



## **MCC Real Tennis Section Autumn Newsletter 2014**

### ***Upcoming events***

***1-2 March***  
***14 March***  
***19 March***

***The Ballarat Experience***  
***Guest Night***  
***AGM @ MCC***

***May 2***

***Hans Ebeling room dinner***

***All year***

***Gold Racquet  
Club Championship***

**Welcome to the first newsletter for 2014.**

**This year sees some changes at the helm of the section. Andrew Shelton leaves us as chair of the section after many years of hard work, well done Andrew. Robert (Fred) Kininmonth has left the committee as he is now the Vice President of RMTC, congratulations and thanks Fred, we look forward to having you back in another 3 years or so!**

### **Tennis Calendar for 2014**

<b>Feb</b>	7 9	<b>MCC vs. BTC Pennant</b> <b>MCC vs. RMTC (Romsey)</b>
<b>Mar</b>	1-2 14 19	<b>BTC vs. MCC (Ballarat)</b> MCC Intro night AGM 12:00
<b>April</b>	4	<b>MCC vs. RMTC pennant</b>
<b>May</b>	2 16-18	<b>MCC vs. BTC A/B Grade pennant</b> <b>HTC vs. MCC (Hobart)</b>
<b>June</b>	31-1 6	MCC vs. STC (R, B & Rom tbc) MCC intro night
<b>July</b>	4 12 20	MCC vs. Irish Pennant <b>BTC vs. MCC Pennant</b> <b>RMTC vs. MCC (Richmond)</b>
<b>Aug</b>	1 9	MCC Intro night <b>BTC vs. MCC (A grade) pennant</b>
<b>Sept</b>	5 21	MCC Intro night MCC vs. Sydney (Romsey) tbc
<b>Oct</b>	3 18-19	<b>MCC vs. RMTC pennant</b> <b>MCC vs. HTC (Romsey)</b>
<b>Nov</b>	7 10 23	MCC Gold Racquet Final tbc MCC vs. Jesters tbc <b>MCC vs. BTC (Romsey)</b>
<b>Dec</b>	5	Club Champs Final



## **Tennis Activities**

**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 matches and introductory nights. Get involved no matter what standard you are and enjoy some fun both on and off the court.**

## **The Ballarat Experience**

**MCC v BTC this year is so much more – there will be tennis all day Saturday, followed by a duck dinner prepared by the expert, Wendy Whitehead. On Sunday there will be more tennis and for those interested there is a matinee performance in Ballarat of Phantom of the Opera at 2pm for the special price of \$45. There are only a limited number of tickets at this price, and we will be advertising far and wide for this weekend so get in early. You can play as little or as much tennis as you like, or even none at all and stay for dinner and see the show on Sunday. Or just come for the Sunday! It will be a fabulous weekend. Billets will be available or there will be a few of us at the Ballarat Convention Centre (formerly the Mercure). Email Wendy if you need any more details.**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**All section members are welcome to join us for the AGM. You will receive a formal notice for this meeting, please let Iain Buchanan know if you are an apology or wish to stay on for lunch in the Committee Room.**

## **Membership**

**We now have over 100 members. If you know of anyone who has an interest in the game please let them know about the section. Subscriptions for 2014 are \$35 per year, or you can take advantage of the best bargain going around and pay \$90 for 3 years.**

## **Hans Ebeling Room**

**This is one of the best kept secrets associated with being a member of the section. You can come late 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 have 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.**

**We have secured the room for May 2 – just prior to the World Championship – for Carlton v Collingwood and will be inviting the visiting Jesters and the WC players and their entourages. This evening will be offered to the wider real tennis community too as our contribution to the social program for the World Championship. We have 50 places only so get in early before John Piccolo and his fellow Collingwood fans snap them up!**



## **New Members**

**We welcome the following new members to our section:**

- **Graham Blundstone**
- **Carl Freshwater**
- **Ben Milner**

## **Club Championships**

**The 2013 winner is.....Henry Turnbull!! Yes Henry cunningly got his handicap out into the lower stratosphere, played out of his skin and beat James Gould 9/6**

**The draw is about to be put together for 2014, please contact Mike Carroll if you want to play, entries will close on MARCH 31st. Remember this is a handicap event, one set to 9.**

## **Gold Racquet**

**Most matches will be played during our Friday club nights, but there may be some matches played in Hobart and Ballarat. Please come along and see some of the best tennis with some of the best company!**

**The 2013 competition is still to be completed – Kieran Booth had the British Open and the RMTTC Gold Racket get in the way and then Frank Filippelli tore his calf. We will give Frankie until the end of March to recover.**

## **Cowper – Cowdrey Cup**

**It was great to see Bob Cowper at RMTTC the day before the trophy was played, fortunately he was busy on the day and didn't see us lose yet again to the infidels from Mary Le Bone, 2 rubber to 1. The less said about that day the better...**



## **Committee**

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

<b>Chairman/El Presidente</b>	<b>Andrew Gould</b>	<b>abgould@bigpond.net.au</b>
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**If you have any feedback, ideas or suggestions please feel free to contact any or all of us**