St. Peter's Parish Tennis Club
East Keilor

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Courts 1 and 2 to be resurfaced

A frustration of many members for several years now has been the dip that has formed at the southern end of court 2. Much time has been spent with squeegees clearing the water out of the puddle before play. Fortunately, this will not be a problem for much longer!

The Committee is pleased to announce that it recently accepted a quote to repair and resurface courts 1 and 2. The works will involve filling in the dip and levelling the court, as well as other minor repairs to sections of courts 1 and 2. A new plexipave surface will then be laid over both courts.

The Committee is still waiting on confirmation from the contractor, but it is hoped these works can be completed in **December 2006** and **January 2007** in time for next season. This will mean two courts are unavailable for member use for approximately two months. This time has been chosen as it is between competition seasons and good weather is needed to ensure the plexipave surface is laid properly.

Courts 3 and 4 will be available for use by members at all times during these repairs and the Club seeks the cooperation of members to work around this during what is often a busy period over the summer school holidays.

Why not mod-grass?

A number of members have suggested the Club change to a mod-grass surface instead of plexipave. The Committee explored this option in great detail, but ultimately was forced not to proceed with it for a number of reasons:

- The cost of laying mod-grass is significant — more than $40,000 for two courts. As the Club is not on Council land, it is almost impossible to get grants from the Council to cover this cost.
- The surface is only guaranteed to last 7–10 years before it needs to be re-laid. In order to cover this and ongoing maintenance costs, membership fees would need to be increased significantly.
- Courts 3 and 4 are multimarked and heavily used by the school. Mod-grass is not an option for these two courts as it is difficult to multimark mod-grass and the increased use by the school would result in quicker wearing out of the surface.
- If only Courts 1 and 2 were changed to mod-grass, the Club would be left with two surfaces, which is not ideal, particularly when teams are sharing courts.

The decision has therefore been made to resurface the courts in plexipave. Courts 1 and 2 were last resurfaced in 1993, so have lasted 13 years and the cost of the resurfacing in plexipave is less than half the cost of laying mod-grass. The Committee therefore feels it has chosen a practical and financially sustainable option which is in the best interests of all members.

Cinema Night

Following the success of the cinema night earlier this year to see Match Point, another cinema night has been organised for **Monday 11 December 2006**. Once again the venue will be the newly renovated **Sun Theatre** in Yarraville. The movie will be **Casino Royale**, the new James Bond film starring Daniel Craig.

The cost is only **$10 per person**. For more information see the flier inside this newsletter. Those wishing to attend need to **RSVP** to Carole Milburn on 9336 7970 by **Wednesday 6 December 2006**.

Working Bee

As many members may have noticed the Club's courts are in urgent need of a tidy up. A Working Bee will be held on **Sunday 26 November 2006** from **10.00 am.** Tasks that will need to be completed on the day include:

- Collecting rubbish from around the courts
- Weeding
- Cutting back trees
- Clearing out gutters

It is the responsibility of all Club members to ensure that the courts are kept tidy and all members are encouraged to come along. In particular, it is expected that **at least two people from each of the competition teams** attend to assist. A barbecue lunch will be provided for all those who take part.

Please remember to bring along your gardening tools, gloves and plastic bags and wear suitable clothes.

Night Bookings

Night Court Hire:

$10 per hour if a member present
$16 per hour for non members

For further inquiries and bookings contact:
Ted Mahony
9337-6632

Next Edition

Anyone with anything to be included in the next newsletter can contact Robert McDonald on 9337-4736.

Calendar of Events

November	**17**	**Night Tennis entries close**
	25	**Junior Tennis Break-Up Parish Centre — 12.30 pm**
	26	**Working Bee — 10.00 am**
	28	Committee Meeting, 7.30 pm
December	**6**	**Night Tennis Break Up Lazy Moe's — 7.00 pm**
	11	**Cinema Night — Casino Royale Sun Theatre — 7.00 pm**
January	30	Committee Meeting, 7.30 pm
February	3	Junior tennis starts
	6	Ladies Night Tennis starts
	7	Men's Night Tennis starts
	8	Mixed Night Tennis starts
	27	Committee Meeting, 7.30 pm

Committee 2006–07

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2006–07 Membership Renewals

All members should have received their 2006–07 membership renewal recently. The majority of members have now renewed, but there are still quite a few outstanding. All competition players are reminded that it is a condition of entry that you are a current financial member of the Club. If you did not receive your renewal or you know someone who didn't, please contact Cheryl Tenace on 9449–1304. New members are also always welcome!

Club T-shirts

The design for the Tennis Club t-shirts is almost complete. The t-shirts will be navy blue with white trim, with a white St. Peter's Tennis Club emblem on them. All sizes will be available. At this stage it is estimated the t-shirts will cost $20 and will be available before the next season. More details will be distributed once finalised.

Junior Tennis

Season 2 2006 is complete, with only the finals left to play. Five St. Peter's teams made finals with three in the top two and receiving a double chance. Three teams narrowly missed out, finishing fifth. The final ladder positions were as follows:

A Reserve 1 Mixed finished 2nd
A Reserve 3 Mixed finished 7th
A Reserve 4 Mixed (Friday) finished 2nd
A Reserve 4 Boys (Friday) finished 2nd
B Special 1 Boys finished 5th
B Reserve 1 Mixed finished 5th
C Reserve 1 Mixed finished 5th
C Reserve 2 Mixed finished 6th
D Special 2 Boys finished 3rd
D Grade 2 Boys finished 4th
D Grade 3 Boys finished 8th

Teams for Season 1 2007 have now been finalised and submitted to the NSJTA. Once again we will have 11 teams, including 3 combined teams with St. John Bosco and a combined team with Keilor East. We are still looking for a couple more boys to join the junior teams, either full time or as an emergency. Anyone interested in joining a Saturday morning junior tennis team should contact Junior Coordinator Robert McDonald on 9337 4736 or 0403 508 443 as soon as possible. Details of the teams will be announced on Grand Final day.

All junior players are reminded of the **Presentation Day** to be held on **Saturday 25 November 2006 at 12.30 pm** at the Tennis Club. A free lunch will be provided for players and their families and trophies will be presented to the best boy and girl player in each team. All juniors are encouraged to come along!

Night Tennis

Spring 2006 is drawing to a close, with only one round left to be played. All captains are reminded that for the final round, semi final and grand final the winning team must **phone through the result to Peter Olney on 9354-9019** by 11pm. Failure to do so will result in loss of match points and the team being fined.

The latest ladders positions are below. It looks as though 6 of the 12 teams will make finals.

Ladies	C Special 3 were 5th	**Mixed**	B Special 1 were 2nd	**Men's**	A Reserve 2 were 7th
	C Grade 4 were 2nd		B Reserve 1 were 7th		C Reserve 1 were 2nd
	C Reserve 2 were 6th		C Special 2 were 1st		C Reserve 3 were 3rd
	C Reserve 4 (Red) were 1st		C Reserve 1 were 6th		
	C Reserve 4 (Black) were 5th				

Entries are now being accepted for Autumn 2007. Players will have already received a form in the mail. Forms must be returned, together with the **$45** competition fee, by **Friday November 17 2006**. The new season starts on February 6th for Ladies, February 7th for Mixed and February 8th for Men's. New players are always welcome — contact Robert McDonald on 9337 4736 / 0403 508 443 if you require a form.

The Senior End of Season Break-up will be held on **Wednesday 6 December 2006 at 7.00 pm.** This season the venue will be Lazy Moe's, 401–409 Gordon Street, Maribyrnong. All Ladies', Mixed and Men's competition players, their partners and friends are encouraged to come along for what should be a great evening! For details and RSVP information, see the flier inside this newsletter.

Parish Centre

Recently, Parish Centre staff have noted an increase in the number of instances when Tennis Club groups have failed to adequately clean and lock the Parish Centre before leaving. The Parish Centre is used by a number of other Parish groups and it is the responsibility of all players to ensure the Centre is kept clean. This is particularly the case during school holidays as the cleaners do not come in during these periods. In particular, members must ensure:

- All doors are closed and locked (including the door to the crockery room, the kitchen door and the back doors to the Parish Centre)
- All lights are turned off (including the lights in the toilets)
- All dishes have been washed and put away
- All tables have been wiped down
- Floors have been swept if necessary

Annual General Meeting Report

Once again it was a struggle to get 20 members to turn up for the 2006 St. Peter's Annual General Meeting. Fortunately, after a couple of members agreed to stop playing to come and join the meeting, there was not a repeat of the 2004 AGM which had to be cancelled and rescheduled due to a lack of a quorum, and the meeting was able to proceed.

However, once the meeting started, all business was dealt with quickly and efficiently and the meeting was over in less than 15 minutes. The 2006–07 Committee was elected, with most positions unchanged from the previous year. No members left the Committee, but Norma Nathan rejoined the Committee to assist Denise Doyle as Ladies Coordinator. We welcome Norma back to the Committee!

Coaching

Coaching takes place at St. Peter's every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. Club Coach John Elliott offers coaching for any age group including Aussie Mozzie Tennis which is aimed at kids aged 5 to 7 years, group coaching and private lessons for the more advanced students. School holiday clinics and tournaments are also offered.

Coaching is a great starting place for junior players interested in playing Saturday morning competition at St. Peter's and new students are always welcome. Anyone who wishes to be coached at St. Peter's or who wants further information can contact John Elliott on 0438 383 733.

Triple match

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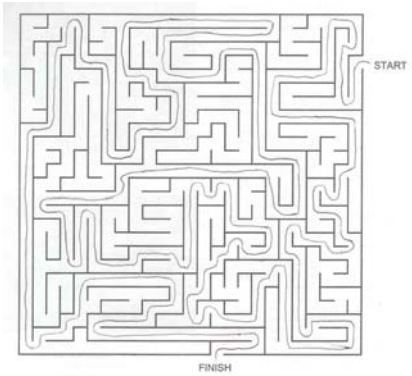
Answer to maze in Edition 23