

Gardens Tennis is a community tennis facility offering a range of coaching, competitions, court hire and event services for young and old, cost-effective membership packages, and a Proshop selling tennis requirements, drinks and snacks

'Launchpad' Blue Stage Classes Starting Term 2 (Ages 3-5)

This program is targeted to develop fundamental motor skills from an early age. The skills taught throughout these lessons are the building blocks/foundation for tennis that are important to a player's success in later hotshot stages. These areas include locomotion (movement), throwing, catching & striking.

When: Mondays & Fridays 9 - 9.30am

Cost: \$15 per session (\$150 for term enrolment)

Enrol early to secure your spot.

We now offer Match play for all levels of juniors

Match play is an integral part of a player's development and offers benefits that go beyond what training can offer. We now run match play every Friday night from 6.30-8pm and Saturday mornings 8-9.30. If you are not already coming out then we strongly advise you to give it a go as we strongly believe this will fast-track improvement.

Introducing Red Ball match play!

In line with our philosophy we believe that children should be introduced to what tennis is all about as early as possible. If your child is currently taking part in a

Hotshots level 1 or 2 then come down and give it a go on Saturday 8-9am. Not only will children learn about scoring and point play but they will also have the opportunity to watch our up and coming juniors compete.

- Saturday mornings from 8-9am
- Parents must be on court at all times
- \$5 per head



Tennis Palmerston Open (Easter long weekend 25-28 March)

We would love to see a huge contingent from Gardens Tennis supporting the Palmerston Open. Participants can enter by standard base (Red, Orange, Green) as well as 12's and 14's for juniors. There is also an AMT (Australian Money Tournament) for adults in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. See Jordyn at the front desk for entry forms.

Alice Springs Tournaments (throughout the school holidays 2-9 April)

If anyone is thinking of heading to Alice Springs for the week break, please chat to Jordyn or Ben in regards to travelling down. There will be a team heading down if you would like to travel alongside fellow Darwin players. Entry forms are at the front desk .

Opportunities every night of the week

Day	Activity	Time	Cost
Monday	<u>Adult Group Coaching</u> Led by a coach, enjoy picking up some hot tips, whilst socializing with other adults through organised drills and match practice.	7.00 – 8.30pm (Starts Monday 11 th Jan)	Member \$15.00 Non Member \$20.00
Tuesday	<u>Adult Group Coaching</u> As per above	7.00 -8.30pm (Starts Tues 2 nd Feb)	Member \$15.00 Non Member \$20.00
	<u>Ladies Doubles</u> Turn up and play doubles with some very friendly ladies. Rotate amongst yourselves for some social fun.	7.00pm start (Starts Tues 2 nd Feb)	All \$10.00 per week
Wednesday	<u>Mixed Doubles</u> Teams consist of 2 ladies, 2 men. Play 3 doubles matches, combining with each of your team members each match. Teams must be registered at the start of each term.	7.00pm start (Starts Wed 27 th Jan)	Member \$ 100 per term Non Member \$150 per term
Thursday	<u>Men's Doubles</u> Teams of 4. Play 3 doubles matches, combining with each of your team members each match. Teams must be registered at the start of each term.	7.00pm start (Starts Thurs 28 th Jan)	Member \$ 100 per term Non Member \$150 per term
Friday	<u>Fast 4 Singles</u> Play week to week, no commitment needed. Round Robin singles fun to 4 games, sudden death deuce, play lets.	7.00pm – 8.30pm (Starts Friday 29 th Jan)	All \$10 per week

NEWS FROM THE DARWIN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (DTA) COMMITTEE

GRANTS

NTG Grass Roots Program grant awarded to DTA

Following the award of \$18,000 under the NTG Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) 2015-2016 Facilities and Capital Equipment (FACE) grant program to support facility master planning at Gardens Tennis, Minister Higgins has recently advised that DTA has been awarded **\$3,700** from the NTG DSR 2015-2016 Grass Roots grant program to facilitate Jordyn Howarth and Benjamin McLachlan attend the Tennis Australia junior development coaching course. This will allow Ben and Jordyn to acquire additional coaching skills and offer coaching programs of even greater quality at Gardens.

Geotechnical survey underway

The first stage of the geotechnical survey funded through the NTG FACE grant program has been completed. *Cardno UNG*, who have been commissioned to undertake the survey, brought their rig to Gardens in late February and drilled eight bore holes across the complex taking away sub-soil samples for laboratory testing. Four ground-water wells have been installed – you may have seen the neat brass plates covering these at the back of some of the courts. These wells will allow measurements to be made of the water table and drainage at the Gardens site. Information coming from the geotechnical study is vital for understanding the best approach for court refurbishment and upgrade at Gardens. Results from the geotechnical survey will feed into a formal facility master planning exercise to be facilitated by *SportDev*, one of the premier tennis facilities planning companies in Australia, which will commence later this year.

Further grant applications

Members of the Committee have been busy in preparing further grant applications to support infrastructure development at Gardens. An application has been lodged to the *Holden Home Ground Advantage* program for a grant to remodel space in the clubhouse to enable a relocation of the pro-shop and office and redevelopment of kitchen facilities and areas for members to socialise and make greater use of the clubhouse.

An application has also been prepared and submitted to the *Community Benefit Fund Major Community Grants Program* for funding to replace all the existing court lights at Gardens with state of the art LED fixtures that will provide a much greater level of illumination for night play at our Centre.



WORKING BEE

VERY MANY THANKS to all who contributed to the working bee held at Gardens on the weekend of 27/28th February. A range of jobs were completed including weeding of the garden, cleaning of the bathrooms and clubhouse walls, removal of mould from courts and cleaning of concrete surrounds of the clubhouse in preparation for new benches being expertly installed by Ben.



TENNIS INDUSTRY LEADERS WORKSHOP



Jordyn Howarth and Ben McLachlan (the principals of Top End Tennis and operators of Gardens Tennis), with Charles Webb (the President of DTA) attended a two day Tennis Industry Leaders Workshop at Lake Bennett hosted by Tennis NT. The workshop, which involved operators from most NT tennis facilities and staff of Tennis NT, was facilitated by David Phillips, the Professional Development Coordinator at Tennis Australia. The workshop focussed on the implementation of Tennis NT's recently published strategic plan and provided professional development and networking opportunities in a range of areas very relevant to Gardens Tennis including talent development, tournament management and Hot Shots programs.

GOOD SPORTS

We are seeking level 1 accreditation to the Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports program. Good Sports is a progressive, three level program that helps Australian sporting clubs set standards around key health issues. Over 6,500 clubs across Australia are taking part in the Good Sports program. Through Good Sports we will be committed to managing alcohol responsibly and ensuring smoke free areas, which we believe will help us provide a healthy, safe and family friendly environment at Gardens.



We are a Good Sports club

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

Susannah Scaturchio has stepped down from the Committee because of work commitments and consideration is being given to a possible replacement.

Summaries of Committee meetings are being posted on the Gardens Tennis website under the Darwin Tennis Association tab at <http://www.tennis.com.au/gardenstennis/about-us>

Should you need to contact the Committee for any reason, please email Secretary Paul Kelly at dta_secretary@aapt.net.au

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