



## **MCC Real Tennis Section Spring Newsletter 2022**

***Upcoming events            9 Dec            Members and Intro Night - R.MTC***

Welcome to the Spring newsletter for 2022.

It has been a long break between newsletters and indeed a long hiatus for the section, largely due to the enforced Covid lockdowns and restrictions on court availability.

While we have continued with the second Friday of the month Members and Introduction nights, the inter-club competition has taken a back seat during the last two years. The intention is to ramp this up again in 2023 with matches in the planning phase for a trip to Hobart (perhaps late March – tbc), matches against Jesters (tentatively 18/19 March), as well as matches against BTC and SRTC later in the year.

There will be the Cowper/Cowdrey Cup to be played at Lords in July, something to look forward to.

### **MCCRTS Website**

We have our own dedicated website for MCCRTS. Many thanks for the work by Mike Carroll, go to [www.mccrts.com.au](http://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. One of our tasks for the committee is to update this on a more regular basis.

### **Match Results**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sept** - the match against STC started strongly with Wendy W and Tim R winning the first set 8/2, then it went downhill from there with SRTC winning 8 of the next 9 matches, until Robin McA and Robyn W stopped the rot, MCCRTS winning 3 of the last 4 matches. There was some good tennis played throughout the day, with honours with MCCRTS at 9 rubbers to 5.

**4-6<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Festival of Tennis held at Ballarat, teams representing Australian Jesters, BTC, HTC, International Jesters, MCC and Wanderers. Playing for MCC were Rob Jolly, Stuart Strange, Peter Dunn, David Hay, Greg Reid, Tim Raw and Rosie Blanden. With matches a half hour on the clock, MCC finished up winning the event at a 56% win rate, followed by Wanderers, International Jesters, BTC, HTC and propped up by the Australian Jesters. A very festival weekend of tennis with some very competitive matches and the folk at BTC went all out in hosting the event.

## **Honourable Mentions**

A number of MCCRTS players competed recently in the Australian Masters championships. A number were very successful, Mike Happell, John Piccolo, Wayne Spring, John Faull, Matt Haywood and Allan Willingham all being finalists.

## **Membership**

We made the decision not to levy membership fees for the last two years due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid regime, however we will be asking members to once again sign up and pay. Subscriptions for 2023 will be \$40 per annum. The membership forms will be available on the website, both for new members and for renewals.

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, access to MCC functions including Sports Sections Dinner annually, the use of the Hans Ebeling Room and Grand Final lunch at the 'G and more importantly is to have a strong membership base to support the push to include a real tennis court in the potential racquets complex.

## **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 Mike C for details if needed.

## **Update on Court Development**

There is not much to report on as yet, this has been decades in the making but progress is continuing. 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 two decades now) 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 2023** – We will look to have this issued early in 2023 with a full calendar of inter-club matches during the year as well the regular second Friday of the month Members and Intro nights at RMTTC, to give newer members in particular the chance to play matches at different courts and get some further court time.

The Peter Lalor Cup is on at Ballarat, 3-5 January, Boomerang Cup at RMTTC from 7 to 21 January and the Cowper/Cowdrey Cup will be played at Lords early July 2023.

## **Committee**

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

Chairman/El Presidente	Andrew Gould	abgould@bigpond.net.au
Secretary	Mike Carroll	mccrts@y7mail.com
Treasurer	Greg Reid	greid389@gmail.com
General Committee	Dick Friend	dick.friend@icloud.com

There are another four positions to fill, if you have some time and interest, please let Andrew know as the section can only function through its volunteers. Assistance can be specific or broad, from helping running the Intro nights, to updating results on RTO, formatting and sending out notices via MailChimp, updating the website, etc.

Mike Carroll and Greg Reid will be responsible for tennis this year – Mike is organising the Intro nights, while Greg will be doing the inter club matches. 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