



The Whisper

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DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB

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From The President's Desk

It's good to write to you and be able to say that everything is going well.

The change to the new administration system has occurred without a hitch thanks to the hard work of many volunteers especially Kathy Raynes and Glenda Martinick who have put in a lot of work "behind the scenes". The electronic payment system has been embraced by virtually all our members and certainly made that part of our work more streamlined. We didn't get everything right but next year we will have eradicated the minor glitches. We now have a part time book-keeper (Judith) who is helping Ken Gotfried with the accounts.

John, Adam, Dan and everyone at Mastastroke are now the first point of contact (that is if the web site can't help) and they are doing an excellent job ensuring the day to day tasks and challenges of the Club are attended to.

The successful launch of our web site and emailout means that many of our members are kept informed of Club events on a weekly basis. If you haven't put yourself on our mailing list please do so. It's quite painless. Just go to our site www.Dalkeithtc.com.au and click "e-updates" and after entering a little information and registering, presto you will be on our weekly mailing list.

I am sure you will have noticed the very positive impact Sue Beresford is having on our Sponsorship support. Sue has started our weekly sponsor board and also put in a huge effort ensuring all our sponsors are aware of our club activities and involved whenever possible.

At the end of January we held the Club Calcutta competition. This event is unique to Dalkeith Tennis club and provides a wonderful way of playing tennis with State League players while having a little bet on the side. Adam Howard Loretta Hughes, Steve Ward and Kathy Raynes were the key forces behind this year's competition and were very ably assisted by numerous volunteers. Reg Ransom was the auctioneer and his efforts were greatly appreciated, as are all the people who assisted with the administration

and preparation of the food. Through Sue Beresford's efforts we have a new sponsor for the Calcutta, Blennerhassett Jewellers. Sue and John Blennerhassett greatly enjoyed the event and were pleased to see the level of interest their excellent display of fine jewellery provoked. Blennerhassett provided the draw prize which was won by Sandy McCloskey. Pauline de Boer backed the winning team (Murray Freiberg and Shannon Tuckett) and earned over \$1300 for her \$60 investment. The Club raised over \$2500 from the event.

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Club security remains a vexatious issue with another 2 break-ins over the last 4 months. We are improving the security lighting around the clubhouse and have sought guidance from experts in industry and the local council on ways to make our club less vulnerable. The secluded location of our building will continue to make us a target. I would ask all members to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to John at Mastastroke (during office hours) or directly to the Police.

We are rapidly approaching the Club Championships, scheduled for Seniors for 27 and 28 March, and 3 and 4 April, and Juniors for 19, 20 21, and 26,27, 28 March. I urge all members to participate in this event which is designed not only to test the talents of our more competitive players but also provide an enjoyable playing experience for families and friends

I would like to thank all the Club members for their continuing support and wish everyone a successful summer and autumn playing season.

Stephen Keenihan
PRESIDENT



Captain's corner

This is the hectic time of the year with Saturday's play always very busy as are other days of the week when various groups gather to enjoy their tennis. The courts are in excellent condition. We are very grateful to those who do the sets and provide the nibbles on Saturdays because these contributions help create a pleasant atmosphere.

The tournament is the next big event and plans are well under way. You will receive an entry form with the Whisper. If you need more copies, there should be one located on the Club website. Good luck to all those who enter. Please read the conditions and abide by them.

The Calcutta was an outstanding event enjoyed by all those who entered. The standard of play was wonderful and very exciting. We must thank Steven Ward, Lynne Crompton, Mary Sullivan and Adam Howard who worked tirelessly over the weekend. Also thanks to Loretta Hughes, Sue Beresford and Glenda Martinick who worked very hard to set up the event, but were unable to be with us on the day. Of course without our sponsor, Blennerhassett, from Broadway it would not have been such fun. That jewellery was amazing.

Twilight tennis is happening on some Friday evenings followed by BYO BBQ which is always very pleasurable. Look on the Club website for dates, or ensure that you have your email registered to obtain weekly up-dates on Club events. There have been several interclub matches in which Dalkeith has participated and provided good competition. It is great and visit another club and enjoy their surroundings as well as our own. If you are interested to participate in one of these events, please let the Captains know.

Our website and the emails that are sent out each week are proving a very good way of communicating with all our members. The Whisper, the yearly calendar and notices at the club also help you keep in touch with us. Our web site is www.dalkeithtc.com.au or ring the club phone. In addition, the committee members will help you if you have questions.

A reminder that visitors who use the courts need to pay a visitor's fee. Please put the money in an envelope, leave it with John or put it under the office door. It is \$5.00 per visitor during the week or \$10.00 in the weekend. We appreciate you taking care of this for the good of all members and the club.

I hope your tennis is improving. Enjoy the championships and our wonderful club.

Kathy Raynes VICE CAPTAIN
Steven Ward CAPTAIN.

Coach's corner

How are the young players at Dalkeith Tennis Club learning the game these days? Well, the new approach is the Game Based Approach (GBA) and it is the most effective learning strategy that I have ever seen in my 20 years of coaching experience.

The GBA concept focuses on the coach setting tasks for completion by the player. If the player completes the task successfully they then move to the next graduated task. In the event that a player struggles with the task at hand, the coach begins his or her work to guide the player to the necessary level of success. A good coaching system will analyse and correct only when necessary and not attempt to fix things that are not broken. The player is coached and challenged – a perfect learning strategy!

Here are our eight tasks to develop a competitive tennis game:

- 1 Develop Fundamental Motor Skills for tennis
- 2 Learn to play the tennis ball over the net on ground strokes, serve and volley
- 3 Learn to control the tennis ball over the net and into the court on ground strokes, serve and volley
- 4 Learn through repetition to rally the ball
- 5 Develop power in ground strokes and serve
- 6 Develop accuracy in ground strokes, serve and volley
- 7 Demonstrate consistency, power, accuracy and strategy in a matchplay environment
- 8 Demonstrate consistency, power, accuracy and strategy in a matchplay environment under pressure from a quality opponent

JOHN THORPE MastaStroke Tennis System



Visitor's fees are \$5 per person weekdays and \$10 on weekends for a maximum of 3 visits per year. Please leave payment with the Club Administrator or the Club Coach.

On the Social Scene

It seems forever ago since we had Visitor's Day and the Opening Day on the 18 and 25 October respectively. Both were very successful although the numbers were down for the Opening Day dinner.

The next big event on the Calendar is the Dinner/dance with a difference—a Cabaret in the Dalkeith Hall (shades of the 60's and 70's!). We are pleased to have the well known "Gerry and the Attrix" band playing for us—as seen at the Fly by Night Club. We have kept costs to a minimum. Tickets are \$50 per person for the music and a supper (set for 10pm—just like they used to do - except I can't get the CWA to do the catering!) BRING YOUR OWN ESKY! It should be will be a night to relive our youth, and bring out those ORIGINAL flares and caftans and rock til you drop. So pencil in Saturday March 13 for a retro night. I hope to see you there.

If anyone has any thoughts of social events that we could run, we are happy to get your thoughts.

Glenda Martinick
SOCIAL CONVENOR

Events for your Diary

Friday 26 January	5—5.30 pm—Twilight tennis at the Bowling Club courts. BYO BBQ food and stay afterwards for a casual night at the Club.
Saturday 13 March	7.30 pm—Dance/supper with a difference—Retro night at Dalkeith Hall with Gerry and the Attrix. BYO. \$50 pp.
Fri, Sat & Sunday 19, 20 21 March	Junior Club Championships
Fri, Sat & Sunday 26,27, 28 March	Junior Club Championships
Saturday & Sunday 27 and 28 March	Senior Club Championships
Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 April	Senior Club Championships
Sunday 4 April	Presentations and dinner
Friday 14 May	Quiz Night



Midweek Pennants

Midweek pennant teams are more than half way through the season. Even though not all teams are experiencing success every player seems to be enjoying themselves - except when playing on 35 degree humid days. Congratulations to the Division 4 midweek team who are currently on top of the ladder.

I have also just received an email from Tennis West reminding all captains to play their team in correct ITN rating order.

Even though it's hard to believe - winter pennant forms will soon be out. Can you please return them to me by the 3rd of April.

Here's hoping for a great finish to the season.

Good luck.

Julie Lourie
MIDWEEK LADIES DAY/NIGHT AND MENS MID-
WEEK NIGHT CO-ORDINATOR

Weekend Tennis

TEAMS RELISH THE CHALLENGE

Players in Dalkeith's pennant teams report that they are thoroughly enjoying the challenge of singles and doubles matches each weekend against opponents of a high standard. The improvement in their shotmaking skills is evident in their results, and we wish them well as they head for the finals in four weeks time. Thanks to the dedicated captains - Ken Adam, Alyce Kelly, Courtney Kennedy, Adam Howard, Peter Rigg, Bert Rousset and Geoff Bloor, for their leadership this season. Not even your team understand the organisation required each week for both training and matches.

The State Men's team lies in fifth place, which is a great achievement in a season of rebuilding for the future. Mark Sewell has had consistently good results, with a brilliant win over Troy Hargreaves of Cottesloe, last week. Well done! The team has a new gun from Georgia, USA, with the arrival of Will Glenn at Dalkeith. He is also coaching at the club and would be pleased to meet as many members as possible. Next time you are at the club please introduce yourself to him.

Despite their youth our State Women's team has had excellent wins as outlined in Mike's separate report. The division 2 team have been promoted up 4 divisions and still continue to succeed. The sky's the limit!

Some lucky members would have met and played with numerous State League players from clubs around Perth, during our recent Calcutta fundraising event. They donate their time and thoroughly enjoy the occasion. Thanks to all of them for their generosity. The Calcutta is a highlight on our calendar, and due to overwhelming demand, another opportunity to take part will be available on 31 October, 2 weeks after opening day. We are so grateful to Adam Howard for his effort and enthusiasm. He conducted a slick event with the help of the ever committed, Steve Ward. Thanks to all who assisted, especially Reg Ransom, our auctioneer extraordinaire, and the owners (you may even get the right to ride next time!). The sponsors, Blennerhassett Fine Jewellers, provided a beautiful pendant for the lucky winner, and were present the entire weekend. They have stunning pieces created by Sue Blennerhassett, so please drop in for a browse. It is hard not to be tempted.

Good luck to everybody for the upcoming annual club champs. Get your names down and your partnerships arranged (spouse-swapping allowed). You will be rewarded with great tennis and the opportunity to watch and learn from our best players as they vie for a place on the honour boards. Everyone earns the prerogative of a cool drink on the verandah afterwards.

Loretta Hughes
PENNANT CO-ORDINATOR

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your listings, your website/email address if you wish
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Sue Beresford
SPONSORSHIP



Women's State League

After a lean period before Christmas, the Dalkeith team has played well recently. A six rubbers to nil win over Hensman Park, followed by a five rubber to one win over Alexander Park were good efforts. On Saturday the 14th of February, the team went down to Cottesloe two rubbers to four in what was a close contest.

Lia Tapper has won her last three matches. Her recent good showing at the Nationals and wild-card entry into the Australian Open Juniors show that she is rapidly on the improve.

It is great to see our Captain, Alyce Kelly, back playing after a bad run of injuries. Shannon Tuckett has turned the corner and Marissa Gianotti and Audry Hargest have been pretty consistent winners.

On Saturday February 21st, Dalkeith play Nedlands at Nedlands and the match between Lia and Siobhan Drake-Brockman should be well worth watching.

Mike Webb-Ware
MANAGER STATE LEAGUE LADIES

Junior Tennis

The 2003/2004 season has seen Dalkeith maintain its great track record in Junior Tennis League. The club has 22 teams competing in Junior League spread from Junior State Division all the way through to 12/U grass roots teams. Although finals are just around the corner it's still too early to say how many of our teams will make the top four in their divisions.

However this isn't the only way to tell if the Club's Junior Program has been successful. The on and off court attitude of all the kids at training, on match days and around the club has been fantastic this season making the jobs of managing teams and the whole program easy.

We have had a couple of new initiatives this season that have been well received. The first is our Tournament Players Squad running on Wednesday evenings. Designed to be just like a State Squad and run by Daniel Sewell, this has been a great opportunity for our best juniors to hit with each other and train hard over the entire summer.

The second was inviting some of our best juniors to play in the Calcutta Cup held at the end of February. Many of the Club's best young girls competed along with our club players. Shannon Tuckett, who has just graduated from junior ranks, took out the event with Murray Freiberg. This should make the juniors feel like they are even more impor-

tant members of the club.

Finally, one of the most encouraging signs over this summer has been the huge number of first and second season players in our junior ranks. A number of older players didn't play this season due to studies or senior opportunities, but this shortfall was more than made up for by the influx of new young players from the coaching programs. Grass roots players are who make this and every other Club tick so this was a really encouraging development.

A reminder to all Junior Club Members to get your Tournament Entry forms in on time. The Club Tournament is the peak of the season and excellent fun for all players. Best of luck for the League Finals and the Club Tournament.

Adam Howard
JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR.

Club Sponsors

Thanks to all our sponsors who make a vital difference to the Club. This season we have ensured that members are fully aware of where our sponsorship dollars are coming from. The prominent new signs throughout the Clubhouse and the website cannot be missed!

As a new initiative this season, Court and Friends of DTC sponsors additionally sponsor Saturday's "nibbles" and full recognition is given to them on the board by the Sets Desk.

Our new Main Sponsor, We're Wines, hosted a Wine tasting at the beginning of the season. If you missed your tasting – there is another opportunity – they are generously providing a complimentary bottle for each table booked at the Annual Dinner Dance on March 13.

We are pleased to welcome new Calcutta Cup sponsors, Blennerhassett Fine Jewellers who so generously donated the superb pendant for the raffle.

Over the page you will see the full list of Club Sponsors – please use their goods or services when you have a chance to do so!

And if you would like to become a sponsor, speak to me on 041 792 9590 or email me at sueberesford@westnet.com.au - we have packages to suit your business needs – and your pocket – starting at \$150.

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