



St. Peter's Parish Tennis Club East Keilor



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Courts 3 and 4 Upgrade: Stage 1 complete

The first stage of the resurfacing of courts 3 and 4 is now complete and the courts are once again available for use. At the moment, the new courts only have a bitumen surface as it is necessary to let the bitumen 'cure' for at least 28 days before the plexipave can be relaid. However, lines have been marked on the bitumen courts and they can be used during this period.

The Committee thanks all members for their cooperation while the courts were out of action. In particular we would like to thank the Ladies' C *Special 1* team and Junior A *Grade 3* team who were very cooperative when they were forced to have their matches relocated to alternative venues during the period the courts were out of action and the Ladies' night teams who have had to cope with one court.

Unfortunately, at present it is uncertain when the plexipave surface will be relaid. Due to bad weather the builders do not work during winter and the plexipave may not be relaid until late July or August. Once again, the Committee apologises for the inconvenience to members during this upgrade but is confident that the final result will definitely be worth it.

Midweek Ladies' Report

All three midweek teams are having an enjoyable season. At the half-way mark, the Tuesday team is in 4th position, the Thursday Section 14 team is also 4th and the Thursday Section 5 team, having won the Grand Final in Section 6 at the end of last season, are finding tougher competition in the higher grade and are running 6th.

Congratulations to the team, captained by Pam Casey, on winning a very exciting Grand Final at the end of last year.

*Denise Doyle and Norma Nathan
Ladies' Coordinators*

HELEN CASHMAN

It is with great regret that we record the passing away of one of our long standing members. Helen Cashman died in March after a long illness. She was a valued member of the Club, playing both competitively and socially, and was a long serving member of the Committee. Famous for her unreturnable lobs and her sense of humour on court, Helen will be sadly missed.

St. Peter's Parish Tennis Club sends its deepest condolences to Greg and the Cashman family.

Junior Tennis Report

Season 1 2001 saw three new teams join Saturday morning junior tennis at St. Peter's, making a total of six. Whilst not all of the teams have been winning, all the players have been enjoying themselves and have improved greatly. The most recent ladder positions were as follows:

A Grade 3 (Mixed) were 3rd (Round 10)
A Reserve 1 (Mixed) were 7th (Round 10)
D Special 3 (Girls) were 2nd (Round 7)

D Special 2 (Boys) were 6th (Round 10)
D Special 4 (Boys) were 7th (Round 10)
D Grade 4 (Boys) were 7th (Round 7)

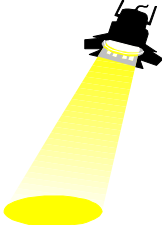
We wish all the teams the best of luck for the remainder of the season and we hope to see as many teams as possible make it through to the finals, which start on June 2.

As always, thanks go to the parents who have done a great job in organising the teams and running the canteen this season. Particular thanks go to all the team managers, especially those who have agreed to take on the role for the first time this season.

Entries are now being accepted for Season 2 2001, which starts in July and continues until November. Entries close on **Saturday May 19th** at the absolute latest, as teams must be finalised and submitted to the NSJTA by May 26th. All players under 17 years of age are eligible to enter and the Club is always interested in finding new junior players. Parents are reminded that it is a condition of being in a junior team that players are financial members of the Club. Anyone interested in joining a junior team who requires further information or an entry form should contact David Mensforth on 9337-2919 or Jerome Wong on 9337-2591.

Finally, the traditional end of season barbecue and presentation day will be held after the Grand Finals on **Saturday June 23rd** at 12:00 p.m. at the clubrooms. All junior players are encouraged to attend!

*David Mensforth and Jerome Wong
Junior Coordinators*

<u>Night Bookings</u>	<u>Calendar of Events</u>		<u>Committee</u> <u>2000/2001</u>
 <p>Night Court Hire: \$8 per hour for members \$12 per hour for non members</p> <p>For further inquiries and bookings contact: Ted Mahony 9337-6632</p>	<p>May 19 Entries close for junior teams 27 Entries close for night teams 29 Committee Meeting, 8 pm 29 Night Tennis Grand Final Week</p> <p>June 6 Night Tennis Break Up (The Laurel, 7:30 pm) 20 Round Robin (Night 1) 23 Junior Grand Finals and Presentation Day 26 Committee Meeting, 8 pm 27 Round Robin (Night 2)</p> <p>July 4 Round Robin (Night 3) 11 Round Robin (Night 4) 18 Round Robin (Night 5) 25 Round Robin (Night 6) 31 Committee Meeting, 8 pm</p> <p>August 1 Final Round Robin (Night 7) 7 Ladies' Night Tennis starts 13 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 15 Mixed Night Tennis starts 16 Men's Night Tennis starts</p>		<p><u>President</u> Andrew Tarczon - 9337-3465</p> <p><u>Vice-President</u> Ted Mahony - 9337-6632</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> Robert McDonald - 9337-4736</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> Pam McDonald - 9337-4736</p> <p><u>Membership Secretary</u> Jarred Hanks - 9337-4586</p> <p><u>Senior Coordinators</u> Sharon G-Briggs - 9318-3436 Damon Cantwell - 9370-8646 Trevor Pepper - 9331-3431</p> <p><u>Ladies Coordinators</u> Denise Doyle - 9331-1988 Norma Nathan - 9379-1161</p> <p><u>Junior Coordinators</u> Jerome Wong - 9337-2591 David Mensforth - 9337 - 2919</p> <p><u>Social Coordinator</u> Mark Pepper - 9331-3431</p> <p><u>Coach</u> Jason McKee - 9337-2264</p>
<p><u>Next Edition</u></p> <p>Anyone with anything to be included in the next Newsletter, can contact Robert McDonald on 9337-4736.</p>			

Night Tennis Report

Autumn 2001 has been an up and down season for night teams at St. Peter's. Ladder positions after Round 10 for Mixed and Round 11 for Men's and Ladies' were as follows:

Ladies'	<p><i>C Special 1</i> were fifth <i>C Special 3</i> were eighth <i>C Grade 1</i> were sixth <i>C Grade 5</i> were seventh <i>D Special</i> were fourth</p>	Mixed	<p><i>B Grade 1</i> were fifth <i>B Reserve 3</i> were sixth</p>
		Men's	<p><i>C Special 1</i> were first <i>C Special 3</i> were first</p>

We wish all teams the best of luck for the rest of the season and we hope to see as many teams as possible make it through to the semi-finals and finals to be held during the weeks of the 22nd and 29th of May. All captains are reminded that the **results** of the **last home and away matches and all finals** must be **telephoned** before 11 p.m. to **Peter Olney on 9354 9019**. Failure to phone the results through will result in a fine being imposed by the NSNTA.

There have been a few problems this season with teams playing emergencies more than three times. All teams are reminded that an emergency can only play three times before they need to be additionally registered. Captains should contact Sharon Godkin-Briggs once an emergency has played three games so an application for additional registration can be put into the NSNTA.

There are also a large number of players who are **yet to pay their fees** for this season. Members of the Men's *C Special 1* team, both Mixed teams and the Ladies' *C Special 3*, *C Grade 5* and *D Special* teams whose fees are outstanding should ensure they pay their \$40 as soon as possible. Fees can be given to Sharon Godkin-Briggs or Robert McDonald.

Entries are now being accepted for next season. However, for Spring 2001 a new application process is being used for night teams. Players are no longer required to complete and submit an entry form, but instead must **write their name and contact details on the list on the noticeboard** in the clubrooms. It is hoped this system will be easier and prevent problems arising due to lost or misplaced forms. Entries have to be submitted to the NSNTA at the start of June, so all players should ensure they have signed up before **Sunday May 27th**.

Female members of the Club are particularly encouraged to consider playing night tennis in the Wednesday night Mixed competition. The recent shortage of women wanting to play on a Wednesday night has left several men without a team, and it would be greatly appreciated if female members reconsidered mixed tennis.

Finally, the traditional End of Season Break-up will be held on **Wednesday June 6th at 7:30 p.m.** For a change, this season the venue will be the Laurel Hotel (corner of Mt. Alexander Road and Middle Street, Ascot Vale - opposite Dan Murphy's). All competition players, their partners and friends are encouraged to come along!

Anyone interested in joining a night team at St. Peter's or with any queries regarding night tennis can contact Damon Cantwell on 9370-8646, Trevor Pepper on 9331-3431 or Sharon Godkin-Briggs on 9318-3436.

Damon Cantwell, Sharon Godkin-Briggs and Trevor Pepper
Senior Sub-Committee

Club Championships Report

Congratulations go to all those who competed in the 2001 St. Peter's Parish Tennis Club Championships, which were held on March 18th and 25th. Once again the event was strongly supported in the Open Men and Junior Girls divisions and it was pleasing this year to see a few entrants in the Junior Boys. Unfortunately, due to lack of numbers, no Open Ladies' events were held.

Thanks go to David Mensforth who assisted in the organisation of the canteen and to Pam McDonald who helped run the show on the day.

We hope to see even more entrants next year and particularly encourage all junior team members to compete.

Special congratulations go to the following winners and runners-up:



(L-R) Girls' Singles Champion Leah Sophoulis with Runner-Up Emily Mensforth

Event	Champion	Runner-Up
Open Men's Singles	Peter Koukoulis	Gavin Vosti
Open Men's Doubles	Mario Fijan-Ben Pickett	Gavin Vosti-Jarred Hanks
Open Mixed Doubles	Ben Pickett-Elizabeth Pickett	Robert McDonald-Michelle Murrell
Junior Girls' Singles	Leah Sophoulis	Emily Mensforth
Junior Girls' Doubles	Laura Gianni-Lareina Wong	Leah Sophoulis-Emily Mensforth
Junior Boys' Singles	Andrew Edera	Daniel Barbara
Encouragement Awards	Gaby Gianni and David Deutscher	



(L-R) Men's Singles Champion Peter Koukoulis with Runner-Up Gavin Vosti



(L-R) Girls' Doubles Champions Laura Gianni and Lariena Wong



(L-R) Men's Doubles Runners-Up Gavin Vosti and Jarred Hanks with Champions Mario Fijan and Ben Pickett

Social Report

First of all, I would like to thank everyone involved in the preparation and the execution of the Trivia Night. It was a fantastic night and it raised over \$500 for the Club. Everyone who attended complimented the Club on the smooth and successful running of the evening and I would especially like to thank Jarred Hanks and Trevor Pepper (a.k.a. Dad) for their help in what was a great night for the Club. I would also like to extend a hearty thanks to the Committee who were very receptive of the idea from the very beginning.

Secondly, it is hoped that when future events are organised by the Club there is a bigger turn out by members and all sections of the competition teams that represent our Club. The Trivia Night was a success, yet only a very small percentage of those who attended were members. The Committee is mystified by this phenomenon.

Finally, I extend to all members an invitation to attend our End of Season Break-up function, which is to be held at the **Laurel Hotel on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30pm**. Over the past couple of years an average of 25-30 people have attended. This time we hope to increase that figure and strongly encourage everyone to turn up.

Until next time, good tennis to you all!

Mark Pepper
Social Coordinator

French Open Find-A-Word

As May is the month the French Open is held, this edition's Find-A-Word is devoted to the second Grand Slam event of the year. Due to all the news from the Club, there is not much room left for the Find-A-Word in this edition so the Find-A-Word is rather small. However that should hopefully make it easier. Once you have found all the words, the left over 6 letters can be rearranged to form the surname of a former French Open Champion . Good luck!

Solution to Crossword in Edition 5

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