# ASPENDALE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



August 2016

# Trivia Night

By all reports the trivia night, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, was once again enjoyed by many of our members and friends of the club. This is our big fundraiser for the year and Kim Bean did a great job of pulling the night together and coordinating the committee in different roles and responsibilities.

The following businesses generously donated gifts and vouchers for the raffles and silent auctions;

Rossdale Golf Club, Who Cares? We Care, Tim Richardson MP, Berry Fitness, GP Business Solutions, Tassal Salmon, All Ways Ahead Hairdressing, Luna Park, Love Paris, Patterson River Golf Club, Aspendale Quality Meats, Greyhound Entertainment, Mary Woolford, Dan Murphy, Gravity Zone, Big 4, Amcal Chemist, Mordi Personal Training, Enchanted Garden, Eureka Skydeck, Garden World, Dominos Pizza, Moonlit Sanctuary, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Kmart, Melbourne Museum, Bunnings and Entertainment Books.

Special thanks to our MC Adam Palmer and Trivia Host Michael Whitehead.

#### **Club Merchandise**

We also have some excellent ATC merchandise for purchase and an order form is at the end of the newsletter (see pictures below).



# Looking after our club Locking the gate

Can we please request that the gate be kept CLOSED at all times? On occasion the gate has been left open whilst members are playing and we have noticed that there are a lot of non paying adults and kids playing on the courts. The problem with this is not just that they get to play for free when we all pay, but that the courts and grounds are not looked after to the same standards that members do. The courts often go un-bagged which means that we have to spend more money on court maintenance. We currently spend approximately \$10,000 a year maintaining the courts.



All our most up to date information is on Facebook. Have you liked our Facebook page?

Tell your family and friends – let's see if we can hit 300 likes!

www.facebook.com/AspendaleTennisClub

#### **Defibrillator**

Our defibrillator was installed on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> July and a number of club members participated in training about how to use it.

# **Lighting Project**

Our lights are finally installed and functional. They are fantastic and as soon as we have got the surface of court 1 and 2 patched and repairs made to the fences we hope to have a "Lighting Celebration". Grant Plozza and Eleesa Judd have worked tirelessly on submitting requests for funding and once we were given the go ahead they coordinated the works with council and contractors. A frustrating and seemingly never ending project, but one which we know will benefit members.

#### 2015-2016

#### **Committee Members**

President: Grant Plozza
Vice President: Bob Milne
Secretary: Eleesa Judd
Treasurer: Jenny Nickhols
General Committee: Nicky
Hersey, Richard Hayward, Kim
Bean, Jackie Faulds, Jonathan Hall
and Elissa Macaw.

#### **Casual Court Hire**

Courts can be hired for \$15 per hour per court. Anyone wanting to hire a court can contact Eleesa on 0408 804 898 or Jonathan on 0403 515 668.

#### **Light Tokens**

Light Tokens can be purchased for \$10. Please contact Eleesa on 0408 804 898 or Jonathan on 0403 515 668

# **Junior Tennis**

Congratulations to our Bayside Section 3 Team – Ben, Anthony, Jeremy, Bailey & Dean who were runners up last season. This current season we have 5 teams competing. The season began in July and will end late November.

Anyone wanting to play either Junior or Senior Saturday Competition in the Waverly Tennis Association must have their forms to Eleesa by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Membership Renewals – Overdue**

If you have not renewed your membership, please do ASAP. Renew online at:

https://my.tennis.com.au/OnlineMembership/662533. Any problems, please contact Eleesa on 0408 804 898

# Tuesday night Social Comp

Tuesday Night Comp is about to get underway with first round kicking off on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. This season with the installation of lights we will have two additional teams joining the fun. We are still happy to receive new players for the season ahead (ie next week). So don't be bashful and contact Grant Plozza at grant@gpbusinesssolutions.com.au or phone on 0412 163 143. What is the worst that can happen? The weather is on the improve and you will meet some fun or funny people. The standard is somewhere around the middle – not beginners and better if you have played some level of competition. We start at 7.30 and do not finish late as it is only one best of 3 set match, with the third set a 10 point tie break.

#### **AGM**

It is that time of year!

Our club is run by VOLUNTEERS who each year give up their time to keep the club running. Some of the roles are large and some are small but all input is useful in making Aspendale Tennis Club a successful community resource.

If you have some ideas on how we can continue to improve the club we would like you to consider joining our Committee. We will be emailing out nominations forms for Committee positions. If you are unsure of what is involved, please contact one of the existing Committee members. Contact details are available on our website: http://www.tennis.com.au/aspendaletc/

The AGM is open to all members. The new Committee will be elected at this AGM.

DATE: 8th September, 2016

**TIME: 7:30pm** 

We look forward to seeing some new faces!

#### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 we have a sausage sizzle organized at Bunnings Keysborough. Anyone who can offer an hour of their time would be appreciated. Contact Jenny 0419 340 096.

#### **OPENING UP TENNIS**

The electrical components of the Opening Up Tennis project are being installed and we hope to have the online court booking system and pin code entry operational within the next 2 months. Unfortunately the date keeps getting set back due to the delays we have had with the Lighting Project.

We will run some information sessions for members to show everyone how the system will work and importantly how it will allow you to book courts for your use. More information will be sent out shortly.

## A word from our Coach

Despite the tough weather conditions and the building works progressing on the fantastic new lights, lessons have been going well and we also ran a busy holiday program and two tennis tournaments over the holiday period, one which was won by Dylan who is now looking forward to entering in a team next season.

We will be running a holiday clinic week beginning 26th September to Friday 30th September, with the new term starting Monday 3rd October, please get in touch if you have a child interested in coaching in Term 4 as we were oversubscribed last year. Alternatively if you wanted to start prior to the end of term 3 to have a place reserved in term 4 let me know.

I also have retired tennis balls which are only useful for throwing for the dog. If you are interested contact me.

Kind regards

Richard Head coach - Aspendale Tennis Club 0406 799 347

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