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The Melbourne Cup, the race that stops a nation, is fast approaching. The Noosa Tennis Club will, of course, be holding a fantastic Melbourne Cup Lunch. Tickets are limited, so make sure you don't miss out on the fun and book yours now. (see flyer at the back of the 'Lob')



As I'm sure you're aware, there is always ongoing maintenance which requires attention at our courts. Most of the work is done on a voluntary basis in order to keep the costs to a minimum and we are very fortunate there are several members who consistently give their time and effort to help. There will be a working bee this coming Friday 3 October, so if you have the time it would be greatly appreciated if you can help in some way. Our special thanks to Frank Matus for organising the helpers and the work which has to be done. In fact, I was at the club this morning (Wednesday) and there were Barry Milligan, Barry Herbert, Len Steel, Ed Van Dijk and, of course, Frank Matus very hard at work, digging out the grass from in front of the kitchen, prior to laying pavers. Thanks Guys, it is so appreciated.

I'm sure a lot of us take for granted the benefits of being a member of the Noosa Tennis Club. But, if someone who was thinking of joining asked you what they are, how many would you be able to think of? To help you out, I thought it would be a good idea to set down the many benefits of membership.

- ◆ 10 first class synthetic courts
- ◆ All courts floodlit
- ◆ Pro Shop which retails tennis equipment and drinks/ice creams
- ◆ Club house with kitchen facilities
- ◆ A BBQ area available to all club members and their guests
- ◆ Children's play area
- ◆ Hit up wall
- ◆ Professional tennis coaches
- ◆ Club fixture competitions
- ◆ Club social events tennis
- ◆ Regular social activities
- ◆ Tennis activity to suit all interests from beginners through to accomplished players
- ◆ A beautiful bush setting which regularly draws favourable comments from visitors to the Club. Shade trees, outdoor seating and lawn areas all add to this atmosphere
- ◆ With the number of courts available to members it is 'taken for granted' that if a member wishes to play a game of tennis at the club a court will be available.
- ◆ It is also generally taken for granted that you are able to play for as long as you like. In many clubs this would not be normal with other people often waiting to use the courts after your allotted hour is up.
- ◆ The annual club fee for an adult of \$275.50 (plus \$27 TQ fee) equates to only \$5.30 per week, which gives members access to all of these facilities, with no additional payment.
- ◆ The opportunity to meet, enjoy tennis and socialise with, a diverse and interesting group of people, of all ages and backgrounds.

As the membership fee is pro rated, it only costs \$96 (including TQ registration) for an adult to join for the remainder of the year. To encourage new members, if an existing member introduces a new member to the club, the existing member will be given two free Coach and Play sessions with Noosa Tennis Academy. So go on, what are you waiting for? Encourage your tennis playing friends to join up and enjoy the facilities we have to offer.

TENNIS DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Tewantin Masters Tennis Tournament

A small number of members participated in the Tewantin Masters tournament from 19–22 September which was a huge success with a very large number of participants. I believe this will become an annual tournament and I would encourage any members who enjoy participating in competitive tennis to consider entering next year's event.

Sunday Social Tennis

The first of the planned regular monthly Sunday Social tennis occurred on 21 September. Although there was only a small number of players it has given me a clearer idea of how best to run these regular events. I believe that all who played enjoyed the tennis. My thoughts for the future events are:

- Doubles sets played with pairings selected using the 'social tennis board' system which avoids the need to advise in advance of your intentions to play
- Sets played over 8, 10 or 12 games depending upon numbers participating
- Play to commence by 9.30 and finish about 12.00
- Cost of play \$2 (for members) to cover balls. Non members \$12.00
- Players can play for part or all of the period of the event to suit themselves.

This event will be held on the **3rd Sunday of every month**. The next one is scheduled for **Sunday 19 October**. There is no need to advise in advance of your intentions, but it would help organise the event if players could arrive between 9.00-9.15 am. I would like to encourage both members and non members to support these events.

Night Fixtures Events

A number of people have asked me about the possibility of Monday night fixtures resuming. Dave McMahon and I are keen to see Monday nights resume but it needs a sufficient number of players to make a commitment for it to be viable. I believe one of the contributing factors to the past fixture ceasing was that the variety of tennis standards between players and teams led to some people feeling quite dissatisfied; both beginners and more competent players. Using our recently implemented Tennis Grading System and its associated International Tennis Number (ITN) the Monday night competition is aimed at players with an ITN of 6 – 7. ***If you have an interest in re-establishing this event I encourage you to contact Dave or myself.***

Tennis Courtesies

I published some basic courtesies in an edition of the 'The Lob' last year but believe it worth repeating them again. They are:

1. **Server** is responsible for calling the score after EVERY point so that players can hear it called. If there is a difference of opinion then it should be addressed before the next point is played.
2. If there is a disagreement over the score without resolution then the players should establish through a process of going back over the score at what point they do agree and play on from there (e.g. 1 player thinks the score is 40: 15 and the other 30:30. Clearly the score was 15:15 at an earlier time in this game. If consensus cannot be reached on what happened after that then revert to 15:15 and play on).
3. **Line calls** If there is disagreement over a line call then the point should be played again;
4. **Faults when serving** If the receiver sees the serve is clearly out they should not hit the ball back across the net. Catch or place the ball off the court.
5. **Returning balls to server between points** The ball should be returned to the server by hitting the ball to the server so that it is easy to retrieve. I see many unacceptable methods used, including kicking the ball in the general direction, or hitting it into the back fence.
6. **Foot faults** The rule is that no part of the server's body should touch the ground inside the service line before the ball is struck. I see many players serving with their foot well inside the service line. Whilst it could be argued that we should not be 'too obsessive' we should all try to apply the rules of the game in a good spirit.

I encourage everyone to apply these basic courtesies in a spirit of goodwill and cooperation.

John Fergusson



*To err is human.
To put the blame on someone else
is doubles!*



Term 3

It's been a challenging past couple of months at the Noosa tennis academy. At the start of term we had Sam leave for the UK and John Gould moved to Noosa springs. And then James Lidden became rather ill with glandular fever. So there was quite a bit of fast moving to try and get things sorted and in place before the term got under way. But we got through it and everything is going well now, and it has changed the way I want to run the tennis academy.

Fourth term is looking good and we have a couple of new faces around the place. Darryl (Doc), Ian Coolagong, and Renata. Thanks guys for your help so far. John Porter is settling well to the area and has been helping with some of the mornings coach n play sessions and some privates. You may not have met him yet, but you have probably heard him once or twice! His encouragement and enthusiasm is fantastic and really appreciated by the clients and myself. Wayne Richardson is back behind the desk and also helping me with the grounds maintenance. Wayne generously donated his time back in June when the tournament was on to help clean up the overgrown garden bed behind courts 4, 5 and 6. Also, another big thanks to Quentin McCutcheon on repairing the ride-on mower again. The machine lives on to fight another day.

Comps

Wednesday and Thursday comps have now wound up after being a great season of tennis. Thursday comp is quite strong and evenly matched, making for some great tennis; we would just like to see some more numbers. Wednesday night tried a new format with only a 2 player team and has worked our well with 10 teams playing. The players have been great with their reliability or giving notice when they cannot play, so there have not been too many interruptions (cheers guys). As far as Monday night goes I put out a trial night for the doubles comp to start again but only had 2 people approach me as being interested, but I will try again.

All comps are starting again next week for a 9 week comp before Christmas so if you're interested to get on board and get some great competitive but social tennis, then don't wait let me know. Also we have a collection of names for our beginners comp which starts at 6pm with a group lesson and finishes with 2 sets of doubles. This will be played on Wednesday nights (please call for more info).

Junior tennis in the NDTA fixtures is rapping up with the finals over the next couple of weeks. So far Noosa is placed well in all divisions. So good luck to all competing and go get 'em.

Here are a couple of interesting pictures I took earlier this year in one of our typical storms



MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH



Tuesday 4 November 2008

from 11.30am

**Noosa Tennis Club, Girraween Court
Sunshine Beach**



Enjoy nibbles with your glass of bubbly, followed by a **delicious** spit roast lunch with lamb, beef and pork, baked potatoes and 5 salads to choose from

(for vegetarians there will be a vegetarian lasagna)

3 scrumptious deserts, followed by tea, coffee and chocolates

**'Calcutta'. Sweepstakes
Prizes for Best Dressed Lady and Best Dressed Man
Lucky Door Prize
and..... *more!***



**All this for only \$30 per person,
including a welcome glass of bubbly**

Beer, wine and champagne will be available for purchase at Club prices.

MAKE SURE YOU BOOK EARLY AS TICKETS ARE LIMITED

Contact Joy Matus on 5474 2123 / 0400225391 or

Lynne Morton on 5449 8797 / 0420941923 to book your tickets/

table now! Payment **MUST be received by 28 October**

