



Merry Christmas

Club Christmas BBQ

Saturday 12th December @ 6.30 pm
Miels Park. \$5 per adult entry / \$15 family, which includes a drink for adults and dinner for all. Bring a salad to share, drinks for the kids and any other alcohol you may require. Please RSVP to Jayne Gore 0414 812 692

Chocolate Fundraiser

We still have boxes of chocolates for sale. Funds raised from the sale of chocolates will assist the club in the maintenance of our facilities, including the cleaning of the courts at Anembo, repairing the sails, installing seats and hopefully before next season the resurfacing of Anembo. If anyone can sell a box or two at their workplace or to family and friends please let either Jackie or Sue know.

Bottle Drive

Thanks to all those who assisted with the last bottle drive. We raised \$1000 – not bad for a morning's work for 15 people. The next bottle drive will be in February so keep an eye out for the date and come along and help support your club. For the senior players this counts towards your fundraising levy.

A word from the President...

Hi Everyone,

I hope that you are enjoying the season so far and are having some wins. If not, keep trying - they will come.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped out so far this season either on the committee or at club functions (bottle drive, working bee etc). This season we have filled up all our sponsor spots from the work put in by Jayne and Jackie. This is great for the club and the businesses sponsoring us as their name is promoted throughout the community. So thank you to all of the sponsors supporting the club.

Coming up we have the kids Christmas show on the 9th of December and also the senior and parents Christmas show on the 12th of December. Come out and catch up with your team and meet others from the club.

The club has organized to hold a BBQ at Bunning's on the 20th of December. We are asking every team to supply 2 helpers as the more helpers that we get means the shorter the shifts will be. Starting at 9am and finishing at 4pm, we'll try to accommodate your preferences for times, but it's first in, first served. Please contact me if you can help.

The next bottle drive will be held early next once tennis resumes after Christmas. Come out and help the club -the more helpers that we get the easier the work. We raised \$1000 from the last one so great effort from those who turned out to help.

I hope that everyone will have a Merry Christmas and a good New Year and I look forward to seeing you back on the court in January.

Happy hitting...

Cheers,

Wade

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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

For the majority that have paid their subs, hopefully your **\$30 savings** was spent wisely elsewhere. For the handful that didn't full subs are due.

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.

Tennis SA Registration & Insurance

Just a quick note to let you know about changes Tennis SA have made to the way we register players. In the past the registration period ran for the calendar year, this year they have bought it more in line with the tennis season – 1st September to 31st August each year. The Tennis SA membership includes a personal injury insurance cover whilst playing tennis. This year our players who played last year are covered until 31st December and any new players are not covered until they have paid their subs to us and then we need to register them for them to be covered. Next season to ensure our players are registered and therefore covered by insurance the due date for subs will need to be bought forward. The exact date will be determined by next years committee but keep this in mind for next year when you register your intent to play.

Juniors

Girls

The start to the season has been 'interesting' and certainly a Baptism of Fire for my first year as junior co-ordinator for the girls, and I would like to thank parents for their ongoing patience and assistance at the start of the Tennis season. .

We have 9 girls teams this year which is fantastic and a credit to the ongoing work of the committee over the previous years.

We have Division 1 girls sitting at second place on the league table and Division 5 sitting at 3rd place with many other of the teams fast approaching 3rd place within their own divisions.

The Division 9 families, many who are new to tennis have had to adapt to many changes after Onkaparinga pulled out of the division leaving us with 3 to 4 new programmes (I am told that this is not the norm?).

We have had a number of injuries across all divisions and I would like to thank all the girls that have played two games on a Saturday morning and parents who have kindly travelled throughout the Hills ensuring that we have not had to forfeit games.

I pay particular thanks to Alice Keast, Lauren Benton and Elise Moults-Smith who have helped me out on MORE than one occasion at very short notice! PS – well done Elise who moved up 2 divisions and went on to win both doubles and singles!!

ENJOY and KEEP SMILING it keeps us sane.

Boys

So the start of the 2009/10 season brought with it both rain cancelled and heat cancelled rounds!!! Things are a little different this year with each division now having 6 teams. This has meant that some of the teams were not placed

where they were originally nominated as we have more divisions this year, and this has led to some boys having some good wins. Some teams have several players who haven't lost a match yet making it difficult choosing the order of merit within a team – please remember order of merit is based on whoever is the strongest player within a team plays at number 1, second strongest at number 2 on so on. It is not necessarily based on where a player sits within the player rankings for that division as this does not take into account the position played. Most of the boys seem to be having a good hit each week (weather permitting) and having fun along the way.

Remember that good sportsmanship, court etiquette and behaviour on court is as an important part of tennis as winning is.

Thank you to the boys who have played in different positions and divisions so far this season in order to let as many boys as possible enjoy as much tennis as possible. When boys are willing to fill in for other teams and divisions it makes our job a little easier. Thanks also to the parents who have been driving around the hills on Saturday morning to get their teams to where they need to be.

Lets hope that over the rest of the season the weather is kind to us and we get lots of tennis played and some teams in finals.

Enjoy your tennis,

Sue and Julie

Closed Tournament

The junior closed tournament was held on 22nd and 29th November with the following players entering:

Blake Hutson, Brett Geue, Tom Babidge, Harry Babidge, Tom Parker, Michael Sandford, Lachie Pfitzner, Jai Naitin, David Castine, Ryan Hutson, Cooper Nykamp, Jamie Devine, Bradley Graham,

Matt Casey, Tommy Pfitzner, Abbey Geue, Alison Castine, Shannon Traeger, Tiana Naitin

Blake Hutson was partnered by Tim Walkom in the 18 and under boys doubles. They have never played doubles together before and played well to take out the grand final against Harry Babidge and Tom Campbell who were playing in their first tournament together

Tom Parker and Michael Sandford played in the 14 and under boys doubles final and were runners up to Nicholas Jansen and Luke Breen. Tom also played in the singles round of finals and came up against Michael Walkom. It was a great match but Michael was victorious on the day winning 6-3 and then he went on to win the 14 boys singles finals.

Tiana Naitin was playing in her first tournament and played a great match against Aldgate player Kirsty Manuel in the consolation round of the 10 and under girls consolation round– the match went to 5 all with countless deuces and Tiana eventually won the match in a tie break. Even though Tiana was beaten in her next match it was a great experience for her.

Well done to all the players who played in the tournament and for those who were playing in it for the first time I hope you enjoyed the experience. We encourage as many players as possible to enter this tournament as it is a great experience playing against players from different divisions. So if you didn't enter it this year have a go next year.

In the girls 16 and under we had 2 players competing - Abbey Geue was runner up in the singles final and Alison Castine was the winner in the consolation round. Both girls played in the doubles final and were runners up.

Well done to all of the players who made it through to finals

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Seniors

Div 1 Mens

We have not had the best starts to a season, having only won twice, but we have had fun, and the weeks that we have lost have generally been quite close, so most weeks we are all having a good hit.

Our team consists of Mark Holmes, Todd Mugford, Jiske Nicholson and also Nick Liedig who has joined us this year. Daniel Holmes has also been playing but unfortunately due to work reasons is unable to play any more. We hope to improve in the second half of the season as we get more practise under our belt and hopefully get a bit fitter.

Mark Holmes

Div 2 Mens

We have had a mixed start to the season as we have had some easy wins as well as some easy losses. In the last couple of weeks we have been lucky to have juniors and seniors from other teams filling in for us due to injury and family commitments.

My team is improving every week with the more games they get under their belt. Hopefully we'll be playing finals at the end of the season. Unfortunately I am out for the rest of the season due to injury so will be handing the captains job over.

Thanks to my team for the 3 matches that I played. Really enjoyed it and am looking forward to returning next season.

Wade Hutson

Tuesday Night Div 2

Our "Fearless" crew are enjoying the spring comp. Dean "Fearless" Felis is our gutsy little runabout, and chases everything down, while Andrew "Never-Say-Die" Noel is the brick wall of the team. Steve "Everready" Heath just keeps going and going and going, although some weeks we worry

that his hips are not going to hold out. Chris "Go-Go" Geue provides the backbone of the side with her steady, level headed hitting style, while Jo "Cracker" Casey pulls the odd shot out of nowhere, now and again. We are currently sitting in fourth position and are having a great hit each week.

Div 2 Doubles

Considering the injury & illness woes of a few of the men in our team we are travelling pretty well only having lost one match to Upper Sturt by a handful of games.

Our resident No 1, Jim Lenz, is likely to lose his nickname of "SuperMario" and may be known as "Limpy Lenz" for a month or so following knee surgery scheduled shortly. Big Bad Bob Milligan has taken up the No. 1 spot, and appears to be relishing the challenge. Michael Rohde continues his reliable form, particularly extra curricularly at the pub. Young Gun, Matt Lyall doesn't seem to mind playing in a team of oldies and has been playing some fine tennis of late. We eagerly await the return of Mark Millington after a nasty bout of illness but have been grateful for the willingness of David Kuchel to fill in during Mark's recuperation.

Our women appear to be the strongest in this competition having not dropped a ladies set so far this season, thanks to the consistency of Trudy Wyld, the "run everything down like a rabbit" style of Penny Falland, the wicked forehand of Raelene Dalby. As you can gather with this line up there's not much for me to do so I just hang at the net. With the second round of matches now underway we look forward to continuing our winning way and hopeful that we can gain even more depth when our sidelined players recover. Thanks to our wonderful committee for a smooth start to the season. Happy hitting.

Libby Timmins

Div 1 Womens

Our division 1 womens team this year consists of myself Lauren Baulderstone, Jo Casey, Tania Jackson, Cally Toma and Anna Baulderstone who is making her 'debut' in seniors after many years in junior tennis.

We have had a great time as a team so far sharing our home matches with the div 3 mens white team. In terms of success we have had some good wins but a few more disappointing losses. We are looking forward to the rest of the season and hopefully a few more wins.

Lauren Baulderstone

Div 3 Mens

I have taken on the role of captain from Ben Castine who is moving to Adelaide. Chad Evans is yet to hit the court as he is still recovering from surgery so we have been relying on fillins. Andrew and myself have been having some good doubles matches with 7 wins and 3 losses to date. We had our first win recently against Mt Barker which was a good confidence booster for us all. Michael has been playing doubles with the fillins so has been finding it tough without a regular doubles partner but his Dad, Greg, will be hitting the court in the coming weeks to replace Ben so we expect to see some wins from the father/son combo.

Blake Hutson

Div 4 Mens

Our team consists of 2 sets of brothers – Tom and Jack Eccleston and Rico and Dion Garilli. We are getting a few wins under of belt and are enjoying playing tennis together. We have won 3 matches lost 2 and then due to the heat and the rain not played 2. I hope we get to play the rest of the season without too many more cancellations.

Tom Eccleston

Stainless Steel Drink Bottles

LTC has been offered food quality Stainless Steel Insulated drink bottles for a discounted price! Two sizes available - 1L (\$20, usually \$25) & 1.2L (\$22, usually \$30). Keep your drink cold for longer which ... great for the hot summer days. Unlike plastic drink bottles there is no leaching of chemicals into the water. For all orders please contact Jayne Gore on 0414 812 692 by 10th Dec 09 as no orders will be accepted after this date. Below is what the drink bottle look like. For more information:



<http://www.onyabags.com.au/shop.php?crn=212>

Used Balls

Can everyone please remember that used balls are an important resource for the club.

JUNIORS: After home matches, please ensure that used balls are collected in their cans and handed in with the team folder to Miels park club rooms.

SENIORS: After home matches please ensure that used balls are collected and returned to the barrel in the Miels Park Clubrooms.

Social Tennis

Everyone is welcome and it would be good to see some new faces. Courts are booked from 7pm on a Friday night. The cost is \$5.00 per player. Come out and give it a try, what have you got to lose besides your dignity. Junior players are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

Hot Shots

We are again running the Hot Shots program this year. Bill Purling and Peter Walters are the coaches and are holding a combined session with 20 participants. Quite a few of our participants from the last 2 years are now playing tennis which is great to see. We have had a large increase in the number of girls participating in Hot Shots so we should see an another increase in the number of girls teams again next year. Hot Shots will run again in Term 1 2010 – for further information please contact Sue Hutson 0421705302.

Weather

Rain: If it is raining all 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. Fully completed score sheets must still be submitted for rain cancelled matches and noted accordingly. Please ensure that the score sheet is returned to the club rooms before 4pm. A player cannot be forced to play on a wet court and supervisors need to take responsibility, 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 re-commenced.

Heat: If the Friday night forecast for Mount Barker is 36°C or above, 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.

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