



MCC REAL TENNIS SECTION

July 2011

INTRODUCTION

The MCC Real Tennis Section continues its evolutionary process at a steady pace. Following the previous newsletter the AGM has come and gone, the Club Championship has begun in earnest, a successful match has been enjoyed at Ballarat, the identity of the Section's representative on the main MCC Committee has changed and the Section's finances remain in the black.

MIKE HAPPELL JOINS MCC COMMITTEE

In May the MCC advised that Mr Michael Happell had been appointed to the MCC Committee. Our congratulations go to Mike who surely deserves this acknowledgement of his contribution to the MCC's activities over the years. Of course the appointment is not only a great tribute to Mike but encourages the view that the MCC Committee intends to continue to support the Real Tennis Section.

The MCC's formal statement mentioned that Mike recently captained Australia's winning Bathurst Cup team in New York but did not refer to Mike's participation in two of Australia's three winning Bathurst Cup teams. A unique achievement.

We all know of Mike's remarkable application and skill in the sporting arena and wish him many more years of successful tennis, golf and anything else he opts for.

Shortly after Mike's appointment to the MCC Committee the Section was advised that Mike would succeed Jane Nathan as the Section's liaison with the Committee. There is an obvious logic to this new arrangement but even so we shall miss Jane's enthusiastic support, particularly given her exceptionally busy schedule. Jane was always there for us, although we did fail to get her on to the court, and her comments at the recent AGM were both informative and helpful. We thank you, Jane, for your commitment. Please keep in touch.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A number of matches have been played reducing the number of players left to a more manageable size. Two draws have been made out of those remaining with the winner of each to play off for the title of Club Champion.

The draws are shown below. Please contact your opponent as soon as possible to arrange to play. Whether you play at RMTTC, Ballarat, Hobart or Romsey is immaterial given that the Section has not yet acquired its own court. The first round should be played by 31 July-only twenty days or so away. Any concerns please contact Paul Tabley. Markers will not be available unless you make special arrangements. As you see each match will be the first to 8 games played off handicap.

MCCRTS Singles Championship (handicap) 2011			
30/Jul			
W.Cockram			
P Scully			
RR Allen			
S Joel			
D Williams			
J Guest			
R Fleming			
M Dunne			
M Carroll			
M O'Rourke			
R Mackinnon			
E Varigos			
P Wheeler			
G Thomas			
J Buckley			
J Lill			
V Eke			
P Zwar			
F Filippelli			
D Lloyd-Jones			
P Williams			
I Bull			
H Turnbull			
G Beeton			
J Faul			
M Hurley			
A Shelton			
J Gray			
P Spark			ALL MATCHES ARE ONE 8 GAME SET
P Faul			

MCCRTS Singles Championship (handicap) 2011			
30/Jul			
A Gould			
S Williams			
W Fowles			
A Mackinnon			
P Dunn			
O Guest			
	R Michelson		
J Butler			
M Wilson			
R Kininmonth	R Kininmonth		
N Shelton			
P Roberts			
R Wilson			
H Mason			
C Skinner			
J Omond			
D Edney			
A Upton			
P Tabley			
J Howell			
W Lorimer			
B Malseed			
A Crosier-Derham			
J Mackinnon			
M Watkins			
G Reid			
W Faull			
R Troon		ALL MATCHES ARE ONE 8 GAME SET	
W Spring			

INTER-CLUB MATCHES

Ballarat-29 May 2011

A team consisting of Michael Carroll, Fred Kininmonth, Greg Reid, Henry Turnbull and Paul Wheeler enjoyed a close match at Ballarat emerging victorious 5/3.

All matches were doubles and consisted of eight game sets. MCC began well being 3/1 up at lunch with four matches to go and when Michael Carroll and Henry Turnbull scored an impressive win against John Faull and Rob Jolly, 9/3, MCC's prospects looked bright indeed. However, Ballarat rallied and won the next two matches convincingly leaving the last match to decide the outcome. Happily MCC's newer members, Greg Reid and Michael Carroll, saw MCC home with a convincing win 9/3.

As usual Ballarat provided excellent hospitality and we thank Brett and their team for a most enjoyable day.

Future matches

Hobart	Late August	?	Andrew Gould
RMTC	September	Romsey	Iain Buchanan
Ballarat	August	Romsey	Greg Reid
Jesters	August	Romsey	Andrew Shelton

The managers, as indicated, are trying to finalise the details of these matches as quickly as possible and members will be advised accordingly. Nevertheless please contact the managers now if you are interested in playing.

NEW MEMBERS

A welcome to recent new members who include Michael Carroll, Robert Falconer, Frank Fillippelli, Russell Middleton, John Piccolo, Paul Scally and Allan Willingham.

HANS EBELING ROOM

The next occasion for Section members will be the Carlton v Melbourne match on 6 August 2011. This is a day match with lunch at 2.00 pm. All interested in attending to contact Iain Buchanan.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all those who have paid their subscriptions promptly.

Unfortunately your treasurer is not empowered with second sight so please ensure that direct credits via the internet identify the source of payment. There are currently three unidentified payments as follows:-

7 October 2010	\$25	
31 December 2010	\$25	Deposited at Glen Waverly Shopping Centre
6 June 2011	\$75	

Please let me know if you can identify the source of these deposits.

Paul Wheeler