



Tennis Club 2016 News Bulletin

NEW COURTS/NEW FENCING.

After waiting for months for the top fence round the courts to be installed, after the severe wind storm in June collapsed it, members not only have seen a new fence installed, but one erected round the whole complex as well as the two bottom courts resurfaced. The Committee appreciates the efforts of the Country Club in financing this venture.



CHAMPIONSHIPS were held throughout October. It was a year for the younger generation to show their strength. Congratulations to Rohan Simpson for taking out the Male Club Champion of the Year and to Ashley Allman the female Club Champion. Both these players had to fight off the older more experienced players in the final, namely Bruce Picker and Vicki Allman, but it was youth that came out the victors. Diane Shinnick gained the Division Two Ladies Title over a new member, Cheiko Weatherby. However Cheiko with partner, Imogen Picker were able to snatch the Doubles title over Dianne and Lee-Ann Tozer.



Division One Mens Doubles were Bob Andrew and Mark Jordan and the Ladies were Gill Cotter and Michelle Ferguson.



Mixed Doubles was held on a Sunday morning in very gusty conditions. However the ones to handle the wind the best on the day were Bob Andrew and Cherylanne Dick.



SOCIAL TENNIS. Lots of social tennis is happening. Monday sees Men's and Ladies' from 9am.; Tuesday is Ladies from 9am. Ladies also play Wednesday and Friday Mornings from 9am. Thursday is Mixed Social from 9am. So if looking for a game why not try one of these groups and why not introduce a friend to the game.

John Hoad has been organising the Thursday morning Mixed for a number of years which has been much appreciated by the Tennis Committee. New Committee Member, Carol Webb, will now take on the running of Thursday morning mixed.

COMPETITION TENNIS: Tuesday evening from 5.30pm is Men's and Thursday evenings from 6pm the Ladies' play.

However during February and March the Committee is trialling Tuesday evenings as a Mixed evening from 5.30pm/6pm. This could mean a game of mixed doubles or just ladies or mens doubles. Hopefully by trialling this the Club may see an increase in player number and more social interaction.

Thursday evenings will still operate if numbers allow.

PROMOTIONAL DAY: In May the Club held a Promotional Day at the courts. This was a chance for anyone wishing to try the game to come along free of charge, feast on sumptuous sausages and gain 50% off their annual membership. Hopefully 2017 will see another one or two of these days occurring.

JUNIORS

Many Juniors have been busy on the court learning the skills of tennis with Coach, Vicki Allman. Throughout the year the Club has held random hitting nights for the Juniors to practise the skills learnt during their coaching lessons. The renovations of the court has paid havoc with consistent coaching to occur as well as the extra hitting nights, so hopefully all the Juniors of 2016 plus more will be back on the courts in February, 2017.

2017 will possibly see a few more Juniors participating in local tennis tournaments..



Throughout the year Vicki has held a number of Junior Tennis Clinics. These have been attended well and much enjoyment, friendships and tennis has taken place.

Vicki will be holding four Junior Tennis Clinic Mornings during the Christmas School Holiday break... 9th/11th

January and 14th/21st January. So if you have your grandchildren staying; want to keep the neighbour's kids happy or your own kids, why not give them the experience of playing tennis.

Contact Vicki : **0425251529** to book a spot.

Star of the SWR Courts this year is **Ashley Allman**. Ashley has been playing tennis for a number of years and her hard work paid off in October when she became the NSW Fourteen Year Old State Champion. This is a wonderful achievement and has spurred her on to try gaining more titles. This month, December, she is playing in the National Titles in Melbourne as well as being given the honour of being made part of the State Team to play at the National Teams Events in Melbourne.



FUTURE STARS of THE COURTS

TESS DOWDLE. Tess is 11 years old and attends SWR Primary School. She is in her second year of tennis coaching. Tess says she is enjoying tennis....".it is good exercise, a chance to socialise with peers, learn new skills." Next year she hopes to participate in some of the Junior development Tournaments that are held along the mid north coast. She had a taste of one tournament this year held in Kempsey. Tess and fellow Junior, Acacia Rich, travelled to Port Macquarie in November for one of Mark Rawlinson's Sunday Tournaments. Both girls did extremely well in the eleven year division with Tess winning and Acacia being the Runner-up. Tess also plays soccer and cricket. My observation: Tess serves well and is very relaxed on the court and will do well in 2017 in the local tournaments. Tess will hopefully be one of a few girls representing her school at Regional Tennis Trials in 2017.



Isabelle Preston known as Izzy attends SWR Primary School and is going into Year 4 in 2017. She is in her second year of coaching and is hitting the ball well. Izzy also is a netballer and learning the game of golf as well. She enjoys learning the tennis skills and seeing herself continually improving. She has friends attending tennis which also makes it enjoyable. And of course, it gives me exercise. My observation. Izzy is hitting the ball well..she just needs to move and position herself for the return of shots. She will also give her opponents a run for their money.

Marli Scott is only six years old but she loves coming to tennis lessons. She has been doing tennis for two years. It is her favourite sport. She gets to hit balls and mix with her friends. A recently purchased new tennis racquet has given her more motivation to hit the ball.





SENIOR STAR of THE COURT:

Shiela Croad had been playing tennis for over seventy years, beginning her tennis days on the Willoughby courts at the age of nine.

Shiela loves the company of other players, the great exercise she gets from the game (and believe me Shiela always does things in a fast pace) as well as using the skills of placing the ball where your opponent can't get to it. The Australian Open, NSW Championships and Davis Cup events have all been very enjoyable outings over the years. Her most memorable is the 1954 Davis Cup when she was able to watch the greats play...Newcombe, Roach and Rosewell. Shiela has given back to the local tennis club by taking on the position of Secretary for a number of years.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party is being held tonight at the Clubhouse. Tennis is being played as well as a few clinking of glasses will be heard along with the munching of sumptuous pizza and nibbles.

Thank you to all members for their support throughout the year...to the Committee for keeping things going.. A special thank you goes to the Working Bee Group who are for evermore doing something round the courts to keep them in working order.

Also a special thank you to the SWRCC Board of Directors for their support throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to everyone. Hope to see you all on the courts in 2017.

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