



SCARBOROUGH
TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023





CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



As many of you may know I really love the cold weather being from NZ but this is probably the first winter I have said "I cannot wait for summer!!!" It has caused massive havoc with stormy weather, rain and high winds damaging the hardcourts and boundary fences and I can only imagine how tough it has been on Ricks Coaching Academy in trying to manage lessons and court hire when the elements are against you.

So for all those members who have been additionally affected as Rick has been with a lack of courts, we can only apologise, but our hands are tied and we are also at the mercy of the City of Stirling in terms of how long things will be taking to be rectified and fixed. However - there is a light at the end of the tunnel and it's called SUMMER and the new season is just a couple of weeks away with some very big events to get the summer going.

"MEMBERS" OPENING DAY WEEKEND – SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

The Captains team has advised for you all to arrive from 12:30pm for a 1pm special early social start time to kick off the new season! We will play 4 sets of tennis, to take us to 3pm, where we will cool down, get drinks and nibbles and settle in for the official opening ceremony at 3:30pm where the Mayor Mark Irwin will officially declare the season open. Drinks and festivities to continue after this or alternatively head back out for more tennis.

LIVE BAND PLAYING – 14TH OCTOBER

My band "Olive St" will be performing for members and friends. Come on your own or bring a group of friends and make a table as we play some classics through the decades in our folk, country and soft rock style. All food is BYO but alcohol must be purchased from our bar. We have 100 tickets to fill the hall and we are nearly at 50% sold already so purchase your tickets soon to avoid missing out.

INTERNATIONAL RULES TOURNAMENT – 21ST OCTOBER

This classic event is back! It's Team Australia Vs International All-Stars Team. Basic rule is, if you or one of your parents were born overseas then you play for the international team, all the rest are Aussie, Aussie, Aussie! Come in colours or dress that reflect your country of origin and represent! There will be plenty of prizes going throughout the day for various fun things and included in the entry fee of \$15 is an after party with food provided. Check out the entry form attached or go to the website to enter online.

THE PENNANT SEASON COMMENCES – 28TH OCTOBER

A new season of competition awaits us all with new formats for many of the teams.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all compete this season and looking fab in blue as you represent the club.



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PUBLIC OPEN DAY – SAT 15TH NOVEMBER

A fantastic opportunity to invite your friends and family down for an afternoon of FREE tennis. It's our chance to showcase our members, tennis courts and facilities. More information to come in the following weeks.

OUR 60TH ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION – 25TH NOVEMBER

This is a once in a ten-year event that we have to celebrate as a club. Join us for live music, great food and fantastic company on a very big night for the club and its past and present members.

OUR WEBSITE IS ALWAYS UP TO DATE WITH INFO

Please ensure you check out our website <https://www.scarboroughtennisclub.com.au/> for all the latest news and updates on EVERYTHING we do at the club and additionally our facebook page is also keeping you informed on the very latest club news.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

This year our cards will contain a unique number ID and this number will be matched in our database and Square system to your name. It is intended that whilst you are a member at the club that this unique number will always be your number. We should have the cards ready for issuing before opening Day on the 7th October and these will be handed out to members by the Duty Committee person or Captains team. Please note - they will not be mailed out – you must collect in person from the club during our club opening times.

Nigel Moyes
CHAIRMAN



CAPTAINS REPORT



Hi all, well with just over 2 weeks to go until the new season kicks off on the grass, we are running bull-at-a-gate towards it with some fantastic new initiatives and tennis updates.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You should have all received in your inboxes, a request to renew your membership for the 2023-24 season. The grace period is ending soon and following open day, any people not renewed will be asked to start paying visitor's fees.

These renewals were due by 31st August. If you don't recall seeing a renewal, please check your inbox for a Scarborough Tennis Club email dated 29/07/2023 or junk folder, or simply go online and direct deposit your renewal fees (there has been no change to last year's fees) to:

Scarborough Tennis Club - BSB: 066 157, Acct: 10406508, Ref: Your Name

PENNANT NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED

We have had a strong response to the pennant drive with 12 pennant teams confirmed. Four Saturday teams, four Sunday teams and four midweek teams.

Teams have been selected and sent off to Tennis West. Once team selections and divisions are confirmed, this will be announced via your team captain or Pennant Coordinator, Jenna Valentin.

All pennant players are expected to wear club shirts. If you need more; or have to order your first lot, please do so through Di Nagle, diannenagle54@gmail.com. Shirts are \$40 each.

TENNIS & EVENTS CALENDAR/PLANNER 2023-24

Tennis & social events as well as key pennant dates for the year have been finalised and are all viewable through these attached documents.

NEW COACHING PATHWAY MEMBERSHIP

With such a hugely successful new member drive last year we have continued it this year but with one added initiative. With the help of Scarborough Tennis Academy, we are pleased to announce - for any new member to the club - the opportunity to improve and enhance their tennis prowess with 4 x 45-minute private coaching lessons included in the adult membership.

Coaching Pathway - Full Adult Membership - \$460 (which includes)

- 4 x 45min private coaching lessons - providing coaching valued at approx. \$240.
- Effectively making a full adult membership \$220 with \$240 of coaching included.

This will encourage people who have been out of the game for a while or since childhood the confidence to re-enter the tennis fraternity with a streamlined package from our club, designed to help upskill them quickly for social and tournament play.



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TUESDAY SOCIAL TENNIS

Tuesday tennis continues to draw good numbers with at least 5 courts usually needed and some players having to sit out. Great to see five or six pennant players attending regularly.

Grass court official opening day is Tuesday, 10th October. Four sets will be played prior to lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a plate, and drinks will be provided.

Finally, please start thinking about your Melbourne Cup outfit for Tuesday, 7th November. Prizes for best dressed. More details about the day will be announced as we get closer to the day.

CHANGES TO THE WAY WE DO WEEKEND SOCIAL TENNIS ROSTERING

I'd like to trial a new social supervisor position instead of a committee position to free up the committee members from their already heavy schedules at the club. These people would be trusted and normally long-standing members that know how the club operates and functions. I'd also like to trial having these people split the day with the Bar person, so they only open the club and the bar person locks the club. In my opinion, it's too long a day for the opener to close too and the bar person is always there at the end anyway as they call last drinks and can easily close from that point.

Social Supervisor to:

- Setup for social, opening club and toilets etc,
- Take any visitor or court hire fees and/or field general enquiries,
- Assist with sets creation if sets person is new or unsure,
- Assist with teas during tea break if required.

Once last set is up, social supervisor is free to go. Bar person takes over running of club and closing of club from here.

With so much going on during the first month of October the social supervisor position is still being filled by the committee, but from November this will change..

The month of October roster is done from Opening Day (see next page).

If you have any unavailability's or preferences for rostered days for the coming summer roster season, please email Gary Jones at: jones.gm@bigpond.com

Grant Nockolds

CLUB CAPTAIN



WEEKEND SOCIAL TENNIS DUTY ROSTER

<u>October</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Social Supervisor</u>	<u>Sets</u>	<u>Tea/Bar</u>
Saturday 7th	Opening Day	Gary Jones	Graham Burnfield	Ryan Jones
Sunday 8th	Organised Social	Bruce Mason	Gemma Criddle	John Wikstrom
Saturday 14th	Organised Social	Conor O'Hara	Barbara Lee	Ken Gray
Sunday 15th	Organised Social	Grant Nockolds	Mark Anderson	Shane Paskett
Saturday 21st	International Rules	Captains Team	Captains Team	Vicki Johnson
Sunday 22nd	Organised Social	Steve Caddy	Jo Mullins	Karen caddy
Saturday 28th	Organised Social	Di Nagle	Wendy Eggleston	Liz Duncan
Sunday 29th	Organised Social	Jenny Tomich	Jenny Cogan	Jeannie Musgrove



FACILITIES REPORT



HARD COURTS

Due to the heavy rainfall recently, the City of Stirling has been unable to assess the cause of the lifting problem with court 1. It is hoped that this can be done in November/December when the water level has dropped, and a plan of action decided from there. The damage to the fencing on court 6 is expected to be fixed within a week or two, and until then, that court will not be available for play.

PATIO

We still don't have a start date for construction of the new patio, and are waiting to hear from the City when this might be and how much disruption this is likely to cause to our operations, given that the new season is almost upon us.

COURT SURROUNDS

All the shrubs and plants on the inside of the boundary fencing will be removed by a contractor this week, relieving club members of the annual pruning and disposal job that has been needed in the past. The City has been contacted about the many issues with damage to our boundary fencing following the recent storms, and we're waiting for its response. Temporary bracing has been used for the sections of fencing that are unsafe.

BUSY BEE

A Busy Bee will be held this Sunday September 24th from 9.30 - 11.30am, mainly to remove weeds and tidy the garden beds, and to carry out a general clean up of the patio area. The club has a number of gardening tools and cleaning gear, but feel free to bring your own if you'd prefer. Hope to see you there!

GRASS COURTS

In good news, groundskeeper Brad is happy with the coverage of grass for this time of year, and has said that most, if not all, of the grass courts will be ready for play a week ahead of the Official Opening on October 7th. The courts will therefore be open for play from Saturday morning, with organised social play from 1.30pm on the 30th and Sunday October 1st.

Graham Burnfield

FACILITIES



COACHES REPORT



JUNIOR SUMMER PENNANTS

We are excited to have 14 teams nominated this year in Junior Pennants at Scarborough. This includes 7 teams in our Orange and Green ball teams (13 years and under) meaning the future is looking bright for the club as they move up through the junior age groups.

PRIVATE LESSONS

We know that unfortunately we have limited availability for evening private lessons. Coaches have regular commitments with groups and squads and the peak afternoon/evening times fill up very quickly. However if you are interested in private lessons and have availability between 9am-11am we should be able to always accommodate you. Alternately know that during school holiday periods the coaching team has a different schedule than the busy school terms.

THURSDAY ADULT MATCH STRATEGY - 6.30PM-8.30PM - 50% OFF FOR MEMBERS

Our new revamped Thursday night is a great opportunity for members to warm up and play a 3 to 5 rounds of match-play under the supervision of Coach Jack. Each week Jack will pick a strategy 'theme' to work on to help your game and match you up with different partners and opponents. This is suitable for those UTR 2.0 to UTR 6.0. Members can buy a 10 pack of sessions for just \$100 (non members pay \$200). This does not need to be used within any time period so just turn up when you can to play. Please note that this is limited to 16 players each week.

PRO SHOP HOURS - RESTRINGING

Unfortunately, it is not sustainable to have a staff member at the pro shop at all times. Saturday and Sunday mornings the pro shop is open and each afternoon between 4pm-7pm there are always coaches there. So, if you are wanting to drop your racquet in for a restring please email or message us to arrange a drop off time. Between Anthony, Rick, Madalina, Jack and other coaches we can always arrange to meet you for your racquet drop off.

Our most popular strings are:

- Alu Power (big banger) - premium performance - the best for topspin for higher level players.
- Wilson Sensation - multifilament string which offers a good all round playing experience.
- Wilson NXT soft - premium string which offers good power and also shock absorption.
- Polyfibre Black Venom - Polyester string offering good power and spin.

Email us - info@scarboroughtennis.com.au or Text - 0430 110 848 for any enquiries or to arrange a call back.



COACHES REPORT



COURT HIRE UNDER LIGHTS - MEMBER DISCOUNT

Please remember that if members want to play under lights then it includes a 50% member discount making it only \$10 per hour to hire a court under lights. Please note that there is no freelance play under lights as we as the coaching academy lease all 6 hardcourts and are responsible for all the court light electricity so any play under lights needs to be booked online.

To book a court click here - <https://www.scarboroughtennis.com.au/bookacourt>

Member discount code - 1012023

Rick Willsmore

CLUB COACH



SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER

7.30pm @ SCARBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB
101 DEANMORE RD, SCARBOROUGH



TICKETS \$12

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CELEBRATION

Saturday 25th November from 6.30pm.

Jazz on arrival + Dinner + Live Band.

Dress to impress!

\$90 per person. Book your tickets now!

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2023/24 TENNIS & EVENT PLANNER

EVENT	DATE	ORGANISER
TENNIS		
Opening Day & Ceremony	Saturday, 7 th October	Cap Team & Committee
International Rules Tourney	Saturday 21 st October	Captains Team
Community Open Day	Saturday, 14 th November	Committee & Academy
Twilight tennis	1st Thurs of mth, Dec-Mar	Captains Team
Christmas Play & Stay	Saturday, 16 th December	Captains Team
Australia Day Tournament	Friday, 26 th January	Captains Team
Club Championships	23-24 th Mar, 20-21 st Apr	Captains Team
Charity Fundraiser Day	Sunday, 30 th June	Captains Team
SOCIAL		
Opening Day	Saturday, 7 th October	Social Team
Live Band Night – Olive St	Saturday, 14 th October	Nigel M. & Social Team
International Rules	Saturday, 21 st October	Social Team
Melbourne Cup Lunch	Tuesday, 7 th November	Tuesday Social Co-ords
60th Anniversary Dinner	Saturday, 25th November	Karen Caddy & team
Twilights	1st Thurs of mth, Dec-Mar	Social Team
Christmas Play & Stay	Saturday, 16 th December	Social Team
Quiz Night	(To be confirmed...)	Nigel M. & Social Team
End of Year Dinner	Saturday, 1 st June	Social Team
PENNANTS		
Pennants Start	28th October 2023	Tennis West
Pennants Summer Break	Sat 16 th Dec – Fri 2 nd Feb '24	Tennis West
Pennant Grand Finals	Tues 12 th Mar – Sun 17 th Mar	Tennis West
MANAGEMENT		
AGM	Saturday, 25 th May	Secretary & Chair
Committee meetings	2 nd Wed of month @7pm	Secretary & Chair
Busy Bee	Sunday, 24 th September	Facilities Manager



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International Rules Play & Stay

Australia vs International All Stars

Saturday 21st October - 1pm-5pm

We resurrect this colourful and cultural tournament with the International All-stars team Vs Australia. If you or one of your parents were born overseas, then you play for the International All-Stars, the rest play for Australia! Get involved in this year's great event that is the International Rules Play & Stay.

What- Doubles/Mixed team event with an all-Australian team vs an International All Stars. Teams will be grouped by up to 3-4 skill divisions. You will gain points for your team for each game you win. The winning team at the end of the competition will be crowned the champions and have bragging rights for the year!!!

How- Just fill out form below and email grantn@live.com.au, or click <https://www.scarboroughtennisclub.com.au/international-rules-tournament> to enter online.

Where- Scarborough Tennis Club

When- Saturday 21st October

Time- 1pm-5pm (12.30pm warm up. 1pm start sharp)

Entry Fee- \$15 members, \$25 non- members

Dress- National pride!!

Stay – Entry fee includes scrumptious finger food and platters following the days play.

To complete your enrolment please complete below:

Name:- _____ Sex:- M / F D.O.B:- _____

Member / Visitor Fee Paid:- \$15 / \$25 UTR:- _____ Club Grade:- _____

Email:- _____ Phone:- _____

Country of birth:- _____

Do you have international parents/ parent? Yes (country _____) No

To pay- Square / Cash (at club) or Online 066-161 Acc 10036026 Ref Name and International

Please enter by Sunday 15th October so that we can start organising the event!!!

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

VICE CHAIRPERSON: Stephen Caddy

CLUB SECRETARY: Vicki Johnson

TREASURER: Bruce Mason

CLUB CAPTAIN: Grant Nockolds

VICE CAPTAIN: Jenny Tomich

VICE CAPTAIN: Gary Jones

VICE CAPTAIN: Conor O'Hara

PENNANT SUPERVISOR: Jenna Valentin

FACILITIES: Graham Burnfield

SPONSORSHIP COORDINATOR: Dirk Jooste

FUNCTIONS COORDINATOR: Vacant

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE: Di Nagle

TUESDAY SOCIAL COORDINATORS: Peter McHardy & Robert Bickford & Frank Camilleri



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