



## **MCC Real Tennis Section Winter Newsletter 2015**

<i><b>Upcoming events</b></i>	<i><b>14 Aug &amp; 11 Sep</b></i>	<i><b>Intro Nights</b></i>
	<i><b>25 &amp; 26 Sep</b></i>	<i><b>Match against Sydney TC</b></i>
	<i><b>15 Aug</b></i>	<i><b>A/B Grade pennant vs. BTC</b></i>
	<i><b>17 &amp; 18 Oct</b></i>	<i><b>Match against Hobart TC</b></i>
	<i><b>All year</b></i>	<i><b>Gold Racquet Tournament Handicap Club Championship</b></i>

Welcome to the Winter 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**

For those that responded to be entered into the draw, the first round has been played and some of the second round matches have been booked. We are down to the last 16 players and matches need to be completed by 31 August. Rob Jolly's win 9/8 from behind and against the odds from Paul Scally was a high quality match. Annie Strange hung on to defeat Vince Scopelliti 9/8 down in Hobart match was a cracker as well. Owen Guest proved too wily against John Woods-Casey, winning 9/6, it may prove to be his first and only win against a rapidly improving young pro.

### **2015 Cowper-Cowdrey Cup**

Unfortunately the real tennis competition against MCC was a reflection of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Test, Australia went down in a screaming heap. Fred Kininmonth and Tim Poolman started brightly winning the first set 6/4 but then dropped away losing the next two 2/6 and 4/6. Iain Buchanan and Russ Middleton started slowly losing the first 0/6, then got on board winning the second 6/4 but falling short on the decider 5/6. John Mackinnon and Peter Scollard were like the middle order for Australia, gone missing on the scoreboard losing 1/6, 1/6.



## 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](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. The handicap draw is available online as well as upcoming events.

## Match Results

**4<sup>th</sup> July** was not a joyous affair for MCCRTS in a pennant vs. Ballarat at Ballarat.

The match was a typical well orchestrated (ambushed for want of a better description) by the wily pro to take advantage of inform players in choosing who will play for whom.

It did not matter if the BTC President got selected to play for the opposition along with fellow stalwart Rob Jolly, they were joined by newcomer Jo See Tan, returning player Dave Cutler and experienced Josef Brunhuber to represent MCCRTS. On key selections for BTC, Greg Henderson, Jo Edwards, Michele and Ben Hoskins, Annie Strange and Greg Reid were all selected on form resulting in a very one sided affair, BTC winning 6 rubbers to Nil, with only the first match being close.

Let no-one say that the president and his cohort did not stand up for BTC!

Annie S & Michele H won Dave C & Jo See T 8/7

Greg H & Jo E won Rob J & Stu S 8/5

Greg H & Greg R won Josef B & Stu S 8/2

Michele H & Ben H won Dave C & Jo See T 8/5

Jo E & Greg R won Rob J & Josef B 8/2

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**26<sup>th</sup> July** was a far more civilised affair with a match against the might of RMTC. MCCRTS players of Josef Brunhuber, Matt Downey, Chris Nobes, Ken Penaluma, Greg Reid, Yvonne Rout, Jo See Tan, Henry Turnbull, Wendy Whitehead, Steve Wood and John Woods-Casey took on RMTC Kathryn Arndt, Ian Bull, Geoff Dempster, Robert Falconer, Dick Friend, James Guest, Peter Lumley, Michael MacAleavey, Greg Moran, Alasdair Norton, Roland Scollay, Rosie Snell, Vince Scopelliti and Peter Stanley. With a wide range of handicaps from mid 20 to mid 70's, there was ample scope to have most matches played with only small handicap differences.

RMTC started the day well winning the first match, after that MCCRTS dominated the morning going into the long lunch break 9 matches to 3 up. There is some conjecture whether the delicious lasagne or the red wine inspired RMTc players or dulled MCCRTS, but RMTc came back after the break winning 5 of the next 6 matches to be 10/8 behind with the last two rubbers to play. It proved to be an anti-climax with MCCRTS winning both comfortably finishing 12 rubbers to 8.

It was great to see newer members from both clubs playing and getting to know fellow members. Many thanks to the team of Frank, Jonners, Kate and JWC providing the marking duties all day and Evie for the lunch fare.

### **MCCRTS Member – Irish Doubles Champion**

Congratulations to Dr Rustom (Rusty) Manecksha, an MCCRTS member from his time in Melbourne in 2013, is the 2015 Irish Open Doubles champion with partner Jack Woods played at Radley. He was a member of our (only) winning team to play at Hobart in 2013.

### **Upcoming Matches**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, MCCRTS will host the Sydney Tennis Club with the games to be played at RMTC. A notice will be sent out closer to the event but put it in your diaries now so you do not forget to be available to play.

Saturday and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October, Hobart is proposing to send a team across to play at Romsey for the weekend. Put it in your diaries to come up and stay for the weekend and have a great time against the might of HTC.

### **Annual Dinner**

Put the date in your diaries, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. This is our annual dinner which we hold in conjunction with MCC Squash Section. It is a very good event and great value for money. Further details to follow as we get closer to the event. Book a table or join others of our section.

### **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.

Our section is hosting the round 22 match – Saturday evening 29<sup>th</sup> September – Essendon vs. Richmond. The flyer is attached to the main part of this e-mail. 2 course dinner and drinks at bar prices and reserved seating Level 2, \$56 per head. Guest passes and be purchased at \$27 each.

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:

- Josef Brunhuber, Jo See Tan, Nick McDonald, James Downey, Tim Threlfall, Cora Trevarthen, Roland Scollay, Peter Scollard, Fiona Chandler, David Webb.

## 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.

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

## 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