



MCC Real Tennis Section Autumn Newsletter 2015

Upcoming events

10 Apr & 8 May Intro Nights

16 & 17 May Match against Hobart TC

29 May A/B Grade pennant vs. BTC

All year

Gold Racquet Tournament

Handicap Club Championship

Welcome to the Autumn newsletter for 2015.

2014 Gold Racquet Competition

Matches have been played at RMTC and some matches played in Hobart. Due to injury and overseas commitments, the final was played between Kieran Booth and Nick Howell at RMTC on Friday 6th February from 6pm. From all accounts, Nick played one of his better and most consistent matches to prevail in 2 sets before he headed overseas for a stint at Newport, although it sounds as if it is a cauldron over there at the moment.

2014 Handicap Tournament

Due to a conflict of event timing, the final for 2014 could not be played on our finals. The final was played (at last) on Good Friday, Stuart Strange renewed the on-court battle with Wendy Whitehead and despite many games going to Advantage All, Wendy prevailed winning 9/3. Well done to all who took part and in particular Wendy, being the first female member to win this tournament and perhaps highest handicapper to do so.

2015 Cowper-Cowdrey Cup

July 2015 on the sixth day of the Lords test, being 21st July, MCCRTS will be fielding a team to play against Marylebone CC team, playing tennis at Lords. Early interest is encouraged so we can look to work on some pairings and even practice before this event. Let Andrew Gould know if you are looking at going across or being there and wanting to play representing MCCRTS.

Membership

We now have over 124 members. If you know of anyone who has an interest in the game please let them know about the section. Subscriptions for 2015 are \$35 per year, or you can take advantage of the best bargain going around and pay \$90 for 3 years.

There are a number of benefits, being able to play at or against different clubs more regularly than you may be able to do just being a member of RMTC for example, an additional series of matches and pennants, access

to MCC functions including Sports Sections Dinner annually, the use of the Hans Ebeling Room and Grand Final lunch at the 'G.

Hans Ebeling Room

This is one of the best kept secrets associated with being a member of the section. You can come to a blockbuster game, get a great dinner and drinks, then go out to your reserved seat on level 2. Non member guests merely need a visitor's ticket to get into the ground and they will have access to level 2 and the dining room bar, no need to get a balcony pass, if you can get one at all. It is made available for both the footy and cricket.

If you haven't yet renewed your membership, now is a good time to do so, contact Iain B for details if needed.

New members

We welcome the following new members:

- John Woods-Casey – coming via MCC Squash section who is now playing with a RMTC squash pennant team.

Club Championships for 2015

We will soon send out an invitation to play in the 2015 championships, keep an eye out for the invitation. Matches are arranged throughout the year with the final will be held on Friday 11th December at RMTC on our finals night.

Gold Racquet Tournament for 2015

We will soon send out an invitation to play in the 2015 Gold racquet Tournament, keep an eye out for the invitation. The MCCRTS players invited will among some of the best in Australia and include professionals. This tournament is now an IHSC Sanctioned event. Matches are arranged throughout the year with the final will be held on Friday 11th December at RMTC on our finals night.

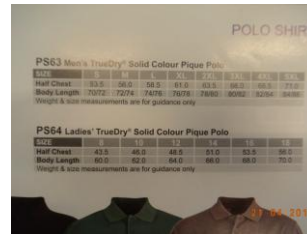
Update on Court Development

There is not much to report on as yet, concept plans have been drawn, information on financial viability given but it is with MCC to be able to locate and then negotiate on a suitable venue. The concept that MCC will build a 'racquets' complex for its members is high on their priority list to include squash courts (a MCC section that has been without a home for over a decade) real tennis courts and possible lawn tennis courts with gym etc.

Hassle your local MCC committee member to give them a push along.

Clothing

We have finalised a logo and have sourced a shirt with an embroidery company to get our own club t-shirts. These shirts are a TrueDry material, light weight and very comfortable, both men and women styles (note woman shirt is light blue in picture). The logo is embroidered. Size shown is a 2XL which is a 'normal' fit size for the shirt displayed below (logo by Tandem Designs). A size grid is also shown.



The cost for the shirt is \$30, pick up at RMTC or as arranged. These are essential wear for players heading to Hobart and beyond.

Please place your order on the front e-mail sheet.

Tennis Calendar for 2015 – an almost complete version, to be completed once the Sydney fixture is confirmed. We have added in some inter-club pennant matches during the year as well to give newer members in particular the chance to play matches and get some further court time.

Feb	6 8	MCC vs. BTC Pennant MCC vs. RMTC (Romsey)
Mar	28-1 13 25	BTC vs. MCC (Ballarat) MCC Intro night AGM 12:00
April	10	MCC Intro night
May	8 16-17 29	MCC Intro night HTC vs. MCC (H) MCC vs. BTC A/B Grade pennant
June	12	MCC intro night
July	4 10 26	BTC vs. MCC Pennant (Ballarat) MCC Intro night RMTC vs. MCC (Richmond)
Aug	14 15	MCC Intro night BTC vs. MCC (A/B grade) pennant
Sept	11 27	MCC Intro night MCC vs. Sydney (Rom) tbc
Oct	9 18-19	MCC vs. RMTC pennant MCC vs. HTC (Romsey)
Nov	13 22	MCC Gold Racquet Final tbc MCC vs. BTC (Romsey)
Dec	11	Club Champs Final

Committee

Just in case you have forgotten, your committee looks like this:

Chairman/El Presidente	Andrew Gould	abgould@bigpond.net.au
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	Mike Carroll	Michael.Carroll@inet.com.au
	Wendy Whitehead	wpw@netconnect.com.au

Mike Carroll and Greg Reid will be responsible for tennis this year – Mike is running the championships and gold racquet, while Greg will be doing the inter club pennants. Get involved no matter what standard you are and enjoy some fun both on and off the court.

If you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact any or all of us