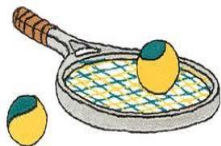


St. Patrick's Tennis Club

NEWSLETTER July 2022



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Secretary: Catherine Boulton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 12th July

Wednesday 13th July

Sunday 17th July

Monday 18th July

Saturday 30th July 6pm

Wednesday 21st September TBC

Sunday 2nd October

Sunday 9th October

Wednesday 7th December TBC

24-26 March 2023

Tuesday Night Mens commences

Midweek Ladies commences

BRTA Junior comp commences

Monday Night Ladies commences

AGM

Ladies Spring Luncheon

Club Championships – Week 1

Club Championships – Week 2

Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Ladies Weekend Queenscliff

AGM

SATURDAY 30th JULY 2022

6.00 – 6:30 PM

Please try and come to our Annual General Meeting. We have a great bunch of volunteers who keep the club running. It would be great to see you there, to hear what we've been up to and to discuss ways that we can make St. Patrick's Tennis Club even better!

ST PATRICK'S TENNIS CLUB MENTONE

Committee Members 2022-2023

President:	Anthony Jackson
Vice President:	Geoff Harrison
Secretary:	Cathie Boulton
Treasurer:	Leanne Vearing
Club Captain:	Cameron Desilva
Membership:	Rosa Cirnigliaro
Midweek Ladies:	Lisa Lam
Juniors:	Niki Buschkuehl
Court & Clubhouse Maintenance:	Kevin Milesi
General Committee	Michelle Brinkley

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'Day Members of St Patrick's Tennis Club, Mentone.

On the Saturday 25th June we celebrated the end of the year with a trivia night! The clubrooms were at capacity and there was much laughter, chat and of course, trivia! Not a mask in sight or any social distancing – only the sound of clinking glasses, cheerful banter and of course trivia highs and lows. A big thanks to Michelle and Anthony Brinkley for the slick organisation of this event which was enjoyed by all who attended.

The winning team (*see pic below*) had some great young talent – great to see at a trivia night.



We raised an incredible \$1170 from the event! Thanks to all who donated prizes and helped make the night such a success.



Two weeks earlier we had the honorable Brad Rowswell MP, Liberal State Member for Sandringham visit our tennis club. His team reached out to our committee to discuss assisting our club with chasing funding for resurfacing our four courts. The approximate cost is \$140K.

Brad will be writing a letter to the Minister for Community Sport, The Hon Ros Spence MP. Our side of Warrigal Road is Brad's eastern boundary of his Sandringham Electorate. It was great to learn our Vice President, Geoff Harrison taught Brad at St Bede's College—a small world!



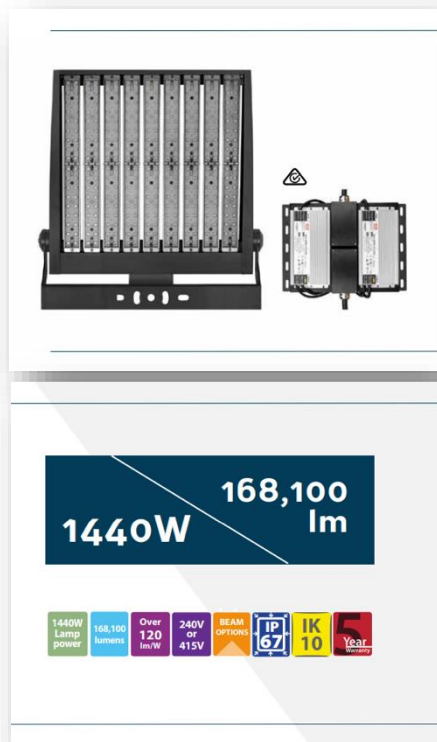
Being a tennis club, we pride ourselves on ensuring you our members have the best facilities. If any of you see areas of the club that need attention, we encourage you to communicate to any of your committee members. It is key to the health of our infrastructure that we all look out and share the desire to continuously maintain and improve our club.

Throughout 2022, Chris Tregonning has continued to coach our juniors. We would like to acknowledge the impact that Covid had on his coaching business. Chris has been with our club for 11 years. Your committee recently applied and won a coaching grant. This has allowed the club to invest in a 'Slinger' Tennis Ball machine for the coaches to use in their lessons and mix up the drills!

In other news, Tennis Australia have deployed a new Online Membership backend called ClubSpark. Hopefully you find the process very simple and straightforward. Members can renew using the link on our members website as well as new members can easily join.

Rosa Cirnigliaro, our excellent Membership Secretary, is across the system and can assist if required – see **Membership** section below.

In the last twelve months Kevin Milesi installed a new dishwasher, erected COVID-19 check-in QR codes signage, fitted three new LED strip lights downstairs and for those that play night competitions, he spent two days installing two new Striker Tigerlights 1440W - 168,100 lumens– *about \$4K each!* As a comparison, your 12W LED lights you replaced your Halogens within your home emit 1,125 lumens. So very bright which makes playing on the front two courts now feels like playing in the middle of the day!



Finally, I would like to thank all the hours the committee put in each month and throughout the year. Whether it's publishing the minutes of every meeting and processing mail/e-mails by Cathy Boulton or balancing spreadsheets, managing cashflow and paying bills by Leanne Vearing its all voluntary activities.

We are all passionate about St Patrick's Tennis Club Mentone. Preserving our warm and friendly family values, continuously looking for minor improvements and focused on the next generation of members with the commitment to a healthy Juniors program led by Niki Buschkuehl.

Don't forget our club championships – they're on in October 2022!

Happy tennis times ahead.

Best Regards,

AJ



CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

SATURDAY PENNANT COMPETITION

We currently have one Saturday team in Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) this season. The summer season generally starts around October and goes through until March. The exact dates are to be confirmed.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year our club championships will be held over 2 weekends – October 2nd and 9th. The club championships will consist of singles, doubles and mixed doubles depending on the number of entries.

If you are interested in playing Saturday competition or entering club championships, please contact Cameron Desilva on 0481 537 929.



MEMBERSHIP

We have over 200 active members enjoying their tennis at St. Patrick's, despite the pandemic problems of the past few years. We've sent out renewal notices for membership.

If you haven't received a renewal email and wish to renew, please go to our website www.stpatrickstcmentone.com.au or feel free to contact me if you are having difficulties.

Fees have been left at the same price as last year.
Family - \$170
Adult - \$100
Junior/Student - \$70
Non playing (social) - \$30
We look forward to a full year of tennis in 2022-2023.

Rosa Cirnigliaro
Membership Secretary



NIGHT TENNIS

MONDAY NIGHT LADIES

As the previous 2 years of our Monday night Ladies competition were so interrupted due to covid, season 1 2022 was played with great enthusiasm. We had a lot of new players join our comp as well as returning players from previous seasons. Everyone was keen to catch up and reconnect. Tennis was fun and competitive as we all gradually got our match fitness back.

The teams that played off in the Finals were Hip Hop and Boot Scootin.



HIP HOP

Lisa Lam (Michelle Brinkley played)
Janet Burmeister
Clare McMahon
Jenny Ryan (Maree Apostolopoulos played)



BOOT SCOOTIN

Cath Hurst
Juli Parkinson (Karin Hutson played)
Amanda Douglas
Hilda Looker

The winners were **Hip Hop**.

It is always great to welcome new players to our Monday comp and in season 2 2022 we have a few more players starting.

The next season commences on Monday 18th July. We are always in need of emergencies so if you would like to play, please call:

Karin Hutson	0401 072 120
Leanne Vearing	0412 614 634
Cathie Boulton	0425 784 959

Thanks to Karin, Leanne and Cathie for our well organised Monday night Tennis!

TUESDAY NIGHT MENS

Another season of Tuesday Night Men's Competition has been completed. Other than the weather, it was great to have a full season. The format is we have five teams of four. Each week one team has a bye.

We play every Tuesday night commencing at 7:30pm sharp for a warm-up. Serious rain is the only reason that play may be cancelled.

The competition is organised by Rob Draper (seen in the pic below). In this moment he is awarding the Player of the Season – James Tyquin who won most games of doubles he played in over the 14 weeks.



This season our final winners were Paul Huynh (captain), Ian Lee, Rob Draper and David Kilmartin.

What's great is the spread of talent and ages of the players. James happens to be the youngest at 22 and our oldest players are nudging 70!

It's a great competition to be out on a Tuesday night and doing an activity.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES

If you know someone who would like a hit on Wednesday nights, please contact Michelle Robinson (0410 659 821). We always have room for more players, and you don't need to be a member to play.

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS

Contact Frank Tesoriero Phone: 9583 7358 for details.

Night tennis is not restricted to members so if you have a friend who would like to play please bring them along.

MID WEEK LADIES:

Wednesday Midweek Ladies 2022 – Feb to June.

The first half of 2022 provided a great season of tennis. We are very grateful to be on the courts again, with not as many interruptions.....apart from some Covid, injury, and the lucky traveller.....and we all enjoyed the much-needed exercise, laughs and friendly competition.

We entered one team in Section 1 and two in Section 3. Our section 1 ladies consisting of Lisa L, Michelle B, Leanne V, Marg W and Mary Mc tried very hard and managed to stay off the bottom of the ladder with a couple of hard-fought wins.

Our section 3 ladies Jenny A, Val R, Marie T, Rosa C and our almost full-time emergency Joanne M played so well they made it to the Grand Final. The unbeaten Dingley team proved too strong, but our ladies were amazing as runners up. Huge congrats to them all.



Rosa C., Joanne M., Marie T., and Jenny A.
(absent Val R.)

Our other Section 3 team struggled finding emergencies but were on the court each week so well done to them too. They have decided to hang up the racquets at the end of the season and we say thanks so much to Helen D, Pauline L and June B. Hope to see your names on the emergency list. Thank you for so many years of supporting our club and teams.

In June we were able to hold our Ladies Luncheon. These have not been as regular the last 2 years due to Covid. This event was well attended with over 30 ladies making the trek to the upstairs of our club rooms. A special thank you to Ann Lynch who does a wonderful job organising these luncheons, they are always a special catch up for past and present players and friends.

At this lunch we celebrated the 80th birthday of Jan Murdoch, and earlier this year we celebrated with Val Ryan as she turned 80. Congrats ladies. You are inspirational!

We are looking forward to more fun on the courts next season. Enjoy ladies, and remember being outside, exercising and having fun with fabulous friends is a blessing.

Good luck ladies for the second half of 2022.

Leanne Vearing/Lisa Lam

Midweek Ladies Coordinators



Our mid-year Ladies Lunch 2022



Happy birthday Jan!



Thanks for organising Ann!

MEMBER NEWS

This year also saw our members celebrate some more milestones!

Val Ryan turned 80 earlier this year and we celebrated with lunch at the tennis club.

It was a wonderful celebration attended by many of our lovely ladies.



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Pauline Giulieri celebrated her 80th just a couple of weeks ago with her family and friends at the Parkdale Yacht Club. The afternoon tea was delicious, the view was wonderful. And as daughter Clare said “she has had plenty of life in her years and years in her life”.



In other member news, Mandi and Paul Mackey and their daughters Sophie and Lucy are currently doing a 6-month Aussie adventure in a 4-wheel drive. They are currently in the Kimberley's. Happy travels!!



JUNIORS

BRTA Junior Autumn 2022 competition:

Fantastic to have had a full season of tennis during the first half of this year! Congratulations to all the St Patrick's Junior tennis players for a great (and uninterrupted) season. We entered the competition, which ran throughout terms 1 and 2, with 4 teams. Despite illnesses and injuries, our teams played every week with full hearts to achieve results we should all be proud of. A big thank you to the team managers who worked tirelessly to get the teams organised each week, to the emergencies who filled in for us when needed and to the parents for their commitment to the club. Our teams placed as follows:

- Section 7: 7th
- Section 11: 7th
- Section 18: runners-up in the finals
- Section 21: 5th

A special mention goes to the section 18 team – Blake S, Patrick B, Tom V, Tony M, Ollie C and Justin P – who represented the club in the semi-finals and finals in their first full season of tennis. The team played incredibly well to become the runners up for the season.



Section 18 St Patrick's Junior team

BRTA Junior Spring 2022 competition:

The next season of tennis commences on 17th July 2022. We have entered our biggest junior delegate yet with 6 teams and 39 team members, representing our club this season. We have entered teams across the following sections: section 9, section 12 (2 teams), section 16, section 20 and section 21.

To celebrate the start of the new season the club held a welcome BBQ on the 10th July 2022 where 19 current and new team members (and their parents and siblings) had the opportunity to meet and have a game of tennis. Special thanks to Alex C, for cooking the BBQ for the hungry attendees.

We wish the players a fantastic season full of great tennis, sportsmanship and enjoyment for all. Thanks also to the parents and the team managers who dedicate their time to the club and players.

Go St Pats!

Niki Buschkuehl

St Patrick's Tennis Junior
sptcjunior@gmail.com

SOCIAL

LADIES WEEKEND AWAY 2022 - QUEENSCLIFF

What happens on the Ladies weekend away in Queenscliff stays on the Ladies weekend away in Queenscliff.....except for these photos.....!

The weekend is a celebration for all the wonderful women that are involved with our wonderful community club. There is always plenty of food, wine, singing, dancing, games and laughter.

Next year's weekend away is already booked in for March 24-26²⁰²³. If you want to be part of the fun, please contact Leanne Vearing.





COACHING

Whether you want to learn from scratch, improve your backhand or serve, and keep warm during these cold winter months while having fun, contact Chris Tregonning on 0418 381 568 for all your coaching requirements.



St Patrick's Junior welcome BBQ