



Hawthorn Tennis Club Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT
2012 - 2013

What an ending to our Centenary celebrations
... now for all the developments in our 2nd Century



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HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT OPENS

COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

THE UNEXPECTED!

Safe to Go Back in the Water?.... Change Resumes



Welcome to the new Precinct



Not so welcome - down comes one, then all, light towers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Having the honour of being elected President of the Club as Robert Payne chose to retire after 24 years at the helm (no wonder he complains he's tired) has only strengthened my belief what a great club and membership base we have. Stepping in to these massive shoes could not have gone more smoothly due to the continued efforts of the committee, key members of the Club and Robert himself.

The Club continues to move from strength to strength, and as mentioned at last year's AGM, due to movements in some committee positions, the Club will continue to be looked at with fresh perspectives. With that in mind, many of you may be aware that Neil Pearce, our tireless and longest serving Secretary (having held the office for 21 years) has decided to step down from the role but thankfully remain on committee. The position of Club Secretary is a particularly time consuming and thankless job, and no one could question Neil's loyalty and dedication to this role. Like Robert, any club member of the last 20 years or so will know of Neil's commitment to the Club, his passion and service evident in years of meetings, minutes and reports. A club like ours cannot flourish and continue to function without people like Neil and Robert. On behalf of the Club and committee, I thank you, Neil, for your years of service and support, and wish you well in your future 'minute-less' years (if you have withdrawals, let me know).

As a club, we must evolve to maintain our attractiveness to both current and potential members, and the community at large. On that note, we are moving into exciting times with Boroondara Council commencing a long awaited renovation of some of the major aspects of the Clubhouse. Initial meetings have taken place, and while this is a Council-run project, the committee has been actively involved in providing relevant information to Council, including recommended plans and designs that could be incorporated to achieve both the Council's requirements and improved use of the Clubhouse for members. The committee has always worked hard to maintain a healthy relationship with Council as we are so reliant on each other, and this strong relationship is often evident when projects such as the Community Precinct or these major clubhouse works are negotiated. As Council can also have a reputation of 'dragging their heels' when resolving some of these matters, I can assure you your committee are very conscious of this and will continue to pursue them to resolve outstanding matters. More will be communicated to members as the Capital Work's Program develops over the next few weeks and months, and it is anticipated that the project will be completed by the middle of 2014.

Can I encourage all members to continue to use the club facilities as much as possible, get involved in our many competitions, drop down for a social hit on a Sunday afternoon or during the week, and join the fun at our various social events. There is something for everyone.

Personally, I would like to thank the committee and various sub-committees, our Club Coach Kelly and coaching staff for all their hard work during the year. The maintenance of the courts and clubhouse is subject to constant care, the finances of the Club are healthy and stable, our coaching and Junior participation is at an all time high, and our social activities are all well attended and more importantly, fun! All this is only possible due to people prepared to volunteer their time and efforts for the good of the Club.

As a club and committee we are always open to suggestions or assistance from all, and I encourage you to approach any of the committee to provide such a service. I also encourage you to provide any feedback of how things could be run or managed better, as the Club is here for the benefit of all members.

Play well!

David Sartori

SECRETARY'S REPORT

One evening back in August 1992, I received a phone call from then-President Robert Payne: "Our Secretary Rod Stuart has just got a new job in Adelaide. Would you act until October's AGM?"

Volunteering to serve in official capacities was not new for me, so I decided to help out for those few months. Little did I realise this might extend to 21 years!

Twenty-two Annual General Meetings – and thus 22 annual reports. Servicing around 233 meetings of Committee. (All right, I was away occasionally). Executive meetings. Chairing and minuting sub-committees for the Centenary Celebrations, our Water Management System's implementation and reviewing the Club's Constitution. Special General Meetings. Meetings involving Tennis Victoria, Boroondara Council and Southern Districts. And so on. At one stage I even trawled the shops for artificial daffodils (real daffs were not in season). Given this longevity, my final report as Secretary looks at a few highlights from my time in office.

Our Club began in 1905 and has a very long history since in virtually all facets of Victorian tennis. Competition within and between clubs, coaching, social tennis, social functions, councils of Tennis Victoria and its predecessors and involvement with the community. These all have been hallmarks of a club never the largest or wealthiest in Melbourne but always a significant contributor and paying its way as a viable entity. Tucked away as we are behind a library, our place in tennis might not be easy to see at first glance. My involvement as editor in *'Hawthorn Tennis Club 1905-2005 A History'* was, however, very instructive – and fascinating in terms of what emerged.

Chairing our Centenary celebrations proved to be one of my most stimulating times. A very keen and hard-working sub-committee, supported to the hilt by the Club Committee, ran a year-long program of varied events, well-attended and apparently enjoyed by all. The opportunity to oversight preparation of a highly-regarded *'History'* publication, Cocktail Party (including cocktails in Hawthorn colours), a dinner dance, the trip to Euroa for tennis on the grass and finally (on 2 April 2006) our *'Back to Hawthorn'* Open Day made for an absorbing and ultimately very rewarding three years from first plans through to stumps. It offered a rare and greatly appreciated experience.



Was this 2006 at the Clubhouse – or 1905?
'Back to Hawthorn' was a very stylish end to our year of celebrations

Responding to Victoria's dreadful drought also brought an unanticipated benefit due to the need to address water restrictions that ultimately produced our new management system. Three of us soldiered through the Commonwealth Government grants application process and eventually succeeded. But publicity was necessary and holding a function required a parliamentarian. In the end, acceptances came from then-Member for Kooyong, Petro Georgiou, Senator Judith Troeth, our own Member for Hawthorn (and Club member) Ted Baillieu, local Councillor Phil Meggs (subsequently a Club member) and David Stobart, President, Tennis Victoria.

So many guests at this level represented a challenge. Organisational skills came to the fore, a great sub-Committee formed and a very successful Open Day on 1 March 2009 launched the system. We bribed the weather gods to be nice and my only regret was that Nadine Maloney and Andrew Clowes declined to be mermaid and merman respectively descending from the water tanks as a curtain opened. As an aside, it was a great thrill for the Club when Ted Baillieu, one of the key speakers at the launch, became Premier of Victoria the following year. Congratulations to the Club's very first Premier.

29 January 2004 was a less pleasant day to be involved. Late that afternoon, it rained heavily. Very heavily. Glenferrie Road to Tooronga Road, particularly the Swinburne Avenue car park, was Melbourne's epicentre of a one-in-a-hundred year flood. Very many members contributed to the repairs and the major Clubhouse refurbishment, but by far the greatest input was from Robert Payne: the current state of the Club's building and grounds stand as his legacy. However, the quality of all our work in the previous decade with court lighting (1992), rebuilding of the southern courts (1995) and landscaping (2002) was demonstrated when all these survived the flood, even if somewhat scathed. So many of our members contributed in various ways to all these key events at the Club that it very clearly demonstrated their high regard for the Club and its place in their lives.

More recently came the redevelopment next door, in the form of the Hawthorn Community Precinct Project. As a key stakeholder, the Club had a keen interest in the demolition of the wide range of buildings on the site and the impact both on their long-standing occupants and ourselves! We met over many years with a succession of Council project managers in the evolution of the development and mostly gained a good reception with any concerns raised.

Council has given its commitments to address to our satisfaction the remaining issues of concern to us now that the Precinct is up and running. It was slow in gestation but the results have made all the work worthwhile. The Club again owes enormous thanks to Robert Payne for an extraordinary input of his time and energy. Now on to a very significant improvement in our own premises through the Council's capital works program for the current financial year!



Petro Georgiou MP, Senator Judith Troeth and Ted Baillieu MP launched our water management system at a very successful Open Day – no mermaid or merman came, although a State politician may have been caught up in a wave

Attending all sorts of meetings with outside organisations over the years revealed our own Club's rare fortune in having members always available to fill positions on Committee and sub-committees. From memory, only one position in 20 years caused problems and our eventual simple but effective solution was abolish the position and institute an alternative arrangement. However, there is always the risk of leaving too much to too few and it also is undeniable that our Committee is a moment or two older on average than when I became Secretary. So my thoughts have turned in recent years to succession planning.

Not surprisingly, I hold the title of Club's longest-serving Secretary, with quite a gap to Ken Smith's tenure from 1970 to 1983. For any organisation, 21 years in a key office is just too long for its welfare and it is now time for me to step down from Executive. This follows the changes that began last year with two retirements and should ensure that fresh new perspectives and enthusiasms come to the front. David Sartori already is showing these as the new President and I believe the Club has made a very sound choice.

Initially, I thought to kill two birds with one stone by recruiting a member with massive experience in the role and enticing him with regaining the longevity record. For the (different type of) record, I note that Kenneth's response was both short and to the point. So he's not getting my vote. Instead we do have an excellent candidate: if elected, I am sure this part of the Club's administration will be in good hands, if not necessarily the same ones for the next 21 years.

For the most part, being Secretary of the Hawthorn Tennis Club has been a source of great pleasure to me as well as a privilege. However, I am ready to pass on the cycles of minuting and reporting. I take this opportunity to thank all members over the last two decades for their friendship and support and extend my very best wishes for the future.

More specifically, within Committee, very particular thanks go to our longest-serving members, Wilma Anderson and Robert Payne. David Neyland and Peter Robinson also gave me enormous support in recent years and had remarkable patience with not-very-bright computer enquiries.

Finally – and most importantly – deepest thanks to my late wife Rosemary for all her work at and for the Club. Whatever I have contributed would not have been possible without her. Many will remember her smiling presence; some will recall the sandwiches for afternoon teas at home matches. The poignant and prescient comment by a current member who joined in the early 90s that “Rose (sic) was the first person who spoke to me on my first day at the Club” epitomises her contribution.

Neil Pearce



The Club welcomes its new neighbours

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Andrew Simpson

The Club had one of the strongest draws for the Mens Singles for many years, with all four semi finalists being at Grade 2 Pennant standard. Rod Hill managed to make it back-to-back wins with victory over Aniket Ghaskadvi in two enthralling sets at a very high standard.

Equally exciting was the final of the Mens Doubles. The Hendi/Hindi combination was very strong through the first set and a half and a big upset was looking likely. However, their top seeded opponents then played to the seeding and fought on to victory. Congratulations to all for a fine match.

Womens Doubles took place in a revised and enjoyable format but the Womens Singles is yet to be played. There is difficulty in attracting our women to enter this event and a solution is sought.

The Graded Mixed was well supported once again but the same players as in 2012 featured in the final. The big difference was in a dramatic reversal of the result: after a rather slow start, the Kerr/Simpson combo suddenly found top form and went away to a clear win, in marked contrast to the previous rather one-sided scoreline.

Club Championships, 2013:

	Winners	Runners-Up	
Mens Open Singles	R Hill	def. A Ghaskadvi	6-2 6-4
Womens Open Singles		in progress	
Mens Open Doubles	D Sartori/M Thompson	def. J Hendi/M Hindi	6-7 7-6 6-3
Womens Open Doubles	S Chambers/N Maloney	def. D Green/C Mukhtar	6-1 6-2
Mixed Open Doubles	T Gourley/R Hill	def. A Ghaskadvi/N Maloney	6-3 6-3
Presidents Cup	D Neyland	def. A Roberts	4-6 7-5 6-4
Mens Graded Doubles	L Schwarz/A Simpson	to play J Clowes/J Delpratt	
Mixed Graded Doubles	L Kerr/A Simpson	def. J Delpratt/D Green	7-5 6-1
Club Handicaps, 2013:	A Simpson/C Mukhtar	def. S Chambers/D Neyland	6-3 6-2



(l to r) John Delpratt, Dedrie Green, Lynda Kerr and Andrew Simpson monopolise the Graded Mixed



David Neyland and Andrew Roberts set to resolve the President's Cup

SELECTION AND COMPETITION

Nadine Maloney

Competition play, in terms of number of players and standard of competition, continues to be a key focus for the Club. This will be an objective that will continue to be pushed through the remainder of 2013 as we move into the Summer Competition period, but also in early 2014, as we endeavour to get organised early for the Winter 2014 Pennant season.

The 2012-2013 Bayside Region Summer Senior Competition saw four teams again submitted. Two teams made the finals (Mixed Doubles Section A and Mixed Doubles Section 3). The Mixed Doubles Section A team (consisting of Micah Jones, Tiffany Gourley, Nadine Maloney (c), Rod Hill and Aniket Ghaskadvi) took out the Section A flag for the second year in a row, with a 3-1 win over Oakleigh.

Winter 2013 saw the largest number of Tennis Victoria Pennant teams submitted for a number of years, with six teams entered (five teams entered in 2012). The Club also earned a \$500 Prelli Racquets voucher for this achievement, as part of a Tennis Victoria incentive for increasing Pennant Teams above 2012 numbers. Our Men's Grade 7 and Masters 50+ Doubles Grade C teams made the semi-finals this year. It is fair to say that it wasn't our strongest performing year for Pennant competition – the results have been discussed and reviewed by the Selection Committee. A variety of improvements with an objective to see some stronger results are to be adopted for the 2014 season; getting teams organised well in advance of the season is considered key to this.

The 2013-2014 Bayside competition commencing early October 2013 is promising to be a fantastic season. A concerted effort was made by the Selection Committee to bump up the number of teams submitted and, as a result, we are happy to report a record number of teams have been entered (six teams, including two Section A Mixed doubles teams – here's hoping for a Hawthorn v Hawthorn Section A final!). It will be excellent to have all courts in use on a Saturday afternoon and lots of good competition tennis to be had, for players and spectators alike.

The Selection Committee wishes to thank all club competition players for their efforts throughout the year. A particular thank you is also extended to the Team Captains - captaining a team is often a thankless job - the Club once again thanks you for your continued assistance in volunteering for the role.

FINANCES

David Neyland

The current year has seen a deficit of just over \$4,000. The result is partly a consequence of an apparent \$5,000 drop in subscription revenue that conceals the fact that under accrual accounting practice, \$3,000 recorded in the 2011-12 revenue applied to memberships for 2012-13. The Club also encountered a number of one-off expenses, such as \$2,000 for a burst water pipe and just over \$1,900 for repairs to the base of the light poles.

In order to reduce the demands on our volunteer workforce, the Club asks that all members use internet transfers for payments wherever possible.

HAWTHORN TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2013

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2011/12</u>
Bank Balance at beginning of year		\$ 40,408	\$ 30,026
CASH RECEIPTS			
SUBSCRIPTIONS:			
Annual		25,009	29,418
Joining fees		1,840	2,650
Late payment fees		240	240
		27,089	32,308
OTHER:			
Night fees		7,121	5,227
Team fees		3,144	2,904
Social functions & activities		1,367	1,309
Courts & clubhouse hire		500	345
Investments (ANZ Bank) interest		1,065	1,151
Club championships & handicap events		245	(40)
Misc			85
		40,531	43,289
CASH PAYMENTS			
Clubhouse & administration	3	10,665	11,282
Courts & surrounds	4	11,456	6,189
Competition & social tennis	5	10,601	9,606
Water management system	6	5,723	2,285
Electricity		4,806	2,147
Local council rent		1,398	1,398
		44,649	32,907
SURPLUS		(4,118)	10,382

Bank Balance at end of year	2	36,290	40,408
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Notes

1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis recording only transactions processed through the bank account. Exception to this is unpresented cheques where these have been adjusted. Net balances are shown where appropriate.

2. BANK BALANCES

Cash at bank	3,525	8,067
At call deposit	32,073	31,315
Cash on hand	692	1,026
	36,290	40,408

		2012/13	2011/12
3.	CLUBHOUSE AND ADMINISTRATION		
	Cleaning	4,857	4,600
	Insurance	2,225	2,419
	Gas	702	561
	Printing & stationery	1,129	1,133
	Telephone	925	848
	Clubhouse consumables & miscellaneous	77	386
	Postage	143	507
	Honour board & shields updates & door/ fence signage	563	220
	General maintenance clubhouse		565
	Consumer Affairs	44	43
		<u>10,665</u>	<u>11,282</u>
4.	COURTS AND SURROUNDS		
	Richards - court top dress/ new lines	5,939	2,282
	General maintenance courts & surrounds (net of \$2K from BCC)	2,010	1,716
	Courts misc costs	533	957
	Gardener	651	854
	Drag mats		380
	Night tennis pole repairs	1,925	
	Nets	398	
		<u>11,456</u>	<u>6,189</u>
5.	COMPETITION AND SOCIAL TENNIS		
	Tennis Victoria affiliation (21% of annual subs)	5,309	5,555
	Balls	3,737	2,773
	Bayside/ ERTA/ BDNTA team entry fees	850	520
	Tennis Victoria pennant team entry fees	490	380
	Fines	215	209
	Trophies		169
		<u>10,601</u>	<u>9,606</u>
6.	WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM		
	Richards Court treatment - Magnesium Chloride	2,970	
	Water usage & rates	863	139
	Sprinkler repairs (net of \$1K from BCC)	(302)	2,146
	Burst Pipe	2,192	
		<u>5,723</u>	<u>2,285</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 mid-week groups continue to play on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons as they have done for many, and some, years respectively and it is good to see the courts being utilised as they are by “slightly” older players than those being coached at these times! The possibility also that the Club might again participate in Mid-Week competition after a break of quite a few years would be a very welcome development in further spreading the use of our courts right across the week.

Wednesday’s men and women players continue to use two, three or occasionally four courts – largely dependent on the weather and the attractions of the northern hemisphere between June and September. However, there is always a full complement on the day of the Christmas luncheon, catered by all members of the group.

Numbers at Wednesday tennis have grown over the years as people move into the retirement phase of their lives and any member interested in joining the group should contact Wilma Anderson. Wilma can be contacted on 9870 9759 or leave a message at the Club.

The Friday men’s group seems to be even more subject to overseas travel inclinations and injuries, not to mention advancing years, but manages to play almost every week. Fill-ins would be appreciated: if interested, contact the Club.

Boroondara Council has again confirmed that members and guests might use the Swinburne Avenue car park without being subject to the stated time limits, provided that a Club membership card or laminated Club car park card is displayed on the dashboard. The Club appreciates this gesture and will not seek exemptions from Council fines if the cards have not been displayed.



Christmas lunch – before and after

MEMBERSHIP

Peter Robinson

Category	12-13	11-12	10-11	09-10	08-09	07-08	06-07	05-06
Full Paying	135	154	129	137	147	121	141	145
Mid Week	16	15	18	22	22	26	40	24
Junior	51	57	49	37	40	38	48	40
Life	11	12	12	12	12	12	10	10
Honorary	2	2	4	2	2	2	5	4
Social	6	4	4	5	3	3	2	2
Visitor	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	2
TOTAL	221	244	216	218	226	202	249	227

Membership numbers have decreased by nine per cent this year. The main reason for the decline is that a number of families (totalling 22 members) who took advantage of a special introductory membership in 2011-12 did not renew this year.

Coach Kelly Bisinella refers members to the Club on a regular basis and our selection committee continues to recruit new members for the Club's teams in the various competitions.

There were 21 membership enquiries via our website. These enquiries converted to seven memberships, which once again was a slight improvement on the previous year. 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 continue to be particularly keen to increase the numbers of both Junior and Mid Week members.

All members are encouraged to actively promote the Club with the aim of increasing membership.

The Club has welcomed the following new members during the year:

Nicholas Barker, Shane Bilardi, Alex Budnik, Georgia Bushell, Finn Cassidy, Paul Cassidy, Pia Cassidy, Reif Cassidy, Michelle Condor, Jason Cropley, Deanna Lintzeris, Estelle Lintzeris, Archie Gill, Keivan Kanshio, Eyal Kazin, Vanessa Kearney, James King, Jen King, Peter King, Lucy King, Will King, Andrew Kyd, Andrew Lam, Adam Lane, Michael McCusker, Robert McIntosh, Andrea Moore, Mory Namvar, Denys Parmentier, Andrew Purvis, Peter Rogers, David Roye, Jack Sawers, Meit Shah, Samson Tam, Tatjana Skabar, Yoke-Ching Tan, Manon Toussat, Stephanie Toussat, Alex Travers, Nick Wadsley, Laurence Webb, Tim Widdup and Greg Wikman

NIGHT TENNIS

Peter Scott

Hawthorn maintained its high participation in Blackburn & District's Monday Night Competition, with four teams entered in each of the two seasons. Most teams had some success at final or semi final stage either in the Spring or Autumn season and so congratulations are extended to all those teams. Well done to all players. The Club took two flags in the Autumn season:

Section 1 had a big win in the Grand Final. Captained by Peter Scott, it comprised Peter Herd, Mohammad Jafarnejad, Shahram Raissi, Les Schwarz, Peter Tole, Kris Wheat and James Wright.

Section 4 had a narrower, but comfortable, win. Ian Robertson led the team of Scott Aitkin, Kia Kashi, Mark Leeton, Justin McNamara, Ali Mousavi, Daniel Seno and Diana Seno.

A new team was formed from some new members who joined the club from other clubs. They have fitted in nicely, enjoying their first taste of inter club matches.

The new Spring season also sees a team playing on Tuesday night, which has not happened at the Club for many years. If more members are interested in this new night for Club competition, please let the Club know about this, or for any interest either in regular or fill-in play on Monday evenings.

Members of all teams enjoyed both their tennis and the social aspect of the matches, not least including supper. Thanks go to all members who filled in at the last moment as well as to all team members for their efforts and willingness: it made the work of the night organiser much easier.

WORKS AND MAINTENANCE

Peter Robinson

A number of works were completed this year. The trench on the west side of court four was filled and a new retaining wall installed. Major repair work was completed on all courts as a result of flood damage. Over 40 bags of red porous were used to rebuild the courts. Lines were replaced where necessary on all courts. New nets were installed on some courts and the courts were treated with magnesium chloride.

Court light wiring was moved from outside our boundary on courts 4 to 7. As a result, the wiring is no longer under the car park but inside our boundary. All light connections at the base of the light poles were replaced. The sprinkler system was repaired when necessary and a number of court side benches painted and installed. Rainbeater rollers were refurbished and numerous small works were undertaken.

During a wind storm one of our light towers collapsed. The Club is currently arranging for all other light poles to be checked for corrosion. A camera was inserted into all poles to assess whether any need replacement. The inspection revealed a high level of corrosion. Council ordered that all light poles be removed and currently is obtaining quotations to replace our court lights.

We are currently in consultation with Council to finalise some outstanding issues in relation to the Hawthorn Community Precinct Project. We have recently received confirmation that Council will complete the works in the coming months.

Major thanks are owed to some hard workers. Andrew Simpson has done a lot of work around the Club and is continually working on courts spreading red porous to keep them in top condition. Robert Payne continues to assist with advice on court care and is continuing to complete smaller tasks. All our supplies of balls, refreshments and groceries are organised by Robert. And then there were the working bee attendees who soldiered on under very hot conditions.

SOCIAL

Janet Wainwright

Another year, another raft of social engagements.....

In December we hit the ground running with a showing of the movie *Skyfall* at Balwyn Cinema, where a good 30 people turned up to the movie and then back to the Clubhouse to partake in pizza and snorts to round the night off. Thank you to the ever-trusty pizza monitor, Cath Mukhtar.

The following week the Club hosted the annual Christmas party with the biggest Santa I have ever seen!! Duncan Buchanan once again came to the party: a fantastic blow up Santa took up most of the wall next to the entrance, so all enjoyed his presence. Thanks to Andrew Simpson for his efforts with the tongs.

A BBQ and twilight tennis evening was held in late March 2013, where a decent bunch of regular stalwarts attended. Thanks to Neil Pearce, David Clegg and visitor Sallyanne Sawers for joining me on the court for a fun filled mixed doubles match. Once again, thanks to Andrew Simpson for manning the BBQ.

The *Great Gatsby* film night held on Saturday 15th June was the best ever yet; we had a great mix of people, totalling 40, so a great effort by attendees. The majority came back to the Club to quaff a range of red wines and consume a range of pizzas. Thanks to David Sartori and Elaine Cooper for picking up the pizzas on the way back from the cinema.

Wimbledon night was a little quiet this year with only about 15 people huddling around the heater to watch firstly, a decent game of footy, and then the gals slam it out. However, for a small bunch, we certainly had lots of laughs, ate plenty and there was no shortage of drinks. Thanks to Greg Welch and his son for putting up the projector; well done.

The last event on the year's social calendar was the 2013 Footy Grand Final, graciously held at the home/garage of Andrew Simpson on the last Saturday in September. The usual suspects shouted at the TV, drank their favourite red and munched on a vast array of salads, chops, snags and cake. Carlton will make it one day...

I would like to thank the social club team for all their assistance in helping to put these functions on; Elaine Cooper, John Clowse, Cath Mukhtar and Andrew Simpson. Should anyone like to join the social club team, please feel free to approach any of us at the Club; your assistance would be greatly welcomed.

Let's hope 2013-2014 will be equally enjoyable.



Balwyn Cinema a good prelude to dinner at the Clubhouse

JUNIOR TENNIS

Kelly Bisinella

Four teams represented the Club in the Eastern Region Sunday morning competition for Summer 2012-13. There were three teams in Boys singles/doubles and one in Girls singles/doubles. Congratulations to BSD 1 for winning the Premiership – Matthew Mukhtar, James Macleod, Matthew Taylor, Robert McIntosh and Anthony Luppino. This was Anthony's last season before leaving Junior ranks!

In the Winter season for 2013, the Club had five teams: two Boys singles/doubles, two Unisex Rubbers and one Girls singles/doubles. The BSD 1 team made it successive premierships, with the same team except for Anthony Luppino taking it out. Well done! Major congratulations also go to GSD 4 – Manon Toussat, Stephanie Tousatt and Tatjana Skabar - for making the Grand Final. They put in a very competitive effort and a well-fought morning of tennis by the girls took home the Runners Up flag.

Congratulations to all players and to the nervous parents who were spectating. Thanks also to Cath Mukhtar for organising morning tea for the juniors on the big Grand Final day at the Club. Congratulation to all players in teams not making their Grand Final in the Winter Competition:
BSD 6 - Byron Gelagin, Finn Cassidy, James King and Alex Budnik
RUBBERS 1 - Max Ford, Sasha Howell and Jack Sawers
RUBBERS 2 - Adam Ho, Lauren Ho and Lochy Meggs

The Club will have five teams in the coming Summer Season 2013-14: four Boys singles/doubles and one Girls singles/doubles. New competitors will join as well as some players coming back in summer to play, so this is exciting for the Club's growth. "Good luck" to them all for the coming season.

Junior players continue to be encouraged to compete 100% at all times but respect their opponents when playing competition. As Club representatives, they most certainly uphold this requirement, always seen to be competing with commendable enthusiasm and dedication! So congratulations to all competitors for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the year. Thanks also to all parents for helping to support the players and ensure they are transported to the correct venue on a weekly basis.



Matthew Taylor, James Macleod, Robert McIntosh and Matthew Mukhtar, BSD 1 Premiers again



Tatjana Skabar, Manon and Stephanie Tousatt, Runner-Up in GSD 4, Winter

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Championships proved to be a huge success, with 16 players competing. Thanks go to all the players who competed and to the parents watching who made the event a memorable and fantastic day of tennis. More thanks to Cath Mukhtar for donating the sausages and bread for the event and even cooking them and to my mum - Pam Henderson - for making home made Cup Cakes.

	Winner	Runner Up
A Grade Boys Sgls	Matthew Mukhtar	James Macleod
B Grade Boys Sgls	Andrew Taylor	Jack Sawers
C Grade Boys Sgls	Finn Cassidy	Wisnu Rachmanto
A Grade Girls Sgls	Stephanie Toussat	Manon Toussat



Riveen Atukorala, Wisnu Rachmanto and Meit Shah at the Club's Junior Championships

COACHING

Kelly Bisinella

The coaching program's success continued over the past 12 months. Coaching is from Monday to Friday after school and in the evening for groups, squads and private lessons, while there have been private lessons on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Thanks are due to Denys Parmentier and Andrew Purvis for consistent support to the coaching program and nurturing the pupils and ladies in tennis - their loyalty and devotion is commendable and much appreciated.

The Ladies coaching program continues on three mornings and one afternoon a week as well as a ladies group on Tuesday evening. Tennis Victoria once again has granted the Club an opportunity to host the 'Mum's in Tennis' 5 week program' during term 4 2013 and will commence in mid October. This should be a great success, with the introduction of more ladies and families to the Club. In addition, a four-year old tennis-coaching program will be conducted, with a child minding service offered to ensure all ladies can participate.

Coaching for children has continued to follow a structured program according to their age. The emphasis for those aged five to seven is on learning basic skills, fun and movement, while correct technique, stroke combination and running drills are implemented for the older children. The squads continued to be extremely popular amongst the juniors who play competition, whether in juniors or seniors). Squads emphasised consistency and game building, while ensuring correct etiquette during both coaching and competition.

The entire coaching program is designed to ensure all participants obtain the maximum benefit from their involvement. The program is very fortunate at Hawthorn to have its dedicated and highly qualified coaches, as it is a real challenge to find appropriate staff in the industry of tennis coaching. All coaching staff have excellent rapport with both the children and parents, and I receive constant positive feedback from all concerned.

Advertising at the local schools has been a great success, but word of mouth is proving to be the best form of advertising. Many clients are talking about how well structured and organised is the program at Hawthorn. Using the print medium, there will be a pamphlet distribution in September to five local primary schools as well as a letterbox drop of 3,000 pamphlets to the surrounding homes promoting what is offered in coaching.

McDonald's Hawthorn and Prince continued to be generous sponsors all year in providing encouragement and incentives to the children in the coaching program and their support has been much appreciated.

For the future, plans are to continue building the coaching and membership base, thereby ensuring more players join for junior and senior competitions, while hopefully the Club might return to at least some of its former strength with some mid week ladies teams.

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