



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

<b><i>Upcoming events</i></b>	<b><i>10 Oct &amp; 7 Nov</i></b>	<b><i>Intro Nights</i></b>
	<b><i>18-19 Oct</i></b>	<b><i>Match against Hobart TC</i></b>
	<b><i>23 Nov</i></b>	<b><i>Match against Ballarat TC</i></b>
	<b><i>5 Dec</i></b>	<b><i>Finals Night</i></b>
	<b><i>All year</i></b>	<b><i>Gold Racquet Tournament Handicap Club Championship</i></b>

Welcome to the third newsletter for 2014.

This year has continued with a lot of tennis, with eighteen events so far including introduction nights, pennant matches against BTC and RMTC including an A/B grade pennant and matches against Ballarat, Hobart, RMTC and Sydney clubs.

We still have Hobart coming across for the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October to play and stay at Romsey. They are sending a team with handicaps ranging from 5 to 80 so there will be plenty of scope for all players. For those who have not yet played at Romsey, it is an experience. Look at experiencing the weekend and staying at Romsey with the Hobartians and have a great night there. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Romsey is only about 45 minutes from Richmond. Mike Carroll will be hosting this event, so let him know you can play.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is our annual match against Ballarat, again at Romsey. This is a great day and a good way to end the year just prior to the Christmas break.

20<sup>th</sup> July saw MCCRTS take on RMTC at Richmond, with 7 players representing MCCRTS, we finished the day 7 matches each but MCCRTS won by one game, 81 to 80 games. Interesting that 5 of the RMTC players are also MCCRTS members. All players had a win with Calum Munro and Will Fowles the premier performers.

21<sup>st</sup> September saw MCCRTS field a side to play Sydney TC at the last minute. STC were to play RMTC over 2 days for the Barry Toates Trophy but in the last few days, RMTC notified STC they could not field a side for Sunday. We had 8 players coming along to play handicap doubles, including a new member Gilliam Patmore playing her first match. STC ended up winning 6/4 but it came down to the last match played with MCCRTS going down 6/5 in the third set (best of 3). Paul Wheeler was the best performer for MCCRTS.

Where were you?

## **2015 Cowper-Cowdrey Cup**

July 2015 on the sixth day of the Lords test, being 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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 RMTTC 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 member:

- Lorelle Clark

## **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. Remember this is a handicap event, one set to 9. The responsibility for arranging the match is with the lowest handicap player, first round to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> September, second round by 31<sup>st</sup> October. The final will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at RMTTC on our finals night.

## **Gold Racquet**

Matches have started with games played at RMTTC and some matches played in Hobart. Please come along and see some of the best tennis with some of the best company! Mike C has issued the draw for this. The next match will be played on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October between Nick Howell and Pete Boyles.

## **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.

## 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) 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/B grade) pennant</b>
<b>Sept</b>	5 21	MCC Intro night MCC vs. Sydney (Romsey) tbc
<b>Oct</b>	10 18-19	<b>Intro night &amp; Gold Racquet match</b> <b>MCC vs. HTC (Romsey)</b>
<b>Nov</b>	10 23	Intro night <b>MCC vs. BTC (Romsey)</b>
<b>Dec</b>	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