



Welcome to the 2009/10 Season!

Season Opening BBQ

**Saturday 17th October
Miels Park from 6pm**

Meet your team / club or catch up the people you already know.

*BYO meat, salad & drinks for your family.
BBQ available to cook on.*

Bottle Drive

**Sunday 25th October
9.30am at Wyld's
Darnley Street, Littlehampton**

Each year we hold 2 or 3 bottle drives. It is an easy way to raise funds for the club. A couple of people drive around with trailers and collect bottles that are left out for us, others sort the bottles into bags and crates. Afterwards we have a BBQ lunch and drinks. Come along on the morning and support your club. Many hands make light work.

BYO sturdy gloves.

A word from the President...

From the number of teams nominated, we are again the largest club in the HTA. The Junior numbers have increased yet again with 22 teams and following the success of Hotshots over the past two seasons, this program is being run again for young, first time Junior players.

We have also increased our senior teams to 9—an approximate growth of 22% for both seniors and juniors. Having these numbers makes for a lot of work for the club. We have a very dedicated band of volunteers working within the club—there is always room for more. If anyone is interested in joining the committee then give me a call.

It's great to see some new faces on the committee – thanks for your efforts so far. During the off season, the Committee have been working toward several projects, including a new website, new logo and banners, grant applications for resurfacing at Anembo (Unsuccessful to date) and working with APSRA and the District Council of Mt Barker in regards to the development of Anembo Park, including court lighting. Our club would really benefit from having lights at Anembo as there are only Saturday and Sunday nights at Miels when the lights are not used on a regular basis.

Sponsorship is again being organised by a couple of enthusiastic Junior parents, Jayne Gore and Jackie Moul. We appreciate the commitment of our sponsors so please support them and mention the Littlehampton Tennis Club.

Good luck and as always, we would love to hear from you if you have any ideas or suggestions for the club.

Happy hitting...

Cheers,
Wade

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We have a new website! Check it out ...

www.littlehamptontennisclub.com.au

Coming soon: Online quizzes for the Juniors.

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Hey, is your name not up there?

Why not consider helping out on the committee for next season? Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned committee member, we are looking for people with new ideas and enthusiasm to get things done for their club. It is an important part of the club and also personally rewarding. If you can give some time and feel that the committee is too much of a commitment, there are many other ways you can help out on an ad hoc basis, so have a think about it and if you are interested, let a current committee member know.

Subs

Although Tennis SA and Anembo Park membership fees have increased, we have decided our subs will remain the same as last year. Subs for the 2009/10 season will be:

Seniors

\$210 (includes the volunteer levy – refer below)

\$30 discount if paid by Saturday 14/11/2008.

Concession

\$180 For pension card holders or full time students under 25 years

\$30 discount if paid in full by Saturday 14/11/2009.

Juniors

\$80 (with \$10 discount if paid by Saturday 14.11.09)

If junior subs are not paid by the 28th November 2009 you will be ineligible to play until subs are paid.

Coaching

\$85 or \$115 if not selling chocolates

Coaching fees must be paid in full by the first session to one of the Junior Coordinators.

In cases of extreme hardship, please contact the Treasurer, Sue Hutson, to discuss options.

Volunteer Levy

All senior players are required to pay the \$20 club levy. This system is in place in order to encourage players to become more active in the running of the club. The \$20 levy can be “worked off” through various means, for example, attending bottle drives, being a Captain, being a committee member, and attending working bees. Points are accumulated and once you reach 20 points \$20 will be deducted either from the cost of your end of season presentation dinner, or your subs for the following season.

Membership cards

Each season the club issues membership cards to members once their subs are paid in full. This card is required to be able to use the courts at Miels Park without paying the usual hire fee. Hand your card over the counter at Bauldy’s in exchange for the key. When you return the key you get your card back. This also allows us to find the keys if they are accidentally taken home.

Juniors

Welcome to the 2009/10 season of tennis. Our Junior Co-ordinators this year are:

Boys: Sue Hutson & Julie Hogg

Girls: Kate Wilson.

We would like to welcome back all the players from last year and hope that our new players will soon feel at home in our Club. We have again increased our numbers and this year we have a total of 22 Teams consisting of 103 players covering most divisions.

With 22 teams we will be using Hahndorf and Jeffery St, Nairne courts for some home matches as we don't have enough courts in Littlehampton to accommodate all of our juniors. Please check your programs carefully for HOME matches and remember to take balls if you are playing at HOME at Hahndorf or Nairne. We are rotating teams for these venues so that all of our teams get to play most of their matches in Littlehampton and only 2 or 3 matches in Nairne and/or Hahndorf. We would like to thank Nairne and Hahndorf for allowing us to hire their courts to accommodate our growing club.

Lets hope we get lots of good tennis weather and can get out and enjoy some great tennis. We look forward to getting to know you all better as the season progresses. We would also like to welcome our new coaches for this season, Grant Daniel and Bill Purling.

If you have any questions during the season please do not hesitate to contact one of the co-ordinators.

Happy hitting,

Sue, Julie and Kate

Junior Grading

As a reminder to Junior parents, our club Junior Coordinators

volunteer many hours of their time, particularly during this period of the season to ensure that the grading of the players into teams is as fair as possible for all players. This is not an easy task with over 100 individual players to consider.

The club policy for grading players within a team is via Order of Merit. The strongest players play in the highest divisions and players within each team are ranked based on each individual's skill level and strength. Grading is based on performance last year (if played), age, and skill level as well as social aspects where possible. Please ask all parents to consider the effort that goes into the running of our junior teams during the season and perhaps also consider joining the committee in future years.

Chocolate Fund Raiser

Our Junior fundraiser this year will be selling boxes of Freddo Frogs, Caramello Koalas, Summer Rolls etc. These are only \$1.20 each and come in boxes of 48. Funds raised go towards junior tennis and court maintenance so please support this fundraiser.

Contact Jackie Moulton on 0430 887 337.

Hotshots

The club is again running the Hot Shots program this year. We welcome back Bill Purling again this year as the Hot Shots coach. The program uses smaller nets, low compression balls and a smaller court size. This enables first timers to tennis to develop some basic tennis skills whilst having fun.

The program has started but we can still accommodate more participants if anyone is interested.

For more information please contact Sue Hutson on 0421705302.

Court usage @ Miels

This season sees Miels park being used most nights. Coaching is Monday and Wednesday nights from 3.30pm—9pm on 2 courts. Mondays another 2 courts will be used from 6-8 pm for another coaching session.

Tuesday nights will be night tennis from 7pm—every second week (approx) all four courts will be used as there are 3 home teams on Tuesdays and every Wednesday there will be night tennis from 7pm as well as coaching. Friday night is social tennis from 7pm with the Friday coaching sessions and Hot Shots being held at Anembo to help ease the pressure on the Miels Park courts.

We are currently working with APSRA and the District Council of Mount Barker to apply for funding for lights at Anembo Park courts. This is fast becoming a priority as there is not enough courts currently lit to accommodate all of our requirements.

Coaches

This season there will be 4 coaches conducting 19 sessions over 3 nights. Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your designated session and be ready to participate. Remember to be sunsmart and wear a hat, sunblock and bring a bottle of water.

If you can't make a session please send a text message to your coach advising him of your inability to attend. Coaching will not be cancelled for hot weather at this point in time but this will be reviewed after Christmas if we get weather like last year.

If raining please check out the door to the clubrooms for any advice of cancellation of the sessions.

Court Sponsors



Seniors

Arrive at court location 12.45pm start time 1.00pm, with one court to have started no later than 1.15pm No matches are to begin after 6pm. Matches already started and playing past 6pm may use lights if required and agreed by both parties. There is no order of play.

If you are unavailable to play, please let your Captain know as soon as possible so that a replacement player can be found.

Every player must bring a plate of afternoon tea for our home matches and Team Captains please organise for milk to be supplied. This is a requirement under HTA Rules so please abide by this.

Wet Weather

If it is raining players still need to go to the venue ready to play. If it continues raining 30 minutes after play was due to commence, the supervisors from both teams may agree to call the match off. Score sheets must still be submitted for rain cancelled matches and noted accordingly. If a match/set has commenced and it starts to rain, it is up to the players/supervisors to agree as to whether play should continue.

A player cannot be forced to play on a wet court. Player safety is the most important consideration in this instance. Supervisors need to take responsibility in this case, as players will often want to continue playing in spite of the rain. A match can be stopped; the courts dried using a squeegee and play recommenced. This can happen as often as is required or until time runs out.

Hot Weather

If the forecast for Mount Barker is 36°C or above as televised on Friday evening, then all tennis is

cancelled. If it looks like being hot, please watch the weather report. A notice will be placed on the clubroom door at Miels Park to advise of the cancellation.

Order of Merit (Seniors)

This season we have 9 senior teams spread over seven divisions. Positions within a team will run on the basis of the two win two loss rule.

For example: If the player in position 3 loses two weeks in a row and the player in position 4 wins two weeks in a row they have to swap positions. This will happen within teams but also between different teams.

For example: If the person at number 1 in the team below is winning their matches easily and the person at position 4 in the team above isn't winning their matches then the players will be swapped.

This ensures our strongest players are in the highest teams, next strongest in the second highest team etc

Any changes to be made will be decided by the committee and will occur after the first round of matches.

Finals

This season both seniors and juniors will go back to playing 3 weeks of finals. The teams finishing 1st & 2nd will have a double chance - if they win the first week they go straight into the grand final, if they lose they play the winner of the final between the 3rd & 4th placed teams. The loser of the 3rd & 4th placed teams is then out of the finals.

Junior finals will be:

1. Semi final will be on Friday night 5th March 2010 at 6.30pm

and Saturday morning 6th March 2010 at 8am with heat rule increased to 38oC. If heat cancelled / raining Friday then reschedule for Sat 10.30am. If cancelled Sat then Sunday 9am & 11am.

2. Preliminary Final Saturday 13th March 2010 8.30am/Sunday 9am Grand Final Saturday 20th March 2010 8.30am (or following Saturday 27th March 2010 - if rain/heat cancelled). Please make a note of the finals' dates in your diaries.

Thank you's

A big thank you to Murray Dolan from Adelaide Hills Fire Watch for supplying the Club with a Fire Extinguisher for the Club Room at Miels Park.

Another thank you goes to Otto Parker-Boers from Littlehampton Sawmill for supplying the timber to enable us to repair the seat on the courts at Miels Park.

Thanks goes to the Hutson family for replacing the timber on the seat and for staining and painting it.

Thankyou to the following people for helping out at the recent working bee ...

Jo Casey, Frank Meffle, Penny Falland, Bob Milligan, Mark Millington, Alberto Santangelo, Neville, Sue, Wade, Blake and Ryan Hutson.

Work done included repairing the sails at Anembo, resetting the poles that hold the sails up, building the recycled plastic bench seats and cementing them in, cleaning out the clubrooms, washing the crockery and cutlery, buying supplies for the clubrooms and weed spraying around the courts.

Thankyou very much to everyone who turned up on the day to help – it is very much appreciated.

For your diary ...

Junior's Christmas Show

Wednesday 9th of December 5pm to 6.30pm we are holding a Christmas show for the Junior players at Miels Park, which will include sausage sizzle, games, face painting, and of course lolly bags.

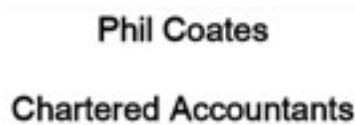
Seniors / Parents Christmas BBQ

Saturday 12th of December, 6.30pm, is our Senior Players and Parents Xmas BBQ and drinks at Littlehampton Hall/Miels Park. Further details to come.

Whole Club BBQ

Saturday 6th of February we are holding a whole club BBQ from 5.30pm at the Littlehampton Hall.

Trophy Sponsors



Balls

Tennis balls are a large expense for the club and are club property. Can everyone please remember that they are an important resource for the club and are reused in several ways, including junior Saturday matches

Juniors After home matches, please ensure that all balls are collected and returned in their cans with the team folder to Miels park club rooms.

Seniors After home matches please ensure that balls are collected and returned to the barrel (currently behind the door) in the Miels Park Clubrooms.

Polo Shirts

Club polo shirts are available. The players look great in them, especially the teams where all the players wear them. If you wish to purchase a club shirt please contact Chris Geue by 20th October. Shirts cost \$30 and must be paid for when ordered. They are usually available within a week to ten days.

Night Tennis

The HTA Spring night tennis season is underway and again Littlehampton is a strong presence. We currently have 5 teams playing across Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in a variety of divisions. The Summer season begins in January, so if you are not currently playing but would like to join a team, contact Bill Parker, our HTA Night Coordinator, who can give you more information. We are especially on the look out for female players, as some of our teams are currently playing with 3 men and 1 woman. Bill's details can be found on the committee contact list. Happy hitting!

Friday Night Social Tennis

Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see some new faces. Courts are booked from 7pm. The cost is \$5.00 per player. Numbers did drop off a bit last year so we are going to do a four week trial at the beginning of the season. Come and have some fun, meet some new people and hit a few balls. Commences Friday, 16th October.