



SCARBOROUGH
TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023



CHAIRMANS REPORT



Welcome all to the new season and our first newsletter to get the year rolling. We have had our first committee meeting to map and plan out some of the big key issues/items and tactics that we will be working on and here is a broad list below in no particular order of Importance or timing:

- The Clubs Strategic Plan
- New Membership Drive
- Community Awareness
- Sponsorships
- Policies & Procedures
- Government Grants
- Liquor Licensing
- Hardcourt Resurfacing & Maintenance
- Patio Renovation
- Our 60th Dinner
- Creating a Junior Development Pathway
- Club Rostering System
- Digital Communication
- Major Club Functions & Events
- Pennant Team Development
- Club Social & Tournament Play
- General Club Maintenance & Issues
- Hall Hire



As you can see from the list above that we have a decent workload and we will keep you all informed as to our progress on the relevant task as we navigate through the season.

COACHING CONTRACT

I am very pleased to announce that we have secured the services of our resident Coach Rick Willsmore for the next 7 years. Rick has demonstrated year after year how successful his Coaching Academy is with Junior and Senior Player Development and his high calibre coaching team supporting him are a further demonstration on why Rick has the Committees full backing and support. I want to thank Stephen Caddy and Bruce Mason for managing the contract process.

Nigel Moyes
CHAIRMAN



CAPTAINS REPORT



Hi all, well winter is upon us and social has switched to the hardcourts. Grass courts are lying fallow until early October and some members will hibernate until then. Having said that there is still lots going on with social tennis, coaching, competition pennants, drinks, fellowship and good times happening at the club.

This is actually a great time of the year to get coaching. Gives you a chance to make those changes now and hone your skills before the season kicks off again. Call Rick and his team for details on 0430 110 848 or info@scarboroughtennis.com.au.

WEEKEND SOCIAL

We have been averaging around 4 -5 courts both days which is great numbers, especially considering court 1 is unavailable for social or pennant play due to court damage making it dangerous to play on. **Pennants will only be taking two courts off Saturday social for one more day, July 29th.** So other than that one Saturday we will now have 5 courts available instead of three.

WINTER SOCIAL TENNIS ROSTER

Please put your name down to help run our social tennis calendar during the off-season. It will be very skeleton staffed as it is, we really just need a responsible, long-term member to open and close the club each Saturday and Sunday – under the Social Supervisor position. You will be given key access to do so. The sets can be done by a designated person or just by a person left off.

TUESDAY SOCIAL GROUP UPDATE

Annual end of grass courts luncheon- highlighted by legendary rocker/crooner, Bruce Price - again a success with many members (including some new age men) chipping in unsolicited to make it function.

Winter hard court play is drawing about four or five courts - not bad now that travel season is here.

If you are a player, please add your name to the duty roster. If you are not a player, please consider helping us out by volunteering your services.

Plans afoot to make table tennis and carpet bowls available next season when inclement weather prevents play. These activities would be between 10.30 to 12.30 because the hall is used earlier by the yoga people. Stay tuned...

Finally, a big thank you to Liz, who for many years facilitated Tuesday play. It now takes three male members to continue her work. Phew.

SUMMER PENNANT TEAMS

We are really wanting to bolster our pennant ranks next season so please start thinking about and speaking about next season's teams with your club-mates and members as well as other clubs players to potentially come across to Scarborough. We would love to see us put together a Men's and Ladies Div 1 team next season for the club profile and members enjoyment.



PLAYING ON HARDCOURTS *members*



With the exception of Tuesday morning and Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the hardcourts are under the lease of the coaching academy so please note the following information regarding playing on the hardcourts:

If members want to play on the hardcourts there are the following options:

- A.** During the daylight CASUAL - If courts are free during the day, members can play without booking the court. Note that there is a risk of the court being booked online by someone else but during the day hours (before 330pm) this risk is low.
- B.** During the daylight RESERVE - If members want to guarantee a court, they can book it at a 50% discount (\$7.50 per hour)
- C.** During the evening UNDER LIGHTS - Any play under lights must be booked by members who can book it at a 50% discount (\$10 per hour)

Viewing court availability and booking a Court - www.scarboroughtennis.com.au/bookacourt

Member Code for discount - 1012023

Grant Nockolds
CLUB CAPTAIN



FACILITIES REPORT



HARD COURTS

The Committee has arranged for sub surface scanning of courts 1 and 6 to be done, to try to identify the cause of the raised section on court 1 and cracking on courts 5 and 6. We expect to have a report on this in the next few days and will decide on a course of action to have any necessary repairs made.

NEW PATIO

Finally from the City of Stirling, we have a start date for construction of the new patio, however, it's now booked for October, so hopefully and fingers crossed it will be ready for Opening Day of next season. The Committee is looking at options to partially enclose the patio once it has been built, to reduce the impact of sun and weather on members. The Committee is also considering the practicality and merits of fully covering and paving the patio opposite court 5, to give a larger, weatherproof area.

COURT SURROUNDS

Quotes are being sought to remove all the shrubs and plants on the inside of the boundary fencing, as their only purpose seems to be as an annual Busy Bee task and ongoing ball catchers. The 2 trees outside court 11 will be trimmed in time for the start of next season. Thanks to Steve Jones, Gaye and Di for their help with removing and treating the retaining wall plants. The City of Stirling has been contacted for its assistance in backfilling the areas where sand has been washed from the walls.

Graham Burnfield

FACILITIES



COACHES REPORT



Hi members

JUNIORS

After a successful summer season, most of our juniors are deep into pre season training where the most technical changes take place. By learning the harder technique over Winter means that you have enough time to practice it and get it ready for next Summer season. For those who do not play a winter sport on Sunday mornings, we do also have 4 winter teams playing giving them more match practice. Coach Madalina has been on annual leave back to Europe where she has checked out some tennis programs such as the Ilie Nastase academy. We are lucky to have Madalina as part of our coaching team and looking forward to having her back in action on the court at Scarborough.

RESTRINGING

We really appreciate those members who use us for their restrings. Given our restringing machine is as good or better than competitors such as Tennis Only and as players/coaches we can recommend the right string for you from a custom selected range. You should be restringing your racquet at least once a year as a minimum and we keep a history of your string and tension used. The pro shop is only open officially on Saturday and Sunday mornings but we can always organise a drop off and pick up at the pro shop easily for you any day of the week. Best bet is to email us info@scarboroughtennis.com.au or text 0430 110 848 to arrange.

Rick Willsmore

CLUB COACH



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OUR

60TH

BLACK TIE
EVENT

Very excited to be part of this
and we are looking at late
November or early December
with the date tbc.

More details to follow in
the coming months.

CONTACT INFO



We encourage your feedback on what you like or don't like, or what we should or shouldn't consider. Please feel free to send an email to committee@scarboroughtennis.com.au to let us know your thoughts.

Keep an eye on our Facebook site and for the monthly newsletter, where you can find out about all things STC!

CHAIRPERSON: Nigel Moyes

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