



BELCONNEN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER - May 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Annual Dinner Friday 13 June at 6.30pm CSCC Jamison

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank all members who attended our AGM in April and voted so strongly for a change in our name to Belconnen Tennis Club. A new name, a new financial year, new courts and more renewals planned. It is a great way to start my last term as Club President.

I also thank the wonderful people who have taken on new roles on the committee and those who are continuing in the same roles. This small band of members makes a huge contribution to your club and its continued development and I hope all members will take any opportunity they have to add their appreciation for this effort.

The 2015 Australian Seniors Championships is being held in Canberra from 4-9 January. Our club has agreed to be one of the hosting facilities. While this may limit access to our courts to members for this period, it does offer us a wonderful opportunity to show some of the 800 visitors to Canberra what a wonderful city we live in. It also provides the club with an opportunity to raise some funds by providing services such as food and drinks to the visitors. We will be calling for volunteers to assist in the catering, cleaning and general support for our visitors. Watch this space!

The club's active community involvement continues with the recent events of the Midweek Ladies Charity Day and the Biggest Morning Tea.

We have just had to replace a globe in one of our light stands and were lucky enough to obtain the services of a qualified tower worker who checked the pole before climbing it with a ladder. He has very kindly offered to service our lights as needed provided we have them checked for safety. If any member of the club knows a pole certifier I would be very interested to hear from you. Any other contacts you have who may be able to help the club would also be of great interest so please let me know.

Our Annual Club Dinner this year is on Friday 13th June in the function room of our long time sponsor the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Jamison. I encourage all members and their friends to come along enjoy the social aspects of the club as well as good tennis.

Norm Burmester, President

New Courts (1, 2 and 5) - Maintenance and Settling-In Period.

Members will notice that the court resurfacing on Courts 1, 2 and 5 has finally been completed by our contractors, Sportzone. Initially sand may appear excessive on the surface. Normal play, rainfall and regular grooming initially will assist to settle the sand within the pile. The court surface will take a while for the sand to even out. Most important is that the courts are dragged often, in between matches and sessions of tennis and should be dragged in a variety of directions to help spread the sand evenly. Sportzone will return to do a final grooming in 4-6 weeks' time. Enjoy the new surfaces but expect a few interesting bounces until the surface settles down. An interesting fact about sand-filled artificial grass surfaces is that as the sand dries out in hot weather it becomes looser, and balls will play slower than when damp and cool. The surface finish installed is – SPORTZ MATCH PLUS 19mm.

SOCIAL TENNIS

The club's three weekly sessions of organised tennis continue to be very successful.

Court etiquette in Social - Returning Balls to the Server

In the last newsletter, I commented on when a ball should be called in or out.

This time I will mention the etiquette expected when returning balls to the server.

The server should collect only those balls nearer to him (or her) and move to his serving position keeping an eye on the other players. When he is watching, the other players should return any balls nearest to them, taking care to return them directly to the server. If they cannot hit the ball straight, they should walk up to the net and roll or throw the ball.

Social tournaments

Due to the recent lack of courts and a sudden rain downpour, our April tournament unfortunately had to be abandoned halfway through.

AUTUMN PENNANTS

Our thirteen teams playing in the Autumn pennants have recently completed their competitions. Congratulations to:

- Martin Klein's pennant-winning Thursday Division 3, Night Mixed team of Martin, Theresa Hooper, Ashlyn Farrelly, Linda Valente and Mark Batistich; and
- Mark Batistich's Monday Division 4, Night Unisex team of Mark, Barbara Tai, Jim Wolfe and Peter Dodds who won their final by a single game.

Well done also in the Monday night pennants to Tony Winston's Division 2 and Brent Layzell's Division 5 teams, and to Gavin Brigg's Division 3 team in the Thursday night pennants who all made their semi-finals. Thanks to the many people who filled in as reserves.

Brian Thorp, Club Captain

JUNIOR TENNIS

Classes/groups are progressing nicely. We have our regular hours running through the week and on Saturdays. First term was particularly successful with up to 35 children on the Saturday class alone. We have had the usual drop-off in numbers for winter but all listed classes are still running.

Hot Shots groups have been steady with match-play being offered in Term 1. We will offer this again in Term 4.

Pennant teams have been constant with 6 teams representing Belconnen TC. Results have been mixed with half the teams reaching semi-finals which is consistent to our last pennant results.

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CHARITY DAY 2014

The Tennis ACT Women's Committee organised a very successful Charity Tennis Day at Belconnen Tennis Club on 1 May. About 80 men and women played a tennis tournament at the Melba and Belconnen Clubs and then gathered at the Belconnen Gazebo for a delightful sausage sizzle. The salads provided by the talented ladies were declared very tasty. Thanks everyone for your contributions. The raffles were well patronised and club member Roger Thompson was delighted to win an Australian Open towel. Thanks to The Tradies and Ainslie Footy Clubs for donating dinner vouchers and of course, Belconnen and Melba for donating their courts free of charge. Not to forget Tennis Seniors for donating the balls. The Charity on the day, Marymead, were delighted to accept a cheque for \$1500. It would have to be said the fantastic weather, great venue and competitors made tennis the winner on the day. Thanks to hardworking organisers and BBQers, Barb McClusky and Anne Haycock – who also wrote this piece for the newsletter.



A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY FOR A SPECIAL PERSON



Happy Birthday Roger!!

As well as lots of great tennis on a warm May day, the Friday morning social group were delighted to wish our wonderful organiser, Roger Thompson, a very happy birthday. And a big thank-you for all the work you do for the Friday group and the Belconnen Tennis Club.



Some of the Friday regulars – Roger centre front

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder that membership renewals for 2014-15 are now due. The following table shows the increase of fees agreed at the AGM in April.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:	Renewal Fees
Adult: 19 yrs or older as at 1 April 2014	\$120
Junior: 18 yrs or under at 1 April 2014	\$45
Student: 19 yrs or older at 1 April 2014, enrolled full-time at TAFE or Uni (student ID card required for verification)	\$65
Family: Parents and 1+ juniors (18 years or younger at 1 April 2014)	\$240

Steps you need to follow:

1. Payment. Available options:

- a) EFT/Internet transfer to club bank account (not Bpay!) .
Account Name: Belconnen Wests Tennis Club
Bank: Westpac
BSB: **032 732**
Account: **161 156**.
Ensure you put your name/s as a reference.
- b) Direct cash deposit to the club bank account (as per above) at any Westpac branch.
(Ensure you put your name as a reference)
- c) Cheque or Money Order to **PO Box 158, Jamison, ACT, 2614**
- d) Cash to Treasurer/Club Captain/Committee Member. Make sure to get a receipt. The committee person you gave the money to will email the details to BelconnenTennisClub@gmail.com to confirm your payment.

2. Send email to Barb Tai at BelconnenTennisClub@gmail.com to notify her of your payment (except for option d) above).

3. Update your details. You can do this by:

- a) Logging in to MyTennis and updating your personal and payment details:
[https://tennisau.omnisportsmanagement.com/Memberships/\(S\(waxs4s45phn4we55hfxwnr45\)\)/OSMMbr_login.aspx](https://tennisau.omnisportsmanagement.com/Memberships/(S(waxs4s45phn4we55hfxwnr45))/OSMMbr_login.aspx) or
- b) Emailing your new details (e.g. new address, email, contact no., etc) to Barb Tai at BelconnenTennisClub@gmail.com or by post to PO Box 158, Jamison, ACT, 2614.

NOTE: There are no shoe tags this year. As most members now carry a dongle (electronic entry tag) the committee decided to save the money previously spent on this form of recognition of members. If a person does not renew their membership, their dongle will be cancelled.

Our “Biggest Morning Tea” on Tuesday 27 May for the ACT Cancer Council

What an amazing result for our club – we raised \$1226 for cancer research!

This year was the 10th successive year that Belconnen Tennis Club has hosted a lunch after the Tuesday women’s pennant matches in aid of the Cancer Council’s “Biggest Morning Tea” event.

Thank you to our BTC Committee and to ACT Tennis for the generous donation of \$192 of pennant and court fees and the use of Club facilities, and to our club members, pennant players from other clubs and other supporters. Our President, Norm Burmester, welcomed members and guests including MLA Yvette Berry and cancer survivor Julie Kesby who challenged tennis players to form a dragon boat team in support of Dragons Abreast. Terrill Strahan briefly outlined up-to-date developments by the John Curtin Medical Research School.

We had some wonderful prizes this year, thanks in part to the sponsors of the ACT Cancer Council’s launch and donations to our function by the winners of their prizes. Other sponsors and donors included Peter Walker of Peter Blackshaw, Jamison, who donated wines and Ricardos of Jamison who provided a \$25 voucher.

Special thanks for their work in making this event such a success must go to Terrill Strahan, Jo Klemke, Dawn La Fontaine, Anne Haycock, Gail Jones, Norm and Lana Burmester, Jan Aubrey, to Audrey Wiggins for those yummy cakes for sale, and to club members who took raffle tickets to sell at other events.

Last year our BMT raised a total of \$821.50 for the Cancer Council ACT. Since BWTC began holding this charity day each May, the amount raised has grown steadily each year from \$333.25 in 2005 to this year’s record of \$1226.

By holding this charity event each year, Belconnen Tennis Club demonstrates our commitment to community service and community health, and is one way that we remember some wonderful tennis friends and club members whom we have lost to cancer over the years.

Consie Larmour



Jo Klemke, Jan Aubrey, Dawn La Fontaine, Terrill Strahan, Norm Burmester and Consie Larmour

All members and their friends are invited
to the Belconnen Tennis Club
ANNUAL DINNER

on

Friday 13 JUNE 2014 at 6.30PM

in the Function Room

Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison

Is Friday 13 lucky or unlucky for you??

Come along and find out if you're a winner on the night

Organise a table of 8-10, or if there are fewer of you, Lana will happily put you with a lovely group to make up a table.

The cost for the evening is \$50

For this you will have a welcome drink, a delicious three course meal, entertainment & prizes

Payment may be made in cash to Lana Burmester

or by direct deposit to:

Account Name: Belconnen Wests Tennis Club BSB: **032 732** Account: **161 156**

Please put your name as a reference and email Lana to let her the names of all the people in your group

burmester@grapevine.com.au

[Any questions, please email or phone Lana on 62546368](#)

[rsvp by 6 June 2014](#)