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The Annual General Meeting of the Noosa Tennis Club was held at the end of February. A new committee was elected as follows:

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We welcome Monique and Robert on to the committee, and thank Jane and Len for all their time and efforts whilst they have been committee members. Although now not on the elected committee, I know both Jane and Len will be only too willing to help out when necessary with working bees, functions, etc.

A motion relating to a change in the pro rata membership structure was discussed at length. Currently membership fees are on a pro-rated basis throughout the year. It was proposed that they remain pro-rata up until the 31 October of each year. And further proposed that from 1 November until 31 December each year any new member will pay one full year's subscription for the next year and be deemed a member of the Club from the time of receipt of payment of the subscription until 31 December the following year. This payment will include Tennis Queensland fee for the current year plus Tennis Queensland fee for the following year. The motion was carried and will be put in place for this financial year.

Following are the reports which were tabled and accepted by the meeting:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOOSA TENNIS CLUB, 28 FEBRUARY 2010

2009 was a year of consolidation for the club, with no major expenditure required.

NTA Coaching and Management Agreement with NTC

The agreement between Noosa Tennis Club and Noosa Tennis Academy has just concluded its third year. We are pleased to inform you that NTA has taken up the option of a further 3 years on the contract. Also, as part of the agreement NTC paid to NTA a bonus of \$8,260.87. This bonus was the result of NTA meeting their membership target during the year, as set out in the agreement. (Schedule B Payments, Membership Bonus (iv)).

Facilities and Maintenance

Frank Matus and his team of merry men have made many improvements to the Club over the past year and we would like to thank everyone who has spent time working on enhancing and maintaining the gardens, including the hard work of tree lopping.

Thanks to Greg Crittle's efforts in making a submission for a grant to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, we now have a gazebo between Courts 1 and 2 which is certainly well utilised, especially when we play Comp.

A considerable amount of time and effort has been put into repairing the fencing around the courts and a big thank you to Barry Herbert for his time in doing this. Also Len Steele is responsible for the lovely new garden beds alongside courts 1 and 2, so thanks to Len.

A new oven and hotplates has been installed in the kitchen, as our gas cooker didn't comply with safety standards. Bob Wood generously donated his time and I'm sure you'll agree with me that the end result looks great.

During the year the Club purchased a new ride on mower. Prior to this Quentin McCutcheon spent many, many hours making "running" repairs to the old mower. But the time came when it was no longer practical to keep repairing the mower, and I'm sure Quentin is very happy we purchased a new one!

Helen Nosedo came to the Club's rescue after we put out a call for a new motor mower and very kindly donated one. Wayne now has equipment in good condition with which to maintain the lawns, and many thanks to him for all the time and effort he puts into keeping them looking so good.

Just like our own homes, ongoing maintenance is always required to keep the club and grounds in good condition. Hopefully members will continue to offer their time to assist with this work.

Financial

The assistance of so many people with maintenance around the club, has contributed in no small part to the club ending the financial year with a healthy bank balance of more than \$70,000.

Membership

Club membership numbers are a continuing concern to your committee. At the conclusion of 2009 we had 225 adult members (of various types) and 59 juniors, giving a total of 284 members. This total number is an increase of 21 members during the year over 2008. During the year the club actually acquired 101 new members, but as 80 members did not renew we had a net gain of only 21 new members.

To date, there is still a considerable number of members who have not renewed their membership. Most of those people have been contacted and there are many and various reasons why they are not renewing – relocation, injury and general loss of interest in tennis.

We will have to work hard during the year to gain new members just to maintain our membership levels. We are actively trying to find someone with PR and media experience to help us with this task, as the more exposure we can generate the more likely we are to attract new players. So if anyone has experience in this area, or knows someone who does, please let us know.

Grants

As mentioned in last year's report, we were successful in our application for a grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for \$7,200. This funding has enabled us to construct the shade pergola with seating, located between courts 1 and 2.

Functions

In February we held an Open Day to encourage people to come and see our wonderful facility and hopefully play tennis and join the Club. I don't believe we gained any new members through this activity, but believe it was a very worthwhile exercise in promoting the club. Both Evonne Cawley and Pat Rafter were kind enough to spend some time and happily chatted to visitors and signed autographs. It was decided to make this an annual event.

Again, the main function held during the year was the Melbourne Cup, which as always was a great success, with all who attended having a thoroughly enjoyable time. This event raised \$1,755 for the Club, which is a fantastic result, and huge thanks go to Frank and Joy Matus for all their time and effort in organising this event. Special thanks to Barry Herbert for manning the bar and keeping the drinks flowing.

SGM

The Club held an SGM in September to add a new membership category of 'Intermediate' for those players between the age of 18 and 21, with the fee being 50% of the full adult rate. Also, Frank Matus was confirmed as a Life Member of the Club.

Lynne Morton
President

TENNIS DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE 2009 YEAR

This report provides an overview of the tennis activities of the Club for 2009.

The annual Club Tournament was conducted in a new time slot in 2009; September instead of May. The change of date was one of a number of changes that were implemented. Others were the decision not to apply event nomination fee's as a way of supporting members of the Club and encourage participation, to not seek sponsorship and not to have prizes for winners of events. Notwithstanding these changes, the numbers of players to events was still quite low. I continue to think that some of the Club players who may play regular tennis have reservations about playing in an event with a connotation of competition. This event is not intended to be only for the top players but for all players in all categories. I encourage members to support this event. I would welcome any constructive comments / suggestions from members about what changes would make it more attractive to a greater number of players.

Fixtures events on Wednesday and Thursday night's were generally well supported. These 2 nights involve players in 2 sets of doubles and 1 of singles. I am aware that there are some players who do not particularly want to play singles. For people in this category there had been for many years a "doubles only" night competition. This was played on a Monday night. A particular effort was made during 2009 to revive this night fixture but unfortunately there was insufficient interest to make it viable.

There are several ladies teams who play in external / district competitions. There are 2 teams who play in Mid Week Ladies competition as well as a Ladies Friday team. There is a Noosa District Tennis Association competition but our Club has not had teams participating in this competition for several years. For those Club members who are keen to play in a fixture activity and find that the internal Club activities don't suit their time availability, then perhaps you might consider getting a team of like minded members together and participating in this comp.

There are a number of social tennis groups playing throughout the week. The main and most popular of these activities is the Monday & Thursday morning groups. I believe there is scope for there to be more social tennis played. The main requirement for this to eventuate is for someone willing to organise and coordinate some fellow players. It is extremely important that there always be a willingness to welcome new players along to these activities so that the level of participation can grow. Having a "closed shop" approach will eventually lead to the demise of these social events.

For the early part of 2009 I facilitated a monthly Sunday social activity open to all levels of players within the Club (as well as non members). Whilst these events were not well supported, there was always a few who turned up and quite often new – or potential – members to the Club. They often used these activities as a way of meeting other Club members. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, I was not able to promote this activity for the second half of the year and it has fallen by the wayside. If there is sufficient interest then this could be reactivated, but it would help if someone else was willing to help with promotion and coordination.

We have wonderful facilities and a superb environment in which to play tennis. I encourage all members to support the club activities, promote the club to potential new members and overall make our club a place where people come to play tennis in a happy, good spirited manner. The more players we have at all levels the better the tennis opportunities that will be on offer. We always welcome non members so encourage them along. With the experience the club offers they may well become members.

Like many community organisations, we are suffering from lack of volunteers who are willing to assist with the administration of the Club by being on the committee. Our constitution requires there be 8 committee members. Without these volunteers the Club could be forced to engage an Administration Manager. I hope that we are never faced with this dilemma, and encourage members to consider a committee role. It is not a pre requisite that you have been in the Club for many years before you could be on the committee.

John Fergusson
Tennis Director

TREASURER'S REPORT

Auditor's Report

The club's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 have been audited by public accountants Richardson Murphy & Co Pty Ltd. The Auditor's Report dated 17 February 2010 includes the following statement: ... "the Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet presents a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association's activities for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009". The financial statements are submitted herewith for adoption by this meeting.

Profit & Loss

A Net accounting Loss of \$3,677 was incurred for the 12 month period. This compares with a Net Loss of \$22,059 for the previous financial year ended 31 December 2008. When adjusted for non-cash expenses of \$50,618 relating to the depreciation of the clubhouse & tennis courts assets, a Net "Cash" Profit of \$46,941 was recorded. Net Cash Profit for the previous financial year was \$44,791.

Income

Total income for the year was \$88,884, down from \$100,956 in the prior financial year. The main contributors to total income were: coaching & management rights contract payments (39%), membership renewals (35%), new memberships (10%), grants (8%), & functions (5%).

Expenditure

Total cash expenditure for the year was \$41,943. The main cash expenditure items were facility & grounds maintenance payments contracted with NTA (38%), similar expenditures which were non-contracted (19%), electricity & gas (10%) functions (8%) & Open Day promotion and other advertising (7%).

Balance Sheet

The club's total assets at year end were recorded at \$688,257, principally comprising fixed assets (at cost, less depreciation), being the land, clubhouse, sun shelters & surrounds, with a combined book value of \$521,828 & the tennis courts of \$92,898. Cash assets totalled \$72,731. Liabilities totalled \$2,712, nearly all of which relates to payments due to Tennis Queensland for member registrations. The club's bank loan remains in place with a nominal outstanding balance at year end of \$18. The loan remains open for the remainder of the existing loan period, to minimise cost in the unlikely event a further drawdown is required.

Financial Outlook for the Current Year

It is anticipated that 2010 will follow a similar pattern to 2009, and that the club will be continue to record a net "cash" profit. The current "healthy" bank balance places the club in good stead for the future which should enable the continued accumulation of a reserve to assist with funding future capital expenditures, principally resurfacing of the tennis courts.

Darryl Higginbotham
Treasurer

PRO SHOP REPORT

Another year has passed; I believe it's been my 11 year of working at the club. After the inconsistency of "08", I concentrated on stabilizing the coaching program by getting back in with the little ones and rebuilding the reputation and getting the program back on track. With help from Ian Gooloogong, Daryl Eckely and Darryl Higginbotham, last year really improved a lot from where we started from at the start of the year. (Thanks guys).

Junior Tennis

Numbers are coming back and even seen some existing clients return from the school programs ran by Noosa springs. So we ario continue to produce a great coaching program and the let results speak for themselves. I have the very energetic doc assisting more this year and its great to have someone that I know will give a good class and parents and students will be happy. Also surprising but a great sign, this year we have good numbers in the older age group, they may not be the best players but very willing to learn and participate. Darryl is helping with some of these classes and their interest and ability to compete is really improving.

Junior fixtures

Last year I mention there was a new group of children coming though, and they are still going strong. The last Noosa fixture season, Noosa had 16 teams. The highest number for some time. The great thing about most of these children is they like to practice and play matches. Monday after noon there is now jnr and adult match play, practice session from 3:30 till 5:00pm. There enthusiasm is refreshing and exciting.

Adult coach

Adult training sessions are still quite popular, there isn't that many days where our numbers are below four, which is great seeing we conduct 8 classes a week. Fridays is our big social day with up to 14 to 20 at times. They all come back to a fresh fruit plater that Jade has organized (thanks babe).

Evening Comps

Wednesday night has been steady with a good core group keeping things going along well. This season we have enough for 8 teams and are working on the 9th team to have the buy. A great social night has really developed especial the finals night that contains late into the night until all prizes have been dunk.

Thursday night has had a great start to the year after a consistence support base from last year. Numbers to start the season are up to 30, let's hope I can have the majority there, and keen to continue.

We are also working on a social after noon for doubles only around the 5:30pm time slot. Something like the Monday night comp with out the competition of teams and trying an earlier time.

Events

Noosa tennis again hosted ndta jnr champs, all the junior finals and the ndta seniors evening comps finals. All created a great atmosphere being held at the one venue. We also had a very successful jnr masters and senior tournament. The 2nd year for the Noosa tennis carnival was promising for its future. Australian ranking points were given to the juniors and the numbers and the standard of play was up on the initial year. Last year we added senior's events to try and accommodate for all levels and age group. This year is all about the promotion to get the tournament and Noosa out there.

Also very big thanks to my staff that I have been able to rely on over the past year. (Mark, Nathan, Wayne, Phil, Ian, Darryl, Doc, Georgia, Simone, Electra, Tennille,).

Thanks Dave



Happy Easter to everyone hope you had a wonderful time with all your friends and family, with possibly a nice break from work. What a busy term 1 it has been, with a few rain interruptions here and there, but we have managed to make up most of the wash outs thankfully. Congratulations to all our Noosa Junior fixtures teams you guys put in a fantastic effort and well done to those that made the finals and were victorious.

FINALISTS

Division 6

Noosa JJ v Noosa LJ

Individual Award: Jordan Eckley, Noosa

Sportsperson Award: Cody Smith, Noosa

Division 7:

Noosa CM v Tewantin ETD

Individual Award: Elijah Rolls, Tewantin

Sportsperson Award: Andy Menaretzis, Tewantin

Special Mention Award to Cameron and Harry Tuesley-Vidulich, Cooroy

Division 3/4:

Eumundi BD v Coolum SPF

Individual Award: Darcy Cross, Noosa

Sportsperson Award: Adrian Korendijik, Noosa

Division 5

Noosa LT v Goodshepherd SJ

Individual Award: Lachlan Lee, Noosa

Sportsperson Award: Jarrod Carrol, Eumundi

Division 1/2:

Cooroy LB v Cooroy JN

Individual Award: Scott Boldy, Noosa Springs

Sportsperson Award: Dylan Ogden, Noosa Springs

The tennis club will be holding a Junior Masters competition this weekend 10th and 11th of April with many of our junior players competing good luck to them all, it should be a great weekend. Next weekend 17th and 18th of April will follow with the Noosa District tennis tournament again including many of our junior's meaning another good weekend with plenty of good matches to be seen. So if you have any spare time feel free to come on down and have a look and a cup of coffee with a snack and support our local players.

Wednesday and Thursday night comp are back into the swing of things so if your interested in joining a team or filling in every now and then just contact the pro shop for more details, there will always be a spot for you, the more the merrier. These nights are a great way to meet new people and enjoy fun matches with a light supper provided at the end and some good laughs too. Also don't forget the coach and play sessions **Sunday to Friday mornings at 9.00 am till 10.30 am and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm.** This again is another great way to meet people, get fit and have a lot of fun learning new skills while you're at it.

Looking for a new racket or new shoes? Come and check out the great specials in the pro shop at the moment. Rackets going cheaper then ever and a great bargain on woman's shoes for only \$25.00 each, limited stock left so don't miss out. We hope for a great term 2 as term 1 went well don't forget to book the kids in to our afternoon lessons and for the parents or for anyone don't forget out coach and plays almost every day of the week.

Until next Lob Happy Hitting

Dave and the pro shop team.

