



Newsletter - October 2014

Annual General Meeting

The Club held its 2014 AGM on 24 August. The 21 members who attended approved the new Constitution, with minor variation. This has now been lodged with Office of Corporate Affairs. A copy is available at www.tennis.com.au/sttc/about-us.

Paul Kitchener was awarded life membership for his outstanding contribution to the Club over many years (see photo on page 4). Congratulations Paul!

The members also elected a new Management Committee:

<u>St Therese's Tennis Club Management Committee 2014-15:</u>			
President:	Fay Ibbott	Vice-President:	Paul Kitchener
Hon Treasurer:	Ros Williams	Hon Secretary:	Mark Green
Asst Secretary:	Lisa McKay		
Committee:	John Brereton	Steve Psaila	Janaya Horne
	Di Horne	Sandra Halliwell	

Lease from Parish



Members may be aware that the Club facilities sit on land owned by the Catholic Parish of Moonah-Lutana. Commencing in 2006-07, the Parish has charged the Club a fee to lease the land. This fee was \$3,648 per annum in 2006-07 and has risen to \$4,260 per annum in 2014-15. This amount is consistent with lease fees for other clubs around Hobart.

The current 3-year lease expires in July 2015. The Parish has advised the Committee that they will increase the lease payment to gain a real return on their 'financial asset' in order to help fund significant upcoming expenses for the Parish. At this stage, the Parish has not detailed the amount of any increase, however the Committee wishes to ensure that any new fee does not impose an unreasonable burden on members nor ultimately reduce the viability of the Club.

We will keep the members advised once we have further details.

Want a year's free Club membership?



The Committee is seeking an adult member to mow the lawns around the Club and keep the grounds tidy, in exchange for a free annual membership. A mower and petrol is provided. This role would involve mowing the lawns approximately every 2 weeks (or as otherwise required) during the growing season, perhaps 10-12 times per year. Contact Fay Ibbott (ph 6228 5811) if you are interested.

Maintenance/security

The Committee welcomes members identifying maintenance needs around the Club so they can be addressed in a timely manner. It is important to note that general maintenance is the responsibility of all Club members, and we appreciate those who see a problem and take responsibility to fix it.

If the issue requires an expense, or is of a larger scale, members are encouraged to provide a courteous note on the whiteboard or directly to your Committee. Providing your name and contact details will also mean we can follow-up with you if needed.

Members are also reminded to please ensure the outside gates are locked by the last person leaving. If you are part of a group, make sure a member is designated to check that each gate is secure. The gate on Amy Street was found unlocked at 10pm on Wednesday 8 October, with no one inside the Club, and also the bottom gate was left open during the weekend of 18/19 October.

Christmas Function



The Club's Christmas function will be held on **Sunday 14 December** from 6pm. We will provide further details to members over the coming weeks.

Key Audit



The Treasurer Ros Williams is undertaking an audit of keys which are no longer required by former members. If you are in contact with any former members still holding keys, we would appreciate you requesting them to return the keys to the Club.

Grant update



At time of printing, the resurfacing of Court 1 is due to commence in January (exact dates to be confirmed). Please be patient while court usage is restricted during that time. Further details will be provided over the coming weeks.

Fundraising

Footy Tipping: The footy finals tipping competition has been completed. The winner was **Troy Albiston**, who won \$150 for selecting Hawthorn by 62 points (actual margin was 63 points). Thanks to everyone who entered. The Club raised \$150 through the competition. Thanks to Di Horne for organising.

Christmas Raffle: A book of tickets will be provided to members for the Christmas raffle. Tickets cost \$1 each or 3 for \$2. Donations of useable items can be left at the Club, with the raffle drawn at the Christmas function.

From the Treasurer

For the 2013-14 year, the Club had receipts of \$34,334 and expenses of \$37,755. Expenses included a one-off lump-sum payment from the current loan. As at 30 June, the Club had a balance of \$19,891.

As at 30 September 2014, the Club's balance had increased to \$45,747.82, however this includes approximately \$40,000 to be expended on the planned Court 1 resurface and path widening.

Tennis events



medibank

The Medibank Junior Development Series is a group of round-robin tournaments around Australia with a developmental focus. The MJDS is a great introduction to tournament play for juniors who are developing their tennis skills. The 2014 events are open to all male and female tennis players who are aged 9, 11, 13, 15 and under as at 31 December 2014.

The Club is hosting a MJDS tournament on 15 and 16 November. Check the Clubhouse notice board for further details, or visit www.tournaments.tennis.com.au



MLC Tennis Hot Shots Community Play is a nation-wide program currently being rolled out in tennis clubs and centres across Australia. Hot Shots is designed especially for children of **primary school age** to provide an opportunity for them to play tennis in a fun supportive environment.

St Therese's is hosting a Summer program on Saturday mornings from 9.30am – 10.30am, which commenced on 18 October.

To register please contact: Coordinator: Lisa McKay
 phone: 0459 023 529
 email: mckay99@internode.on.net

There is a small charge of \$2 per child per week, with a cap of \$5 per family.

Bill and Verlie Tournament

The annual Bill and Verlie Tournament will be held on **Friday 21 November** from 6.30pm at the Club. All welcome. Cost: \$7 per person, including bbq tea, lights and balls.

Come and Try Day

To coincide with the St Therese's Primary School fair, the Club held a Come and Try Day on 21 September. Numerous fair attendees, particularly juniors, took the opportunity to have a hit in the warm sunshine. The Club also provided a year family membership as a prize for the school raffle, which was won by Steve and Jodie Tew and their three children.

Coaching



Paul Hart is available for coaching from beginners up and is available during the week as well as weekends. Paul is now a recognised coach with Tennis Australia and a qualified Hot Shots coach.

If interested, please contact Paul on 6228 5812.

For your diary



HOT SHOTS
SATURDAYS FROM
18 OCTOBER
9.30 - 10.30AM

**MEDIBANK
JUNIOR
DEVELOPMENT
SERIES**
15 & 16 NOVEMBER

**BILL AND VERLIE
TOURNAMENT**
21 NOVEMBER
6.30PM
(INCLUDES BBQ)

**CHRISTMAS
FUNCTION**
SUNDAY
14 DECEMBER
6PM

Tennis Trivia

Who is the only woman to win all four Grand Slam singles titles at least 4 times each?

Answer: next edition



Paul Kitchener receiving his life membership from Ros Williams and Fay Ibbott at the AGM

*The Hon Secretary compiled this newsletter on behalf of the Management Committee.
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