



Hawthorn Tennis Club Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT
2008 – 2009



Judith Troeth and Petro Georgiou launch the water management system, monitored by MC Ted Baillieu



Australian Open, 2020s?

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104th Annual Report

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Implement a New Water Management System

Celebrate Installation of the Tanks

Hold an Open Day



A big hand for Open Day

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Hawthorn Tennis Club has been a club for 104 years. Throughout this time the Club has operated on land owned by the local Council, originally Hawthorn and now Boroondara. During many of our early years, the Club received strong support from the Hawthorn City Council and then the Council did build something to serve as a Clubhouse once we moved to the current location in 1962. Unfortunately, however, that building (perhaps not of “superior quality”) burned down in 1968.

Helped by an interest-free loan from Council, members of the Club actually did most of the rebuilding. Although there have been a number of extensions and refurbishments over the past forty years, our Clubhouse basically continues to reflect the work done by our own members at that time.

Since that time, the Club also has essentially been alone – due to the way we have been able to so effectively manage our affairs. Although not a rich club, sound management systems have kept us going, and looking good, without any further assistance coming from the Council.

The major item occupying our minds for quite some time has been the Hawthorn Library Precinct Redevelopment Project. This is now moving towards finalisation of planning and Council approval ready for implementation. The Club is having very constructive discussions with Council officers, drawing on the various areas of professional expertise of Committee members and the goodwill of the project management team. I believe that this will produce a good outcome for the Club and look forward to being able to advise the details in due course

All members need to become more involved in the parts of the Club that can keep any club viable and provide for the enjoyment of its other members – activities such as competition and social tennis, parties or anything else that is thrown up by the Committee. This on-going and widespread participation is what will keep us a really good club in which to be a member. Please try to involve yourselves in anything that’s “a go”.

Upon reflection, I have had many disappointments and many joys as President, yet I expect to have many more joys at the Club with its soft red porous courts that we can now water almost at will.

Robert Payne



Larry McLean, David Stobart, Phil Meggs, Ted Baillieu and Petro Georgiou admire a gift

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The drought continued across Victoria – not least in Hawthorn – and the winds blew without relent. Fortunately, due to the generosity of the Australian Government through the former Community Water Grants Scheme, the Club was able to install three water tanks and has been able to capture a reasonable proportion of the little rain that did decide to fall at the Club.

This massive improvement in our infrastructure not only guaranteed our continuing viability but was also the unwitting catalyst for arguably our most important event of the year: the Open Day.

While the tanks and Open Day are reported more fully elsewhere, I note there was an attendance of five Federal, State and local government politicians. The Open Day, of which the launch was the highlight, saw some 200 people through the gate and we acquired 43 new members on the actual day. A major success for the Club and certainly justified all the hard work that so many members put into its organization and operation.

We welcome these and all other new members who joined during the year, offer encouragement to become as active as possible around the Club and hope it starts many years of valued membership.

Competition, between clubs and within the Club, continued along the usual paths. In common with many other clubs, there was some downturn again in the numbers of teams entered in the various competitions, reflecting a general trend in the community to not commit substantial periods of time each week to team sports. However, the Club still had a very viable presence in all areas and there may be some indications of a reversal for in coming seasons. On the other hand, there have been some good fields in a number of the Championship events and this certainly augurs well.

The Club's social aspect always has been a strong complement to its competitive streak and this again was very effectively affirmed in the extremely successful formal dinner dance held in August.

Behind the scenes, there has been some progress in relation to the Hawthorn Library Precinct Redevelopment Project. Concept plans for the area have been subject to community input and have been endorsed by Council. More detailed discussions with local stakeholders are now under way, Council has provided funding for the Project and there has been introductory work on the site to the extent that the old scout hall building has been demolished. Once the plans have been finalised and agreed by Council, it is expected that work will really get under way around mid 2010 and be completed at the beginning of 2012.

The redevelopment is not expected to impinge unduly on the Club's facilities or operations, either during the work or following its implementation. Council has confirmed its support for the water storage facility, it will relocate the existing public access path through the Club and also review the arrangements for the carpark in Swinburne Avenue. The Club expects to be kept informed of progress and there have been a number of very useful discussions to date with Council officers.

Hawthorn Tennis Club by now is well into its second century. It has constantly been an important player in metropolitan competition along with a virtually continuous presence on the Council of Tennis Victoria and its predecessors - a major contribution for any club. Through our sporting and social programs, the Club has been a key in so many member's lives. The broader community has benefited enormously from contributions through coaching, tournaments, involvement in Council meetings and activities and, not least, provision of an extremely attractive and well-maintained landscaped environment. We would very much hope to pass this down to the next generation of local residents, but of course need active members to keep all aspects of the Club ticking along.

Neil Pearce

OPEN DAY

Neil Pearce

Fine weather, a bevy of distinguished guests, more than 200 people through the gates and 43 new members on the day – what more could we have hoped for from the celebrations to mark our new water tanks?

As noted in the Water Report, the Australian Government's funding for the new water tanks required the Club to publicise the grant. A further requirement, if the publicity involved holding function, was to invite Federal Members of Parliament.

We decided to have an opening and duly sent off the invitations. To our delight, the Member for Kooyong, Mr Petro Georgiou MP and Senator Judith Troeth both accepted. So did the local Member for Hawthorn (and Club member), Mr Ted Baillieu MP. From here, a function became an Open Day. Our new Council Member for Glenferrie, Cr Phil Meggs and the President of Tennis Victoria, Mr David Stobart, also were then invited and promptly accepted.

Clearly, we had acquired a very impressive 'Official Party' and so the event quite simply took off. A quickly formed Open Day Sub-Committee took on the multiple tasks of effectively publicising an innovative water saving approach for a major sport, providing an enjoyable event for our members and showing off the Club and its activities to the broader local community. Some very attractive flyer and poster material, along with a large billboard generously sponsored by Jellis Craig, helped spread the word that the afternoon of 1 March 2009 was the time to be at the Hawthorn Tennis Club. An enormous amount of planning and sheer effort by so many people had it all ready in too short a time but on time.

On court, Carlo Aliano and his team of coaches offered play and lessons for all. The mini tennis scene was a visual delight, while the times registered by some in the speed serving competition were daunting. We thank Tennis Victoria for making its speed gun available. Integration of many visitors into Sunday Social tennis also worked well and provided opportunities for members and visitors to also meet on-court.

Inside the Clubhouse, guests and members alike were treated to a constant stream of delicious treats and opportunity for refreshment throughout the afternoon and the stayers thoroughly enjoyed a barbecue after the formal events were done. Robert Payne, Andrew Simpson and Jan Vanston deserve the highest plaudits for their work here, while Margaret Farrow's cake once again took the cake! A theatrette, sufficiently professional to almost look like a permanent fixture, showed off life in the Club during its previous 100 years and nicely complemented a photographic display. Aquaworks was on hand to explain the new tank system and the Club sold its new tennis shirts along with other merchandise.

Perhaps most importantly, the Social Sub-Committee managed to meet and greet all comers, providing a wonderfully welcoming atmosphere for our guests and facilitating smooth passage around the Clubhouse and grounds for all – not least being encouragement to speak with Wilma Anderson and David Neyland on the membership desk. Particular thanks to Nemeer Mukhtar, who seems to have an alternative "meet and greet" career available at any time, and to Elaine Cooper and Catherine Mukhtar on the front desk. Recruitment of 43 new members on the day itself, with virtually all due payments fully processed within a week, was well beyond our wildest expectations and showed what can happen.

The highlight nevertheless came late in the afternoon with the "formal" launch of the new water management system. Each of our five official guests spoke on aspects of the need for water conservation, indicating concerns and approaches at national and local levels and recognising the role that even a small club such as ours can take in providing a lead with commitment and an innovative approach. Mr Baillieu did a magnificent job as Master of Ceremonies, Senator Troeth and Mr Georgiou unveiled the plaque and all guests participated in drawing plenty of names out for the extensive range of prizes on offer. Club caps signed by Rafael Nadal, Elena Dementieva and Jim Courier were especially popular with the winners – thanks to David Neyland for donating these as prizes.

President Robert Payne thanked each official guest for helping make the launch and Open Day such a success and made small presentations. The Club very much appreciated their willingness to give up some of the weekend for the occasion, but rather suspects that they also had quite a nice time in any case!

The Open Day Sub-Committee comprised Carlo Aliano, John Clowes, David Neyland, Robert Payne, Neil Pearce (chair) and David Sartori. Sandra Beanham gave invaluable assistance in the early phase of planning. The Social Sub-Committee played a massive part on the day, along with a number of members of the Club Committee and other members. The Club owes a great debt of thanks to all these members who worked so hard to make the day such an outstanding success.

The Club also makes special acknowledgement of the contributions to Open Day of Tennis Victoria and its officers and sponsors Absolute Tennis, Head, IGA, Jellis Craig and Lion Nathan. Gerhard Herzig and Birute Don were very active in ensuring a visual record and Club Cleaner Elaine Lepkaa, along with Redgum, deserve very high thanks for having Clubhouse and grounds in such good condition. Finally, my own very highest thanks go to David Neyland, for a massive but often unseen contribution across the Day's planning, preparation and actual conduct – we would not have achieved anywhere near the level of success without that varied but continuous input.



Elaine Cooper and Cathie Mukhtar take a short break from greeting visitors



Mike Crabb knows how good Margaret Farrow's special cake is going to be



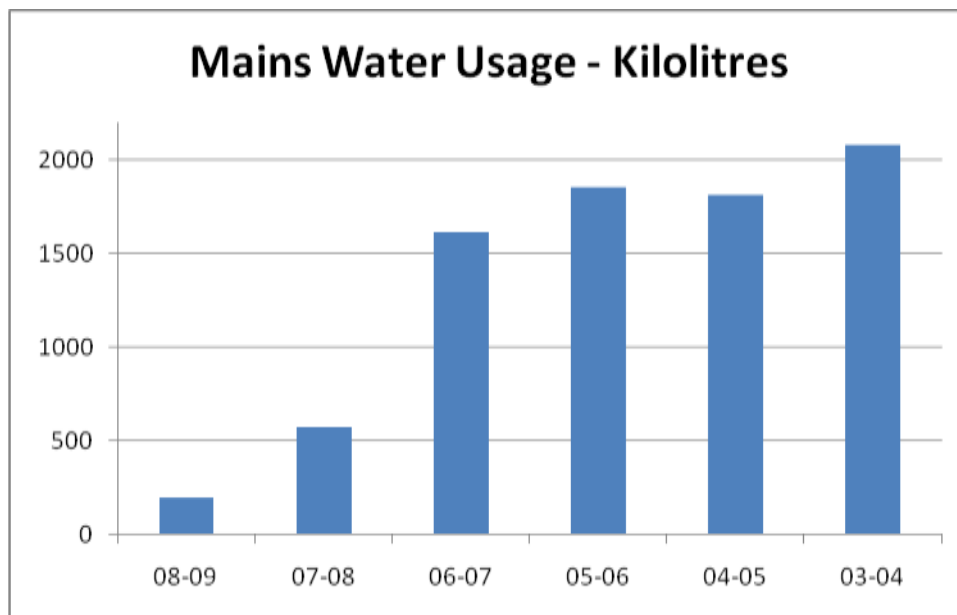
Graeme Ball, Robert Tuck, Susan Chambers, Virginia Holmes, Peter Robinson, Jan Vanston ready for feeding into social tennis on courts

WATER

David Neyland

Stage 3a Victorian Government water restrictions have been in operation for the entire year. Despite the potential for such restrictions to severely impact Club activities, we have been fortunate to operate with little disruption. This has been due to the Club's water management system developed in early 2008.

The system involves the harvesting of water in conjunction with the treatment of the courts with magnesium chloride. The outcome of these two components has seen the Club's use of mains water decrease from an historical average usage of over 2,000,000 litres to just 195,000 litres in the last year. The following graph depicts the mains water usage over the last 5 years:



The harvesting of water from the Club's tanks has been a success. It is expected to further improve with alterations to the pump in the collection pit, which has not been operating at an acceptable level. Despite the problems with this pump, the Club has harvested 256,000 litres of water from the 3 tanks.

In the coming months it is anticipated that the distribution pump next to the tanks will be replaced with one of additional capacity. This enhanced pump will enable better water pressure to be delivered to the hoses on the courts.

The Club is continuing discussions with the Council on the impact of the proposed library area redevelopment on our water management system. This may see the configuration of the water management system modified. It is hoped that this will lead to additional collection areas and storage facilities.

Nadine Maloney has returned to Melbourne and has resumed her normal water management activities. This is very timely, as the redevelopment activities will benefit greatly from Nadine's extensive skills in this area.

MEMBERSHIP

Peter Robinson

Category	08 -09	07-08	06-07	05-06	04-05	03-04
Full Paying	147	121	141	145	137	155
Mid Week	22	26	40	24	15	18
Junior	40	38	48	40	33	34
Life	12	12	10	10	9	6
Honorary	2	2	5	4	4	4
Social	3	3	2	2	2	1
Visitor	0	0	3	2	1	1
TOTAL	226	202	249	227	201	219

Membership numbers increased in 2008-09 mainly due to our Open Day, which attracted 43 new members. This was a great achievement in itself, but it is also really pleasing how active so many of these new members have been. The Club's new Mens Singles Champion joined that day, as did two brand-new members of the Social Sub-Committee. Many others have played in the recent Winter Pennant, the Monday Night competition, the Club Championships and the Handicap Championships and have joined in the regular social groups.

There were 17 membership enquiries via our website. These enquiries converted to only three new memberships, which was disappointing. We have recently developed a follow up email to try and ascertain the reason for this low conversion rate. Quite a few requests are from players trying to find a team after competition has commenced. Other requests via our website were in relation to court hire and tennis lessons.

Our Club is fortunate in that its membership for the most part is very active. Members also cover very broad spectrums of age and standard of play. We welcome new members at all levels and in all categories but are particularly keen to increase the numbers of Junior and Mid Week members.

All members are encouraged to actively promote our club with the aim of increasing membership. Please do your bit by encouraging others to come down, have a look at the Club and maybe join up.

FINANCES

David Neyland

The current year has seen a deficit of just under \$4,000. This is an unfavourable result when compared to the budget, which anticipated a small surplus of just over \$2,000.

The major reason for the adverse result was significant expenditure on court maintenance (major top dressing works in combination with replacing 10 court lines) and in repairing the sprinkler system. The good news, however, is that the sprinkler system is now fully operational and to quote Bert 'our court surface is now less likely to be blown to Frankston'. The Club is indebted to its President, who diligently rushes to the Club on days of extreme wind and temperature to apply some water via the sprinklers to prevent the surface blowing away.

From the revenue side, the Club's Open Day saw a very pleasing increase to our membership and is the reason for the increased subscription revenue. The expenses for this day are included in the social functions line item.

Wilma Anderson has continued her role in managing cash receipts and payments. This role is very time consuming, given that the responsibilities include many functions such as processing membership renewals. The role of the Treasurer is made very easy because of this outstanding contribution.

HAWTHORN TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2009

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2007/08</u>
Bank Balance at beginning of year		\$ 34,019	\$ 49,072
CASH RECEIPTS			
SUBSCRIPTIONS:			
Annual		27,641	20,762
Joining fees		1,020	1,855
Late payment fees		260	340
		<u>28,921</u>	<u>22,957</u>
OTHER:			
Night fees		6,206	6,897
Team fees		2,678	3,965
Social functions & activities		(5,752)	341
Courts & clubhouse hire		500	950
Investments (ANZ Bank) interest		1,915	2,865
Club championships & handicap events		424	-
Book sales		91	175
Ball Sales		20	55
		<u>35,003</u>	<u>38,205</u>
CASH PAYMENTS			
Clubhouse & administration	3	11,681	13,781
Courts & surrounds	4	10,731	7,642
Competition & social tennis	5	9,011	8,165
Water management system	6	4,232	20,708
Electricity		1,825	1,461
Local council rent		1,397	1,398
Trophies		-	103
		<u>38,877</u>	<u>53,258</u>
SURPLUS		(3,874)	(15,053)
Bank Balance at end of year	2	30,145	34,019

Notes

1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis recording only transactions processed through the bank account. Net balances are shown where appropriate

2. BANK BALANCES

Cash at bank	1,205	1,119
At call deposit	28,422	32,507
Cash on hand	518	393
	<u>30,145</u>	<u>34,019</u>

	<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2007/08</u>
3. CLUBHOUSE AND ADMINISTRATION		
Cleaning	3,800	4,640
Insurance	2,216	2,327
Printing & stationery	1,672	1,309
Telephone	1,143	820
Clubhouse consumables & miscellaneous	814	580
General maintenance clubhouse	376	115
Gas	440	431
Postage	389	504
Honour board & shields updates	260	99
Council garbage bin charge	183	150
Bank fees	163	135
Death notices	97	-
Clubhouse plumbing	88	132
Consumer Affairs	40	39
New hot water system		2,500
	<u>11,681</u>	<u>13,781</u>
4. COURTS AND SURROUNDS		
Richards - court top dress/ 10 new lines	6,391	352
General maintenance courts & surrounds	2,235	2,206
Drag mats	764	518
Nets	472	560
New tokens 2009/ One night tennis globe (2008)	355	356
Courts misc costs	264	-
Gardener	250	640
Replace all night tennis globes & 1 ballast	-	3,010
	<u>10,731</u>	<u>7,642</u>
5. COMPETITION AND SOCIAL TENNIS		
Tennis Victoria affiliation	4,092	4,145
Balls	3,533	2,664
Tennis Victoria pennant team entry fees	665	760
Bayside/ ERTA/ BDNTA team entry fees	550	485
Fines	171	111
	<u>9,011</u>	<u>8,165</u>
6. WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM		
Sprinkler repairs	2,211	-
Court treatment - Magnesium Chloride (net of rebate)	1,444	933
Signs for fences	308	-
Water usage & rates	269	584
Water tanks, fencing, spouting - Federal Govt grant		19,191
	<u>4,232</u>	<u>20,708</u>

DAVID NEYLAND Honorary Treasurer

This statement of Cash Receipts and Payments agrees with the Club records.

ANDREW ROBERTS Honorary Auditor

MID-WEEK TENNIS

Wilma Anderson

The Wednesday group continues to flourish, with more members returning from the workforce and joining this group. The Friday afternoon social group also is enjoying their tennis.

Nevertheless, we would like to see our courts being used during other days of the week. A suggestion now that Daylight Saving is about to start is that members may be interested in playing in the evening.

The entire parking area is now subject to a two-hour parking limit. However, it is possible to avoid an infringement notice imposed by the Council if a Membership Card is displayed on the dashboard. These are available from Wilma Anderson or Robert Payne.

NIGHT TENNIS

Peter Scott

The Club maintained its high participation rate in the Blackburn & District Monday Night Competition, with four teams entered for each of the two seasons.

During the year, two teams were runners-up in the Winter Season: Section 1 (Nightowls) and Section 3 (Stealth). Congratulations to both teams for making their finals. Many other teams also played in the semi finals during the year. Well done to all players.

A new team was formed from some of the people who joined the Club on the Open Day in March. Playing competition for the first time gave them their first taste of inter club matches. All enjoyed both the tennis and the social aspect of the evening.

Thanks to all members who filled in at the last moment and also to all team members for their efforts and willingness. This made the work of night organiser very much easier.

WORKS AND MAINTENANCE

Robert Payne

Uncertainties relating to the long-standing project to redevelop the Hawthorn Library Precinct have continued to place some limits on the works that could and should be undertaken. However, things now seem to be falling into place and we might expect action within the Club before long.

Meanwhile, we do have our tanks to make proper watering possible. Members should be careful to treat the courts with due respect:-

when the courts are wet: DON'T PLAY

when the weather is hot: WATER BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER PLAY

The Club's courts are red porous. This means they are soft under the body and not unlike grass courts - but with a better and more even bounce. The impact on the body is very different to that of hard surface courts, which have no give and cause injuries and problems for joints.

It is in all our interests to keep the courts playing as well as possible for as long as possible. They are in good condition and please do your part to keep them this way. Do not complain about conditions if you haven't looked after them in a responsible manner.

Apart from the courts, the gardens, the change rooms, kitchen, chairs and tables are all at your disposal as members. They look attractive and Elaine Leplaa does a wonderful job with them all over the Clubhouse. Little things from members like wiping shoes when coming off court go a long way to help both Elaine and the Club in their work.

SOCIAL

John Clowes (acting)

Thank you to all those members who supported the Social Sub-Committee by attending the various activities during the year – in particular the Gala Dinner Dance, with 51 attending, and the very successful Open Day, reported elsewhere.

The Dinner Dance was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The Clubhouse came up a treat, Robert Payne did a wonderful job with the catering and the Club was very fortunate to obtain the services of the Rathdowne Street Big Band: 12 elegantly clad musicians led by their conductor gave all the beautiful people present a very busy evening on the Club's own dance floor! Thanks to Club and Band member Gedeon Hershberg for facilitating this arrangement.

As something of an innovation in the program, we intend to reactivate the Pool Table with a competition starting in the Spring. Play on a casual basis will also be available.

Your Social Sub-Committee enjoys organizing the functions and gets great satisfaction to have the support of club members.

Please continue to read the Club's Newsletter, notice boards for forthcoming events and encourage your friends to attend and in so doing introduce them to our great tennis club. We remain keen to welcome new members to our Club. We also very much encourage members to suggest new ideas for future social functions.

A special thanks to five relatively new members of the Club – namely, Cathie and Nemeer Mukhtar, Jan Vanston, Janet Wainwright and Lisa Worthington – who have joined the Sub-Committee this year and contributed hugely to the success of functions.

See you at the next gathering, which is scheduled to be the Christmas Party on the afternoon and evening of 13 December.



Nemeer and Cathie Mukhtar with Neil Pearce early on at the Dinner Dance



Birute Don, Andrew Simpson, Jan Vanston, Peter Don and Virginia Holmes as the evening advances

SELECTION & COMPETITION

David Sartori

The Club continued its tradition of strong competition throughout the summer and winter seasons. Six teams were entered in the Bayside Summer Competition: three Mixed, one Ladies Rubbers and two Mens Singles/Doubles. Our Winter Pennant teams comprised two Womens Open Doubles and five Mens teams.

While several teams managed to make it to the finals in both the summer and winter seasons, we were unable to bring home any premiership flags.

Once again, the 'stars' of the club were the members of our top Mens Pennant team. Despite moving up to Grade 2 this season (from Grade 3), they repeated their success from last year to finish top of the section and bring home the 'minor premiership'. With the addition of new recruit Aniket Ghaskadvi to strengthen the side, the team fought out some tough finals rounds before losing in a 'sudden-death' tie break set in the semi finals. Congratulations, boys - Aniket Ghaskadvi, David Marshall, Ben Webb, Ross Patterson, Steven Butler and Mitch Graham. Congratulations also to all players who competed for the Club this year.

Let's see if we can't go one better next year, and bring some of these other teams up into finals contention.

The Selection Committee's job is always made easier when captains and members of the teams can assist and organise their teams, and the committee wishes to thank all involved.

The Committee also wishes to remind captains and teams that if there is any difficulty fielding teams to contact a member of the Selection Committee for assistance.

Any member who would like to be involved in any of competitions involved with the Club, please do not hesitate to approach any member of the Committee for help or further information – all standards are catered for.

The top Mens performer was Aniket Ghaskadvi. Unbeaten in the Singles No. 1 slot in the Grade 2 team, this was an outstanding performance. Aniket just shaded Ben Webb from the same team, also winning all his singles matches during the home and away games but with a marginally inferior doubles record. Aniket remained unbeaten through the team's four finals matches. David Marshall came a very close third to his team-mates.

Mark Petty and John Wotherspoon had very good results in Grade 6, as did Andrew Clowes (unbeaten in Singles) and Ed Nunn in Grade 9. Robert Helme, Les Schwarz and John Delpratt did best among the Club's Seniors teams.

Women's teams at the Club were both in the very strong Womens Open Doubles one- section competition. This proved to be something of a struggle against the top teams, but best results over the season were posted by Sue Chambers and Nadine Maloney, and by Mardi Andrew and Danielle Andrew, for their respective teams.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

David Sartori

After an interrupted couple of years, the club championships and handicap championships are back on track. Our Open Mens Singles and Doubles championships saw the strongest field assembled for some time, with stalwarts David Marshall and Ben Webb facing stiff opposition from the 'new blood' of Aniket Ghaskadvi and Sam Thompson. Aniket stormed through the field to beat David Marshall in the final in a hard fought match. Aniket then combined with Noel Annakis to fight out a tough 3 set match in the Open Doubles, before going down to Sam Thompson and Mitch Graham. In the Women's Open Singles, Mary-Jo Durrant toppled Di Taylor.

This year, the Selection Committee also included a 'Presidents Cup', which effectively operated as a 'repechage' or first round loser's event, allowing those players who dropped out of the Mens Singles, to obtain valuable competition prior to the Winter Pennant season. Another new member, Steve Butler, prevailed to make up for the disappointment of a first round loss.

At the time of writing, the Handicap Championships were also well underway, and results of all events will be advised in our next newsletter. Finalists in the Open Singles event are Stephen Kerr (yet another 'newie' from Open Day) and Mary Jo Durrant, Club Womens Singles Champion this year.

The running of both championships was taken over by Andrew Simpson this year, and the rest of the Selection Committee appreciate the efforts he, along with other club members, have put in to allow these events to run smoothly and to the enjoyment of all.

	Winners		Runners-Up	
Mens Open Singles	A Ghaskadvi	def.	D Marshall	6-3 6-3
Womens Open Singles	MJ Durrant	def.	D Taylor	6-4 6-2
Mens Open Doubles	S Thompson/M Graham	def.	N Annakis/A Ghaskadvi	7-6 4-6 6-3
Mixed Open Doubles	A Simpson/D Green	def.	R Payne/S Ryman-Kiernan	6-3 6-4
Veterans Open Doubles	L Schwarz/A Simpson	def.	J Clowes/R Payne	6-4 7-5
Graded Womens Singles	C Mukhtar	def.	S Chambers	6-2 6-1
Graded Mens Doubles	L Schwarz/A Simpson	def.	A Clowes/C Hey	7-6 6-3
Graded Mixed Doubles	A Simpson/J Clough	def.	J Clowes/S Chambers	6-3 3-6 7-6
Open Singles Repechage	S Butler	def.	A Clowes	6-2 6-2

The following events were not held, due to a lack of sufficient numbers: Womens Open Doubles, Graded Mens Singles and Graded Womens Doubles.

COACHING

Robert Viavattene

The coaching program has been able to maintain solid numbers since the middle of 2008 with regards to enrolments and participation. Most students have shown significant improvement and the coaching staff is working hard to strongly encourage those students to play competition for the Club if they are ready to do so.

Clients have been happy with the professionalism and coaching standard of the staff, that in turn helps to generate new enrolments mainly through word of mouth. This remains the strongest form of advertising to encourage more enrolments in the coaching program. Building further from this, a referral system was implemented where discounts were offered to pupils if they introduced new clientele into the coaching program, thereby facilitating a win-win situation for both coach and client. This has proven to be a successful marketing strategy for the program. In addition, introductory prices were offered to encourage new enrolments.

The beginning of 2009 saw a slight drop in coaching numbers, but it has recovered to the previous levels, again mainly on the back of some heavy promotion. A probable major factor in the reduction was the extreme heat experienced in Melbourne just before the coaching year commenced, culminating in the disastrous bushfires in February. Once the heat subsided, new clients were slowly introduced to the program. The year has seen 65 new enrolments among the total number of 190 adults and children coached at the Club during the year. Twenty-six of the 190 students also are members of the Club and an aim is to increase this proportion.

The main objectives of the coaching program have been the continued maintenance of good coaching numbers and the provision of high quality coaching. Prospects for the near future are to try and introduce more girls into our program, with an eventual aim of the formation of a girl's junior team for next season. Further aims are to reintroduce some ladies social tennis on a weekday morning and to increase adult participation numbers.

More aggressive marketing will be undertaken in the upcoming Spring and Summer months. Interesting research shows that nearby clubs operate on a student-coach ratio of 6:1. At Hawthorn, this ratio is only 4:1, thereby encouraging more learning and improvement from our pupils. The next advertising campaign will heavily focus on this particular aspect of the program.

JUNIOR TENNNIS

Robert Viavattene

The juniors were involved in Eastern Region Tennis Competition once again.

During the summer of 2008-09, the Club fielded three teams, all of them boys, to play for the season. The Section 3 and section 4 teams unfortunately did not make the finals but the boys battled manfully, sometimes playing against opposition that were a little too experienced for them.

The Section 9 team, however, had a very productive season. This team made it all the way through to the grand final, although not winning on the day. It was a supreme effort, considering that most of the boys played in their very first season. Big congratulations to them, and they have gained some valuable match play experience.

Winter 2009 had two Junior Boys teams involved. This time, both the Section 3 and 4 teams made the finals: an improvement from the previous season. The boys played much smarter tennis throughout the season, but could not advance beyond the semi final stage. Nevertheless, it was still an enjoyable season for the boys, who played with much determination and spirit.

The upcoming 2009-10 Summer season will see three boy's teams fielded. There will be a couple of new faces playing their very first season, which will be exciting. More and more juniors will be ready for competition by Winter of next year and the coaches are hoping to field a girl's team in the future. The aim is to perhaps field another two teams, one of them girls, for the Winter season of 2010.



Mini tennis was a real hit at Open Day

MEMBERS 2008-09

David Abbott	Noel De Silva	Nicholas Kotros	Flynn Ross
Elaine Abbott	John Delpratt	Simon Laird	James Ross
Scott Aitken	Stephen Denison	Margaret Larkins	Susan Ryman-Kiernan
Carlo Aliano	Birute Don	Allanah Latham	David Samuels
Wilma Anderson	Peter Don	Luke Latham	Don Sandford
William Anderson	Mary Jo Durrant	Shaun Latham	David Sartori
Danielle Andrew	Don Dyer	Siobhan Latham	Vishai Sathiyanaath
Mardi Andrew	Richard Eckhaus	Kate Lawless	Andrew Satyendra
Ray Andrews	Kim Encel	Jason Leppin	Gabriella Schiflan
Noel Annakis	Margaret Farrow	Anthony Luppino	Wendy Schrader
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Neil Aplin	Max Ford	Alice Macdougall	Peter Scott
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Gonzalo Ascui	Alice Gilbert	James Macleod	Athan Sgardelis
Sally Ascui	Jake Ginnivan	Natasha Macleod	Ben Shanley
Ted Baillieu	Peter Ginnivan	Nadine Maloney	Anne Sheary
Graeme Ball	Alex Gleeson	Rebecca Mardling	Tim Simmons
Steve Ball	Bronwyn Gleeson	Travis Mardling	Andrew Simpson
Kathleen Barker	Jacqui Godinagh	David Marshall	Damon Skinner
Scott Barnes	Lily Goss	Emma Martin	Ken Smith
Georgina Bartley	Tyler Goss	Anthony Mason	Barry Sneddon
Helen Bartley	Will Goss	Barry McGrath	Diane Stearn
Jon Bartley	Tiffany Gourley	Maria McGrath	Warren Tassell
William Bartley	Mitch Graham	Leigh McIlroy	Malcolm Taylor
Heather Barwick	Alistair Gray	Kate McLaren	Matthew Taylor
Sandra Beanham	Jeremy Gray	Jan McSolvin	Lorraine Thomas
Peter Benton	Lucy Gray	Tony Moraro	Mark Thompson
Rory Betteridge	Penny Gray	Cathie Moulton	Samuel Thompson
Varun Bhuta	Peter Gray	Catherine Mukhtar	Trent Thomson
Susan Bitter	Dedrie Green	Matthew Mukhtar	Ben Tole
Tom Blenheim	James Green	Michael Mukhtar	Peter Tole
Gabriella Bornstein	Peter Green	Nemeer Mukhtar	Philip Tong
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Nelis Bosua	Oleh Harasymiw	David Neyland	Nicholas Van de Garde
Susan Bowman	Richard Hardie	Ed Nunn	Jan Vanston
Tas Boyce	Caroline Harris	Richard Osborn	Robert Viavattene
Lindy Broadfoot	Norma Harris	Ross Patterson	Rahul Vora
Geoff Brooks	Susan Hase	Robert Payne	Janet Wainwright
James Buckley	Lynn Heath	Neil Pearce	Julie Wakefield
Mandy Buckley	Olivia Heaton	Rosemary Pearce	Hamish Wallace
Nicholas Buckley	Victoria Heaton	Ric Pellizzeri	Michael Waller
Sandra Buckley	Robert Helme	Mark Petty	Kevin Warwick
Steven Butler	Gedeon Herschberg	Peter Pezzimenti	Ben Webb
Susan Chambers	Gerhard Herzig	Roy Phillips	Kyle Wheatley
Eddie Cheong	Christopher Hey	Shahram Raissi	Kimberley White
Abhiruchi Chhikava	Kevin Ho	Aileen Rennie	Anthony Wing
Jeanette Clough	Virginia Holmes	Arnold (Tim) Rich	Lisa Worthington
Andrew Clowes	Carolyn Holten	Barbara Rich	John Wotherspoon
John Clowes	Trevor Horwood	Julian Rickard	Janet Wray
Michelle Condor	Kerrie Jordan	Andrew Roberts	Lachlan Wray
Elaine Cooper	Christopher Kerr	Ian Robertson	Samuel Wray
Michael Crabb	Stephen Kerr	Kate Robinson	Tim Wray
Myles Cronin	Shaun Knott	Peter Robinson	Vera Yan
Sue Crook	Ian Koochew	Timothy Rogers	Seongjoon Yi
Ann Curtis	Alex Kotros	Amelia Ross	Marcus Yip
Ashley Davidson			
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Auditor:	Andrew Roberts

NB: From May 2009 – Nadine Maloney

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE

Meetings: October 2008 – September 2009

Wilma Anderson	10
Sue Chambers	9
John Clowes	7
Elaine Cooper	10
Nadine Maloney	3
David Neyland	11
Robert Payne	10
Neil Pearce	10
Peter Robinson	10
David Sartori	11
Peter Scott	9
Andrew Simpson	5
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