

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.

NEW LAUNCH PAD PROGRAM

We are extremely excited to announce our new program for kids aged **3-5 years old.**

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. The program will also help build strength, balance and general coordination.

When: Mondays & Fridays 9.00 - 9.30am, Term 2 2016

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

Enrol early to secure your spot. Call Gardens tennis today 8981 2181 or email gardens.tennis@hotmail.com to find out more.



DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The NEW 2016 | 2017 Membership are available for pre-sale now! Discover thousands of valuable up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafés, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more – choose your way with the following:

- The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers.
- The Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Available from 13 April, the NEW 2016 | 2017 Darwin Entertainment™ Memberships still sell for just \$60 and you'll receive over \$20,000 in valuable offers you can use until 1 June, 2017.

Go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/91606x2> to order your book today and support Gardens Tennis. 20% of every membership sold contributes to our Juniors Uniforms Costs.

WED/THURS NIGHT COMP

Congratulations to all of our Term 1 Competitors:

Div 1 Mixed Winners – Sets in the City

Div 1 Mixed Runner Up – Smoking Lefties

Div 2 Mixed Winners – Kraft

Div 2 Mixed Runner Up – Coopers

Mens Doubles Winners – Wildcards

Mens Doubles Runner Up – Here for the Beer

* Term 2 will reward 1 x bonus point for all teams that fill their team each week with their own players and fill ins. Garden's

Tennis can find you a fill in providing you notify them before the day of competition. If you are sick on the day please ring your team captain to arrange your fill in or notify them that you have found your own fill in before ringing Gardens Tennis.



NEWS FROM THE DARWIN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (DTA) COMMITTEE

GOOD SPORTS PROGRAM ACCREDITATION



Gardens Tennis has achieved Level 1 accreditation to the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program that helps over 6,500 Australian sporting clubs set standards around key health issues

As a Level 1 Good Sports club we abide by our liquor license, have bar management strategies in place and the bar staff attend Responsible Service of Alcohol training. As a requirement of our Good Sports accreditation we have introduced a smoke free policy for Gardens Tennis that restricts smoking at Gardens Tennis to a designated smoking permitted area located beyond the Sky City end of the clubhouse close to the boundary fence.

Accreditation to the Good Sports Program will help us provide a healthy, safe and family friendly environment at Gardens. More information on Good Sports is available at GoodSports.com.au or Facebook.com/GoodSportsClubs

ETIQUETTE AT GARDENS TENNIS

Gardens Tennis has adopted the Code of Behaviour recommended by *Play by the Rules* - a national initiative aimed at making sport safe, fair and inclusive and all users of Gardens are required to adhere to this code. As a condition of membership for 2016 DTA members have made a written commitment to abide by the Code of Behaviour. The DTA Committee has received complaints regarding members walking onto courts and interrupting coaching sessions. Such behaviour is inconsistent with the Code of Behaviour. If members or non-member clients have concerns about accessing a court that is being used for coaching or other tennis activity they are requested to approach the Pro-Shop and speak to the Service Provider or their representatives to resolve any perceived access and not to disrupt tennis activity that is in progress.



COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

Committee met on the 4th April 2016. Items considered included:

- review of the DTA Constitution
- the Good Sports Program
- sponsorship
- development of a new strategic/business plan for Gardens

Committee also approved the replacement of two lights that are not working on court 11 with new LED lighting banks. It is anticipated that the new lights will be installed shortly.

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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TOURNAMENT SEASON HAS ARRIVED

AWOF OPEN (22nd – 24th April) Entry forms now out. Pick one up from Gardens Tennis or online via Tennis Australia's Tournaments Page

KATHERINE OPEN (30th April – 2nd May) Gardens Tennis will be taking a small team of players away to this event. If your child is interested in playing and travelling with the team, please speak to Ben or Jordyn.

SKYCITY DARWIN OPEN (3rd -8th June) Held @ Gardens Tennis

90th SKYCITY NT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (9th -13th June) Held @ Gardens Tennis

NT AGE CHAMPIONSHIPS (25th - 29th June) Held @ Gardens Tennis

DARWIN AGE TITLES (30th June -3rd July) Held @ Gardens Tennis

PALMERSTON OPEN

Congratulations to all who participated in the Palmerston Open. A special mention to Garden's Tennis Winners and Finalists.

Maya Kruger – 12 & Under Girls Singles Runner Up, 14 & Under Girls Doubles Runner Up

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Ilse Huiskes –AMT Womens Singles Winner, AMT Women's Doubles Winners, Open Mixed Doubles Runner Up

Rosie Henderson – AMT Womens Runner Up, AMT Women's Doubles Winners, Open Mixed Doubles Winners

Benjamin McLachlan – Open Mixed Doubles Winners

Harrison Lee-Schell – Open Mixed Doubles Runner Up

Kara O'Brien – Division 6 Singles Runner Up

Ewen Croguennec Squinabol – Division 5 Singles Runner Up

Hamzah Elmaghraby – Division 3 Singles Winner

Aliyy Elmaghraby – Division 2 Singles Runner Up

Henry Coward – Division 3 Singles Runner Up

Emilie Camporro – Division 2 Singles Winner

Nandan Kumar – 12 & Under Singles Consolation Winner



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Term 2 Junior Tennis & Coaching



Individual Coaching?

Contact the Pro – Shop and book a lesson with a coach to improve your game!

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Match Play?

At Gardens Tennis we recommend that all children participate in some form of modified **match play** whether it's red, orange or green ball.

Monday			
Activity	Start	Finish	Coach
Hot Shots 1	4:00	4:30	Jordyn
Hot Shots 2	4:30	5:30	Jordyn
Hot Shots 3	5:30	6:30	Jordyn
Tuesday			
Activity	Start	Finish	Coach
Hot Shots 2	4:00	5:00	Jordyn
Development Squad	5:00	6:15	Ben
Elite Squad	6:15	7:30	Ben
Wednesday			
Activity	Start	Finish	Coach
Hot Shots 3	4:30	5:30	TBC
Thursday			
Activity	Start	Finish	Coach
Hot Shots 1	3:30	4:00	Jordyn
Hot Shots 2	4:00	5:00	Jordyn
Development Squad	4:30	5:45	Ben
Elite Squad	5:45	7:00	Ben
Friday			
Activity	Start	Finish	Coach
Hot Shots 1	5:00	5:30	Jordyn/Rosie
Hot Shots 2	5:30	6:30	Jordyn/Rosie
Hot Shots 3	5:30	6:30	Jordyn/Rosie
Match Play	6:30	8:00	Ben
Saturday			
Activity	Start	Finish	Coach
Match Play	8:00	9:30	Ben
Hot Shots 1	8:00	8:30	Helen
Hot Shots 1	8:30	9:00	Helen
Hot Shots 2	9:00	10:00	Helen
Hot Shots 3	10:00	11:00	Helen

Fees & Payment

Class	Weeks	Full Term Fee (if paid by 22/4/16)	Full Term Fee Members (if paid by 22/4/16)	Per Session Fee	Per Session Fee Members
Hot Shots 1, 2, 3	10	\$160	\$144	\$18	\$18
1 st Squad Session	10	\$210	\$190	\$23	\$23
2 nd Squad Session	10	\$190	\$170	\$23	\$23
Match Play	10	\$90	\$80	\$10	\$10

Receive a further 10% discount when you enrol in your 2nd Hot Shots class for the week.

Minimum numbers apply to all group coaching.

Catch up lessons are available providing you give notice of absence prior to the session commencing. Catch-up lessons must be used within the same term.

In the event of rain, all Hot Shot's classes will run undercover unless otherwise notified.



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SENIORS PLAYERS THAILAND TRIP

During early March 2016 a group of Gardens Tennis players ventured to Hua Hin, Thailand to participate in the 6th International Tennis Seniors Cup. Hua Hin is about 250 kms south of Bangkok located on the coast. This tournament was a doubles fixture and players were graded according to their age and ability. About 350 players attended with participation from players across Asia. Thailand and Japan were the best represented countries but most countries in the region had some representation. Australia was represented by 8 players, 7 from Gardens and one ex-pat Australian who made the trip from Chang Mai in Thailand to participate.

Our party all agreed that they had a good time enjoying both the tennis and the social calendar organised as part of the event. On the tennis courts our most successful Australian was Steve Lewis-Driver who was leading his age group until his Thai partner was forced to pull out due to an unfortunate family matter called him home. The social events gave us plenty of opportunity to meet players from other countries and a number of invitations to future events will eventuate. With our regular attendance at international events Darwin is building a good reputation amongst the Asian playing fraternity which is quite active through the region. We met many people who remembered us from prior trips to the region.

Gardens players may be interested in joining a future touring group. There is usually an age requirement of at least 40 but anyone interested in being included on a mailing list should send an email to: alan.buckingham@nt.gov.au and you will be included in future communications.

The next planned event is a visit to the Alice Springs Masters (8 – 15 October 2016). This event is a bi-annual event and lots of fun for attendees. Many people have asked about accommodation for this event but I have found that it is available at reasonable prices. Something to consider - you don't have to be a star player just be prepared to have a go and participate in the "friendly games". We hope to see a good contingent of Darwin players at this next event. For those interested in overseas events there is the possibility of future events in China, Malaysia and Thailand on the cards.

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