

Welcome to the Junior News, we are hoping to continue to publish this newsletter regularly, this can only happen if we have information to publish. Information can be forwarded to Lisa Bryant or Junior Committee member or email information to lisabryant@bundooratennisclub.com.au.

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Grant Success

All members were recently sent a letter from the President Jim McGregor advising that the club has been successful in a number of grants from Sports & Recreation Victoria and Our Community Water Fund.

Grants

As you may be aware we recently received fantastic news regarding our successful 2008/2009 Sports & Recreation Victoria (SRV) Community Facility Fund Program application. SRV will be providing \$60,000, and Banyule City Council has advised they will match this funding, to go towards a major revamp of our infrastructure. The project will include conversion of courts 5&6 to the Australian Open Plexi Cushion surface, a partial re-build of the surface on courts 3&4 (& hopefully 1&2 costs permitting), installation of new court fencing on courts 3-6 and installation of lighting on courts 3-6. This project will ensure Bundoora Tennis Club provides a premier facility to all of its members, catering for all needs. We anticipate works will be completed within 12 months.

We also are excited to announce that we have been successful in two grants from the Federal Our Community Water Fund which will assist in chemically treating our en-tout-cas courts for 12 months and upgrade our toilets to present day water efficiencies. We are also taking this opportunity to review the construction and implementation of disabled toilets, this project will be completed within 12 months.

News just hot off the press we have also been successful in a grant of \$1,500 from the Banyule City Council Watsonia RSL Trust Grant 2008. These are much needed funds to ensure all students within the coaching program have access to specialised aids for learning and development.

Keep a look out on the website for further updates regarding these projects.

Finances

An increase in interest rates and living costs are affecting many Australians. Are you considering refinancing? To see if you can improve your financial affairs and save money contact **Sarath Silva of Silverline Finance on 9437 8755 or 0409 468 009** (Shop 89, Stables Shopping Centre, Mill Park).

News Corner

Ladders As at Round 12!

- ◆ 1 Girls – 4th
- ◆ 4 Girls – 3rd
- ◆ 5 Girls – 3rd
- ◆ 9 Girls – 6th
- ◆ 13 Girls – 2nd
- ◆ 17 Girls – 3rd
- ◆ 1 Boys – 7th
- ◆ 6 Boys – 1st
- ◆ 7 Boys – 2nd
- ◆ 10 Boys – 4th
- ◆ 13 Boys – 3rd
- ◆ 15 Boys – 1st
- ◆ 17 Boys – 1st
- ◆ 19Red Boys-4th
- ◆ 19Blue Boys-6th
- ◆ 21 Boys – 5th
- ◆ 22 Boys – 7th
- ◆ 23 Boys – 1st
- ◆ 28 Boys – 8th

****Good luck to all the teams in the Finals****

Working Bees

The next working bee is scheduled for Sunday **25 May 08**. Please try to donate an hour or two of your time on that day.



NOTE: Attend three working bees to have your working bee levy waived from the following year's membership cost.

Found

A mens ring was found on the tennis courts during the school holiday tennis clinic. Not sure if it is a wedding ring or not, but definitely a mens ring. If the owner wants to contact us and give us a good description of the ring, we are happy to return it. Ring Donna 9440 1603.

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2008 Spring Junior Competition

The NEJTA have changed the format of the Saturday morning competition for next season. SINGLES COMPETITION will go back to four singles and four doubles sets, with each player playing one singles and two doubles sets. All clubs must allocate TWO COURTS per team till 9:30am. This will severely restrict the number of teams we can enter and will mean we have to hire courts as well. Play for both Singles and Doubles teams will usually finish between 12:30 and 1pm. The number of volunteers to be Team managers has been very disappointing. We cannot enter teams without Team managers so parents who have not had a turn in recent seasons will be nominated to do the job. Otherwise teams will be withdrawn from the competition.

2009 Junior Presentation Night

A Presentation Night for Juniors and their families will be held at the clubhouse early in 2009 to celebrate the tennis achievements of the Autumn and Spring 2008 seasons. We decided to hold this event in the new year to avoid clashes with Christmas functions in December. Trophies and medallions for Club Championships held throughout the 2008 will be presented to players and the major raffle prizes will be drawn. More details later, but **keep SATURDAY 15th FEB free!**

2008 Junior Raffle

The 2008 raffle won't cost you a cent. All it requires is your participation in tennis club activities throughout the year and being at the Presentation Evening to claim your prize. Tickets will be allocated to players who go in Club Championship events, parents who are Team Managers, parents who help in canteen, families who attend working bees, Juniors' parents who help at Bunnings fundraising BBQs, parents who umpire doubles sets, players who wear BTC shirts with proper shorts, skirts or skorts during competition, Team Supervisors, early arrivals who water their courts and sweep lines prior to match time, and any other voluntary involvement in the running of the Junior Comp or social activities. **Be involved to increase your chances of winning.**

Bundoora Tennis Club Shirts

Players who wear their BTC shirts during competition earn extra raffle tickets every week. Ross is taking orders now for next season. With the cold weather upon us, now is also the time to order your BTC jackets. Shorts and skorts are also available at very reasonable prices. All players must comply with the NEJTA Code of Dress. Boys are especially reminded that **CARGO PANTS AND BOARD SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Bundoora is already on notice that future Code of Dress breaches will incur fines – and you, the player responsible, will have to pay! With colder weather, you may sometimes be permitted to leave tracksuit pants on initially, but you **MUST** have shorts, skort or skirt underneath.

News Corner



Congratulations

Head Coach John Hampson who recently proposed to the lady of his life Lucy Ford. Of course, she accepted!

Also to member Cameron Grech and Sally-Anne Malone on their recent engagement.



Junior Bowling Night

16th August

keep this date free

All juniors and families welcomed!

More details later, check website for updates.



Tennis Rule "Play Two"

Each player is responsible for all decisions on his/her half of the court. He/She should be completely honest on all calls but, if in doubt, should give his/her opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. **You should not play a let. The ball is either in or out – if it cannot be decided, the ball is IN.**



Social Tennis

Parents, if you're a beginner to intermediate player and would like a hit on Saturday afternoons, come along at 1:30pm for some social tennis. Everyone welcome!

Contact: Lisa Bryant 0418540108



Club Merchandise

If you wish to order club shirts, shorts, tracksuits, caps or polar fleece tops, please contact **Ross Sobey on 0438 595 181** or the Home Supervisor on Saturday mornings (juniors). Payment is required at the time of ordering.

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2008 Parents & Juniors Tournament

The Parents & Kids Tournament was held on the Saturday morning of April 26th, with 21 supremely fit and skilled parents ably supported on the tennis courts by their talented offspring. **Congratulations to the section winners:** George and Jessica Mitreski (A Grade), Bernie and Matt Hampson (B Grade) and Peter and Nathan Fraser (C Grade); to the runners-up: Sandra and Emily Bonnell (A Grade), Damian and Mitchell Phillips (B Grade) and Gavin, Jamie and Bonnie Jones (C Grade); and to all the other participants who made it an enjoyable, if somewhat tiring, morning for all.



2008 Club Championships Report

The Bundoora Tennis Club held its annual club championships over two weekends in April (Sunday 13th and 20th). The four categories – men's and women's singles and doubles, were hotly contested by close to 40 people in total. This was very pleasing given that the championships were not run the previous year. The weather on both days was perfect for tennis, which also meant that plenty of supporters came to watch and cheer!

The day provided the opportunity for some of the younger players to take on their club idols. Special mention has to go to Raymond Sui & Shaun Hunter who took on the club coach (John Hampson and his partner Peter Naismith) and number 2 seeds in the doubles. The match was won by the more experienced pair, however there were some fantastic rallies and great sportsmanship was displayed by the two youngsters. The large men's draw had many other strong players including Brandon Bryant, Daniel Bryant, Ryan Jamieson, Ian Watson, Andrew Allan and Peter Naismith (winner of the fastest serve competition). After some excellent elimination round matches, the final was ultimately contested by John Hampson and fellow team mate Ryan Jamieson in a three set battle eventually won by John. In the female draw Jessica Mitreski took her strong form from the round robin draw through to the final against Emily Georgiadis, winning in three closely contested sets. This was a great result for Jessica, who was the 2007 junior club champion. In the doubles Brandon and Daniel Bryant took out the men's final whilst Jessica Mitreski and Tess Gutknecht won the women's final. Trophies were presented to all winners on the day.

Both weekends had much more than just the great tennis on offer though. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped cook the free barbecue, which fed the hungry players and spectators. The club really was a buzz and it was great to see so many people enjoying themselves and playing good tennis. For this a huge thanks are owed to John Hampson for his tireless work organising and running both weekends. His effort ensured the club championships were a great success!



2008 Easter Holidays Tennis Clinic

This was participated in by a number of Bundoora Tennis Club members; it was also taken part in by many children new to tennis. A round robin tournament was held on the final day of the clinic. This was a challenge for all involved because it was a very windy day. All players participated with fantastic sportsmanship and some high quality tennis was played even with the high winds. The events were all very closely contested with the scores having to go on count back in 3 events. **Congratulations to the winners:** A grade Matthew Hampson, B grade Oliver McGillion, C grade Stefan Aleksic, D grade Kate Rossi. The next holiday clinic will be in the second week of the mid year school holidays. Call John Hampson to register, further information will be displayed in the club and on the website in the next two weeks.