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A big thank you to all members who took the time to attend the SGM on 13 September. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, due to personal matters, but thanks to John Fergusson who ran the meeting which passed all motions before it.

The main motion carried was the introduction of a new membership category, that of Intermediate Member. The fee for this membership is 50% of the full Adult rate and is for players between 18 and 21 years of age to encourage them to continue playing tennis and being members of the Club.

The finals of the Annual Competition were then played, with a new name to be proudly placed on the Winners Board in the Club Room, that of Callum Puttergill. An end of an era maybe? A new era commences? If you take the time to look on the Winners Board, over the last several years the only two names are Dave McMahon and Steve Williams! Congratulations Callum.

Many thanks to all the Club members who are always ready to lend a hand with maintenance of the facility. Fencing repairs are under way using Barrys Quick Fix System which really works well. We are applying for a grant to enable us to replace all the internal fencing and hopefully our application will be successful. We won't know until the middle of next year, but the Quick Fix being done currently should keep us going until that time.

If you have been in the kitchen over the last week or so you may have noticed we have a brand new oven and cooktop. Our gas oven served us well these last 14 years or so, but the time had come to say goodbye! The options to replace with another upright stove or alternatively a cooktop and underbench oven were both considered. Ultimately the cooktop /underbench oven option was selected although it was slightly more expensive. This decision was taken so the upgrade could be integrated into the existing new kitchen joinery rather than the upright stove with quite large gaps on either side (the upright stove option was much narrower than the bench opening). Bob Woods, who renovated the kitchen a couple of years ago, again donated his time and fitted the new appliances into the kitchen benches and arranged for the electrician to wire it up. The end result is a great looking kitchen which anyone would be happy with in their own home! Thanks heaps Bob.



What a fantastic time was had by all at the Melbourne Cup Lunch. The sangria, champers wine and beer flowed, which could have had something to do with the fact that \$2,450 was raised for the Club from the 90 people who attended the function! What a brilliant result. As usual Frank managed to extract lots of money from people's wallets and purses to purchase their favourite horse in the Calcutta. John McAlpine got the bargain of the day, paying \$30 for Shocking and winning \$600 for his efforts. Well done John. It wouldn't be Melbourne Cup Day without a 'Best Dressed Lady', which was won by Tania Hain and 'Best Dressed Man' taken out by Art Taylor.



Senor Paella did a great job with the lunch, certainly plenty of complements were made about the food. Not only did it taste wonderful, it looked fantastic too.

As I'm sure you know, functions like this take time, effort, planning and lots of hard work to make them a success. Frank and Joy Matus planned the entire day and worked tirelessly to make it the success it was. The Club can't thank them enough for all their efforts. Thanks also to Barry Herbert for keeping the drinks flowing by working behind the bar all day.



Many of the trees need lopping again and volunteers are needed **Thursday 3 December at 9am**. After the work a BBQ will be provided to restore your energy! If you can help, please call Frank on 0400225381 or see him in person.

We will be sending out your membership renewal during November for payment by the end of the year. For the first time we are giving a **special payment option** to Adult and Family members to **pay in 4 instalments** that each carry a \$10 processing fee. You will need to provide a valid credit card or sign a direct debit form authorising the 4 payments – the first payment will be \$27 more and then 3 equal payments.

I know it's a little premature, but as there won't be another Lob until early next year, I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members and their families a very happy and healthy Christmas and New year.

I wonder who said: 'To err is human. To put the blame on someone else is doubles'!

TENNIS DIRECTORS NEWS

The Annual Club Tournament for 2009 has been run and won. Whilst the level of nominations in most events was disappointing, there were still some great tennis matches played in some divisions.

Probably the most keenly contested event was the Men's Open Singles. It was great to see a number of younger & new faces moving into the finals rounds. I know that this has motivated Steve Williams and Dave McMahon to sharpen their games for future years. Now that Calum Puttergill has taken on the mantle of Club Men's Singles Open Champion I am sure that he will be keen to retain it for an extended period. Some other notable games were played by Daniel McAlpine and Darryl Higginbotham, who made it through to the final against Calum.

The numbers of entries in the women's events was disappointing and I hope that more women players will feel motivated to put their names into suitable events next year.

Congratulations to the winners of the events and to everyone who participated and had a go. This event is intended to be about participation and getting as many Club members involved as possible. Whilst I want to have a "glass half full" attitude towards this event, I believe all Club members need to reassess their attitude to participation. I repeat what I have stated on previous occasions that the type and range of events can be adjusted to suit the wishes of the members.

Results are shown below.

EVENT NAME		WINNER & R/UP
Open Singles:	Winner	Electra Hunter
Women's	Runner Up	Georgia McMahon
Open Singles:	Winner	Calum Puttergill
Men's	Runner Up	Darryl Higginbotham
Reserve	Winner	Peter Williams
Men's Singles	Runner Up	Scott Boldy
Open Doubles:	Winners	Viv Richardson & Electra Hunter
Women's	Runner Up	Georgia McMahon & Simone Tozer
Open Doubles:	Winners	Doug Reynolds/Darryl Higginbotham
Men's	Runner Up	Mike Napier & John Fergusson
Mixed Doubles	Winners	Georgia & Dave McMahon
	Runner Up	Electra Hunter & Doug Reynolds

Max Artherson

Trophy - Fairest & Best Player in Tournament Peter Williams

A particular mention to the recipient of the Max Artherson trophy – Peter Williams. Peter always plays his tennis with determination and commitment but always with a sense of humour and fairness. He epitomizes the qualities intended when the trophy was established in memory of Max Artherson.

New Members Joining the Club

Each month at our Committee meeting we welcome new members. This is great to see and essential to the health and wellbeing of our Club.

I encourage these new members to become actively engaged in the various tennis activities at the Club at the time of joining. One of the best ways to start your engagement in the Club is to use your initial joining entitlement (paid for by the Club) to a 'coach and play' session with the Pro Shop coaches. Through this process you can be given some guidance on where you might best fit into the tennis activities in the Club.

Email Communications

The realities of life are such that we all seem to busy with insufficient time to do things. For me personally I rely entirely on email communications to get information out to Club members. The group email system operates via our web site (which Tony Christiansen very generously set up). Once your email address has been added onto the group email (when you first join the Club) it stays there until you choose to unsubscribe (i.e. you are not removed if you don't renew your membership). We are happy for as many people as possible to receive Club news and information. If you do not wish to be on the email list then please unsubscribe yourself by selecting the unsubscribe option at the foot of emails.

Work At the Club

Maintenance and improvements work around the club facilities is an ongoing task. Over the past few months a numbers of things have occurred; As mentioned earlier, the oven has been replaced.

- ◆ The section of new garden between courts 1 and 2 is now established and adding to the overall look and appearance of the club facilities. I believe the social tennis group contributed towards this work although I do not have individual names to acknowledge. Thank you to all who contributed.
- ◆ Net "tie down" brackets. Since the upgrading of the tennis courts we have had an ongoing problem with determining a permanent solution to keeping the centre net strap bracket firmly fixed into the ground. Every option tried so far eventually works loose and pulls out. Thanks to the support of Chad Stevens at KJ Bolts we hope we have come up with a solution. We are currently trialing the system on court 5. If it stands up to the rigours over the next few weeks we will progressively apply the same system to the other courts where the brackets are loose. KJ Bolts have undertaken the trial at no cost to the Club for which I thank them. Court fencing. The state of the court fencing is a particular problem with sections of the chain wire breaking down with corrosion. We have obtained some preliminary estimates of cost to repair / replace the entire fence and these are extremely high; over \$30,000. Whilst we have considered trying to the work as a working bee activity, due to the height of the fence and weights

involved; as well as the necessary skills, the conclusion is that it is best undertaken by a specialist. We are currently looking at various "funding grants" that may be available. The alternative is to undertake the work in "affordable sections" and progressively undertake the work over several years.

- ◆ Courts surface rejuvenation. We are still intending to have at least 3 courts subjected to the "sand rejuvenation" process. To date the preferred contractor has been unable to meet with us and commit to a price and timeframe. Whilst this has been quite frustrating we will continue to work towards getting the work done in the near future.

John Fergusson
Tennis Director

2010 Tennis Club Committee

The AGM of your tennis club will be held in February 2010 when a new committee will be elected. Please take the time to consider being actively involved in shaping the Club over the next year and standing for election on the committee.

The current Secretary and President will not be standing for re-election, so the Club will need to find people to fill these roles. If you are interested in finding out more information about either of these roles, please call Lynne Morton on 0420941923.

FUNDRAISING WALK FOR PROSTATE CANCER 28 November 2009

A group of local volunteers is organizing an inaugural Walk to raise funds for prostate cancer and is asking for **your support**. It is intended this will become an annual event involving potentially hundreds of supporters, with widespread publicity via the media.

On Saturday 28th November 2009 the newly formed Sunshine Coast organisation BUMPS (Blokes United and Mobile for Prostate cancer Support) is conducting a fundraising Walk from Coolum Beach to Sunshine Beach. The Walk will be followed by a BBQ at Sunshine Beach Surf Life Saving Club and a shuttle bus will ferry participants back to Coolum Beach.

Every dollar of the proceeds from the Walk will be donated to The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA). PCFA's activities include providing funding for research into the cause, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of prostate cancer, raising awareness about prostate cancer and providing support, information and advocacy to men and their families impacted by the disease.

Flyers providing details of the Walk will be made available in the Clubhouse and the Pro Shop. You can support this very worthwhile event by either participating as a fundraising walker on the day or by sponsoring a walker. Entry forms and sponsorship forms are available by emailing info@bumps.org.au or telephoning Greg Crittle on 5447 5738.

Did you get it right? Yes, it is Martina Hingis





COACHING: The junior coaching continues to improve slowly but surely after a messy finish to last year. My goal of stabilising the mainstream classes has put some consistency back into the program. The help from Ian Goolagong was terrific, but unfortunately he has moved back to Melbourne to be closer to his children. He has a new job working with aboriginal children in sport and I wish him all the best, he will be missed by the children and adults.

JUNIOR FIXTURES: With the improvement of numbers, the next generation of children are starting to come through. Last season we lost 3 out of 12 teams and this season we have 15 teams in to total. Noosa has 2 teams in div 1, with teams in all 7 divisions; division 6 being the most popular with 4 teams. A good sign that the children are enjoying their tennis, enough to play fixtures which is a big step for some.

I recently received a comment from a parent from a new team that it would be nice to have tennis people mentoring the children learning to play competition. Parents are not

meant to be involved due to biases discussions and the coaches cannot be in two places at once. So I would like to ask some of the members if they have any free time of a Saturday morning to come down and help co-ordinate some matches, and also help with scoring and court etiquette.

COMPS: The Thursday comp has just finished where we had a handicap ladder system in place and, after 12 weeks, it turns out that Michael Napier needs a greater handicap! Michael won on 208 games, 2nd was Phil Robinson on 197 games and third was Brent Peters on 177.

Wednesday night is going along really well and has not been short on numbers since the first 2 weeks (A good sign for a competitive season). The 21 players in teams of 3 have 4 weeks remaining and with the first 3 teams only separated by 15 games, the race is on. However the talk is all ready up on the last game booze-up as all the winners and runners up open their winning wine and share it around. You know it's time to go home when the security lights go out. A good tradition evolving!!

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