



MCC Real Tennis Section Winter Newsletter 2014

Upcoming events

***4 & 12 July
20 July***

***Pennant Matches vs. IrishTC & BTC
Match against R.MTC***

All year

***Gold Racquet Tournament
Handicap Club Championship***

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2014.

This year has started with a lot of tennis, especially in May. In March we headed to **Ballarat** for a fantastic weekend hosted by Ballarat Tennis Club, followed by a 5 course duck dinner at the Whiteheads, more tennis on Sunday and many then went to a matinee performance in Ballarat of Phantom of the Opera, a world class performance by all who went. Unfortunately BTC won 11/9 over the weekend.

May saw a team of 11 players plus a couple of partners head down to **Hobart** for a weekend of tennis. I think many suffered jet lag and we were down seven zip before we found our sea legs. Although we finished 14/6 down for the weekend, there was some very high class tennis played. It gave a number of players an opportunity to go down with a team to play tennis in Hobart for the first time. Hobart put on a great dinner at the Club and many thanks to those who organised it from HTC. Many felt the very late morning when they had to go back on court again on Sunday. Chris Nobes and Matt Hayward were the best performers for MCCRTS.

Sydney Tennis Club sent down a team for the last weekend in May, 3 days of tennis at three venues. Sydney had 7 players come down with partners. Friday at RMTTC saw MCCRTS 6/3 finished by a very sociable supper after at the Club. Saturday at Ballarat where STC found their rhythm and finished 6/3 up, followed by going to the Hans Ebeling room at the 'G to see the Essendon vs. Richmond match. Sunday at Romsey ended in a 3/3 draw so for three days, we ended up square. It was a very good event playing at three very different courts on three consecutive days, how often have you done that? Graeme Blundstone and Ben Jolly were undefeated for MCCRTS.

Where were you?

Membership

We now have over 120 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.

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.

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:

- Vince Scopelliti
- Patrick Hamilton
- Graeme Bradfield
- David Cutler
- Matthew Hayward
- Ben Jolly
- Calum Munro
- Chris Nobes
- Gillian Patmore

Club Championships

The draw has been put together for 2014, Mike Carroll has issued this and it is up to you to arrange a time to play your opponent. You are welcome to use (book with Greg R first) a Friday night time slot during our regular first Friday of the month to play your match. 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! Mike C is finalising the draw for this.

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 in discussion with an embroidery company to get our own club t-shirts. Keep an eye out for future news.

MCC Events

As part of the MCC section, there are a couple of events you may consider going to:

- 30th June – Monday – A Future Leadership Forum, run by the MCC and targeted towards future leaders of the sporting sections, whether it be team captains, coaches, administrators or top players, please let Iain B know if you are interested to attend. There is no cost to you for this.
- Footy at the 'G – 26th July Saturday night game - Hans Ebeling room dinner and footy joining the Netball Section who are hosting. Hawthorn vs. Sydney – could be a cracker of a game.

Tennis Calendar for 2014

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