



Mountain District Ladies
Tennis Association Inc
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Co-President Report – Kathy Van Emmerik and Marissa Juergens

For the 12 months ending at the AGM on
15 August, 2023

We are delighted to present the annual President's Report for the 12 months since the 2022 AGM. A year that has seen continued enthusiasm within our tennis community since the disruption of covid.

Acknowledging Our Volunteers

Our Mt District Ladies Tennis Association thrives because of the unwavering dedication and commitment of our volunteers. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every individual who selflessly gave their time, energy, and expertise to serve on the executive committee and match and permit committee. Without your devotion we would not be able to maintain the high standard of competition and ensure a seamless experience for our players. The 2022 formed by-laws committee has undergone a review of the entire by-laws - thank you all for your time spent reviewing these ever so important rules. We will discuss these changes at the special meeting after the AGM at which time we will also discuss the dissolution of the By-Law Committee.

A special thanks to our players

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the players who chose to be a part of our tennis community once again. Despite the challenges we face with work pressures, night competitions after work hours, family commitments, holidays, illness etc the determination to get on the court and your support for the association have been truly commendable. It is heartening to witness the enthusiasm on court and the camaraderie and competitive spirit that make our game so great. In an attempt to bolster numbers, there have been some “come and try” and “bring a friend” days organised in the past. If there is interest and if the scheduling permits, we may organise one of these in December this year or a date next year – any ideas or volunteers for this please get in touch.

Etiquette on and off the court

As women who love and embrace the game of tennis, it is crucial that we uphold the highest standards of etiquette on and off the court. Our behaviour and sportspersonship not only reflects our individual characters but also contributes to the overall atmosphere of the game. Let's remember that tennis is not only a test of physical prowess but also a display of respect, integrity, and camaraderie. Our competition is fierce yet sociable; but please let me us remind you that:

- Lunch is to be provided after the match unless communicated on the Monday morning at the latest between the team captains (eg a team advises they won't be available to stay for lunch, a team advises they will provide on court nibbles/grazing etc.).
- Committee Meetings will be held with effective communication, i.e. we kindly request that all participants avoid talking over the top of each other and we foster an environment of respectful and attentive communication; which allows each voice to be heard and promotes productive discussions.
- A friendly reminder that play is to commence at 10am (sharp) unless prior arrangements have been discussed and confirmed between team captains.

Grand Final Luncheons

We enjoyed the 2022 Spring Grand Final Luncheon at the Gisborne Golf Club and the 2023 Autumn Grand Final Luncheon at the Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club Rooms. Both events had around 80 women attend with a lovely sit-down lunch. The atmosphere at both venues were great, with our preference going to Sunbury so that players and spectators don't have to rush back to Gisborne. We may bring back the raffles but rather than many smaller prizes we might bundle them up in 4 hamper style prizes. Thanks again to all those volunteers who made these events successful.

In closing, we want to express our gratitude once again to our incredible volunteers, a special thanks to those not re-nominating and our enthusiastic players. Please consider taking on a committee role when they become vacant and remember a volunteer is not paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. Let us continue to step onto the court with a commitment to fair play, courtesy, and a true spirit of competition.

Thanks, Kathy Van Emmerik and Marissa Juergens

Co-Presidents MDLTA.

2022 year end player survey results

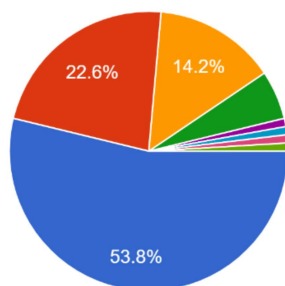
As we mentioned at the Grand Final Luncheon in June, the results of the survey were conclusive that -

1. Matches remain being played to 8
2. Nil preference on the scoring system; however we have since transitioned to the new system (Match Centre)
3. No strict rules regarding afternoon tea / lunch, but 73% of people would like lunch after the match or grazing in between the sets.

The results -

Would you like to change the scoring ?

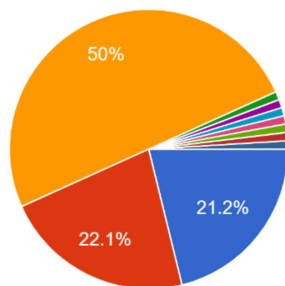
106 responses



- No, stay with first to 8 games
- Yes, play first to 6 games
- Yes, play first to 6 games, with a margin of at least 2 games and a tie break at...
- No preference
- First to 7 to avoid tie breaks
- Play first to 7
- Play first to 7 games, no tie break and no margin
- Play to 7 - still have tie break at 6 all.

Regarding the online scoring system; what is your preference -

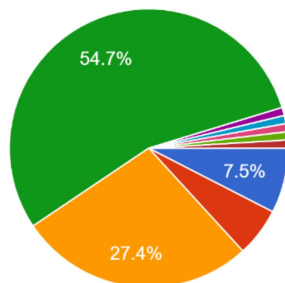
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- Changing to the Tennis Vic system wh...
- Stay with the Tennis Scores system w...
- No preference
- I would like to see a system that is ea...
- Any that is free and easily accessible t...
- have no understanding of either syste...
- I'd like more information about the Ten...
- any system that is easy to use with an...

Lunches -

106 responses



- Yes - I like the lunches like we used to have and want them compulsory
- Yes, I would like a drink and some sna...
- No, I would prefer not to have any foo...
- I would like no strict rules and leave it...
- Some grazing food during the play but...
- I would like lunches after tennis but ob...
- I'm happy with or without lunches but...
- I'm not worried, happy with any.
- I like the lunches (but during sets), not...