

# MCC REAL TENNIS SECTION

## WINTER NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming fixtures

<b>July</b>	<b>MCC vs Hobart</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>MCC vs RMTC</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Interclub pennant</b>	<b>3rd</b>
	<b>BTC vs MCC Pennant</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Interclub pennant</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>MCC vs Sydney (@Romsey)</b>	<b>23rd</b>

Welcome to the winter edition of the MCCRTS newsletter. It has been an eventful start to the year. Highlights have been continued success against BTC and HTC (reports below) and on the administrative front the approval of a further grant from the MCC which will enable us to guarantee our supply of balls and club racquets for introductory sessions.

### Club Nights

These continue on the first Friday of each month due to the tireless efforts of Fred Kininmonth and Greg Reid. You are always welcome to join in, bring a guest or even just refer a guest to come join us for a hit with Paul Tabley and some supper afterwards. Please email Fred or Greg and let them know for catering purposes.

One court on Club nights will also be used for interclub pennant matches. We have RMTC & Ballarat on board, some Hobartians, an Irish team and hopefully the Jesters too. It is played under the Boomerang format and players of all standards are welcome. Contact Greg Reid to register your interest it - will be great fun!

### Ebeling Room

We continue to be offered space in the Ebeling Room for most football matches. The fee varies depending on the type of meal and drinks package offered, but it includes lunch or dinner prior to the match and a reserved seat outside the dining room. It's a great way to mingle with members of other sections, and guests are more than welcome, but don't forget to order them a visitor's ticket to gain entry to the ground.

We are very keen for the Real Tennis Section to host a function in the Ebeling Room. We would need a minimum of 50 people to attend – the last round for this season is available, or we could organise for next season. Could you contact Andrew Shelton if you would be interested in attending an all tennis function before the game.

## **Club Championships**

The draw is attached, and is also up in the men's change room at RMTTC. If you are named on the top of each match, it is your responsibility to make contact with your opponent or you will be walked over! We need the first round out of the way by the end of August or walk overs will take place.

## **MCC Gold Racquet**

We are proposing to invite the top 8 section members to play off for the inaugural MCC Gold Racquet. Preliminary matches will be held over the next 4 months, with the final to be held on our last club night for the year.

## **Membership and Subscriptions**

Please note that we still have a number of members who are yet to pay this years' subscription. If this means you, please contact Secretary Iain Buchanan NOW!

We are on the cusp of 100 section members, so please encourage anyone you know who is interested in real tennis to join. It's a small amount to pay to be able to play as part of a team on all the courts of Australia! And there's always the reserved seat for the blockbusters after an Ebeling Room dinner.

## **Real Tennis Online (RTO)**

RTO is jointly owned by ARTA and the other national associations, and is responsible for maintaining your online handicap. It is also a really useful way to contact other players if you don't have their email address. So please make sure your RTO details are up to date, and also consider making MCC your primary club. You can do this easily on your RTO home page as you log in.

## **Match Reports**

27 May – MCC (Reid, Scally, Carroll, Lorimer and Bull) def BTC 8 sets to 2

23/24 March MCC (Malseed, Middleton, Reid and Carroll) lost to HTC 9/7!

This is our first loss to my knowledge ever!! It's always tough playing HTC at home, particularly if you fall victim to their generous hospitality!