



SCARBOROUGH
TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMANS REPORT



With just 5 weeks to go now for the Season Opening I want to give a huge shout out and thank all the committee and sub-committee members and general members who have worked very hard to assist in any way they can to get the new building renovation finished with the State Government, Members of City Of Stirling Council and AE Hoskins.

Without all your help, we could not have achieved this result so I thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

We need your help!

As we are very well aware of the decline in membership over the last few years - The club's next priority after our renovation is a "New Membership" drive and we are working towards a major incentive to entice the local community to become part of our great club. To further assist us - If you love your club, please try reach out to your friends, family and associates and invite them down to our club to experience our Season Open Day.

I look forward to seeing you all down at the club soon and let's have a fantastic year on an off the court.

Nigel Moyes



CAPTAINS REPORT



It's great to start feeling some warmth in the sun & seeing the grass courts turning green.

All the hardcourts were filled on the last sunny Tuesday of August.

Thanks to Jenna Valentin for putting her hand up to be the Pennants Coordinator. Time is running out so if you haven't put your name down yet please contact Jenna at jennavalentin@hotmail.com. For those playing pennants were you aware you can now download the UTR App to your smart phone or iPad so you can find your Universal Tennis Ranking immediately.

Gary Jones



COACHES REPORT



We have experienced a very wet winter which has posed some challenges to the program over July and August. We look forward to better weather over the next few months and excited for the new and improved clubhouse.

JUNIORS

We had our 15 under div 3 team come very close to winning their winter season in a great effort. They lost in the final tiebreaker to lose the grand final by only 2 points! We also have one of our best juniors from last season, move to the USA on a college scholarship. A big congratulations to Brock Dawson who is now at Jacksonville College in Texas. We are currently taking nominations for Junior Pennants season.

COACHING TEAM

We now have 4 coaches on our team who all could be legitimate Head Coaches at any Club (Rick Willsmore, Madalina Florea, Andrea Simpson, Jack Lyttle). This gives our clients and members different options with both male and female coaches and makes us unique to other clubs. We also have further coaches who help with our Hotshots program (Melvyn Scholtz, Lukundo Simbile, Jonny Ross, Luca Bonini and Tim Lau) who do an excellent job with the kids. This has taken time to develop our team and after winning the Tennis West Club Coaching award for 2020 and 2021 we look forward to continuing to help develop the club over the next few years.

RESTRINGING

We appreciate those members who take their racquet to us for restringing. There really is no reason to go anywhere else for stringing as we have a range of strings and as tennis people we understand what is best. We can also have it done within 24 hours if required. Text us to arrange your drop off and pick up. As a guide to stringing you should be getting your racquet restring somewhere between one to three times per year. This keeps your strings fresh otherwise the feel can be dampened over time.

BLOG

As you may know, I write a blog talking about all things tennis. My latest blog post is called 'Reflections on 23 men's tennis seasons' and shows my own playing journey from small town Adelaide Hills through to taking Scarborough Tennis Club from Div 5 to State League.

Rick Willsmore
CLUB COACH

CLUBROOM RENOVATION



We're in the final stages of the upgrade, with all major works completed. Our equipment has been moved from its home in the storage container into the club rooms and we expect to have it all in place by mid September. Remaining work to be done includes installation of the new sound system and remediation work on the grassed area and garden beds.

We have new kitchen appliances, a good sound system and television, and hall and outside furniture due to a grant organised through our local State Member, Stuart Aubrey. The upgrade was made possible by funding provided by the Commonwealth and the City of Stirling.

Due to budget constraints, it was not possible to enclose the patio area, which was originally intended as part of the upgrade, but the Committee is exploring options for this to be done in the future.

The result of all the work and disruption is a substantial improvement in the presentation and usability of our club rooms, and will increase our ability to attract new members and community groups who can use the hall.

SHIRT ORDERS \$40 EACH



This week we are collecting shirt orders for all our pennant teams and members that would like to play tennis in the new club colours.

If you would like to make a purchase please review the mens and ladies shirts available and pass your size to Di Nagle via email.

All shirts are \$40 each and will take approx. 3 weeks to arrive once the club places its initial order. If you don't place an order this week - don't stress as the club will be purchasing additional shirts in various sizes to be available for purchase at a later date.

diannenagle54@gmail.com

Note - if you are a pennant player your team captain will be taking your orders directly.



LIGHTING UPGRADE



Our new LED lights for the hard courts are being manufactured now and we expect to have them installed in October. The LED lights will be a substantial improvement over the existing metal halides, both in terms of brightness and uniformity across the courts, with the added benefits of being much cheaper to run, and with less light spill into surrounding areas. Our thanks go to the State Government and City of Stirling for their contribution towards funding for the lights.

MEMBERSHIP CARD/TAGS



News season membership cards and tags are ready and will be distributed to all members in the lead up the new season launch.

THE BAR NEEDS YOU BECOME 'RSA' CERTIFIED



A major contribution to our annual income is our revenue earned from the bar and we need and are asking members to become "RSA" Certified to assist over the bar on weekends and special/social events.

The committee is also looking to extend its liquor license hours to give the club the best opportunity to allow more socialising with its members which in turn drives additional revenue.

SEASON & NEW CLUBROOM OPEN DAY 8TH OCTOBER



More details coming soon but please save the date for Saturday 8th October for our Season Open Day for the grass courts and official Grand Opening Ceremony and Function. This event will commence with a Welcome to Country and be attended by Federal and State Ministers, City of Stirling Mayor & Councillors, City of Stirling relevant Executive and Staff to acknowledge the significance of this occasion for our club.



SOCIAL PLAY TIMES



Please be advised and effective immediately after careful consideration from the Committee that this is the Clubs Rule for Pennant players and Juniors wanting to utilise the courts during organised social play for the 2022/2023 season.

GRASS COURTS & HARDCOURTS

Organised Social Play ONLY during these hours:

Tuesdays 9am – 1230pm.

Saturday 1.30pm – 5.00pm.

Sunday 1.30pm – 5.00pm.

We have deliberately shortened this window on the weekends to allow for Pennant players and Juniors after Tea (3.30pm) to come down and have their own organised hits and participate and interact with the social club members and utilise the clubs facilities.

Note - During winter when our grass courts are closed and we are using the hardcourts it will be up to the discretion of the duty Committee Person to allow a court if one is available but we strongly request that you adhere to our new rules as we do not want to be placed in a position where we offend non-social players by saying 'NO'.

Please respect the clubs decision and we look forward to enjoying a great season with you all.



CONTACT INFO



The committee is made up of a number of volunteers that are working in the interest of the club to ensure that we have smooth tennis operations and a sustainable club into the future. The members of the committee are as follows

ACTING CHAIRPERSON: Nigel Moyes - nigel@thejamjar.com.au + 0405 388 418.

VICE CHAIRPERSON: Nigel Moyes

CLUB SECRETARY: Vicki Johnson

TREASURER: Bruce Mason

CLUB CAPTAIN: Gary Jones, supported by vice captains Jenny Tomich and Grant Nockolds

PENNANT SUPERVISOR: Jenna Valentin

FACILITIES: Graham Burnfield

FUNCTIONS COORDINATOR: Pauline Marsh

MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE: Di Nagle

We encourage your feedback on what you like or don't like, or what we should or shouldn't consider. Please feel free to have a chat to a committee representative, or 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!

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