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Message from the President, Ian Rivlin:

It would be remiss of me to not express my heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful and dedicated efforts of the last Noosa Tennis Club committee. Particularly, the fine work done by Lynne Morton and John Ferguson is an extremely hard act to follow. Thank heavens John has so kindly stayed on as vice president. I hope that the new committee lives up to the achievements of the old one.

The recent committee meeting was varied and stimulating. Many ideas were presented and it's full steam ahead. To all members, I'd like to say "Please give us any help you can". We need your support and you alone can make this club something to be envied by all others. If any member has any suggestions for improvements, ideas for increasing membership - anything at all - please let us know. We're not just open to suggestions, we're hungry for them.

Whenever you get a chance, try and encourage non-members to at least come and have a look at our facilities. Even if they don't join, the word will eventually spread. So many people in Noosa don't even know there is a tennis club "next to the Aquatic Centre". We want it to be "The swimming place that's near to the beautiful tennis club" - it can only be done with your help. If you can find a little extra time and want to help with any of the event or maintenance at the club, you'll find it more rewarding than a chore. There's a great feeling of camaraderie at the club. Playing tennis at the place that you've helped improve heightens the experience immensely. It makes it feel more like your place, rather than just a facility you use. At the end of the day, our club will flourish with new blood and enthusiastic members and will wither if everyone leaves the work to someone else. Think of our tennis club in the same way as the people who started the Wimbledon courts. It didn't get famous on its own. It was dedicated people with a vision, who stuck at the job and believed in what Wimbledon could be that allowed it to be the tennis pilgrimage of today. It may seem like a pipe dream but that can happen anywhere on earth, just as long as the enthusiasm and resolve is there.

I would like to introduce some of the new committee to you, and first of all - me:

I was born on the planet Zob, in the Eusiades galaxy. My father was Lord Xyrestler, leader of the planet system Solfteri. When our dual stars merged and became a supernova, my father placed me and my identical twin brother, Roger Federer in a capsule and fired us off to the mid spiral arm of a distant galaxy. I ended up landing on what you earthlings call planet earth. I was raised by Jonathan and Martha Rivlin on a farm in Northern England. My super powers were kept secret and I decided to become a carpet fitter by day and at night I was known as SuperRiv. (In search of truth and justice and the Yorkshire dream). Having developed a fetish for tennis balls, I moved to Australia to be alongside kindred spirits and bought a medical degree from the Reader's Digest. I am practising as doctor (soon to be good at it, I'm told). I disguise my super powers on the tennis court by repeatedly knocking balls into the net, over the fence - or simply missing the ball altogether. Sad to say my twin brother, Roger Federer, hasn't been so discreet. I must have a word with him, if he'd only answer my calls.....



John Fergusson

I am married to Janet (for nearly 35 years) and have 3 adult children and one (and soon to be two on 30 March) grandchildren. We moved to live at Sunshine Beach in December 2003. I joined Noosa Tennis Club in January 2005 after spending the 2004 year commuting interstate with my work.

I came onto the Club Committee in approx November 2006 and have been on the Committee ever since in the role of Tennis Director and, more recently, Vice President. I am keen on health and fitness and achieve this mainly through a daily early morning run/swim and playing tennis on Thursday nights and Saturday afternoons (and any other time when I can get approval from my wife??).

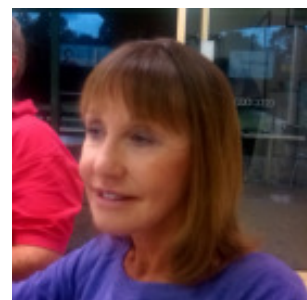
I work full time in a building company in Caloundra as an Estimator and Business Support Manager. As well as enjoying the tennis at Noosa Tennis Club, I appreciate the opportunity



to meet other people from within the same community. I think the tennis facilities at our Club are first class but under utilized. My hope is that we can increase the type and range of tennis activities at the Club and through this attract more people to play tennis and ultimately join our Club. My hope is to see our membership between 300 – 400.

Yvonne Brill

Being secretary to our beautiful Noosa Tennis Club is definitely an honor and a position I take very seriously, recognizing that attention to the details helps things run smoothly. As a retiree who enjoys many outdoor activities, originating from New Zealand, but more recently from the U.S.A. and having previously also lived in Australia, I bring some other perspectives to viewing options for our club, but also am learning so many new things about living permanently on the Sunshine Coast. It is an exciting time in my life and I hope to infuse some of that energy into being an active and involved committee member. Please feel free to email me if you have some great ideas to enhance our club experience here at NTC.



Tony Steel

My wife and I moved up to Noosa from Brisbane in March 2010. We lived in Brisbane for 20 years, where we raised our two children who are now both adults (23 and 21) with one still living in Brisbane and the other in Sydney.

We had visited Noosa on many occasions, my brother-in-law had a house for a number of years locally at one stage so we were fairly frequent visitors. We decided to move up here with the object of retirement on the Sunshine Coast. I was fortunate enough to be able to retire in December 2010.

I have worked as a lawyer in Queensland during this time specialising in Wills and Estates mostly for Trustee companies, and a short spell in private practice. I have worked for de Groot's, Perpetual, Trust and for the 9 years prior to my retirement for NAB. I was the State Manager for National Australia Trustees (a subsidiary of NAB) and latterly was the QLD Estate Planning Manager as part of NAB Private Wealth.

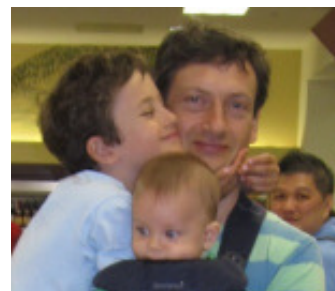


I understand that I have been allocated the role of Membership on the Committee. I am not quite sure what this exactly entails but believe it will involve amongst other things liaising with Dave McMahon regarding trying to increase Membership at NTC. I am also willing to help others on the Committee regarding where possible. I also want to enjoy my retirement as well by the way!!

Ben Bornstein

Nearly four years ago, I moved from Melbourne to Noosa with my wife-Dana, young son Jonty and our fur children, Jack Russel Fox Terriers-Snoopy and Alby. Sadly our fur children recently passed away after respectable longevity, leaving us very saddened but enriched for the experience of their unconditional loyalty and love. We were less than impressed with some of the antiquated dog restrictions of Noosa and Queensland that often resulted in our family being split far too often but I found it was just that; an antiquated system with virtually no support from the modern and forward thinking public.

I joined the Noosa Tennis club after joining in with Wednesday Night social tennis; organised by the club Pro, David McMahon.



David does an incredible job showing enthusiasm and putting in the long hours at the club; at the same time managing social tennis venues that brings back a real 'social' element to Tennis in Noosa.

In October of last year our family bounced back with the addition of another incredible cute Son and brother to Jonty – we named him Sunny. I have my hands full with my young family and our private business – Benefel' and 'Hang Tabs Australia', but I still get a chance to enjoy a social hit of tennis and we also encourage our 6 year old, Jonty, to participate in Tennis lessons and of course the school holiday tennis camps. As part of the committee, I look to endorse forward thinking initiatives and chip in with a few ideas from time to time helping out as much as time permits.

Tony Benzie

My family and I moved to Sunshine Beach from Tasmania around two years ago. Not long after we arrived, we joined the Noosa Tennis Club and have enjoyed making use of the club's facilities and location. Both our boys train with the Noosa Tennis Academy and actively participate in weekly fixtures events. I look forward to working with the committee to continue to build upon the great work done by the previous committee members in making our club such a lovely place to play!



Stephanie Kaye

We moved to Sunshine Beach from Sydney 4 years ago, after holidaying here for many years. My husband's family live here so we were able to have many cheap holidays! (We now have a nice mortgage of our own!)

I have always loved tennis, and used to go to Dave's coach & play sessions whenever I was here on holidays. In Sydney I used to play on weekends in the Saturday afternoon mixed comp, and occasionally mid-week night comps.

I am a qualified primary school teacher, but ended up owning & running my own commercial cleaning business (in



Sydney). The business now almost 'runs itself', and this was one of the factors that enabled us to make the move here.

With regards to our Noosa Tennis Club, I would love to see memberships grow and see more life and activity injected into the club. We have great courts with beautiful surroundings, and it would be awesome for more people to enjoy it. With my position on the committee, I hope to be able to promote & market the club well, with a view to more members, more tennis, more activities & more fun!

Unfortunately we didn't have a photo of Zig at time of publication, nor any information about him, Martin, Peter or Glenn. You can look forward to this in the next edition of the Lob!

Members Survey

An email has been sent out with a link to a survey which we are undertaking to everyone on our data base (both current members and ex members).

The link is: [Member Survey Form Link](#)

If you haven't yet completed the survey I urge you to do so. Your feedback will help the Committee determine areas of interest and focus for future tennis development and activities.



Martin Rafter



Peter Bell



Glenn Brown

Working Bee

It had been intended to conduct a Working Bee Sunday 20 Mar but, due to the wet weather this had to be cancelled. Despite our best efforts to communicate the cancellation we believe some people turned up and worked in the rain. Thankyou so much to those people. It is proposed to reschedule the activity to a future Sunday morning between 9.00 am and 12.00 noon; once we have settled on a date we will communicate this to everyone. The following tasks have been identified and in order of priority need to be undertaken:

- Prune tree's back from court fences and mulch all branches. Mulching to be placed onto garden beds.
- Sweep courts and redistribute the sand so it is even and the carpet pile is standing up.
- Replace rotten timber in seats around the courts
- Repair the child play area seat that has broken.

If you are able to help on any of these tasks when the Working Bee is rescheduled, it would be greatly appreciated.

Weekday Daytime Fixtures

Currently, any fixtures played at the Club are played in the evening. There are some people who are keen to play during the week in the daytime. Although not finalised, my vision is that there be one day when fixtures are scheduled during the daytime. Anyone who wants to play at this time will register their interest and subsequently be formed into a team or playing ladder. Players will then be graded into divisions based upon standards (ITN numbers). Although playing concurrently, each division would play separately based upon their tennis standard. If you have any interest in this proposal contact John Fergusson or Dave McMahon.

We realise that a vicious circle is created with arranging more tennis activities, in that we only have a certain number of members. It is therefore our plan to try and encourage and attract more non members to participate in these events. To this end we propose to advertise and promote the activity, but if you know anyone who may be interested (non member) please encourage them to contact Dave or myself.

Tournament Events at Noosa Tennis Club

All members please note that the following activities are scheduled to be played at our Club on the dates shown:

- **Junior Masters – Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April 2011.**
Matches commence at 8.00am and, depending upon level of entries, could use all courts for both days. Attempts will be made to organise alternate venues for the scheduled and regular Club activities on those dates.
- **Noosa Tennis Carnival 2011**
This event is split into Juniors and Adult competitions. The Junior event will run Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June. Adults will run Friday 1 to Sun 3 July. Whilst dependent upon the level of entries, it is expected that most courts will be used for these events. Again, an effort will be made to offer scheduled and regular Club events alternative courts.

Juniors Competition Results

Four juniors from the Noosa Tennis Club competed in the Caboolture JDS (Junior Development Series) over the weekend, March 12/13 with the following results:

11 and under boys singles: Liam Puttergill - 1st place; Jack Barnett- 3rd place

13 and under girls singles: Dakota Brown - 2nd place

13 and under boys singles: Harry Chard - 10th place