



The Whisper

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DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB (INC) WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 10 JULY 2004 AT 5.00PM AT THE DALKEITH TENNIS CLUB, CNR VICTORIA AVENUE AND BEATRICE ROAD, DALKEITH.

By order of the Management Committee.
Mark Meneghello, Secretary

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AGENDA

1. President's Report
2. Treasurer's Report & Auditor's Report – Financial Accounts to 30th April 2003.
3. Election of Management Committee:
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Captain
 - Vice-Captain
 - Convenor of Junior Tennis
 - Two or more committee members
4. Election of Honorary Auditor and Honorary Solicitor
5. Recommendation to Committee of names of Patron and Vice-Patrons.
6. Motions
7. General Business

MOTIONS

Every member giving a Notice of Motion should give a copy thereof to the Secretary together with his or her name, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Any member giving a Notice of Motion must be present at the meeting or authorise another member to represent him/her at the time the business is called to order. Every Motion must be seconded.

ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

All Management Committee Officers will be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may be made either in writing or by verbal proposal at the meeting. The nomination of any absent member must be accompanied by his or her consent in writing.

From The President's Desk

Another successful season has past and winter is upon us early this year.

The Club Championships went off without a hitch and we have a new set of names to add to the wall plaques. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all the players and organisers who make the event such a success.

The rain in the recent weeks has brought about an early reduction in the use of the grass courts. This is something I know is not popular but the early rains are good not only for the farmers but also for the courts provided we don't use them once they are wet and soft. I implore all the members to follow the guidance of the Groundskeeper and the Club Captain – if in doubt use a hard court instead.

We have submitted plans to the Nedlands Council for lighting courts 11 and 12 and also for the revamp of the grass courts 14-18. The lights in particular may attract some dissent from nearby residents but we have elected to use "low lighting" (7.5m poles instead of the 15m poles on courts 1-4) and we are confident this will be more than adequate to address any concerns that may arise.

Both these projects will be undertaken once we obtain funding assistance from the State Government and the Nedlands Council via the Community Sports Recreation Facility Fund. This funding requires

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all three parties to contribute 1/3 of the costs each.

With this Whisper you will have received a notice for the Annual General Meeting and copies of the financial accounts.

As with previous years we are "thin on the ground" with members who are willing to stand for committee. Most of the present members have been associated with the committee for 3 or more years and would like to share the experience with others.

Contact any of the committee or email Keenihan@bigpond.net.au to take the step.

The Club Annual Accounts show that our membership numbers are down but we are in the "black" from both cash flow and accounting viewpoints. The money outcome is particularly pleasing as we spent over \$10,000 resurfacing courts 11 and 12. We expect less administrative costs next year so we can anticipate sufficient cash in hand to fund our portion of the capital works we have in mind for 2004-05. Of course we must arrest the decline in membership and this will become a priority for the new Committee.

You will note that we have improved the lighting around the club house in an effort to discourage vandalism and theft and also make it easier for members to move around after dark. The changes comprise a set of motion sensor lights around the building and also the extended use of the parking area lights courtesy of the Nedlands Council.

I trust all the members have enjoyed their summer/autumn season and thank all the committee members for their hard work, enthusiasm and stamina.

Stephen Keenihan
PRESIDENT

Captain's corner

With the cooler weather arriving we are sad to see the grass courts reduced but it is a fact of life. Nonetheless the winter, so far, has been marvelous and not been a handicap for the tennis players.

Recently the Club Championships were held and we saw some wonderful matches between very keen members. The tournament committee of Steven Ward, Kathy Raynes and Loretta Hughes managed to complete the sets in the two weekends with the help of many members. Our thanks go to Susie Lau, Alison Garland, Susan Neo, Judy Bolton, Nicky Martin, Roger Martin, Kerry Warner and Julie Lourie and all those who helped at the sets desk. Without this help the match committee could not work and the tournament would not run smoothly. It is a thrill to see the willingness with which these members offer their services just to help our club. Many thanks from all the DTC committee.

Held at the same time, the junior tournament was another success story and also the food provided by many people was much appreciated.

On Saturdays our tennis would not run smoothly without those who do the sets desk and the nibbles so I hope you all know how much you are appreciated.

Tennis is flourishing throughout the week with many groups of members playing in their own time. Each day the courts seem to be very busy. The pennant teams are again playing at home and away, all players hoping to just go up that ITN chart. It is good to see how many people play with such friendliness and still be competitive. Well done to all those teams.

I would like to thank Steven Ward for his insight into everything to do with the Captain's role and for working with me since Martin Briggs left. He knows so much about so many aspects of our club and is always working for the good of DTC. It has been a great pleasure to be associated with him during my term of



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VOLUNTEER.**

**IF YOU ENJOY YOUR TENNIS AND WOULD LIKE
TO DO SOMETHING IN RETURN TO HELP OUT
OR WOULD LIKE A SAY IN THE DIRECTION THE
CLUB IS GOING JOIN THE COMMITTEE**

NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

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office. I would like to thank all those members who put themselves out to contribute to the running of the club. I am finishing in my role of Vice Captain and have enjoyed my time in the role.

Ratings. I know everyone wants to go up and everyone wants to be with better players but please remember we have to consider all aspects, including negative aspects. All in all it is difficult. No one wants to win to love and no one wants to lose badly either. If you would like your ratings reviewed, there is a form to fill in and the Ratings Committee carefully considers every request. However, remember sometimes people will have to go down.

Visitors. If you bring visitors please put the money in an envelope and give it to John Thorpe. At our club there should be no need to police this. We are all honorable people. It is \$10.00 at the weekend and \$5.00 during the week and worth every cent.

Again, I would like to thank you all as this term of office comes to a close. There are so many wonderful people at DTC I have been very lucky to have been associated with you all.

Kathy Raynes
VICE CAPTAIN

Midweek Pennants

There were 3 midweek summer ladies teams that made the semi-finals. They were Div 4, Div 8, and grass court Div 4. The semi-finals were very close fought matches for all the teams with Div 8 losing by 9 games and grass court Div 4 winning by 6 games. The finals were again very tight with Div 4 winning by 7 games and grass court Div 4 losing by 4 games. Congratulations to Div 4 for their win. The members of the team were: SUE THOMAS, LYNNE LEONHARDT, COURTNEY KENNEDY, NANETTE O'DRISCOLL, JENNY HOLM, KATHY RAYNES AND JULIE LOURIE.

A special congratulations to LYNNE LEONHARDT for winning Tennis West's "Most Valuable Player Award" for Division 4. The awards have been in place for 3 years and even though Dalkeith has had many players nominated for the award Lynne is



Coach's corner

The MastaStroke® Tennis team has seen some changes to it in the past couple months. With the departure of Adam Howard – Junior Development Director, who is now pursuing other career interests, we were in need of finding a few new faces to help out the MastaStroke® Team. Mark Robinson, a TCA Advanced Coach, has had many years of coaching at the Laffs Tennis Centre in Queensland, as well as being the former Development Director at the Dubai World Trade Centre. Mark Sewell has also joined the team. Mark is a TCA Development Coach and former top US Collegiate Player. Mark also represents Dalkeith as our Number 1 State League player.

Winter Tennis League is in full swing again with Dalkeith being represented by 9 teams comprising of 5 boys teams and 4 girls teams. Trainings are held on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings and we have had healthy turnouts to both of these sessions. Matches are held every Sunday morning, and if anyone is interested in coming down and watching Dalkeith's new and upcoming talent, I'm sure they would all love your support.

Our Players of the Month for May are Genevieve McCloskey and Heaton Rhodes. Both players are involved in our coaching programs and have shown all the quality attributes of great tennis players in the making.

JOHN THORPE
MastaStroke Tennis System



Midweek Pennants (cont)

the first midweek pennant player to win.

The midweek night Div 7 blue also made the semi-finals as did our mens Div 2 Gold midweek pennant team. Congratulations to all concerned.

This winter we have seven midweek ladies teams, two midweek ladies night teams and one midweek mens team. If there is any male player who would like to play pennants on a Wednesday night please contact Geoff Cooper on 93863908.

The winter pennants is off to a great start with the three teams that played their first match at home winning.

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

Women's State League

The team had a reasonably successful summer League season. It is fair to say that we battled a bit when some of our top players were unavailable through travel or injury, but when we had a full complement of players we were very competitive..

There is some indecision as to the make up of the "State League" competition for next season. It appears that the number of members of a team will be reduced from eight to six players. It would be in Dalkeith's best interest to recruit an elite player to be a member of the team to bolster our player strength.

Mike Webb-Ware
MANAGER STATE LEAGUE LADIES

Pennant Players—a classy bunch

After a very successful summer season in which all but one of our five teams were finalists, we have a record four teams playing in the winter competition. You may not notice them at the club as we have our home venue at the State Tennis Centre due to a shortage of courts during the winter. They are representing Dalkeith with enthusiasm and much success. Thanks to captains David Leahy, Ken Adam, Marissa Gianotti and Libby Mussared for organising their teams with such efficiency.

Summer players should note that Tenniswest has introduced promotion/relegation retrospectively to last summer, applying to the top 3 divisions in each league. Generally 2 teams have gone up and 2 down from 8 team divisions. You should keep this in mind for next season and if you have any queries, contact Loretta Hughes on telephone number 93895939.

Winter pennants is an excellent way to stay fit and trim over the cooler months as well as improving your tennis skills. It is a shorter 10 round season and this year we have been given two byes in the school holidays to make it easier for those wanting a break. Good Luck and remember "consistency is key to control".

Loretta Hughes
CONVENOR



On the Social Scene

There have been a number of social events over the past three months. The dinner/dance was held at the tennis clubhouse in March. It was "Retro" night and enjoyed by lots of people reliving the 70s. There were some fabulous costumes and disguises. Dan Ryan was a psychedelic delight sporting afro hair, the peace symbol and a slinky set of flares. He won the best dressed male of the evening. Dorothy Davies, as Sandy Shaw complete with beehive and glasses, won the ladies best dressed prize. Photos are over the page.

We had the best night rocking along to "Gerry and the Attrix". It was a fabulous evening, enjoyed by all, although I suspect that there were a few sore heads and feet on Sunday.

On the final night of the Junior Championships, also in March, the Junior Tournament team lead by Gaye Hayes and Wendy Bloor provided Nandos to the junior players who devoured the burgers!

There was a dinner on the last night of the Club Championships. Our Patron, Sue Walker joined us for dinner, and enjoyed her evening chatting to club members. Another late night, and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The final event on the Club's social calendar was the Quiz Night which was held at the Bowling Club in May. There were 18 very competitive teams playing for over \$1,000 in prizes. We gave Geoff Mitchell-Burden a break and blooded a new Quiz Master this year—Graham Glover. Graham asked a searching set of questions, so searching that my team came stone motherless last! As usual, the night was great fun. The winning teams were lead by Geoff Barker, Nigel Shaw and Sue Beresford. The Quiz Night seems to bring out the competitive nature in the DTC membership! We raised over \$2000—so a big thank you to everyone who attended, and in particular to the following prize donors:

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The Quiz Night draws to an end my role as Social Convenor. I have asked Sandy McCloskey to take over the organising. I think it's time to bow out and let a more youthful group take over the running of the social events at the Club. I shall remain on the team assisting, so I shall continue to pester you to come along to events, and prod and poke you to pay beforehand!!

In closing I would like to thank Sandy McCloskey, Karen Flanagan (in absentia), Lynne Crompton and Cecilia Hill for all their good work on the Social Committee.

Glenda Martinick



Tennis Championships



The Retro Night



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