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Ladies Mid Week and Friday Competitions

The Club currently has three Ladies teams playing in competition. We were very pleased to learn that all three teams have had a very successful season to date. The Ladies Div 2, consisting of Ann Oakley, Sandy Cool, Helen Nosedo, Janine Beyer, Viv Richardson and Wisty Johnston, finished the comp on top. The first semi final was played last week and they were just pipped at the post by Caloundra by a small margin of 5 games. This week they played their preliminary final and won by the closest of margins: 39 games each, but the Noosa ladies had more sets!, They will now play in the Grand Final on Wednesday 25 June, and we wish them success.

The Ladies Div 3 with Laurel Scharla, Joy Matus, Lynda Harney, Mary Murphy, Lynne Morton and Angela Morris ended in 2nd place and went on to win their first semi final by a margin of 3 games (phew!) They now are straight through to the Grand Finals on the 25th. Good luck to you.

The Friday A2 Ladies have also made it to the Finals, after finishing second. Yesterday (Friday 13th - unlucky for some, in this case the opposition!) they played their semi-final match, which was a marathon! The last set finished at 3.35pm, but the marathon was worth the effort as they won 48 to 29. Fantastic effort! So, good luck to Lynda Harney, Sandra Kennedy, Jude Holzer, Sue Pierce and Lynne Morton for the Grand Final being played on Friday 27 June..

Back to Tennis Programme



Noosa Tennis Club recently opened its doors and invited people for a free 'Back to Tennis' experience. Over 70 players of all ages, former players and some complete novices enjoyed six action packed and fun sessions with coaching provided by Dave McMahon and his coaches.

Several players had not picked up a tennis racquet for 20 years or more and surprised themselves with their rejuvenation of old skills.

The course culminated in a Round Robin 'mix in' and a delicious informal barbecue supplied by the Club. It was a great sporting and social success and many attending plan to continue with playing again and taking advantage of the coaching on offer.

Social Tennis

Although some of our regular members are now away on holidays we are still attracting a large turn out on Mondays and Thursday mornings and the courts are kept full with members enjoying a high level of social tennis

One member even phoned us from Port Douglas (courtesy of his new Vodafone plan). He was missing his post tennis coffee get together outside the clubhouse!

In order to facilitate a quicker turn over of courts it has been suggested that we limit the number of deuces in a game. We had at least 12 deuces in a game that was played on Thursday and it did mean that some members were kept waiting around in order to mix up the groups. If anyone has any comments to make on this please speak to Bob Wood or Jane Knight.

A warm welcome to the new members who have joined us since the last newsletter and we hope we might have encouraged some others to join us as a result of the highly successful Back to Tennis programme.

TENNIS DIRECTORS NEWS

The Annual Tennis Club Tournament has been rescheduled so that match play options are more flexible but with finals matches being played on Saturday 28 June and the Grand Final on Sunday 29 June. The draw schedule is below. Even if you are not playing I encourage you to come along and watch some great tennis. We will be providing a late BBQ on Sunday after the Open Singles Finals have been completed whilst prizes are presented. There are some new names in the events and the promise of some upsets.

ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT - MATCH SCHEDULE

	14/06	15/06	21/06	22/06	28/06	29/06
Open Mens Sgls		Rd 1 - 9.30am	Rd 2 - 1.30pm	Rd 3 - 9.30am	Rd 4 - 1.30pm	Final - 1.30pm
Open Womens Sgls					Final - 1.30 pm	
Res Mens Sgls				Rd 1 - 9.30am		Final - 10.00am
Open Mens Dbls				Rd 1 - 1.30pm		Final - 9.30am
Open Womens Dbls						Final - 12.00pm
Open Mixed Dbls			Rd 1 - 1.30pm		Final - 11.00am	
Mens Vets Dbls					Rd 1 - 9.00am	Final - 11.00am
Womens Vets Dbls	Complete - 9.30 am					

All < 14 Juniors *Tuesday & Thursday evenings as part of coaching sessions*

All 16 & < Juniors *Integrated into adult events but still recognised as Junior achievement*

We wish to acknowledge the sponsorship of our local businesses who have very generously supported the Club. We hope that our members, in turn, will sponsor them. They are:

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Fixture Competitions

Participation in some of the fixture nights has dropped away. Whilst there is probably a range of reasons for this I understand that one factor may be that players feel that the grouping of standards is not tight enough, so that the better players are not fully extended. I am hoping the Grading System will assist in more easily being able to match standards of players. Of particular interest is reactivating the Monday night doubles competition. I seek players who believe they fit into the "Intermediate" standard and want to play on Monday nights to contact **Dave McMahon at the Pro Shop**.

Fixtures will only work if players are willing to make the commitment and be reliable. Player "no shows" are very frustrating for the other team members who turn up to play their matches.

Next Social Tournament

We are planning another Social Sunday Tournament on **Sunday 17 August**. Mark your diaries for this event. As the numbers are limited to about 40 you will need to nominate early. More information will be published on this over the next month.

NOOSA TENNIS ACADEMY

COACHING PROGRAM:

The second term is winding down as winter sets in. It's actually a great time for tennis. Maybe a little cool at first but the wind seems to have settled and the heat and humidity not a worry (that's how I feel out on the court anyway).

Our 2 new coaches, John Gould and John Porter, have settled in well with the coaching team, so you may have seen a few new faces. My objective at Noosa Tennis is to provide an affordable and professional service that sees the improvement rate rise. A couple of changes have been a lower ratio of children per coach in our elite squad programs, but I have also invited additional children at a younger age to get the extra training they need. This group trains twice a week for 2 hours each session and are playing fixtures and tournaments.

Sam Roach and James Lidden have organised a development squad for some of our older children who are enjoying their tennis but are not ready to play competition tennis, but are on their way. They too are training twice a week. Both squads receive a 50% discount on their second class.

The new Hot Shots program is developing, and parents are beginning to see the results of the sort of points the children are starting to play. I really enjoy seeing the children have these amazing points on this small court that they would never achieve on a full size court. Great program and some good changes have been made from tennis Australia from last year's Hot Shots.

BACK TO TENNIS:

Program to get people back to tennis has just been completed. We had a great response and all classes seem to have plenty of fun. Already there seems to be signs that the people have created some new friends and are coming to play on their own times with others. We hope to create some further social days for both members and guests. My thanks to Lynne for helping to get the back to tennis program started and to the committee members that put on lunch for final day.

NOOSA TENNIS CARNIVAL:

I am excited that the Noosa tennis carnival is starting to come together. It's the first tournament of its type to be held in Noosa, and with \$7000 prize money up for grabs, and Australian ranking points, we hope to have a strong field. Our major sponsor is PASTA MASTER and lots of thanks to them for their support. We have also had a great response from local resorts and restaurants. The carnival consists of 2 tournaments over 2 weekends (11-13, 18-20 July). ***Attached with this Newsletter are details and entry forms for these tournaments.***

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