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## Life Membership

As many members of the Club would know, Frank Matus works tirelessly for the benefit of the Club. He has been a member for more than 15 years and, in that time, has always been cheerfully willing to organise and work on the maintenance of the courts and grounds. Not only that, both he and Joy have also been stalwart organisers of the Melbourne Cup Lunch for several years. At the management committee's last meeting it was unanimously agreed that Frank be awarded Life Membership in recognition of his efforts throughout the years and we extend our warmest thanks and congratulations to Frank.

## Social Christmas Party

Just before Christmas Bob Woods and his band of merry helpers laid on a wonderful Christmas party for the Social tennis players. Bob made a special trip to Mooloolaba to buy the delicious fresh prawns and oysters, then got stuck in a traffic jam on his way back. But they were certainly worth waiting for! Thanks again Bob.



## Special Guest

Some of you may be aware that our Club was fortunate to host Anna Ivanovich over the Christmas/New Year period. She used our courts to train prior to her playing in the Brisbane Open and, of course, the Australian Open. She certainly appeared to enjoy her time in Noosa and hopefully will return again at the end of the year.

## Club Facilities

In our efforts to continually improve the club and its facilities we applied for a grant from the Sunshine Coast Council to build a new shade gazebo. We recently learned our application was successful and by the end of February there will be a lovely new covered area between courts 1 and 2 in which to relax and watch the tennis.

## Ladies Competition

I reported in the last edition of the Lob the two ladies mid week tennis teams both earned a place in the Grand Finals. The Division 2 team unfortunately lost on the day by a small margin, but the Division 3 ladies won their Grand Final and are now looking forward to moving up a grade to Division 2.

## Club Open Day

On Sunday 15 March the Club will be hosting an Open Day. So, put this date in your diary and come down and enjoy the fun. Further information will be sent out closer to the day.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Noosa Tennis Club will be held at 10.00am on Sunday 22 February. All management committee positions will become vacant and we would encourage nominations for any of the committee positions. We would also like to encourage all members to attend this meeting and participate. A formal notice and agenda will be sent out shortly.

## Email Address

Having club members on the web based email address system makes communication much easier for committee members when spreading news and information. To record your email address onto this web system you must send an email from your own email address to: [members-subscribe@noosatennis.org.au](mailto:members-subscribe@noosatennis.org.au)

# TENNIS DIRECTOR'S NEWS

## Social Tennis Activities

Whilst the year is still fresh I encourage everyone who wants to play tennis socially but is currently not doing so to join with a group. The most general grouping is on Monday and Thursday mornings from 7.00 am. Some players prefer this environment to playing competitively.

There are a number of other social groups, some privately organised and some open. However a number of these are more grading based, so you are advised to talk with Dave McMahon or myself if you are not sure where you might best fit in.

I have been running a social activity open to anyone every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. These activities are an opportunity for anyone who may want to have a hit over the weekend but not every weekend.

The important aspects of social tennis are to enjoy your tennis whilst meeting other tennis players in a relaxed environment. One of the issues that can arise with playing socially is that levels of players can be too far apart resulting in unbalanced matches. I encourage players to use the International Tennis Numbering (ITN) system to match players into the right groupings.

## Tennis Fixtures

Dave McMahon will be contacting players over the next week or so to play fixtures during the week nights. At present fixtures are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings (to resume after the Christmas break). If you are not currently playing in fixtures and wish to, please contact Dave at the Pro Shop.

One group of players who Dave and I are keen to encourage into a week night activity are the beginner (and around "C" grade levels). Several people have expressed an interest in playing regularly at this level but currently don't have the opportunity. In the past the problem has been getting a hard core of players prepared to make a regular commitment to make the activity work. For example, if players are formed into teams and then several team members fail to turn up the activity becomes difficult to run. So if you are still learning to play, why not contact Dave and get into a regular competition.

## Monday Night Competition

Several club members have been asking about a resumption of the Monday night competition. We would love to start this again, but we do need a commitment from players to enable us to go ahead. If you would like to play in a Monday night comp, *please* contact either Dave McMahon or myself to register your interest.

## Participation by Members and Non Members in both Social and Fixture Activities

I hope it is well understood by members, non members and unfinancial members who play at the club that we welcome any tennis player to the club. Naturally, we would like as many players as possible to join the club but accept that some people are not willing or able to do this for a number of reasons. The financial math soon becomes self evident to a non member who plays regularly that it is better to be a member and not incur the additional cost each time you play.

The range and standard of tennis will only be better if we have sufficient tennis players at all levels of skill. So please encourage friends and acquaintances to come along to the Club and play.

## Annual Club Tournament

For a number of years the annual Club Tournament/ Championship has been held in May. There are probably a number of reasons why this time was originally chosen, but I believe that one of them was that it related to the club's financial year which used to run from 1 May to 30 April. This is now aligned with a calendar year.

I have discussed with the committee and propose scheduling the tournament during September. I had hoped to have been able to look at other activities already scheduled during September before this article. Unfortunately I haven't yet done this. I will select dates before the next edition. If anyone has any information that would help me select dates that won't create a major clash of events then please contact me.

*John Fergusson*

!!! After a 2 year study, the National Science Foundation announced the following results on America's recreational preferences:

1. The sport of choice for unemployed or incarcerated people is: basketball.
2. The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is: bowling.
3. The sport of choice for blue-collar workers is: football.
4. The sport of choice for supervisors is: baseball.
5. The sport of choice for middle management is: tennis.
6. The sport of choice for corporate officers is: golf.

Conclusion: The higher you rise in the corporate structure, the smaller your balls become.





A few trip photos

We hope you all had a great and safe Christmas and New Year. We enjoyed a great holiday with lots of special time together; we explored many new places and have made special memories to last a lifetime. Thanks to Nathan who did a fantastic job while we were away and has learnt a lot to take away with him to Victoria as well as Wayne & Darryl and the rest of the team. We couldn't have done it without them, their hard work and support has been fantastic. The club is looking great and the news of the new gazebo sounds wonderful.

The junior coaching programs for the New Year will begin this week so we look forward to the start of a successful year. We offer programs to suit all age groups

- Pee Wee lessons 4-7 years
- Jnr Rookie lessons
- Jnr Pro lessons
- Elite Squad lessons

If you have any enquires please call the pro shop on 54473534 or 0413450207

Also starting back up shortly are the night competitions. There is a grade to suit everyone and we are always looking for new faces to join the fun. Remember it's a great way to meet new people, keep fit and have a few laughs. Come and see us in the pro shop to get started this season!

Our coach and play sessions have been drawing good numbers and lately a few new faces too, which is great to see. This is also a fun way to stay fit, get some coaching and meet some friends. They run every morning with a 9am start; we also offer a couple of evening sessions at 5.45 on Monday & Wednesday so why not come and give it a try.

The Noosa District junior comp will recommence this weekend and we wish our Noosa teams all the best in the continuing season. They have been representing the club well and hope they have been inspired by the Australian Open matches.

Until next time hope to see you on the court,

Dave & Team

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