



MCC Real Tennis Section Spring Newsletter 2015

Upcoming events

13 Nov

22 Nov

11 Dec

All year

Intro Nights

Match against Ballarat TC

Finals Night at R.MTC

Gold Racquet Tournament

Handicap Club Championship

Welcome to the Spring newsletter for 2015.

2015 Gold Racquet Competition

The draw has been published and matches will start to be played between some of the top players in Australia. Keep an eye open for these matches.

2015 Handicap Tournament

We are coming down to the last 6 remaining players. Roland Scollay proved to be too consistent with his left hand railroad serves defeating last year's winner Wendy Whitehead 9/3 so he will meet Owen Guest who was too accurate regularly hitting the Grill to defeat a hobbled Rob Jolly (re-injured his calf in the second game) in a semi final. The other four quarter finalists consist of Matt Downey to take on Stuart Strange and then Henry Turnbull to play Peter Dunn. Good luck to all players.

MCCRTS Website

We now have our own dedicated website for MCCRTS. Many thanks for the work by Mike Carroll, go to www.mccrts.com.au

This is where we will post results, match summaries, calendar of events, news, sport and weather and whatever else takes our fancy. The handicap draw is available online as well as upcoming events.

Match Results

11th Sept saw new members Matt and James Downey and Sam Bowman travelling to Ballarat to take on Greg Henderson, Mike Whitehead and Ben Hoskins. Perhaps slightly favoured by handicaps for new players but at an unfamiliar court, MCCRTS prevailed winning 4 rubbers to 2, handicap doubles. Well done to the young lads.

25th and 27th Sept the match against STC was a close affair on both days, with some good tennis throughout the day, with day one honours with MCCRTS at 6 rubbers each and MCCRTS 74/73 games up. Sunday STC finishing 9 matches to 7, 95/89 games up.

Handicap doubles with some singles, 8 games sets in most part.

A number of new players fronted for MCCRTS, some for their first match environment. Players involved were: MCCRTS represented by Greg Reid, Mike Carroll, Paul Wheeler, Andrew Gould, Quentin Clark, Paul Scally, Wendy Whitehead, Roland Scollay, Jackson Brand, Matt Downey, Sam Bowman, John Woods-Casey, Robin McAllen, Christian McGahey, Jo See Tan, Ben Gearing and Calum Munro with Sydney TC players James Willis, Sav Cremona, Dick Crane, Chris Cooper, Justin Cooper, Damien O'Meara, Mike Fitzgerald, Nick Oates, Chris Doucas and Eddie Fazal.

17th and 18th Oct saw Hobart send a team of six across (2 live in Melbourne) of John and Michelle Moores and Paul and Sally Crosby joined by Tanita Moores and Liam Scott. Due to timing and handicaps MCCRTS were represented by Greg Reid, Ken Penaluna and Yvonne Rout. The matches were a mix of players from both clubs with HTC winning 8 rubbers to 2, although three matches went down to the wire with HTC winning all three. It is not often Ken and Yvonne are on the team facing owe 40, receive 30, one serve, banned tambour. Ken in his glory managed to hit the first ball straight into the tambour, it was a great shot but unfortunately not the shot needed at the time. It was a very enjoyable weekend with great company with Kate Leeming coming up to give a coaching session for the Hobart players. It was unfortunate that MCCRTS was very unrepresented.

Honourable Mentions

A number of MCCRTS players competed recently in the Australian Masters championships. A number were very successful, Mike Happell, David Parker, Wayne Spring, Henry Turnbull, Ian Bull, John Faull, Paul Wheeler, Allan Willingham and James Guest all being finalists.

Upcoming Matches

Sunday 22nd November, MCCRTS will take on Ballarat Tennis Club for our last match of the season, played at Romsey. Come along and join in, whether you have played once before or many times, it is a good day to get onto a court where the balls bounce a lot more and have fun playing. Notice will be sent soon with details to book to play.

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner held in conjunction with MCC Squash was on Saturday 24th October. The squash section does it very well, building the ticket price into their annual fees and actively seeking sponsorship to keep the costs low. Over 250 people attended for a very enjoyable night. Marty Fields as a guest comedian was a mix of talent, funny and cringe worthy entertainment and the live band played two long sets with many joining on the dance floor. Wendy Whitehead was presented with her 2014 Handicap trophy.

Membership

We now have over 130 members. If you know of anyone who has an interest in the game please let them know about the section. Subscriptions for 2015 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. It is made available for both the footy and cricket.

Once we have details from MCC of the cricket matches to be played, information will be sent out to members.

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:

- Jackson Brand and Robin McAllen.

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 (an 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.

Tennis Calendar for 2015 – We have added in some inter-club pennant matches during the year as well to give newer members in particular the chance to play matches and get some further court time.

Feb	6 8	MCC vs. BTC Pennant MCC vs. RMTC (Romsey)
Mar	28-1 13 25	BTC vs. MCC (Ballarat) MCC Intro night AGM 12:00
April	10	MCC Intro night
May	8 16-17 29	MCC Intro night HTC vs. MCC (H) MCC vs. BTC A/B Grade pennant
June	12	MCC intro night
July	4 10 26	BTC vs. MCC Pennant (Ballarat) MCC Intro night RMTC vs. MCC (Richmond)
Aug	14 15	MCC Intro night BTC vs. MCC (A/B grade) pennant
Sept	11 25&27	MCC Intro night MCC vs. Sydney (RMTC)
Oct	9 18-19	MCC Intro night MCC vs. HTC (Romsey)
Nov	13 22	MCC Intro night MCC vs. BTC (Romsey)
Dec	11	Club Champs Final

Committee

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

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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