



The Whisper

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DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB

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From The President's Desk

The recent AGM was well attended and I would like to thank those who came for their support. At the AGM I explained some of the new initiatives for the Club (as set out in last month's Whisper) and these changes were endorsed by the membership at large.

Most of last year's committee members stood again and were re-elected. A listing of the Committee is set out on our website www.dalkeithtc.com.au and also shown on the cover of this Calendar. Please contact any of the Committee members should you have something you would like to raise or discuss concerning the Club.

I would like to welcome **Sue Beresford** to the Committee. Sue has agreed to take responsibility for our sponsorship work. Sue is pulling together a lot of new ideas to support our present sponsors and to attract new ones. Should you wish to support the Club in this way please contact Sue who I am sure would be very pleased to assist you.

Anyone who has visited the Clubhouse in late September will have noticed that the inside of the Clubhouse has been repainted using paint donated by Vern Jahansen. **Mary Sullivan** is responsible for this marvellous transformation which has truly given the place a real "face lift". I would like to extend the thanks of all the members of the Club to Mary for not only organising this work but also carrying out a lot of the task herself. Mary was assisted by a team of people who I would also like to thank: Brian Wallace, Martin Compton, Glenda Martinick, Louise Denny, Diana Chase, Pam Rose, Fred Martenz (and his two sons), Sandra Anderson, Wendy Bloor, Nanette O'Driscoll, Dan Sewell, Adam Howard, Steve Ward and Paul Setchell.

The Club no longer has a full time Administrator. Instead, in the near term, we have a part-time person on Mondays and Tuesday mornings supported by John Thorpe and his staff at MastaStroke. We will continue with this approach until we get a clear idea of the Club needs. I would like to thank **Kathy Raynes** who is kindly "standing in the breach" during this

transitory period. Should any members find these changes are having any impact on their use of the Club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

You will notice that we are trying out new wines at the Bar. **Mark Meneghello** and **Geoff Bloor** have agreed to act as our cellar masters and tantalise our palates with new, high quality but very reasonably priced wines which can be purchased both by the glass and the bottle. Come and give them a try. You may even have the double benefit of a quick wine appreciation course from Geoff. I would also like to thank Mark for taking over the management of the bar.

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The membership fee requests were sent out almost a month ago and unfortunately many members are yet to pay. We depend on punctual payment of fees to keep the Club functioning and to ensure our overdraft costs to the bank are minimal. If you are one of those members who has put off payment, please dig out the request, fill it out and return it to RegalCroft promptly.

You are reminded to go to the Dalkeith Tennis Club website and to enrol on the Club email mailing list. This is a great way to keep in touch with the latest events of the Club. The website is dalkeithtc.com.au - why don't you have a look at it, and bookmark it in your favourites for easy referral.

Finally, with summer fast approaching we are about to embark on another great year of tennis. The grounds staff, led by Fred Martinez, have once again done a wonderful job preparing the courts and keeping the clubhouse surrounds in tiptop condition. We get great courts at the beginning of and throughout the season because we rest them for a short time during the wettest period of winter. I know this policy is frustrating to some of our members who would like to play

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on grass courts all year but we have to strike a delicate balance providing grass courts year round and the associated damage that is done during the winter months, damage which is sometimes impossible to repair before spring/summer tennis resumes. Please be assured that I also want to play on grass as long as possible and there is a healthy debate each year with Fred to determine when we should close them.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish everyone a successful 2003/04 season.

Stephen Keenihan
PRESIDENT

Captain's corner

At this moment we are waiting for the grass courts to be opened and the weather to be more like spring weather so the tennis is limited for a while. We are looking forward to:

Visitor's Day when members can bring along a visitor (at no charge) for the day on Saturday 18th October, and

Opening Day on 25th October when we hope to have all the courts up and running, club sponsors and patrons as visitors, and a great day of tennis.

We hope to see you on both Visitor's Day and Opening Day.

The usual Saturday tennis is successful because of the help we get from those who do the sets, collect the money or who bring the nibbles. We would like to thank you all for your contributions.

Other activities this year include interclub matches. There will be a list on the sets desk on which you can note your name if these events are in the offing. You are most welcome to sign up. The visit to Mandurah will be on Sunday 19 October starting at 9.30 am so please sign up at the club if you wish to play.

We use several ways to get in touch with our members. The web site www.dalkeithtc.com.au is the best way for those with internet access as this will be updated regularly. We also use the calendar, the Whisper and notices at the club house for all our activities.

Please remember if you bring guests the cost is \$5.00 during the week and \$10.00 at the weekend. If the office is not manned during the week, the Mastastroke office is always open to receive your money. If you have any questions about any aspects of tennis at the Club please ask a member of the committee or any-

one in the office. We look forward to your continued enjoyment of the tennis and social activities at the Club.

Steven Ward CAPTAIN
Kathy Raynes VICE CAPTAIN.

Coach's corner

Tennis Coaching that's definitely more than child's play

Welcome to a new and exciting summer of tennis!

As many of you will know, over the two years leading up to the start of last season we had been working hard to research and develop an innovative new tennis coaching system that we have called the MastaStroke® Tennis System. I am happy to report that this has been a fantastic success with many more players learning the game quickly and easily while having plenty of fun.

We are now ready for a big summer of tennis! MastaStroke® Tennis System's summer coaching programs begin with the Dalkeith Tennis Club Junior Open Day on Friday October 17th from 4.00 – 6.00pm. A sausage sizzle will follow after tennis and all junior members are welcome. Term 4 programs begin the following day – Saturday October 18th, and we urge you to get your registration in early. Interest is already high and because we want all our players to receive the best learning opportunity, we strictly limit enrolments for each program to manageable student numbers.

Our Adult coaching and matchplay programs are conducted throughout term 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning.

Check out our website for all program details – www.mastastroke.com.au

Don't forget our School Holiday Clinics leading up to Christmas and the Davis Cup final from Melbourne Park November 28th – 30th.

Looking forward to a super summer of tennis.

John Thorpe
MASTASTROKE



On the Social Scene

This year is set to be even busier than last year in terms of the social events that we have planned. The Social Committee consists of Lyn Crompton, Karen Flanagan, Cecilia Hill and Sandy McCloskey - supplemented by a gang of "co-optees".

On Saturday 20 September we held a very successful Curry Night. Karen Flanagan and Sandy McCloskey and their team provided a wonderful selection of curries, condiments and rice. The food was complemented with some new wines available from the bar, thanks to Mark Meneghello and Geoff Bloor. If the noise level was anything to gauge the success of the night by, it was a real winner.

The next events on the Calendar are the Visitor's Day and the Opening Day on the 18 and 25 October respectively. We will have a dinner on the evening of the Opening Day, and plan to have it FULLY catered as we did last year. (Just in case you can't read between the lines, this means we limit the need for volunteer labour to wash dishes etc, to allow us all to enjoy the night!) It is always a relaxed evening of great merriment, so please book this in your diaries now!

We are planning:

- The Quiz Night again for next year as a major fundraising event—check the calendar for dates.
- A dinner/dance with a difference—a Cabaret in the Dalkeith Hall (shades of the 60's and 70's!). Negotiations are underway to have a live (as opposed to dead) band and supper provided by the CWA ... not really, but it 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.
- An Open Garden day in the first quarter of next year.

I look forward to your support for these events. As usual I am always looking for more people to help with the social side of the Club, and am very pleased that we now have 4 people on the Committee. If you would like to be more involved please see me. It's a great opportunity to meet lots of people and for you to implement your people and organising skills!!

Glenda Martinick
SOCIAL CONVENOR



Some of the people who prepared the delicious food for the curry night - Jennifer Bransden, Sandy McCloskey, Karen Flanagan and Cathy Greatrex.



Sandy in action!!



Weekend Tennis League

During the winter, 5 teams competed for Dalkeith, making their home base at Burswood. All of these progressed to the finals, with the ladies in Division 3 being victorious again. Congratulations. Thank you to the captains, Adam Howard, Ben O'Driscoll, Geoff Bloor, Alyce Kelly and Courtney Kennedy, who ably led their players over the season.

The club has registered 7 teams for the summer league, and we wish them every success with their matches. Above all, enjoy the competition, visiting other clubs and getting plenty of exercise in the process.

The Men's State League team will be represented by Mark Sewell, Dan Sewell, Adam Howard, David Leahy and Ben Tullett. The Women's team will be made up of Rachel Niwa, Alyce Kelly, Lia Tapper, Shannon Tuckett and Marissa Gianotti. Their fighting spirit and respect for each other makes them exciting teams to watch, and they would appreciate all the support members can give them.

According to Dave Pyett's history, Dalkeith "was elevated to State Grade status" in 1961. Geoff Sansom and Rob Ockerby were some of the early players and Peter Rigg and John Thorpe two of the longest serving. We are pleased to continue to earn a place in the highest league in the State, some 42 years later.

A fixture list will be published on the notice board and we look forward to your encouragement on the courts in the coming weeks.

On the evening of 17th October, Mark Sewell and Alyce Kelly will be the Dalkeith team, in the State League Hopman Cup Challenge against the best from Wembley Tennis Club. We will be hosting this display of elite tennis at its best, and tickets are only \$5. This gives you the chance to win door prizes of tickets to the Hopman Cup. The bar will open from 6pm and light food will be on sale. Come and enjoy the beginning of summer on the verandah at the club.

Loretta Hughes
CONVENOR

Midweek Pennants

Winter saw a very successful season with six of the seven Ladies teams and, for the first time, one of the Mens Teams making the semi finals. Division Two and Eight were successful in making the finals and Division Eight won the final against all odds.

Well done to the Division Two Team of Meredith Wilkinson, Lynne Leonhardt, Dinah Terry, Sue Thomas, Deanne Wilson and Nannette O'Driscoll. Congratulations to the Division Eight Team of Karen Flanagan, Fern Chua, Nannette Smith, Ann Palmer

and Jo McQuiston for winning the pennant.

All pennant players are to be congratulated on a enjoyable and successful season.

Summer Pennants is almost upon us commencing on 29 & 30th of October. We again have seven Midweek Ladies Teams, Three Midweek Ladies Night Teams and Two Midweek Night mens teams.

Players will notice that there has been yet another change to the ITN rating numbers. All players' ITN ratings have been decreased by 1.5 to align them with those in the Eastern States. There are a few anomalies in the ITN ratings caused by wrongly rated players from other teams, points earned through forfeits of injured players as well as a different formula being used for midweek compared to weekend competition. Tennis West is aware of these and hopefully they will rectify these problems to produce a more accurate ITN.

I would like to thank Kathy Raynes and Steve Ward and all the Team representatives who helped compile the teams. I'd also like to thank Cathy Wiese for helping me to fill out the onerous Tennis West forms, and Sandy McCloskey and Fern Chua for typing the list.

Good luck for the coming season.

Julie Lourie
MIDWEEK LADIES AND MENS CO-ORDINATOR

Sponsorship

Club Sponsorship is very important to the Club and we appreciate the contributions of our sponsors who help us to improve our financial position – and thus plan for the future! As reported in earlier Whispers, we are hoping in the short-term to develop the playing area on courts 15-18 so that we can depend on the availability of 4 courts rather than the usual 3.

We are therefore seeking companies, businesses and individuals who would like to develop sponsorship or advertising partnerships with us. In return, we will give you some special opportunities to ensure that your product or services are promoted to our membership in accordance with your wishes.

We are offering five levels of sponsorship:

Platinum - one only.

Gold – limited to 6.

Silver

Court and

Friends of Dalkeith Tennis Club.

Visit our website and see what marketing opportunities and other benefits we offer in each of these categories. We are also happy to discuss customised packages to ensure the right 'fit' for you.

Please contact Sue Beresford for more details on: 9386 3897 or
sue.beresford@westnet.com.au .

Events for your Diary

FRIDAY—17 October	Junior Open Day from 4.00 – 6.00pm. A sausage sizzle will follow after tennis and all junior members are welcome.
FRIDAY—17 October	State League Hopman Cup Challenge —Dalkeith versus Wembley. DTC will be represented by Mark Sewell and Alyce Kelly against the best from Wembley Tennis Club. From 6pm—under lights. Come and support our team!
SATURDAY - 18 October	Visitor's Day —bring a friend
SATURDAY- 25 October	Opening Day —play and stay for the Opening, and dinner after.
WEDNESDAY AND THURS- DAY—29 and 30 October	Start of Summer pennants.
28—30 No- vember	Davis Cup
FRIDAY - 7 November	Twilight tennis starts— at the bowling club courts after 5pm.
FRIDAY - 5 December	Cottesloe Inter-club —at home.

Club Sponsors

Thank you to those sponsors who have supported us over the last season - we value your contributions and look forward to continuing our relationship with you this season.

Over the page you will see a list of Club Sponsors. Please use their goods or services when you have the chance to do so.

We would particularly like to welcome the new sponsors who have confirmed their support to the Tennis Club for the 2003/2004 season: Recruitment Partners headed up by our favourite Quiz Master - Geoff Mitchell-Burden, We're Wines - tastings will be available at the Tennis Club soon - and Monart Studio & Gallery - an Art Gallery with a difference - drop by and see their latest Exhibition or sign up for an art class or a lecture.

TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

We want to improve your listing in this Directory. Please email Sue Beresford at sue.beresford@westnet.com.au with any changes to your listings, your website/email address if you wish to have these featured, PLUS a small description of no more than 30 words.

Thanks!!

Sue Beresford
SPONSORSHIP

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.



Healthy Club Tip:

Warm up to reduce the risk of tearing or straining muscles by increasing their suppleness. How? Raise a light sweat by jogging for 2-3 minutes before stretching.

Club Sponsors' Directory

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