attend or otherwise advise in advance.

Social Tennis

At present 'organized' Social Tennis is only played on Monday and Thursday mornings. It seems that there is also interest in having some semi organized social tennis activity on the weekends.

For this to progress further I need someone to step up and be prepared to act as facilitator for any weekend activity. What I

am proposing is a 'C' grade, 'B' grade and an 'A/A Res' grade level of activity over each weekend. I am aware of existing semi private arrangements that occur which to some extent align with these concepts. Whether these can be expanded has yet to be clarified. The basic factors for the weekend social tennis to work are:

- Nominate a time and day for each level;
- Publish it so that anyone interested is aware;
- Attendance be purely voluntary but ideally arrive at a pre arranged time and then the facilitator organize sets of doubles from those in attendance;
- Advise Dave McMahon (in advance) of number of courts required so that other courts can be hired out used by other groups;
- Anyone attending pay \$2 to cover ball costs (plus for non members the standard \$10 casual player fee).

I am aware of a group who play on Saturday mornings (my understanding is around the 'B' grade standard) and also an 'A/A Res' group at 3.00 pm on Saturdays. Whether these are opened up to other similar standard players or separate groups are organized is a matter for Club members to indicate. You should contact me if you wish to communicate your views on these issues.

Club Championships

The Club Championships are scheduled for the weekends of 17/18 & 24/25 May. The format will be along similar lines to last year, but with some minor changes to scheduling based upon last years experience.

The Club Championships are only open to members so if you are not a member and wish to play you must have become a member at the time your nomination is submitted.

The Club Championships will include the Juniors as well as Adult events and will conclude with most finals played on the Sunday 25 May followed by late afternoon finger food and drinks.

I encourage all members to consider nominating for at least one event. The emphasis is not on winning but participating. One area where we had poor numbers last year was at the 'C' grade level for both men and women. I suspect that players at this level lacked the confidence to participate in a tournament. I encourage you to 'have a go' this year. You will be playing with other players of similar standard and it is only through competition that you really hone your tennis skills. Nomination forms will be displayed at the Clubhouse soon or you will be able to email me.

Commitment & Reliability

One of the frustrations of trying to organize tennis activities is getting people to make a commitment and when they do to be reliable. It is accepted that unforeseen events can arise to cause last minute changes to plans. However, it is very difficult to be completely organized and not disrupt other players if there are several players who withdraw at the last moment or arrive 15 minutes late for play. If play is published to commence at a specific time then you should plan on arriving at least 10-15 minutes in advance of that so that the organizer can check you off and confirm team structure. I seek everyone's renewed commitment to this aspect of our tennis activity.

NOOSA TENNIS ACADEMY

From the pro shop, we hope you had a very happy Easter. I would like to welcome both John Gould and John Potter to the coaching team. John Gould has worked at the club before and has returned back from Adelaide. John Potter is from Sydney and just sold his own business and his experience will be valuable. We are slowly recovering from the interrupted wet weather and our comps and coaching programs are starting to run as they should.

We hosted the junior masters tournament on the 8 /9 March, and are happy to say that the tournament for the first year at noosa was finally completed, as previous years we were washed out. This tournament brings children from all over the Sunshine Coast, and constantly receives the most entries out of all junior masters. We had many pleasing comments regarding the new courts, gardens and cafe and it was great to see people using the new grassed area to view matches. Overall it was a very successful weekend.

There is now a 'A' grade tennis being played at Noosa Tennis Club. I had invited 12 players to participate in a 5 week comp and the response exceeded my expectations. There are some the best players in the area competing, such as Steve Williams, Jamie Fletcher, Andrew Seal, John Gould and myself. Every one seems surprisingly keen and the tennis has been great, and we certainly hope we can do the same thing next term.

Good hitting Dave McMahon.

INTRO TENNIS

We are starting a new programme called Intro Tennis which is for all levels of players, but it is mainly to give people the support to start playing competition tennis.

STARTS: 23 APRIL 1 HOUR TENNIS LESSON plus 2 MATCHES (with pointers)

TEAMS OF 2

5 WEEK PROGRAM \$75 for members or \$95 for non members

COST INCLUDES : 6:1 ratio, match supervision , nibbles.

Call David on 0413450207 or email entry : davesnooatennis@yahoo.com.au

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Email Details

If you receive your copy of the Topspin Lob by snail mail and you do have an email address, **PLEASE** send an email to president@noosatennis.org.au with your details



Security at the Club

We would like to remind all members of the importance of security at the club premises and ask that if you are the last to leave the club you ensure all the lights are off and the club-house door and front gate are securely locked